



**Minutes of the Chaffee County Heritage Area Advisory Board Meeting
Thursday, August 8, 2013 - 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Methodist Mtn Room, Touber Building, Salida**

Attendees:

Kristi Jefferson	City of Salida - Planning
Fay Golson	At-large
Kay Krebs	Nathrop
Melanie Roth	BV Heritage (Chair)
Alison Ramsey	GARNA /Administrator
Gary Mason	LTUA
John Nahomenuk	BLM
Steve Harris	GARNA

Absent:

Meghan Mulholland (USFS)
Nancy Roberts (Ranching)
Leslie Walker (Historic Salida, Historic Preservation)

Melanie called meeting to order at 12:05 pm

Approval of Minutes from 6/27/13

Kristi noted a few minor corrections. Fay moved that the minutes for 6/27/13 meeting be approved as amended. Kristi seconded. All voted in favor.

Buena Vista Seat

Melanie will contact Buena Vista and inquire whether Dee Miller the new Town Planner will be the Buena Vista representative.

SHF Grant – June 1, 2013 end

Fay informed the Board that all the property owners have received a copy of their individual survey. A correction was noted: Property #2887 is eligible for nomination to the State and National register. Kristi stated that the Southwest Conservation Corps property has local Salida landmark status. They are applying for a grant to do the HSA on the property.

The Board agreed to apply for a \$35,000 SHF grant to hire a consultant to prepare State and/or National Historic Register nominations for several historic properties. The grant application is due October 1. Alison agreed to prepare the grant application with help from Melanie. A copy of the grant application is available on the History Colorado website - www.historycolorado.org. Letters of support need to be included with the application. Matching funds from the county, municipalities and residents will be required at the time the contract with SHF is signed. It was suggested that Leslie would be a good person to lead this effort.

Potential properties discussed included the Clay/Mear/Ziegler/Wright House (1903), Lynette Nielsen; the Pease/Dake/Fay House (ca. 1882), Gary and Linda Rudd; the Laurin Skating Rink, Rockee Rollar,

Rolling Wheels Skate Center (1954) /CKS Colorado Kayak Supply, Earl Richmond; the Ott House (1939), John Parks; the Poncha Springs Fire Station (1954), Jerry L'Estrange; the Buena Vista Rodeo Grounds, Collegiate Peaks Stampede Rodeo Grounds (1940) and the Smith-Friskey Ranch (Pre-1895), Conrad Nelson. Property owners need to commit to the project. The Nachtrieb Ranch, DeWitt Ranch, Kelly Ranch (1879), Suzy and Bryce Kelly - Suzy Kelly is planning to do the nomination herself.

The Board discussed the possibility of hiring an intern to assist with contacting property owners and coordination of the project. Steve will contact Rose Matthews and colleagues from Colorado Mountain College and HistoriCorps who might be aware of possible interns. Nomi will investigate the returning soldier program.

Colorado Central Magazine published an article by Fay on the Love Ranch in the July issue. Fay plans a third article for the August issue. Fay asked for volunteers to help her with historical research and writing future articles.

FHWA 2010 Byway grant - Historic Wayside Signs

All the three panel signs have been fabricated and are ready for installation. Technical problems with the panels required modifications. Chaffee County Road & Bridge crews installed the Chalk Creek overlook signs. The Scenic Byway sign was placed on a separate pole to preserve the view.

Salida (Public Works) and Poncha Springs (Public Works) have installed the frames and bases. Buena Vista signs will be installed by a prison work crew. The Fisherman's Bridge AHRA site panels will be installed (by Parks) before the September 12 celebration. Alison expects the project to be complete by September 30. Kristi reported that the Steamplant will be putting up a kiosk for additional information.

FHWA 2011 Byway grant – CO Scenic Byways Conservation Coalition project

The project is starting up. Alison is coordinating with Andrew Mackie at LTUA.

FHWA 2012 Byway grant – CO Scenic Conservation Coalition project

No progress. Grant has not been funded.

Stone Bridge update

Melanie has not heard anything further about the designation, but she is working with Bob Christiansen on the County's application for a grant to do the HSA.

Plan for public celebration for Wayside Signs – Kay Krebs

The celebration will be held at Fisherman's Bridge/ Ruby Mountain AHRA site which has abundant parking and is centrally located on September 12 at 5:00 p.m. We will erect a small tent and provide refreshments (a specially decorated cake and possibly ice cream). Nomi volunteered to provide the tent and tables & chairs. Gary volunteered to help with the celebration planning.

Nomi will contact Bob Hickey, AHRA volunteer and geologist to give a short presentation. Kay contacted Bill Dvorak, a rafting company owner and he has agreed to make a short presentation. Alison will send invitations to the County Commissioners, local ranchers, rafting companies and residents. She will get an announcement in the local papers.

Special use review; request for comments

Alison received information on the Monarch Mountain Parking Lot expansion, although the project does not require our response.

Land Use code updates – N/A

Announcements

GARNA is in the process of redoing their website as well as the Heritage board website using a Wordpress a website development program.

Melanie is leading a historic walking tour of St. Elmo on Saturday August 24 from 4:00 to 5:30 pm.

Hutchinson Homestead is having a book signing with author Betty Plotz on Saturday August 10 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Buena Vista Heritage will hold the Mushroom Festival on August 17 and 18.

GARNA's Southern Tour of the Collegiate Peaks Scenic and Historic Byway will be Sunday August 18.

The South Park Ranger District and South Park National Heritage Area are holding Boreas Pass Railroad day August 17 from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. Tour the roundhouse in Como.

Next Meeting will be September 17 in Salida in the Tenderfoot Mtn Room, Touber Building from 12:00 to 2:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.