



MINUTES OF THE CHAFFEE COUNTY HERITAGE AREA ADVISORY BOARD
THURSDAY October 6, 2016
Touber Building, Salida

Members Present: Melanie Roth, Emily Katsimpalis, Kay Krebs, John McCarthy, Nancy Roberts, Kathy Moore, John Nahomenuk, Alison Ramsey.

Absent: Kristi Jefferson, Gary Mason

Guests: Hunter Hovenga, Town of Buena Vista AmeriCorps VISTA intern

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

Approval of Minutes from August 18, 2016

Upon a motion by Kay Krebs, seconded by Kathy Moore, the minutes for August 18, 2016 were approved as amended.

Town of Buena Vista Certification

Emily Katsimpalis announced that the Town of Buena has been granted Certified Local Government status by the National Park Service. The process included passing a historic preservation ordinance and appointing a historic preservation commission.

FHWA 2011 Byway Grant – Byways Conservation Coalition Project

Alison Ramsey said that she and Andrew Mackie (LTUA) will set an appointment to meet with County planning staff, Dan Swallow and John Roorda, after the November election to demonstrate the on-line Conservation Plan. They will also set up meetings with each town's planning staff.

FHWA 2012 Byway Grant – Scenic Byway Economic Strategy Plan

Alison noted that some funds remain in this grant account which must be used by November 2016. She is working with Kathy McCoy to update the Collegiate Peaks Byway brochure and will have a supply printed for distribution to various locations and agencies providing visitor information.

This will leave approximately \$3,000 in the account. After discussion of a proposal by Andrew Mackie (LTUA) at the last CCHAAB meeting, Kay Krebs made a motion to use \$3,000 of the 2012 FHWA grant as a cash match for the "Keeping Agriculture in Agriculture" study being led by the Land Trust of the Upper Arkansas. Emily Katsimpalis seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

SHF Nomination Project

Melanie reported that the Pine Building in Granite and the BV Rodeo Stands have been approved at the State level and will be forwarded for review by the NPS for inclusion on the National Register. The Kelley and Friskey ranches, plus the Cleora Cemetery have been submitted to the State for review.

Outreach - Smelertown Stack

Kay Krebs reports that she been in contact with Susan Jesoruga, President of the Salida Museum Association, regarding a centennial celebration for the Smelertown stack. Their Board welcomes the CCHAAB's participation, and they are considering an open house in May 2017 to open the Museum's summer season.

Special Use Review

Nothing submitted

Land Use Code

As approved at the last CCHAAB meeting, Melanie and Alison drafted and submitted a letter to the Chaffee County Commissioners stating the Board's opposition to any changes in the Land Use Code without further discussion between the County Planning and Zoning Commission and the community. The BOCC subsequently denied the proposal to change open space requirements. Changes were made to visual impact including that language be drafted requiring a visual impact study with the initial plot submission and updated if and only if subsequent submissions to the Planning and Zoning Commission include substantial subdivision changes.

Further P&Z Commission proposals to increase the allowed density of minor subdivisions remain before the BOCC. After discussion, a motion to submit a letter to the Commissioners stating the CCHAAB's opposition to the density change proposals was made by Kay Krebs and seconded by John McCarthy. The motion passed unanimously and Melanie and Alison will draft and submit a letter to the Commissioners.

Dark Skies Initiative

John McCarthy reported that the Wet Mountain Valley, Westcliffe and Silver Cliff, has been awarded a Dark Skies Certification by the International Dark Skies Association, and he and other GARNA Board members are looking at a similar project for Chaffee County. This would involve upgrading new and existing outdoor lighting fixtures to reduce power consumption, and most importantly, directing all light downward to where it is needed and not into the night sky. John indicates that GARNA would probably take the lead on this project, but since dark night skies are part of the County's heritage, he will keep the CCHAAB advised of developments.

Next Meeting

The next CCHAAB meeting will be in Buena Vista on November 10, 2016.

Melanie Roth adjourned the meeting at 1:45 pm