



## **Minutes of the Chaffee County Heritage Area Advisory Board Meeting**

**Thursday, January 23 2014 - 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm**

Touber Building, Methodist Mountain Room, Salida

Present: Melanie Roth (BV Heritage, Chair), Kay Krebs (Nathrop), Gary Mason (LTUA), Steve Harris (GARNA), Alison Ramsey (GARNA, administrator)

Absent: Kristi Jefferson (Salida) Fay Golson (At-large), Nancy Roberts (ranching), Leslie Walker (HSI, Historic Preservation), John Nahomenuk (BLM), Dee Miller (BV), Meghan Mulholland (FS)

Guest: John McCarthy

### **1. Approval of minutes 12/12/13**

Meeting was called to order by Melanie at 12:03. Since a quorum of the board was not present the minutes of the previous meeting were discussed but not voted on. They will need to be accepted at the next meeting.

John McCarthy introduced himself as an interested member of the public with particular interest in the railroad. Those present introduced themselves to John. If John is interested, his becoming a member of the board will need to be discussed and recommended at a future meeting when a quorum is present.

### **2. Board Members**

After a discussion of open seats on the board (Meghan, US Forest Service) and of board members who are not regularly attending meetings (Nancy for ranching and Leslie for Historic Salida, Inc.), Mel agreed to contact Nancy and Leslie about a possible liaison from their respective group who could fill in for them when they can't make the meetings. It was also agreed that, while a USFS board member is not required, it would be beneficial to maintain that representation. Meghan recommended to Melanie that the archaeologist from the Leadville District, who is currently a part-time employee but might soon be full time, might be interested in serving on the board. Her full-time status should be determined by February.

Steve asked about the status of Historic Salida, Inc. as an active organization and Alison gave an update of HSI's involvement with Valley View School and the school district's proposed rehabilitation of the building and possible uses. SPOT – Salida Parks, Open Space and Trails - is looking into the possibility of acquiring more property adjoining the Valley View property. Alison agreed to put Steve in touch with the organization that is pursuing the project. Samantha Lane is a local school teacher who is also active in the project.

### **3. SHF Grant for National Register Nominations**

Melanie read a letter from the County Commissioners stating that due to the possibility of Congress not approving PILT funding for 2014, Chaffee County may not be able to provide the

\$5,000 matching funds that they promised. Since GARNA is submitted contract paperwork with SHF for the grant, GARNA is committed to the project. Melanie and Alison will approach Dan Short, Chaffee Financial Director, and Bob Christiansen, Director of General Administration, about alternative funding from the county. If needed, Alison will draft a news release to inform the community about the possibility of CCHAAB/GARNA losing a large portion of the matching funds.

Buena Vista city council approved \$1500 toward the cash match and there is an additional \$775 still needed to complete the match. The 7 involved property owners are also still a possibility for contribution as are HSI and BV Heritage.

The board discussed other possible sources for match funding if the County is unable to follow through on its commitment. Alternatives will be asked once the meeting with the County has occurred.

#### 4. **Outreach**

**Driving tours of historic resources:** We need to make sure the property owners are OK with the tour stopping by their property and that the tours don't become a nuisance for them.

**Simmons' BV presentation:** This will need to be discussed and planned for at a future board meeting.

Kay brought up the idea of a celebration for the Stone Bridge National Register Nomination this spring before rafting season begins. The county might be willing to provide the National Register plaque and AHRA/Nomi could organize a speaker for the celebration. Sally Pearce, former CDOT Byways Coordinator, is a possible speaker because of her knowledge of historic bridges. Melanie mentioned that if the 2011 Byways Grant Conservation Easement was also in this vicinity, it could be included in the celebration. It was agreed that the celebration is a good way to publicize GARNA and CCHAAB projects and accomplishments.

#### 5. **Submitting for April 1 SHF grant round**

A general discussion of grant application ideas included: Cleora Cemetery National /State Register nomination, funding for GARNA website update, Valley View School rehabilitation and additional historic property Nat'l Reg. nominations.

Melanie presented a letter from BV mayor Joel Benson regarding a property he owns that might have Nat'l Reg. qualifications.

#### 6. **Byway Conference in June**

Alison announced that the conference will be held in Black Hawk in June and encouraged board members to attend.

#### 7. **FHWA 2011 Byway grant**

The Coalition (administered by Gold Belt Scenic Byway) has applied for an extension for the Conservation Coalition project.

#### 8. **FHWA 2012 Byway grant**

No news.

**9. Special use review**

None

**10. Voluntary Guidelines update**

Alison gave a brief review of last meeting presentation. Melanie is working on a letter of response.

**11. Land Use code update**

The county passed the revised land use codes with some zoning changes. The codes can be viewed at the county website.

**12. Other business**

Alison announced the Annual GARNA meeting on Feb. 4 at the Steamplant with Ian Billick of the Rocky Mountain Biological Lab as the speaker.

Meeting adjourned at 1:35