



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

Attendees:

Melanie Roth

John “Nomi” Nahomenuk

Kay Krebs

Alison Ramsey

Dee Miller

Steve Harris

Gary Mason

BV Heritage (Chair)

BLM

Nathrop

GARNA /Administrator

Town of BV, planning

GARNA

LTUA

Absent:

Kristi Jefferson, City of Salida, Planning

Meghan Mulholland, USFS

Fay Golson, At-large

Leslie Walker, HSI, Historic Salida Inc. /Historic Preservation

Nancy Roberts, Ranching

Guests:

Sig Jaastad, Dave Williams, Keith Baker and Alan Robinson

1. Approval Minutes from 10/31/13

It was moved by Melanie and seconded by Kay to approve the minutes of the October 31 meeting.

2. Voluntary guidelines for residential development – Sig Jaastad

Sig, Dave and Keith expanded on the ideas that Dave had written out and Alison had provided to the Board by email on December 9. Their idea is to establish county wide voluntary guidelines that would encourage any new building construction and development within the county to maximize those building practices that would minimize impacts on water usage, view corridors, energy usage, etc. Alan and the Board offered input, asked questions and offered suggestions on other county groups that might be interested in being involved. After the visiting group left at 1:15, the board held further discussions and came to a consensus that the proposal did not fully meet with CCHAAB's mission or expertise. It was decided not to act as the primary organization heading up this initiative but perhaps assist in promoting the initiative and provide other partnership help. Melanie agreed to send them a letter to that effect.

3. CCHAAB Board

Dee has been approved by the County Commissioners and is an official member of the Board. Meghan's term is up and will not renew. Need to find a FS replacement member if possible. Melanie will contact

the FS District Ranger to see if anyone is available to serve on the Board or if Meghan could attend meetings as needed.

Melanie's term is up but she agreed to renew for another 4 years. Steve moved and Gary seconded the motion to recommend Melanie's renewal to the Commissioners.

Nomi's term is up and also agreed to renew. Gary and Dee moved and seconded a motion to recommend his renewal to the Commissioners.

Other possible Board candidates: Suzy Kelly?

4. Future grants

Alison reported that GARNA received an approximately \$22,000 SHF Grant to complete National Register of Historic Places nominations for seven of the historic properties from the survey. An additional \$7,275 must be provided locally as matching funds. Tom and Laurie Simmons of Front Range Research Assoc. have been notified that money is available and that GARNA intends to hire them as consultants for the nominations. The seven properties are:

Granite Stage Stop, Granite

Kelley/Coleman/Wallace/McDonald House, Buena Vista

Pease/Dake/Fay House, Buena Vista

Comanche Drive-In, Buena Vista

Wilber Homestead/Franzel Farm, Buena Vista

Salida Livestock Sales, Salida

Pedro/Botz House, Smelertown

Melanie will contact the 7 property owners to tell them funds are available and to confirm their commitment to proceed with nominations. Possible sources for the cash match included Chaffee County, property owners, municipalities, BV chamber, Historic Salida, BV Heritage, the Chaffee Economic Development Corp., and the public. Melanie, Fay and Leslie will draft a form letter asking the property owners for contributions. Alison mentioned that GARNA has approximately \$3,000 in the Heritage Area account that could be used on an emergency basis if the \$7,275 match falls short. Alison will get an article in the local papers for PR and fundraising and Mel and Alison will approach the County Commissioners at their Jan. 7th meeting. Dee suggested that CCHAAB/GARNA might want to have an info booth at Buena Vista's upcoming spring Community Fair for further PR and fundraising.

The grant contract with SHF will be signed by January 15, 2014 - unless an extension is requested - with the completed nominations going to the State Review Board by Jan. 16, 2015 and the successful National Register nominations announced by May of 2015.

5. Outreach

Alison suggested the proposed driving tours of the historic survey properties could be a project for GARNA's program committee. Also, Alison will contact the Simmons at some point to see if they could coordinate a survey program in BV during one of their future trips to the area.

6. FHWA 2011 Byway grant – CO Scenic Byways Conservation Coalition project

No report

7. FHWA 2012 Byway grant – CO Scenic Byways Conservation Coalition project

No news

8. Special use review; request for comments

Dee says Buena Vista has a draft report for updated cell tower guidelines and will keep the Board informed as the guidelines are developed.

9. Land Use code updates

No news

Other news: Alison reported that GARNA raised approximately \$1,200 during Colorado Gives Day. Dee brought up the success that some groups have had with a “flash-mob” type of fund- raiser.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Next meeting is Jan 23, noon to 2: pm in Salida (place to be announced).