



MINUTES OF THE CHAFFEE COUNTY HERITAGE AREA ADVISORY BOARD

Thursday, January 11, 2018

Buena Vista Public Library

Members Present: Melanie Roth, John McCarthy, Lee Coveney, Kristi Jefferson, Andrea Coen

Absent: Nancy Roberts, Susanna Spaulding, Emily Katsimpalis

Others Present: April Franklin, Clifford Mestel, Susan Nies

Chair Melanie Roth called the meeting to order at 12:10 pm.

Approval of Minutes from November 9, 2017

Upon a motion by Kristi Jefferson, seconded by John McCarthy, the minutes of the November 9, 2017 meeting were approved with minor corrections.

Board Administration

Alison Ramsey noted that April Franklin will replace Kristi Jefferson as representative for the City of Salida, and Steve Harris, Kathy Moore, and Kay Krebs did not renew their terms on the Board. Alison thanked all departing members for their service to the CCHAAB.

Upon a motion by John McCarthy, seconded by Kristi Jefferson, the Board unanimously recommended to the Board of County Commissioners that April Franklin, Clifford Mestel, and Susan Nies be appointed to the Chaffee County Heritage Area Advisory Board.

2017 SHF Grant

Melanie Roth reported that work is almost complete on register nominations for the Garfield Miner's Cabin, Gas Creek School, and the Turret Post Office. Archeological work will be required to complete surveys for the Arrow Point Ranch, Hill Ranch, and the

Usnick Farm. This will require \$704 in local funds in addition to the History Colorado grant.

Cliff Mestel asked if the CCHAAB has considered the Pine Creek School, on USFS property, for nomination. Melanie Roth will discuss this with USFS District Ranger, Jim Pitts.

CLG Discussion

Melanie Roth asked Board members to review the information submitted by Emily Katsimpalis on the powers granted to a public entity, and the process which would be required for Chaffee County to become a Certified Local Government. Alison Ramsey noted that the CCHAAB should carefully research the issue before making a recommendation to the County on seeking CLG status. The need for CLG status may be one result of further development of the Envision Program.

Oral Histories with ranching families

Melanie reported that a video interview of Frank McMurray was completed in November prior to his passing. Andrea Coen announced that in connection with the Hutchison Homestead's 150th anniversary, they plan a panel discussion including members of several long time ranching families.

Additional Project Ideas

It was suggested that the CCHAAB could arrange small displays of personal items at the County Fair or farmers markets. Alison Ramsey suggested that the Board agenda be more project oriented and perhaps the vacant Board position should be filled by someone from the heritage tourism field. Andrea Coen will represent agri-tourism.

Special Use Review

Lee Coveney noted that the Planning and Zoning Commission turned down the Oak Leaf development on CR 140 based on several unresponsive items, including CCHAAB's request that screening be provided for the proposed solar array. No objection was filed in response to the proposed water treatment plant in Poncha Springs.

Next Meeting

Thursday February 22, Toubert Building, Methodist Mountain Room, 12 pm

Melanie Roth adjourned the meeting at 1:50 pm