



Minutes of the Chaffee County Heritage Area Advisory Board Meeting
Thursday, June 27, 2012 - 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Conference Room, Buena Vista Library, Buena Vista

Attendees:

Kristi Jefferson	City of Salida - Planning
Fay Golson	At-large
Kay Krebs	Nathrop
Leslie Walker	Historic Salida, Historic Preservation
Alison Ramsey	GARNA /Administrator
Gary Mason	LTUA
John Nahomenuk	BLM

Absent:

Melanie Roth (BV Heritage) Chair
Meghan Mulholland (USFS)
Nancy Roberts(Ranching)
Steve Harris (GARNA)

Alison called meeting to order at 12:05 pm

Approval of Minutes from 5/23/13

Kristi and Alison noted a few minor amendments. Fay moved that minutes for 5/23/13 meeting be approved as amended. Gary seconded. All voted in favor.

Land Conservation and Buena Vista Seats

Gary Mason from the LTUA, Land Trust for the Upper Arkansas was approved by the BOCC and is now a member of the Board. Alison will contact Buena Vista and inquire whether Dee Miller the new Town Planner will be the Buena Vista representative. Buena Vista Town Administrator Sue Boyd is retiring.

SHF Grant – June 1, 2013 end

Fay informed the Board that two copies of the complete intensive survey were printed and are now available in the reference areas of the Salida Regional Library and the Buena Vista Library. 42 individual surveys have been emailed to property owners. 5 individual surveys need to be mailed to property owners who did not have an email address and 18 property owners have not responded to Fay's telephone calls. Three or four minor corrections to the survey forms were noted.

One property owner thanked the Board for doing the intensive survey of her property and expressed an interest in pursuing a Historic Register nomination. The prison is proceeding on their own with an HAS (Historical Structural Assessment) of the Centennial House.

Alison reported that the final paperwork is complete and has been submitted to SHF. Final payment from the SHF is forthcoming. A CD copy of the survey was given to Salida (Kristi Jefferson) and to the BLM (John Nahomenuk). An third CD copy will be given to Buena Vista representative. The survey summary report is available to the public on both the Heritage website www.chaffeecountyheritage.org under "What's Happening Now" and via a link from the GARNA website www.garna.org.

Colorado Central Magazine published an article by Fay on the Centennial House in the June issue. Fay plans an article on the Salida Livestock Sales, Inc (Livestock Sale Barn) for the July issue. A third article will be published in August. Fay asked for volunteers to help her with historical research and writing future articles.

Fay volunteered to make presentations to the public. Leslie will contact local service and civic organizations to schedule her presentations. Leslie suggested that the Board prepare a statement for Fay to use in her presentations and for Board members to use when discussing the intensive survey, historic properties and what being on the State and/or National Historic Register means and doesn't mean.

FHWA 2010 Byway grant - Historic Wayside Signs

All the three panel signs have been fabricated and are ready for installation. Buena Vista has not picked up the signs from CDOT. Melanie and Alison purchased the requested 6 sacks of sackcrete. Alison has contacted Buena Vista Recreation director Kathryn Wadsworth who is working with Public Works director Richard Landreth. The signs are to be installed in McPhelemy Park by a prison work crew which has been slow to get the project done.

Alison and Greg Smith delivered the signs to Poncha Springs. The Town of Poncha Springs Public Works crew will install them at the Crossroads Welcome Center as planned. Kristi, Alison and Nomi agreed to meet at the CDOT storage location after the meeting to see the signs for Salida. Kristi agreed to contact Bob Salmi the Salida Public Works director to get them picked up and installed. Kristi will also contact Michael Varnum from the Steamplant about the information kiosk.

The Fisherman's Bridge AHRA site panels are being finished by Aardvark printing. Nomi has the installation on his schedule. The Chalk Creek overlook site will be installed by Chaffee County Public Works crews. Alison has called for utility locates for the site. The permission permits from CDOT are ready. When the signs are installed Alison will contact CDOT to get the brown historical directional signs installed on the highway.

GARNA and the LTUA are doing two Scenic Byway Tours. The Northern Tour is Sunday July 14 and the Southern Tour is Sunday August 18.

FHWA 2011 Byway grant – CO Scenic Byways Conservation Coalition project

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

FHWA 2012 Byway grant – CO Scenic Conservation Coalition project

No progress. Grant has not been funded.

Stone Bridge update

The County has hired a consultant to do a HSA (Historic Structural Assessment) on the bridge. When it is complete they will get an updated cost estimate for the necessary repairs.

State Historic Fund / other future grants

The Board discussed possible future SHF grants. October is the next dateline to apply for a SHF grant. It was suggested that the Board apply for a grant to hire a consultant to prepare State and/or National Historic Register nominations for several historic properties. Enough property owners need to agree to move forward with the nomination process before the application is submitted.

SHF grants require a 25% match. A \$26,250 grant would require \$8,750 in matching funds for a total grant amount of \$35,000. Alison called the Simmons and got preliminary cost estimates to do the nominations. A historic district (i.e. a ranch or cabin complex) would cost approximately \$5,000. A single building site would cost approximately \$3,500 and a complicated historic district that requires an archeological survey could cost as much as \$15,000.

Alison stated that we need to budget 15% for grant administration approximately \$5,000. That would leave \$30,000 which would allow for one historic district and six or seven single building site nominations. All Board members are asked to review the intensive survey in detail and recommend specific properties and be prepared to make a decision at the next Board meeting August 8.

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 plan to erect a small tent and provide refreshments (a specially decorated cake and possibly ice cream). Gary volunteered to help with the celebration planning.

The Board agreed to invite Bob Hickey, AHRA volunteer and geologist (Nomi will call him) and Bill Dvorak, a rafting company owner (Kay will call him) to make short presentations in addition to the official ribbon cutting by the County Commissioners. The event will be publicized in the local papers as a celebration of not only the Collegiate Peaks Scenic byway but of Chaffee County heritage as well. The local ranchers, property owners and recreation outfitters will all be invited.

Special use review; request for comments – N/A

Land Use code updates – N/A

Announcements

Art Walk will feature historical walking tours of downtown Salida at 10:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m. Saturday June 29 and noon Sunday June 30. Forrest Whitman, Earle Kittleman and Chad McBride will lead the tours and McBride will dress as Doc Holiday.

The Hutchinson Homestead will host a celebration on Friday June 28 at 7:00 p.m. The author of a new book about the infamous murdering Espinosa brothers who were in Southern Colorado and here in the Salida area about 100 years ago is going to be there doing readings and signings of his book.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.