



TOWN OF LA PLATA
Historic Preservation Commission Minutes
January 24, 2025, 11:00 AM
Regular Meeting

PRESENT: Rich Gilpin
Steuart Bowling
Paddy Mudd
Mary Beth Chandler
Jane Hobbs

ABSENT: David Winkler

TOWN STAFF: Kelly Phipps, Interim Town Clerk

GUESTS: Ronald Rosenthal
Anthony Puzzilla

1. Call to Order

1.1. Call to Order

Chair Gilpin called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM.

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Gilpin led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Minutes

2.1. Approval of minutes from meeting on November 15, 2024.

Ms. Chandler moved to approve the minutes as presented.

Moved By: Mary Beth Chandler, seconded by Jane Hobbs.

Passed Unanimously

3. Matters of Discussion

3.1. Train Station Museum (Bowling)

- Status of repairs (Phipps)
- Proposed openings (Puzzilla)

- Mr. Bowling reported that the Pope's Creek railroad sign was being done by Stricker & Co. and should be completed by April.
- Director Phipps reported no progress with repairs.
- Mr. Puzzilla drafted a list of opening dates.

3.2. Historic Plaques (Chandler)

The Willing Helpers Society will plan a dedication event.

Ms. Chandler would like to re-examine the town's historic district.

The Commission reviewed the La Plata Schoolhouse draft roadside marker.

Bowling moved to approve the purchase of a two-sided roadside marker with half of the total amount to come from Fiscal Year 2025 funds and the remaining to come from Fiscal Year 2026 funds.

Moved By: Steuart Bowling, seconded by Rich Gilpin.

Passed Unanimously

3.3. Tornado Observances (Bowling)

Two events are under consideration.

1. An event in the atrium of Town Hall in conjunction with Celebrate La Plata
2. Local history event at Milton Somers [school]

3.4. Firehouse Museum (Rosenthal)

- Scope of work content (Rosenthal)
- Status of feasibility study contract (Phipps)

The contract with revised scope of work has been signed and forwarded to LDH Architects. The projected completion date is the end of February.

The preferred opening date of the Firehouse Museum is spring .

4. Other Business

- Paddy Mudd would like the Historic Preservation Commission to pursue flags (streetside banners) for veterans. She will invite John Flatley to the next meeting.
- Chair Gilpin submitted a proposed budget of \$8,100 for Fiscal Year 2026.

5. Matters of Information

5.1. Town Council Report

Councilman Winkler was not present to report.

5.2. Staff Report

Director Phipps reported the following:

- February 29 is the deadline for submissions to the next Town Notes.
- With the allocation of \$1,800 to the roadside marker, the remaining balance is \$943.46.
- The deadline for submission of Certificates of Nomination for the upcoming town elections is March 3.

6. Adjourn

6.1. Adjournment

Mr. Bowling moved to adjourn at 12:33 PM.

Moved By: Steuart Bowling, seconded by Mary Beth Chandler.

Passed Unanimously

6.1. Next meeting: March 21, 2025, 11:00 AM

Submitted by:

Kelly G. Phipps, Interim Town Clerk