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Memo

To: Chairwoman Virginia Erickson & Members of HPC
From: Tim Cain
Date: May 11, 2016
RE: Historic Survey

Chairwoman Erickson & HPC Members:

Attached to this memo is an email and flyer from Mark Rodman who is the Preservation Services Manager for History Colorado. Mr. Rodman and I have discussed grant opportunities to conduct an "official survey" as completed by expert consultants. My recommendation is that we apply for a Certified Local Government Grant which will be available around July 1, 2016. It requires no matching funds, is competitive and can award up to \$25,000 which is most likely enough to cover the consultant fees. There is approximately a 50% chance of success.

Mr. Rodman said in his email that if we apply for a grant (two types of grants) we should define an era in time in which to survey homes constructed during this time. I suggested that we survey all homes built between the opening of the Vulcan Mine and New Castle Mine around 1890 to the last mine closure in 1918 (Vulcan Mine).

My recommendation is that we compare the previously identified properties that I sent letters to that asked for residents to submit the form indicating their interest. Please note that Mr. Rodman has stated we do not need to obtain permission from homeowners to conduct a survey, however, owner permission does have advantages. I suggest we obtain permission for as many homeowners as possible.

Tim Cain

From: Rodman - HC, Mark <mark.rodman@state.co.us>
Sent: Friday, April 29, 2016 6:29 PM
To: Tim Cain
Subject: Survey
Attachments: Wellington CLG Flyer May 2016.pdf

Tim,

Thanks for your call today concerning historic survey.

As we discussed, surveys are typically set up in two ways:

1. Resources in a Particular Area: Examples of this type are a main street or a residential neighborhood.
2. Resources of a Specific Type: Examples of this are all churches in the Town, all public buildings (city hall, police station, courthouse, schools), all Victorian homes or all homes constructed during a particular period that had a specific development driver.

As you mentioned, New Castle had three mines that drove a period of development. Setting a period of significance for the time the first one opened until the three closed and surveying all homes constructed during that period is a logical approach to a survey.

With a survey, since nothing is being listed and therefore nothing is being regulated, owner permission is not required (although the benefit of permission allows you to go onto the property to more closely view the home and talking with the owner is likely to yield information on the home's history).

History Colorado has two sources of funding for survey projects:

1) Certified Local Government (CLG) Grants:

These grants are awarded once a year and are funded by the National Park Service and the State Historical Fund. Deadline for submission is November 1 each year (2015 had a deadline of December 1, but that was a special circumstance.) These grants are awarded for up to \$25,000 and no match is required. However, because of the large demand, a little less than 50% of the applications regularly receive funding. A small match on the part of the local government can make the application more competitive.

You can find last year's application

at: http://www.historycolorado.org/sites/default/files/files/OAHP/Programs/CLG_GrantManual.pdf

The 2016 application will only vary slightly and should be available by July 1.

2) State Historical Fund (SHF) Grants:

These grants are awarded twice a year with submission deadlines of April 1 and August 1. These grants can be up to \$200,000 and they require a 25% match. This grant pool is competitive as well, but well written survey grants tend to fare well. You can find a grant handbook at:

http://www.historycolorado.org/sites/default/files/files/OAHP/crforms_edumat/pdfs/1412a.pdf

For both grants, you will need at least one estimate from a qualified cultural resource consultant or historian/architectural historian. You can find a list beginning on Page 15 of the document at http://www.historycolorado.org/sites/default/files/files/OAHP/crforms_edumat/pdfs/1502.pdf. Please note that this section includes architects as well.

Also with both grants, an application for only properties selected because the owners agreed to a survey will not likely be competitive (i.e. funding is not likely). However, surveys, no matter the number of properties, that include all properties of a specific type or in a particular area have a high potential of funding.

History Colorado is happy to provide review and comments on all grant applications sent to us at least a month prior to the submission deadline to assist the applicant in developing a grant that will likely be successful with our reviewers. This review is especially helpful for first time applicants.

As we also discussed, Wellington Main Streets is hosting a CLG workshop May 19 & 20th which is free to anyone interested in learning more about preservation issues. One of the topics presented will be on Survey. The program begins at 1pm on a Thursday and concludes with a dinner at 6pm that evening (each participant pays for their own meal) and then from 9am - 1pm on Friday. We would enjoy having folks from New Castle join us. I have attached a flyer that provides registration details.

Please let me know if I can provide additional information.

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Nuts & Bolts of a CLG

Where:

Wellington, CO

When:

1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, Thursday, May 19, 2016

9:00 am to 1:00 pm, Friday, May 20, 2016

Topics:

CLG Responsibilities

Historic Surveys

Tax Credits

State Historical Fund

Section 106

Main Street Program

Heritage Tourism

Speakers:

Stefanie Baltzell, History Colorado

Shay Coburn, Colorado Mainstreet - DOLA

Mark Rodman, History Colorado

Caitlin Ruggeri, History Colorado

Joe Saldibar, History Colorado

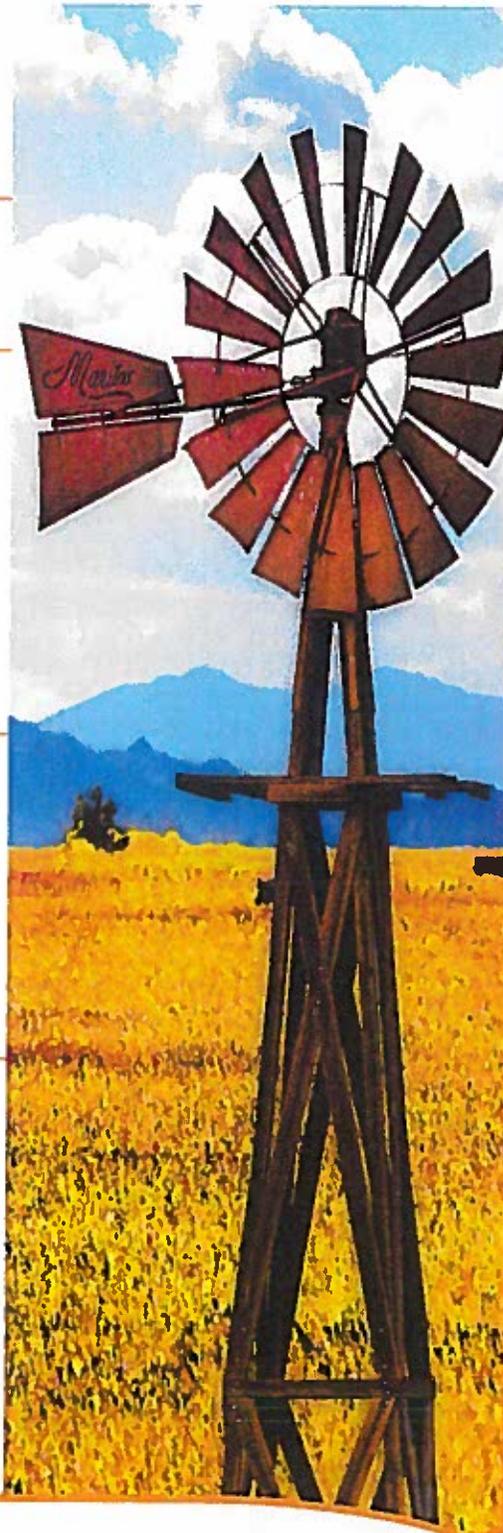
Amy Unger, History Colorado

For further information or to register, contact:

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