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MINUTES OF THE CHAFFEE COUNTY HERITAGE AREA ADVISORY BOARD

Thursday March 7, 2019

Buena Vista Library

Members Present: Melanie Roth, John McCarthy, Andrea Earley Coen, Nancy Roberts, Susan Niese, Clifford Mestel, Susanna Spaulding, Art Hutchinson

Absent: Bill Almquist

Guest: Cindy Swisher - Town of Buena Vista, may be interested in a CCHAAB position but first needs to assess the time requirements of her new position with BV.

Prior to the formal meeting, Melanie Roth introduced new CCHAAB member, Art Hutchison. Art belongs to the pioneer Chaffee County Hutchison family, whose original home is on the National Register of Historic Places and is now the Hutchison Homestead. He is retired after 30 years with the National Park Service.

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

Approval of Minutes from January 24, 2019

Upon a motion by Nancy Roberts, seconded by Cliff Mestel, the minutes of the January 24, 2019 meeting were approved.

Further Discussion on Chipeta Mountain Heritage Park

John McCarthy noted that Wayne Iverson is arranging for Roland McCook, Chipeta's great-great grandson, to join a public event at the Hutchison Homestead the day following his presentation at the Collegiate Peaks Forum on April 26, 2019.

2017 SHF Grant

All nominations have been submitted to the State Historical Fund, including: Arrowpoint Ranch, Delaney Ranch, Hill Ranch, Gas Creek School, Garfield Miners Cabin, and the Turret P.O. (State of CO only).

CLG Discussion

Melanie noted that Emily Katsimpolis' position at the Town of Buena Vista has been eliminated, and thus her position on CCHAB, so this initiative has lost some momentum. Christine Burton with County Planning Department has expressed some interest in a CLG designation for Chaffee County, but first she needs to get up to speed with her existing duties.

Oral Histories with ranching families

Andrea Coen will contact Andrew Mackie of the Central Colorado Conservancy to find out exactly what credit his organization wants in exchange for funding further work on the project.

Centerville Ranch

The BoCC will hold a public comment session following next week's meeting where they are to consider the project sketch plan. At this point Andrew Mackie and Cindy Williams, from CCC, are negotiating with the developer regarding the qualifications for and the extent of a conservation easement for the project. Cindy comments that he seems to be negotiating in good faith. The public comment session is scheduled for March 12.

Special Use Review

The Melton Minor Subdivision (dividing 16.53 acres to build one single family home) was reviewed. Located on CR 371 N.E. of BV, there is no impact to the Collegiate Peaks Scenic Byway, nor does it contain any structure of historic import.

Additional Project Ideas/Partner News

Melanie reported that Commissioner Keith Baker has asked if the CCHAAB would consider giving some recognition to Monty Pike who has done a lot of work on establishing the Zebulon Pike trail.

Also BV Heritage has utilized a State Grant to repair the cupola on the old courthouse.

Suzy Kelly is working with the State Land Commission on rehabilitation of the Maxwell School.

Andrea Coen announced that this year's Agri Summit will be held on April 19 at the Steam Plant in Salida.

Steve Chapman from Salida Walking Tours is organizing Salida History Day for the end of September at the Palace Hotel.

Next Meeting

Thursday April April 18 at the Tauber Building, Salida

Melanie Roth adjourned the meeting at 1:35 pm