



Minutes of the Chaffee County Heritage Area Advisory Board Meeting
Thursday, May 23, 2012 - 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Tenderfoot Mtn. Room, Touber Building, Salida

Attendees:

Melanie Roth	Chair, Buena Vista Heritage
Kristi Jefferson	City of Salida - Planning
Fay Golson	At-large
Nancy Roberts	Ranching
Kay Krebs	Nathrop
Leslie Walker	Historic Salida, Historic Preservation
Alison Ramsey	GARNA /Administrator
Gary Mason	Candidate for Land Conservation seat

Absent:

Meghan Mulholland (USFS)
John Nahomenuk (BLM)
Steve Harris (GARNA)

Melanie called meeting to order at 12:05 pm

Approval of Minutes from 4/4/13

Fay moved that minutes for 4/4/13/meeting be approved. Melanie seconded. All voted in favor.

Land Conservation Seat

Alison introduced Gary Mason from the LTUA, Land Trust for the Upper Arkansas. Gary is a fourth generation Colorado native who has lived in Durango and Pueblo West. He now resides at Little River Ranch in Chaffee County. He is a retired educator. He was an elementary school teacher in Durango, a USFS employee and currently a community volunteer. He is a graduate of Fort Lewis College in Durango and holds post graduate degrees in education from UNC, University of Northern Colorado in Greeley.

Everyone present said that they would like him to join the CCHAAB and encouraged him to participate. Gary will write a letter to the Chaffee County BOCC asking to be appointed and email it to Patty Baldwin, Chaffee County Administration at pbaldwin@chaffeecounty.net

SHF Grant – June 1, 2013 end

Work on the grant is basically done however there are a few tasks remaining. The 65 properties need to be added as a GIS layer to the Chaffee County database. Fay will contact Dean Russell from the county assessor's office who is in charge of the GIS department. In addition to the county the three municipalities will receive a copy of the GIS data - Dee Miller, Poncha Springs Planning; Kristi Jefferson, Salida Planning; and the future planner from Buena Vista.

Copies of each individual survey will be delivered to each property owners. Email is preferred, but only a few property owners have given Fay their email addresses. Melanie and Fay agreed to contact the other

property owners and request Email addresses. If an Email address is unavailable a copy of the individual survey will be made and mailed to the property owner.

Two copies of the complete survey will be printed and placed in the Salida and Buena Vista libraries for the public to view. Kay made a motion to approve the use of Heritage Board funds to pay for any incidental expenses incurred to complete the project approximately \$500. Leslie seconded. All voted in favor.

The Board discussed possible future SHF grants. October is the next deadline to apply for a SHF grant. It was suggested that we apply for a grant to hire a consultant to prepare State and/or National Historic Register nominations or to do a second Intensive Survey of additional properties.

Fay has written an article for Colorado Central Magazine. They have agreed to publish a monthly article on Chaffee County historic properties for a year. James Redmond is writing an article for the Mountain Mail on what being on the State and/or National Historic Register means and doesn't mean. Fay volunteered to make presentations to the public. Leslie will contact local service and civic organizations to schedule her presentations.

FHWA 2010 Byway grant - Historic Wayside Signs

The three panel signs have been fabricated. Installation is schedule for June. The signs in Buena Vista will be installed in McPhelemy Park at the corner of Hwy 24 and Main St. A concrete sidewalk/apron walk-up was required by the town. The sign will be installed by a prison crew, but the Board has to provide 6 sacks of sackcrete. The Board will find the material and have it delivered.

The Fisherman's Bridge AHRA site required the re-fabrication of the panels to fit the frames. They will be larger. This location has been selected for the ribbon cutting ceremony in late summer. The Chalk Creek overlook site and the Granite signs will be installed by the county. The permission permits from CDOT are ready. The Crossroads Welcome Center site signs will be installed by the Town of Poncha Springs. Alison has contacted Greg Smith Director of Public Works. The Salida signs will be installed by the City of Salida along Hwy 291 at the Monarch Spur Trail.

GARNA and the LTUA are doing two Scenic Byway Tours this summer – probably mid to late summer. One tour will be in the north focusing on the Granite to Nathrop area and a second in the south.

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 reported that the nomination to National Register of Historic Places was approved by the state. She attended a meeting in Denver last month to defend the county's nomination. There were only a few minor revisions and the nomination has gone to the Secretary of the Interior for final review. The next step is to get a new cost estimate for the necessary repairs and submit a grant application to help fund them to SHF in October. The entire BOCC and Bob Christiansen, the County Administrator are in support of their application for a SHF grant.

Everyone thanked Melanie for her professional work in writing the nomination request, meeting with the BOCC and for all her efforts in achieving the Stone Bridge historic listing for Chaffee County.

State Historic Fund / other future grants – Melanie Roth

Melanie suggested that we pursue some nominations with the Simmons' assistance and apply for a SHF grant in the October 2013 round.

Plan for public celebration for Wayside Signs – Kay Krebs

Celebration will be held at Fisherman's Bridge/ Ruby Mountain AHRA site. It has abundant parking and is centrally located. It was suggested that we invite a geologist to make a short presentation in addition to the official ribbon cutting and refreshments. The local ranchers, property owners and recreation outfitters should be invited. We need to tie the celebration to Chaffee County heritage, the Collegiate Peaks scenic byway and put in a plug the Board's achievements and future projects.

Special use review; request for comments

Poncha Springs Planner, Dee Miller sent out a request for participation on the façade of the new electrical substation. We would like to remain involved in the design review, but the Board is unable to participate in funding any upgrades.

Announcements

Poncha Springs is updating their land use code.

Leslie stated that the Salida Creative District has hired an intern.

CRC, Community Resource Center consultants are holding a grant writing seminar in Salida May 29.

St. Elmo historic district is holding its first annual celebration June 22 at 3:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm.