Park County Historical Society Meeting Minutes
February 5, 2010
Platte Canyon Community Center

Attending: Wayne Lambert, Susan Lambert, Art Hall, John Rankin, Dee Brown, Eve Kuenn, Pat Mauro, Yvonne Garrison, Jess Garrison, Leona Nelson with guest Dominic Wissel, Jean Stephens, Doug Stephens, Roger Christenson.

Pat Mauro led pledge to start meeting at 6:43 PM.

Motion to approve minutes of the January meeting by John Rankin, second by Susan Lambert. Motion carries.

Treasurer's Report: John Rankin
Linda Balough indicated the balance of the Park County Historic Preservation Advisory Committee grant could be used for other landscape work at Glen Isle. Brush removal along the Platte was suggested. Art spoke to Barbara Tripp and she is considering this. Pat and Yvonne suggested other landscaping or interior work. Art says when he was working on the tree he noticed the foot bridges could use repair. Also the steps leading to the downed tree stump could use repair. PCHS would need to send a proposal to Park County Historic Preservation Advisory Committee for the use of the remaining funds. If funds not used at Glen Isle they may be used for McGraw Park.

Membership Chair Report: Roger Christenson
We have 51 members plus two new renewals.
E-bay auction report under new business.

Shawnee Historical Society Report: Leona Nelson
No meeting to report. The Shawnee Tea Room has some historical decorations.

Fund Raising:
Pat Mauro has set the field trip to Como Depot for Saturday February 27, 2010.
Depot restoration will be the focus. Pat has an article ready to submit to the Flume.
This will be an evening program starting at 6:00 PM. The Como Community Center has asked for a donation for the use of the center. Leona Nelson moved we donate $30.00 and Yvonne Garrison seconded. Motion carries.
Publicity for this can be placed in the Flume and High Timber Times. Also the web site http://southparkevents.com.

Pat also requested input from the group on a time for the field trip to the Colorado Midland tunnels near eleven mile reservoir. Since the June meeting is June 5th consensus was reached to have this trip the following Saturday June 12th.

The Geneva City trip is still in the planning stages with Lynn Keyes.

Casino Night
South Park Chamber has equipment to rent for $200.00
February 18th is the next meeting to ask for same.
Yvonne has a contact with the parties that helped the Lions Club with their casino night.
She will see if they can help us with ours.
Casino night will be moved from a proposed March date to April.

Maintenance Report: Eve Kuenn
Eve and John will peruse the files in the annex.

Old Business.
Rezoning of Morrow Mountain on hold. County indicates it is an incomplete application
as Marrow Mountain is alleged to be part of a 1981 illegal subdivision. PCHS disagrees
as the land was transferred from Marrow to McGraw to PCHS. Art to follow up with
county to resolve.

Lot consolidation is postponed until rezoning complete.

New Business
GOCO Grant:
GOCO grant steering committee meeting held to start the process.
Disparate accounts still exist with donations.
The GOCO grant agreement was signed by the county commissioners on February 3,
2010. Art met with Steve Harris the architect for the restrooms. It is possible electric
baseboard heat will be used. If restrooms closed in winter we may consider leaving the
annex building restroom in place.

Art, John and Doug met with the Bailey Water District to discuss using a triangle of their
land for McGraw Park parking. It is the fenced triangle off 68. PCHS will investigate the
use of our liability insurance for this as requested by the water district. PCHS would
place garbage cans at the lot. Bailey Water District indicated that they may need the land
for future expansion of the water plant. They further indicated that safety is an issue with
the plants operations. Bailey Water District didn't want unattended children or pets to be
injured if trespassing on plant property or works.
Art will get a plat of the proposed parking area for Bailey Water District and the
insurance. Then Pat will contact our insurance agent to pursue.

Public Relations Committee
Chair Position open. We need a chair to help publicize events in local print and internet
media.
John Rankin indicated that having an entry in the Flume the day before an event isn't
sufficient for maximum results. Blurbs should be placed two or three weeks in advance.
Same with the High Timber Times, he continued. John also indicated a broadcast email to
members would be effective.

Susan Lambert indicated the new Platte Canyon Area Chamber of Commerce web site has a community calendar and scrolling news lines.

Art then proposed we join the PCCOC. Pat made the motion to join and spend the $30.00 to join the PCCOC and Leona seconded. Motion carries.

Other places for getting the word out was the website southparkevents.com, pinecam and parkbull.

Postcards could be sent to members without email addresses.
Flyers and or posters could be used at willing local businesses.
Yvonne, Pat and Susan indicated they could coordinate efforts in this area.

E-Bay Auction:
E-Bay auction site with mission fish donations to PCHS is an approved project for Roger Christenson. Pat indicated we could sell PCHS merchandise E.G.. the C&SP book.
Consensus was reached that a separate bank account with Art, Pat, John and Roger as signers should be used for this. Bank of the West is PCHS' bank.

Newsletter:
The newsletter will come out first week of March. Please have your articles to Yvonne ASAP. There was discussion of either emailing a PDF version of the newsletter or emailing a link to the newsletter on the PCHS website http://www.parkcountyhistory.com Doug felt that printed copies should still be available at the libraries for recruiting efforts. Jane Gilsinger is personally covering costs of printing and mailing the newsletter. Thanks Jane!

Glen Isle Tree:
Art reported the Glen Isle tree has been cut down and the wood removed to the annex. Here is a letter to the editor Art wrote concerning this…

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The Glen-Isle Tree

To the Editor,
The dead, giant ponderosa pine in front of the historic Glen-Isle Lodge was becoming a threat to the lodge as it was located close enough that should the wind blow it over towards the lodge much damage to the lodge would be done. It was cut down by LAM Tree Service of Evergreen, and then members of the Park County Historical Society blocked the tree and carried it to McGraw Memorial Park. The tree was donated to PCHS for firewood for the wood stove in the Annex building. A grant from the Park County Historic Preservation Advisory Committee provided funds for the cost of cutting down the tree. The tree was first limbed to relieve weight and better control the tree's direction of fall.

A 1910 picture of the tree shows that the top of the tree was at the same height as the roof of the lodge. When the tree was cut down it was only a few feet taller but much larger in girth. The tree grew on a rock outcropping so it had a large root that grew around the edge of the rock and into the soil at the edge of the river. The diameter of the tree at the stump was 42 inches; the girth was 164 inches.

A special thanks to the crew that blocked the tree and did the cleanup of the area. The cleanup crew included John Rankin, Ken Purdue, Doug Stephens, Pat Mauro, and Arthur Hall.

Arthur Hall
President, Park County Historical Society
Bailey

Como Depot:
Pat indicated that Railroad Day may be in jeopardy as two of the Forest Service proponents have retired. Railroad Day is typically the second Saturday in August. Pat is working with the Forest Service to find new sponsors.
There will be a Como reunion in June.

Upcoming Events:
Bailey Day is June 19.
The Park County Symposium will be June 25 – 27.

Next meeting is March 5, 2010 at 6:30 PM. Location is the Platte Canyon Community Center in Shawnee.

Meeting adjourned on a motion by Doug at 8:05 PM John seconded.