



MINUTES OF THE CHAFFEE COUNTY HERITAGE AREA ADVISORY BOARD

THURSDAY December 15, 2016

Touber Building, Methodist Mountain Room, Salida

Members Present: Melanie Roth, Kay Krebs, John McCarthy, Emily Katsimpalis, Kathy Moore, Kristi Jefferson, Steve Harris, Alison Ramsey

Absent: John Nahomenuk, Nancy Roberts

Guests: Andrea Coen, Cliff Mestel, Susanna Spaulding

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

Approval of Minutes from October 6, 2016

Upon a motion by Kathy Moore, seconded by Melanie Roth, the minutes of the October 6, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved.

Approval of minutes from November 10, 2016

Upon a motion by Kay Krebs, seconded by Steve Harris, the minutes of the November 10, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved.

Board Membership

Gary Mason has resigned from the Board. Melanie Roth and John McCarthy have applied to the Board of County Commissioners for reappointment to another term. Alison Ramsey has not heard from John Nahomenuk and will contact him. The three guests were invited to this meeting as they have all expressed an interest in the CCHAAB. The Board Bylaws allow up to twelve members, and John McCarthy asked if the Board wanted to recommend the three guests to the County Commissioners to fill the three vacant seats. As the Bylaws call for membership from specific heritage constituencies, it

was decided that Melanie Roth and Alison Ramsey will confer and offer a motion on membership at the next meeting.

FHWA 2011 Byway Grant – Byways Conservation Coalition Project

Further to the contemplated meeting with the County Commissioners, especially the two newly elected Commissioners, Alison Ramsey suggested that it might be more effective if all local Heritage groups make one joint presentation to the BoCC. The Heritage Board agreed, and guest Andrea Coen, a member of the Guidestone Board, was certain her group would like to participate in such a meeting. Alison Ramsey will work to set this up.

FHWA 2012 Byway Grant – Scenic Byway Economic Strategy Plan

Alison Ramsey reported that she has submitted a final request for reimbursement under this grant which is now closed. The Scenic Byway Brochure has been reprinted with 7500 now on hand. The Trust for Public Lands has received a grant, some of which will be used for signage at Chubb Park near Trout Creek Pass. Alison Ramsey indicated that renewal of the Federal Highway Grant program is not expected in the near future, and the Board will need to look for other sources of grant funding.

SHF Nomination Project

Melanie Roth noted that the BV Rodeo Grounds and the Pine Building in Granite were approved for listing to the National Register of Historic Places on November 7, 2016. Emily Katsimpalis added that the Town of Buena Vista is exploring plans to celebrate the anniversary of the Town Rodeo Grounds. The Friskey and Kelly ranches along with the Cleora cemetery will be considered at the state review board on Jan. 20, 2017. Melanie Roth will contact Nancy Roberts regarding a ranch property which could be nominated for the State registry during 2017.

Additional Project Ideas

A discussion ensued regarding possible restoration work at a ranch property. Steve Harris noted that SW Conservation Corps is working to restore a barn on their property on Hwy 50 in Salida for use in their programs. This type of work might be accomplished through a public/private partnership as was the case at the old South Park railroad depot in Como.

Outreach - Smelertown Stack

Kay Krebs reported that she has been in contact with the Salida Museum and their plan is for an August 2017 celebration. Kay has offered CCHAAB assistance to the Museum for the program.

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 January 12, 2017 in Salida

Melanie Roth adjourned the meeting at 1:25 pm