



MINUTES OF THE CHAFFEE COUNTY HERITAGE AREA ADVISORY BOARD

THURSDAY February 23, 2017

Touber Building, Methodist Mountain Room, Salida

Members Present: Melanie Roth, Kay Krebs, John McCarthy, Emily Katsimpalis, Kathy Moore, Steve Harris, Susanna Spaulding, Lee Coveney, Alison Ramsey

Absent: John Nahomenuk, Nancy Roberts, Kristi Jefferson

Guests: Andrea Coen, Cliff Mestel, Jill Lammers – CO Tourism Office

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

Guest Introduction

Melanie Roth introduced Jill Lammers, Director of Heritage & Agritourism for the Colorado Tourism Office. Ms. Lammers is new to CTO and is touring the State to familiarize herself with local heritage and agritourism groups. CTO is working to encourage visits beyond the Front Range by developing on-line and printed multiple day itineraries guiding visitors to less visited areas of Colorado.

Approval of Minutes from January 12, 2017

Upon a motion by Kay Krebs, seconded by Kathy Moore, the minutes of the January 12, 2017 meeting were approved with corrections.

SHF nomination grant wrap up

Melanie Roth recently attended a Colorado preservation conference where representatives from History Colorado commented on the excellent quality of National Register Nomination submissions from Chaffee County. Melanie and Emily Katsimpalis will work on a public celebration of the BV Rodeo Grounds selection to the National Register to be held around the time of the Rodeo, June 10 & 11.

SHF next grant

Melanie indicated she is working with the Simmons on two grant applications for April 1. Register nominations will include the Turret Post Office (state only), the Garfield Miner's cabin, and perhaps the Gas Creek School. An intensive survey application is to be submitted for multiple ranch properties, with Arrowpoint Cattle Company, Hill Ranch, and the Paquette Ranch as possibilities.

Emily noted that a Certified Local Government entity could be eligible for no-match grants, as Buena Vista has done with their Historic Preservation Commission. The Board discussed researching this further with the CCHAAB possibly filling this function for Chaffee County.

Update on barn restoration

Steve Harris would really like to see the CCHAAB adopt a historic ranch structure for restoration, but noted that SHF funding only covers historic register nominations. He would like to set up a restoration program using volunteer labor, but Melanie noted that this would require a non-profit entity so that materials and other donated items could qualify for tax purposes. Structures on several properties were discussed as possibilities. It was suggested to ask Mike Perschbaker (Older Than Dirt construction) if he is aware of any property where the owner may be willing to go through the process.

Outreach - Smelter Smokestack Anniversary

Kay Krebs reported that she has been in contact with historian, Robert Autobee, who was the speaker at the Stone Bridge celebration. He is willing to research and prepare a presentation on the smelter and stack for \$200 plus expenses. The Salida Museum Association will be responsible for all other celebration events. The Board felt this was reasonable, and authorized Kay to proceed.

Special Use Review

The BoCC Office has placed the CCHAAB back on the list to receive new project submissions for review. These are sent to the GARNA office, however many are not in areas with heritage significance, nor along the Collegiate Peaks Scenic Byway. Lee Coveney and John McCarthy agreed to review each submission and notify Board members of any which meet our review criteria.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 6 in Buena Vista

Melanie Roth adjourned the meeting at 1:40 pm.