

New Castle, Colorado
Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
Monday, September 16, 2024, 6:30 PM

Call to Order

Commission Chair Mari Riddile called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present	Chair Mari Riddile Commissioner Richard Parks Commissioner Brady Hazelton Commissioner Ruth Fletcher Commissioner Richard Fletcher Alternate Commissioner Tom Fuller
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Absent

Also present at the meeting was:

Meeting Notice

Professional Assistant Michelle Huster verified that her office gave notice of the meeting in accordance with Resolution TC 2024-1.

Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest.

Citizen Comments on Items NOT on the Agenda

There were no citizen comments.

Agenda Changes

There were no agenda changes.

Items for Consideration

Commission Discussion: Spirit Walk

Chair Riddile said the Chamber of Commerce was not holding the Spirit Walk this year. Kevin Hansen, from the Chamber of Commerce reached out to her about HPC (Historic Preservation Commission) planning it in the future. The commission agreed that there is not enough time or resources to schedule the event for 2024. Commissioner Hazelton suggested hosting it downtown instead of the cemetery. Commissioner Hazelton said it was great in the cemetery, but it needed to be new creative ideas to keep the public interest. Commissioner Hazelton said the Spirit Walk could start on one the west side of town and end at Burning Mountain Park with Chamber of Commerce involvement. Commissioner Hazelton suggested that a separate committee be made up for planning the Spirit Walk in the future. Both Chair Riddile and Commissioner Hazelton suggested a committee with representatives from Chamber of Commerce, the Town, HPC and the Historical Society. Commissioner Parks suggested reaching out to the high school drama departments for acting volunteers. Chair Riddile said she would speak to Town Administrator Dave Reynolds about Spirit Walk and creating a committee that wouldn't put all of the responsibility on to town staff.

Consider Historic Designation of Highland Cemetery

Chair Riddile spoke with History Colorado, Lindsey Flewelling, and she said to present the historical designation of Highland Cemetery to Council. Commissioner Parks said he would draft a letter to council to share at the HPC October 16, 2024, meeting. Commissioner Hazelton spoke to Steve Rippey, and he agreed to be a consultant and help draft the designation to honor all cultural beliefs and history of the people buried in Highland Cemetery. Commissioner Hazelton said the designation of Highland Cemetery would show the public the importance of New Castle's historical people.

MOTION: Chair Riddile motioned to hold a workshop at 6:00 PM before the October 16, 2024, HPC meeting for the presentation of designating Highland Cemetery to Town Council. Commissioner Ruth Fletcher seconded the motion.

Consider Approval of September 16, 2024, Minutes

MOTION: Commissioner Hazelton made a motion to approve the minutes of September 16, 2024. Chair Riddile seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Hazelton spoke to assure the committee that council will not ask any tough questions for the presentation.

Adjourn

MOTION: Chair Riddile made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Parks seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mari Riddile, Chair

Michelle Huster, Professional Assistant