



## **MINUTES OF THE CHAFFEE COUNTY HERITAGE AREA ADVISORY BOARD**

**THURSDAY January 12, 2017**

**Touber Building, Methodist Mountain Room, Salida**

**Members Present:** Melanie Roth, Kay Krebs, John McCarthy, Kristi Jefferson, Steve Harris, Nancy Roberts, Alison Ramsey

**Absent:** John Nahomenuk, Emily Katsimpalis, Kathy Moore

**Guests:** Andrea Coen, Cliff Mestel, Lee Coveney

Chair Melanie Roth called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm.

### **Approval of Minutes from December 16, 2016**

Upon a motion by Kristi Jefferson, seconded by Nancy Roberts, the minutes of the December 16, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved with corrections.

### **Board Seats**

Melanie Roth and John McCarthy have filed the required written request with the County Commissioners seeking reappointment to the CCHAAB upon expiration of their term in January 2017. John Nahomenuk has not filed a request, however due to his affiliation with the BLM and AHRA, the CCHAAB would like him to continue. Melanie Roth and Alison Ramsey will contact him regarding his membership on the Board.

Upon a motion by Kay Krebs, seconded by Steve Harris, the Board unanimously approved the motion to recommend CCHAAB reappointment for Melanie Roth, John McCarthy, and John Nahomenuk to the Board of County Commissioners.

Chair Melanie Roth discussed her reasons for limiting CCHAAB membership to eleven seats. She has asked Cliff Mestel to continue his interest in the Board as a guest and to work with John McCarthy on any railroad heritage issues. Andrea Coen was also invited to continue her participation as a guest.

Susanna Spalding and Lee Coveney have filed a written request for CCHAAB appointment with the County Commissioners, and upon a motion by Steve Harris, seconded by Kay Krebs, the Board unanimously approved recommending CCHA appointment for Susanna Spalding, representing Colorado Mountain Collage, and Lee Coveney representing Central Colorado Conservancy, to the Board of County Commissioners.

Upon a motion by Nancy Roberts, seconded by Kristi Jefferson, the Board approved changing Steve Harris' affiliation to Historic Preservation Corps, and John McCarthy to GARNA.

### **SHF Nomination Grant**

The Board extensively discussed locations where the CCHAAB could be involved with actual preservation of heritage sites, such as the SW Conservation Corps barn, Valley View School, and Cleora Cemetery. Several members suggested that the Board direct its efforts toward the iconic, but deteriorating, ranch buildings visible from the Scenic Byway on US 285 north of Centerville. These are on private property and Nancy Roberts commented that while some ranchers would be interested in heritage structure preservation, virtually all ranchers in the County would not participate if this involved any restriction on the use of their property. Since SHF funds require permanent restrictions, other ways to fund preservation were discussed such as volunteer work, donated materials, and Barn Again, a national organization which does not require restrictive agreements.

Alison Ramsey suggested that the Board organize its efforts as follows:

1. Prioritize properties based on heritage value and their endangered status.
2. Research ownership.
3. Identify funding sources
4. Contact property owners for program buy in.

Melanie Roth and Nancy Roberts will conduct a triage of potential ranch properties, contact the owners to determine their interest, and arrange for an April 1 submission to SHF for a study grant.

Melanie Roth, Kay Krebs, and Kathy Moore will continue to work on selecting properties for a SHF nomination grant. The Turret PO, Granite Livery Stable, and Garfield Miner's cabin are the leading contenders. Melanie will email the Board for approval as a selection must be made prior to the next CCHAAB meeting.

### **Oral Histories**

Melanie Roth and Nancy Roberts will continue to work with a videographer to arrange an oral/video interview of individuals important to the County's heritage.

### **Outreach/Conservation Plan**

Alison Ramsey and Andrea Coen, on behalf of Guidestone, will work to arrange a meeting of all local heritage groups with the County Commissioners.

### **Outreach/Smelter**

Kay Krebs will keep in contact with the Salida Museum Association regarding plans for a centennial celebration in August.

### **Special Use Review**

Melanie Roth will contact Patty Baldwin at the County for reinstatement of the CCHAAB to the distribution list for new project notification

Next Meeting: Thursday February 23, 2017 in Salida

Melanie Roth adjourned the meeting at 1:30 pm