

GEORGETOWN SILVER PLUME HISTORIC DISTRICT PUBLIC LANDS COMMISSION
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History Colorado (HC), Town of Georgetown (ToG), Town of Silver Plume (ToSP), Historic Georgetown,
Inc.(HGI)

MINUTES

November 17, 2021

The Historic District Public Lands Commission held its regular meeting on Wednesday, November 17, 2021, by Zoom Meeting telephone conference due to the Covid19 Pandemic, in Clear Creek County, Colorado. Lisa Leben noted there was a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Members present:

Robert Graham/ToSP
Lisa Leben/CCC
Dan Snyder/USFS
Dienne Powell/ToG

Frank Young/CCC OSC/ToSP
James Kovaly/CCC Trails Supervisor
Joe Walters/CPW
Gary Faselt/HGI

Members absent:

Hannah Rabicoff/HC

Also present:

Greg Jarvis/Executive Director
Traci Jarvis/Secretary
Smoky Anderson

Minutes: Minutes from the May and September meetings were reviewed. Lisa requested the following updates be made to her report at Leavenworth Creek: May – strike “new” and state the headgate was “replaced”, September – strike the new headgate was “replaced” but was rather “installed”.

Greg will finalize and submit for public record. Lisa motioned to approve; Robert seconded. All in favor.

Treasurer’s Report: Lisa reported a beginning balance of \$7,995.50. This includes:

Revenues of \$481.39 were received as reimbursement for the Waldorf brochures: \$231.39 Georgetown Trust and \$250.00 – SRI.

Expenditures totaling \$325.02 were paid: \$255.00 Zuni Signs for the Waldorf sign, \$10.09 September bank fee, \$9.93 October bank fee, \$50.00 Greg Jarvis reimbursement for IRS filing.

Ending balance as of November 12, 2021 is \$8,151.87

Frank moved to accept; Gary seconded. All in favor as filed by Lisa.

Correspondence: No correspondence.

General Business:

- a. **Becoming a recognized organization (Greg).** Information has been filed to obtain an EIN with the IRS. First, an official State organization is needed (done); moving forward with obtaining 501C (6) status. This will allow more transparency as an organization.

Lisa met with Evergreen Bank and all paperwork is acceptable; Greg will sign signature card soon to remove prior members from the account.

- b. **Non-Designated camping on HDPLC lands (Group):** Gary mentioned that camping is allowed. Ordinance 4 does allow camping on HDPLC lands. Frank gave some background that HDPLC lands does not exclude camping on Saxon Mountain however very few areas are suitable due to the steep terrain. James mentioned there is no camping allowed at Pavilion Point due to prior history of visitor misuse. Suggest not excluding until we see a problem. Lisa mentioned that because Ordinance 4 does allow for camping we need to be aware we have no legal way to enforce a no camping restriction. Frank reminded us that the county ordinance only allows camping for 14 days in one location. The decision was made to allow camping on HDPLC lands as stated in Ordinance 4 unless impacts from campfires, human waste, trash, etc. is observed then management action could take place. The problem is monitoring. James mentioned that he does get feedback from the public. We could also partner with 4x4 organizations to help monitor and clean up if necessary.
- c. **Ordinance 4 discussion continued (Lisa and Frank):** Frank and Lisa will review with the county attorney to get advice on how to address the dated state of the Ordinance. As part of this discussion, we need to review the agreement with the county for law enforcement which is now out of date. HDPLC would be responsible for the update of Ordinance 4.
- d. **New chair discussion (Group):** Greg reviewed the fact we need a new chair to be able to run our meetings. Will revisit in January or March.
- e. **HDPLC Trails and Signage Updates (James):** Signage – working on Open Space entrance sign at Floyd Hill. Work is complete on the Notch Loop Trail. Some Notch Trail signage that was stolen was replaced. Misinformed land owner has been informed that his land is not affected by the Notch Trail. Silverdale trail counter was replaced. James is leaving CCC on December 31. The county is working on hiring a new recreational manager (HDPLC representative) and seasonal trail manager (8 mos.). Lots of thanks to James for his work over the past 5 years.
- f. **Status of Waldorf land transfers (Smoky and Frank):** Waldorf Mill Site was purchased by Smoky's grandfather. HGI is the intended owner of the land and then will be transferred to CCC Open Space. The county is awaiting a Phase 1 environmental review/report to identify any environmental hazards. There are a number of ownership overlays near the site and Frank is working with the county attorney to resolve. Gary will work with the county attorney and HGI (Nancy) to work on the details of the land ownership.

- g. **Status of Antennas on Saxon Mountain (Gary):** Work is ongoing to paint the towers and facilities to mitigate the visual impact of the structures. Work will be done this fall and finished in the spring if needed.
- h. **Silverdale Fire Mitigation (James):** James had an overview of the plan after discussion with Jeremy Jones, Assistant Chief CCC Fire Authority. Debris and some trees will be removed and chipped providing for better fire breaks and canopy separation. Primary trails to be affected are the Rutherford, Highline, Sporting Times, and Railbed. Timing of work could start soon, continuing until July 2022. There could be burn piles over the winter. The need is for fire mitigation and watershed protection. Discussion of having Jeremy talk at a future HDPLC meeting was agreed to be a good idea. Frank stated there is a need for the project but the CCC Fire Authority needs to consult with the landowners that are affected, HDPLC being the representative of those owners. Frank wants to have formal contact with the Fire Authority prior to any work being done. The Fire Authority thought that county approval was enough and neglected to follow up with the HDPLC. Greg will follow up with an email and copy Frank, Gary and Dienne. Note: Greg followed up and walked the site with Cindy Neely, Frank and Jeremy Jones. Jeremy will present details and answer questions at the next HDPLC meeting in January.
- i. **Status of Capital Prize Mine Permit (Frank):** The Capital Prize mine is going through the state, county and town of Georgetown to extend the mine tour. Concerns for HDPLC may be that underground tunnels extend underneath HDPLC managed lands and could create associated surface disturbance. We may look to have them on an agenda in the spring.
- j. **Cindy and Jim Celebration plans:** Hoping to get together in May for a celebration. Lisa made a motion to spend up to \$100 towards a gift for Jim Blugerman, Frank second, motion passed.

Member Reports:

Lisa (CCC): No report

Dienne (ToG): No report

Robert (ToSP): No report

Gary (HGI): Gary started a subcommittee at HGI working with Open Space lands both Frank Young and Rick Klingenmeier on the committee

Hannah (HC): Absent/No report

Joe (CPW): Moving forward with Douglas Mountain lands. Will be leaving it as it for big horn sheep habitat (one of the largest in the state). Also a wildlife crossing is in the early planning stage near Empire Junction

Frank (CCC OSC): HGI lands on the north side of I-70 were cleaned up and trash bags filled. Those bags will be moved to the nearby road and taken away by trash truck.

Dan (USFS): Nothing to report.

Next meeting: January 19 at 9 a.m.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted from Zoom recording