



**MINUTES OF THE CHAFFEE COUNTY HERITAGE AREA ADVISORY BOARD
THURSDAY January 7, 2016 TOUBER BUILDING, SALIDA**

Members Present: Melanie Roth, Kay Krebs, Kristi Jefferson, Emily Katsimpalis, Gary Mason, John McCarthy, Kathy Moore, Nancy Roberts, Alison Ramsey
Absent: Steve Harris, John Nahomenuk

Chair Melanie Roth called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm.

Approval of Minutes from November 12, 2015

Upon a motion by Kay Krebs, seconded by Kathy Moore, the minutes for November 12, 2015 were approved with a minor correction to be made by Alison Ramsey.

FHWA 2011 Byway Grant – Byways Conservation Coalition Project

The Conservation Plan map of the Collegiate Peaks Scenic Byway highlighting areas of interest for future conservation projects is now on-line via the LTUA site and the CCHAAB section of the GARNA website. A brochure including a printed version of the map with explanatory text is almost ready for printing. The Board was asked to make a final review of the document and provide comments to Alison Ramsey so printing may proceed. Alison will present the map brochure to the County Commissioners at an upcoming work session with CCHAAB Board members encouraged to attend.

Additional 2012 Byway Grant – Scenic Byway Economic Strategy Plan

The Economic Development Strategies plan developed by PUMA for the Collegiate Peaks Scenic Byway, and 2 other Byways covered by this grant, is now complete and posted on the CCHAAB section of the GARNA website. This will also be presented at the same upcoming County Commissioners work session as the Conservation Plan.

In a related issue, Guidestone is working with the Colorado Tourism Office to hold a Local Food and Agritourism Summit on April 22 and 23 at the Steam Plant promoting the local production and sale of food products. Guidestone also plans a Community Agritourism event over Labor Day weekend. Kay Krebs and John McCarthy volunteered to join a planning committee chaired by Jennifer Visitacion, Executive Director of Guidestone.

The Colorado tourism Office did not approve the grant request submitted by the Chaffee County Visitors Bureau, but encouraged a further submission for the next grant round.

SHF nomination grant

Contract paperwork has been signed; initial meeting is scheduled February 1 with FRRRA, State personnel, Melanie and Alison.

Additional Project Ideas

Melanie Roth reports that the State Historic Fund is very supportive of receiving submissions for a new round of nominations for National Historic Site listing. Melanie, Kay Krebs, and Kathy Moore will review the list of previously identified properties and identify up to seven for a preliminary submission due by April 1, 2016. Melanie will contact property owners to verify they are still interested in a historic listing, and to obtain permission for Simmons to conduct a thorough site evaluation.

Alison is very supportive of an additional nomination round, but since any grant will require some local funding, she notes that the CCHAAB will need to assemble sound evidence of a benefit to the County before asking the County Commissars to fund a third nomination round.

The Board also discussed the possibility of structural preservation for historic buildings such as the barns between Centerville and Nathrop. Melanie will contact Steve Harris for his thoughts on projects the CCHAAB might consider.

Other Funding Grants

Melanie Roth announced that Historic St. Elmo and CCC were awarded three grants totaling \$59,440 from SHF for work on three buildings in St. Elmo. The Pushor building will be stabilized with a timber frame, construction drawings will be prepared for the Cash-Criss building, and a structural assessment will be prepared for the Stark Store and Home Comfort Hotel. The group must now raise \$14,708 in local matching funds.

Special Use Review

Nothing submitted.

Next Meeting

The next CCHAAB meeting will be in Buena Vista on February 25, 2016.

Melanie Roth adjourned the meeting at 1:35pm