



MINUTES OF THE CHAFFEE COUNTY HERITAGE AREA ADVISORY BOARD THURSDAY August 18, 2016 Buena Vista Community Center

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

Absent: Kathy Moore, John Nahomenuk, Kristi Jefferson, Gary Mason, Steve Harris

Guests: Andrew Mackie, Executive Director of the Land Trust of the Upper Arkansas Valley, and Hunter Hovenga, Town of Buena Vista AmeriCorps VISTA intern

Chair Melanie Roth called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

Approval of Minutes from May 26, 2016

Upon a motion by Nancy Roberts, seconded by Emily Katsimpalis, the minutes for July 7, 2016 were approved as presented.

Proposed Changes to County Land Use Code

After an extended discussion on the merits of changes to the County Land Use Code pending before the County Planning and Zoning Commission, John McCarthy presented a motion, seconded by Kay Krebs, that the CCHAAB send a letter to the P&Z Commission, with copies to the County Commissioners and copies to partner heritage groups (BV Heritage, Historic Salida Inc, Historic St Elmo/Chalk Creek Canyon Inc and Salida Museum Assoc, expressing the Board's concerns that some proposed changes, particularly elimination of the subdivision visual impact study, would jeopardize the standing of the Collegiate Peaks Scenic Byway and otherwise impact the scenic and rural nature of the County, the key driver for the local economy. The motion passed unanimously and Alison Ramsey will finalize the letter she drafted with input from Melanie Roth and John McCarthy placing the CCHAAB on record as asking the P&Z Commission to carefully consider the needs of all County citizens before making any changes to the Land Use Code.

FHWA 2011 Byway Grant – Byways Conservation Coalition Project

Andrew Mackie and Alison Ramsey discussed their intent to present the Conservation Plan tool to the County Commissioners in early 2017 following the election and seating of two new Commissioners. They plan to introduce the tool to local municipal planners prior to the end of 2016. Public presentation of the Conservation Plan will follow presentation to the Commissioners.

FHWA 2012 Byway Grant – Scenic Byway Economic Strategy Plan

Nancy Roberts is interested in hosting a ranch dinner promoting local agricultural products (and supporting ag tourism), however she will not be able to do this until 2017. This grant would have paid for set up expenses such as tables and tents, however the grant funds must be used by the end of 2016.

Alison noted that there are approximately \$11,000 in funds left in this grant, but the funds must be used by the end of 2016. First call on the grant funds will be to update and reprint the Collegiate Peaks Scenic Byway brochure, but rather than leave unused grant funds, the CCHAAB will consider a request from Andrew Mackie to utilize any remaining funds to cover some of the Land Trust's third party expenses for initial legal and surveying work to set up Colorado Keeping Agriculture in Agriculture. Current land trust agreements do not require the land to be kept in agricultural use, but LTUA is exploring agreements in place in some eastern states which include a provision requiring the land to remain in agricultural use.

SHF Nomination Project

Melanie reported that FRRRA submitted revised final nominations for Pine Hall in Granite and the Buena Vista Rodeo Grounds to History Colorado June 24.

June 20-23 FRRRA completed fieldwork, photography, and mapping for the Kelly and Friskey ranches and Cleora Cemetery.

Outreach

Smelertown Smokestack

John McCarthy followed up with a local contact in the property casualty insurance industry, who advised that short term liability insurance is available for special events such as a smokestack centennial. Cost will depend on the length of time, number of projected visitors, etc. Kay Krebs and John will draft a broad plan for a potential

celebration and ask for a meeting with the Salida Museum Board, owners of the smokestack.

Emily Katsimpalis announced that the town of Buena Vista has adopted a historic preservation ordinance and is in the process of recruiting people to serve on their advisory board. Melanie Roth has agreed to become a member.

Additional Project Ideas

Next SHF grant deadline is October 1. Still discussing submitting for a survey grant to study several key ranches and/or more national/state historic register nominations.

Special Use Review

Nothing submitted, and as was noted in the prior meeting minutes, the CCHAAB apparently has been dropped from the review process by the Planning Commission.

Next Meeting

The next CCHAAB meeting will be in Salida on September 29, 2016.

Melanie Roth adjourned the meeting at 1:45 pm