Historic Preservation Commission
Regular Meeting
November 15, 2024, 11:00 AM

Agenda

1. Call to Order

    1.1. Call to Order

    1.2. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Minutes

    2.1. Approval of minutes from meeting on September 20, 2024.

3. Matters of Discussion

    3.1. Workgroup Reports

    - Train Station Museum (Bowling)
        - Small Business Saturday (Phipps)
        - Book Release (Puzzilla)
    - Historic Plaques (Chandler)
    - Tornado Observances (Bowling)
    - Firehouse Museum (Rosenthal)
        - Building Inspection Update (Phipps)

4. Other Business

5. Matters of Information

    5.1. Town Council Report

    5.2. Staff Report

6. Adjourn

    6.1. Adjournment

TOWN OF LA PLATA

Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) Minutes
September 20, 2024 @ 11:00 AM
La Plata Town Hall

PRESENT: Rich Gilpin, Steuart Bowling, Mary Beth Chandler, Paddy Mudd, Jane Hobbs, and David Winkler

ABSENT:

TOWN STAFF: Kelly Phipps, Staff Liaison

GUESTS: See Roster

1. Call to Order

1.1. Call to Order

Chair Gilpin called the meeting to order at 11:03 PM.
Ron Rosenthal, Steve Shahan, and Pete Wearmouth were also in attendance.

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 held on July 19, 2024.

2.1.a. Moved By: Steuart Bowling, seconded by Mary Beth Chandler.
Motion to approve the minutes with the correction of Mary Beth Chandler's name in item 3.2.1a.

Passed Unanimously

3. Matters of Discussion

3.1. Firehouse Museum

- Proposed Use & ADA Compliance Issues: Mr. Shahan and Mr. Wearmouth suggested that a La Plata history museum might enjoy greater attendance.
- Creation of Workgroup: The Commission came to a consensus that a

workgroup should be created to pursue the development of a museum in the Firehouse.

- Chair Gilpin and Ron Rosenthal will contact architects for quotes on opening the museum as soon as possible.

3.1.a. Moved By: Rich Gilpin, seconded by Mary Beth Chandler.
Motion to establish a subcommittee to develop a Museum for the Town of La Plata housed in the Old Firehouse.

Passed Unanimously

3.2. Workgroup Reports

- Train Station Museum (Bowling/Curran)
  - Staffing for the September 30 museum opening was confirmed
  - Workgroup to pursue installation of Pope's Creek railroad sign by 2025 season opening
  - The La Plata station sign has been replaced
  - Maintenance issues
    - The air conditioner in the museum needs to stay on
    - The caboose air conditioner needs to be replaced
    - The caboose door has not been repaired
    - There is some rot on the museum's south wall
- Historic Plaques (Chandler)
  - The Willing Helpers Society will install the historic plaque on their own
  - Reviewed and revised wording on schoolhouse roadside marker, to be installed in 2026. The price quote will be revised for a one-sided marker.
  - The Commission reached a consensus on a smaller historic marker for private homes and businesses.
- Tornado Observances (Bowling)
  - The workgroup proposes to install an exhibit in the atrium at Town Hall and an event in observance of the anniversaries of the 1926 and 2002 tornadoes.
  - The workgroup will develop potential exhibits for observance activities.

3.3. Walking Tours

Mr. Bowling proposes that kiosks, a website, and/or a Visit Historic La Plata app would be appropriate for a walking tour. This topic was deferred for further development.

3.4. Magic Lantern Video Production Proposal

Director Phipps forwarded an email proposal. Chair Gilpin and Mr. Bowling will explore options.

3.5. Harriet Tubman/Women's History Month Night Walk Proposal

The Commission would like to know how this event connects to La Plata's history.

Director Phipps will follow up with the requestor.

4. Matters of Information

4.1. Town Council Report (Winkler)

Jane Hobbs has been re-appointed as Alternate Member for an additional four-year term.

4.2. Staff Report

Director Phipps reported as follows:

- With the new fiscal year, the Commission's fund balance is $5,000.00.
- Town elections will take place in May. Candidate nomination packets will be available October 1.

5. Adjourn

5.1. Adjournment

5.1.a. Moved By: Steuart Bowling, seconded by David Winkler.
Motion to adjourn at 12:33 PM.

Passed Unanimously

5.2. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will be November 15, 2024, at 11:00 AM.

Submitted by:

Kelly Phipps, Director of Legislative Services

REHOBOTH BEACH
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REGISTERED
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Date	Item	Source	Amount
7/19/2024	Willing Helpers Bronze Plaque	International Bronze	$ 559.00
5/24/2024	(OBL) Station Sign, lettering on caboose	Stricker & Co	$ 400.00
10/22/2024	Halloween candy	Wal-mart	$ 105.66
11/12/2024	Wind-up trains	Fun Express	$ 191.88

Total expenditures	$1,256.54
Annual budget	$5,000.00
Balance remaining	$3,743.46