

UNM Board of Regents'
Historic Preservation Committee
Agenda for December 11, 2018
Hodgin Hall 11:00 am to 12:30 pm

Attendees: Marilyn Strube, Taudy Miller, Pat Hogan, Kim Feldman, Audra Bellmore, Al Sena, Portia Vescio, Francisco Uviña
Guest: Jennifer Eggleston

Item 1: Motion to approve agenda is made by Al Sena and seconded by Marilyn Strube. Agenda is approved by acclamation.

Item 2: Committee approves October and November 2018 minutes by acclamation.

Item 3: During general announcements Audra Bellmore suggested seeking out a new Fine Arts representative for the HPC. Bellmore suggested Professor Emeritus Christopher Mead and the committee thought that was a good idea.

Bellmore also addressed the HPC suggestion that she write Alex Lubin a letter inquiring about the status of a formal proposal for the Adams' murals issue and also to offer more assistance. Bellmore suggested that the HPC could put together a list of ideas. Additionally, the formal proposal needs to include a timeline, materials needed, management, and much more. The general dialogue indicated that the HPC did not support proposing ideas/solutions for the issue. Taudy Miller emphasized that the HPC is a review committee. Francisco Uviña stated that he visited with a staff member in the provost's office. Bellmore acknowledged that this has been a confusing process for all, but that the HPC's ideas could be helpful in revealing multiple ways to address the issue.

Item 4: Audra Bellmore provided some background information on the Museum Studies class she conducted at DH Lawrence Ranch. The class dealt with creating contextual signage and considered the designs of historical signs in Taos. All sign proposals would be involved with PPD and Al Sena.

The class took a lot of photographs and identified some severe problems including an exterior wall crumbling and allowing water to get into the building, the old log cabin.

Bellmore indicated that Shawn Evans visited and had done the master plan for the full site, and he's a good resource to have there. Confirmed the ranch is in an emergency state, including the barn Lawrence built. Francisco Uviña added that the tack room needs a new metal roof and the barn needs to be shored up badly. Guest Jennifer Eggleston was part of the class. Eggleston has created a timeline and she's putting together a new brochure that Bellmore hopes will touch on Lawrence's relationship to Taosños.

Kim Feldman said that she knows of somebody that can help. Also, the 2020 International DH Lawrence Conference will be held in Taos.

Audra Bellmore suggested that the ranch get signage and text panels, tidied up, clean and safe for guests. The emergency issue is Breck cabin. Francisco Uviña added that delamination might be an issue. Al Sena indicated that the east and north end of the building is colder and has greater snow accumulation. Uviña added that heavy snowfall is a maintenance issue and that the snow should be shoveled away from the building, so it doesn't soak it with moisture. Al Sena said that he was there just before last spring and he's familiar with the materials and conditions of the buildings. Sena added that some of the work was completed and the staff was directed to plan removal of materials from the barn. The structure should be safe enough for people to look inside of the bar. Uviña suggested that Shawn Evans make another visit and inquired if there are funds to pay him. Sena indicated that the onsite caretakers have been in conversation with PPD and the cultural and heritage portion has priority and comes first. Sena added that the conference is good catalyst for moving forward.

Discussion turned to appropriateness of materials used at the ranch. Bellmore indicated that experts need to make the determination of what type of paint to use. Kim Feldman suggested that it would be beneficial to encourage interest from the new Regents. Bellmore added that Jeff Pappas accompanied the class to the ranch and that the state might have some funding. Bellmore added that a formal proposal from PPD would be required Al Sena will arrange another visit to the ranch in January or February and include Shawn Evans.

Francisco Uviña inquired if there are specific areas most urgent for signage. Specific areas need to be identified and a larger master plan with trail type plans for guests to follow. Uviña said this would be a good architecture project for a class and that an app should be considered. Bellmore agreed that there could be a true hiking trail through the property. Uviña added that the house/reception area could undergo adaptive reuse and considering ways to make the space more inviting would be helpful. Al Sena suggested that it could be a little information center and Uviña said that it could even be a space to purchase things like souvenir keychains. Bellmore shared that the Frank Lloyd Wright gift shop made a million dollars a year and supported the whole program when she was there.

Kim Feldman shared an idea to create volunteer alumni docent program for the ranch. Group discussion turned to brainstorming ideas for state and university signage. Feldman suggested the state highway department and also UNM to match the new branding style. Sena suggested a point of interest historic marker on the highway. Taudy Miller said that the state highway department just put one up at Carlisle Gym and that Senator Cisneros from Taos would be a person to seek support from. Audra Bellmore said that she will get class material together to share with the senator. The DH Lawrence Ranch is the second most visited site in Taos after the Pueblo.

Taudy Miller said that a part-time staff member would be need for this. The priority

for committee management issue right now requires a permanent position to be funded with outline of job description and list of duties. That person would report to HPC or another reporting structure. Sena said that he will review the current job descriptions and performance reviews to assess what next steps could be. Sena also indicated that he will discuss larger property issues with Tom Neal. Bellmore added that the HPC is not concerned with the whole 120-acre site, just the small 7-acre historic site.

Item 5: Naval ROTC Historic Preservation Nomination update: Maxine Marks indicated that she is in dialogue with SHPO regarding the nomination and that a photography session will be held later in the month. Marks also said that the occupant of the building are very excited about the nomination. The nomination will be reviewed by the state sometime in the spring.

Item 6: HPC Year in Review tabled until further notice

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.