



MINUTES OF THE CHAFFEE COUNTY HERITAGE AREA ADVISORY BOARD THURSDAY July 7, 2016 Touber Building Salida

Members Present: Melanie Roth, Steve Harris, Kristi Jefferson, Emily Katsimpalis, Gary Mason, John McCarthy, Alison Ramsey.

Absent: Kay Krebs, Kathy Moore, John Nahomenuk, Nancy Roberts

Chair Melanie Roth called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm.

Approval of Minutes from May 26, 2016

Upon a motion by Steve Harris, seconded by Kristi Jefferson, the minutes for May 26, 2016 were approved as presented.

Proposed Changes to County Land Use Code

Alison and Melanie discussed proposed changes to the Land Use Code which were discussed at a recent Planning Commission meeting. The proposal would rescind revisions to the Code enacted in 2014 following a decade of study and proposals prepared by a Citizens Roundtable. The exact details of the Planning Commission discussion is unknown as no minutes of the meeting have been published, however according to persons attending the meeting the changes are in the following areas:

1. Reducing the minimum size of rural dwelling parcels from five to two acres, and increasing from two to four the number of dwelling units allowed per acre in a development providing central water and septic facilities.
2. Eliminating a requirement for a visual impact study of each new development
3. Eliminating incentives for cluster housing development.
4. Eliminating an open space requirement for each subdivision.

Melanie also noted that sometime during the past year the Planning Commission practice of asking the Chaffee County Heritage Area Advisory Board to review and comment on new proposed developments has ceased.

Following Board discussion, John McCarthy proposed, seconded by Gary Mason, that the CCHAAB prepare and send written comments to the Planning Commission and County Commissioners with objections to the change in areas in the Land Use Code that impact the mission and activities of the Heritage Board. Melanie and Alison will prepared a draft letter.

FHWA 2011 Byway Grant – Byways Conservation Coalition Project

Alison Ramsey will follow up with Andrew Mackie of LTUA to arrange a meeting with John Rhorda, Chaffee County Planning Director, to review the heritage/conservation planning map, and the activities and goals of the CCHAAB and LTUA. Melanie Roth and John McCarthy agreed to assist with the meeting. It was decided to invite all Commissioner Candidates to the September 29 CCHAAB meeting to acquaint them with this Board's mission and the importance of Chaffee County's heritage.

Alison noted that there are funds left in this grant to reprint Scenic Byway brochures, but the funds must be used by the end of 2016. Alison will follow up with Kathy McCoy for updates prior to printing.

Additional 2012 Byway Grant – Scenic Byway Economic Strategy Plan

Alison and Melanie noted that this grant will cover the cost of setup, i.e. tents and tables, for an on-site ranch dinner featuring local agricultural products and promoting agritourism.

SHF Nomination Project

Melanie reported that the Simmons' are in the process of preparing a final draft for nomination of the Granite property and the BV Rodeo Grounds for September 2016 submission. They are also working on a nominations for the Frisky and Kelly Ranches, and the Cleora Cemetery.

Outreach

Melanie discussed the recent passing of Cara Russell, a founding member of the CCHAAB, as well as the passing of Molly Grether, daughter of Katy Grether, another early member of the Board. It was suggested that Board members may want to make individual remembrance gifts as designated by the families.

Additional Project Ideas

At the last meeting, Kay Krebs proposed a possible joint project with the Salida Museum Association to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Smelertown smoke stack, which is owned by the Museum. John McCarthy discussed this with Susan Jesuroga, the Museum's Executive Director, and she indicated the Museum would be interested, but there is a problem with maintaining liability insurance for the site which would be a deal breaker. John will review this with his contacts in the insurance industry to see if event coverage is available for the term of the Anniversary celebration.

Emily announced that the town of Buena Vista is in the process of drafting a historic preservation ordinance, and asked if Melanie Roth would serve on their committee.

Special Use Review

Nothing submitted, and as noted above the CCHAAB apparently has been dropped from the review process by the Planning Commission.

Next Meeting

The next CCHAAB meeting will be in Buena Vista on August 18, 2016.

Melanie Roth adjourned the meeting at 1:45 pm