



Minutes of the Chaffee County Heritage Area Advisory Board Meeting
Thursday, January 10, 2013 - 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Buena Vista Public Library

Attendees:

Melanie Roth	Chair, BV Heritage
John “Nomi” Nahomenuk	AHRA
Kay Krebs	Nathrop
Meghan Mulholland	USFS
Nancy Roberts	Ranching
Steve Harris	GARNA
Angela Essing	BV Comm Dev Director
Alison Ramsey	GARNA /Administrator
Andrew Mackie & Laurel Smerch	Guest, LTUA
Katie	Guest, Town of BV intern
<u>Absent:</u> Kristi Jefferson, City of Salida Leslie Walker, HSI, preservation Fay Golson, At-Large	

Melanie called the meeting to order at 12:10pm

1. Approval of Minutes:

It was agreed that the question mark after the phrase “DOLA Grant” in item 7 of the November 15, 2012 minutes should be removed. Angela moved that the minutes be approved with this correction, Nancy seconded and the motion passed on a voice vote.

2. CCHAAB Board:

Nothing new to report. The Board still needs a member representing Poncha Springs.

3. SHF Grant – March 2013 end:

Alison shared that the Simmons missed the Dec. 17 deadline for submitting the draft survey to the State. However, because they have a lot of experience working on SHF grants, they should understand and work under the timelines of the grant. They are not due to be paid again until the survey is completed. Steve asked if the one year extension for the grant has been applied for and Alison reported that it had – March, 2013 being the deadline with the extension.

Steve mentioned that the Simmons were scheduled to present a workshop on surveys at the annual CPI/Saving Places Conference held in Denver in early February.

4. FHWA 2010 Byway Grant – Historic Wayside Signs:

Alison: Signs should be in the ground by May 1. City of Salida has OKed the Salida sign content and Historic Salida, Inc. is scheduled to review them next week. Poncha Springs has also signed off on their sign. The Chalk Cliffs overlook and the Fish Bridge signs still need to be completed and reviewed. Nancy

thought that Bret McMurry might be a good person to review the Chalk Cliff sign and Nancy agreed to act as the point person for contacting him and any others who might want to have input.

Angela: The BV sign placement has to meet approval of City Trails & Recreation Board, Planning & Zoning Commission and the Board of Trustees. The Trustees don't meet again until February 12. There followed a general discussion with comments from those present on all sign content and placement and on the placement of the separate "columbine" byway signs - both on each of the middle signs of the 3 historic sign group and as a separate sign along the highway.

5. FHWA 2011 Byway Grant – CO Scenic Byways Conservation Coalition project:

Alison and Andrew Mackie of the Land Trust of the Upper Arkansas discussed and reviewed the background and goals of the Coalition, including developing cooperation between LTUA and the Coalition, reviewing existing land preservation plans of other Byways, reviewing the matrix developed to prioritize historic properties, and public education.

Alison agreed to email a copy of the matrix to the board.

It was also agreed that a letter should be sent to landowners explaining the background and goals of the Coalition and the Preservation Plan and that the February 2014 Coalition program will revolve around the plan.

Suggestions for the "critical needs" portion of the plan included VIP and public tours of the north and south portions of the byway; byway overview presentations to chambers of commerce, Commissions and Trustees, newspapers, etc.; public events and fund raising events.

Alison: the 2012 FHWA coalition grant (economic development) has been awarded but not funded.

Melanie: at some point the Byway maps need to be updated.

Nancy: mentioned to Andrew that property along CO 291 is presently for sale and the current owner might be willing to sell a separate piece for a pull off. Andrew said available funds are always an issue and that the LTUA was presently in negotiations to make a land purchase along 291. Andrew gave further information on additional properties for sale of less than 100 acres along 291 that LTUA was aware of and summarized LTUA's mission and what the organization had to offer.

6. FHWA 2012 Byway Grant

No report.

7. Stone Bridge discussion.

Melanie handed around copies of a report she wrote summarizing the county's position – as presented by Don Reimer – regarding the Stone Bridge.

Nomi added history of the bridge from a BLM and Arkansas Headwaters perspective and there was a general discussion on the issues involved with the county, the ranch owners on the south-east side of the bridge, safety and liability, its historic and architectural significance and saving the bridge vs. demolition.

Alison said there is a County Commissioners work session on Monday during which the bridge would be discussed. Nomi and Melanie plan on attending.

Steve made a motion that Melanie ask the Commissioners to agree to get the bridge listed on the National and/or State Register of Historic Places. Kay seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote. Melanie will make sure the Commissioners understand that listing does not limit their options in any way. If the Commissioners agree to nomination, the CCHAA Board should have a vote to proceed with the nomination. It was agreed to ask Fay to take the lead on the nomination and that it would be good for her to also attend the Monday County Commissioner's work session. A discussion followed regarding the Sunshine Laws and how they might affect how a vote can be accomplished. Alison agreed to check into how the open meeting rules apply. If possible, we might vote by email or by conference call.

8. SHF future grants.

Melanie mentioned the Hill Ranch Barn as a candidate for future grants as well as Stone Bridge. Christy Culp is the contact at DOLA for grants in this region.

9. Fundraising and public celebration.

This topic was discussed under item 5.

10. Special use review.

No report.

11. Land use code.

The revised code is ready to go to public review.

Other Business:

Alison suggested that the Board spend up to \$350 on membership or donations to Historic St. Elmo and Chalk Creek Canyon, Buena Vista Heritage and the Salida Museum Association. Angela so moved, Nancy seconded, and the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.