



MINUTES OF THE CHAFFEE COUNTY HERITAGE AREA ADVISORY BOARD

Thursday December 13, 2018

Touber Building, Salida

Members Present: Melanie Roth, John McCarthy, Lee Coveney, Nancy Roberts, Susan Nies, Clifford Mestel, Susanna Spaulding, Dominique Naccarato

Absent: Andrea Coen

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

Guest: Kristi Jefferson introduced Bill Almquist, Salida City Planner, the City's new designated delegate to the CCHAAB, subject to approval by the Board.

Approval of Minutes from October 4, 2018

Upon a motion by Cliff Mestel, seconded by Lee Coveney, the minutes of the October 4, 2018 meeting were approved with minor corrections.

Board Administration

As noted above the City of Salida asked that Bill Almquist replace April Franklin as their representative on the Board.

Emily Katsimpalis' position with the Town of Buena Vista has been eliminated, and at this time the Trustees do not want to appoint another representative to the Board.

Melanie Roth has been recruiting CCHAAB members and indicated that Art Hutchison has expressed interest.

Upon a motion by John McCarthy, seconded by Nancy Roberts, the Board voted to recommend Bill Almquist and Art Hutchison as new CCHAAB members, subject to their application to and approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

2017 SHF Grant

Tom and Lorry Simmons have completed a study of Hill Ranch, including an archeological study which found evidence of a Native American presence. The owners of the Berkeley Ranch and Arrow Point Ranch have indicated an interest in beginning the process of having their ranches listed on the Register of Historic Properties.

Proposal for 2019 SHF Grant Submissions

Melanie Roth and Susan Nies will review sites from the initial screening for potential inclusion in the 2019 Grant Nomination. Around \$3,000 remains from prior SHF grants.

Oral Histories from Ranching Families

Nancy Roberts discussed the need for funding in order to edit the raw footage into an easily usable format. According to Lee Coveney, Andrew Mackie with the Central Colorado Conservancy is willing to commit \$1,250 from their current budget toward the project, however he wants a firm commitment on how the Conservancy would be credited for their financial support. There is the possibility of an additional \$1,250 funding available after July 1, 2019 in the next year's budget. Nancy has five more ranching families she would like to include. She and Andrea Coen will follow up with Andrew Mackie.

CPI Conference

Melanie Roth indicated that she has been asked to make a presentation at the 2019 conference on the very successful process the CCHAAB uses to survey properties and craft nominations for the Register of Historic Properties.

Additional Project Ideas

Cliff Mestel and John McCarthy will compile a list of historic railroad sites where some descriptive signage would convey the importance of railroads in the County's heritage. They will seek grant funding once they develop a proposal. Cliff also mentioned that the original D&RG hospital was on the second floor of the building at Main and Railroad Ave. in Buena Vista. Susan Nies also mentioned a stone wall left on a vacant lot in BV which

might be historic. Both sites are in the area covered by BV Heritage and they should be the group to consider these sites.

Special Use Reviews

Lee Coveney and John McCarthy discussed their comments to the BoCC on the Land Use Hearing involving the tiny mobile home park proposed in the Missouri Park area West of US 285 and North of US 50. Although the project would not affect the Scenic Byway viewshed, nor does it appear to be a site of specific historic interest, Lee and John, on behalf of the CCHAAB, commented that we did not support the project as it seems incompatible with other rural residential/grazing properties in the area. We also commented that each new division of rural agricultural property does detract from the County's ranching heritage. It was made clear that the CCHAAB acts in an advisory capacity only, with the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Commissioners the only boards with the authority to approve or deny Land Use Applications.

Partner News

Melanie Roth noted that BV Heritage has received a grant from SHF to restore the cupola on the former Chaffee County Courthouse, with work to start in 2019.

Next Meeting: Salida, January 24, 2019

Melanie Roth adjourned the meeting at 1:46pm