

Minutes of the Chaffee County Heritage Area Advisory Board Meeting
Thursday, August 11, 2011 - 12:00 am – 2:00 pm
Salida Toubert Building Methodist Mountain Room

Attendees:

Alison Ramsey	GARNA /Administrator
Kristi Jefferson	Salida Planning
Kay Krebs	Chaffee County - secretary
Melanie Roth	Buena Vista Heritage
Fay Golson	Chaffee County At-large
Alan Robinson	GARNA
Donna Francis	Historic Salida Inc.
Jack Close	GARNA & Land Trust (visitor)

1. Approval of Minutes from 7/ 13/2011

It was moved by Melanie and seconded by Fay that the minutes be approved as amended. A vote was taken, all were in favor, and the minutes were approved.

2. Current state and future of the CCHAAB

Fay Golson has been appointed to the Board. Donna Francis has applied and will represent HIS, Historic Salida Inc.

Diana Heeney has resigned from the Board. She recommended two individuals from Poncha Springs who may be interested.

A motion to elect Alan Robinson chairman for the remainder of 2011 was made by Kay and seconded by Kristi. A vote was taken, all were in favor, and Alan agreed to serve as chairman.

3. State Historic Fund Grant – Historic Resource Survey Project

Alison and Fay mailed out 65 “permission to survey” letters to the property owners. 17 have been returned. Only one property owner refused to allow the survey. An alternate will be selected. Front Range Research Associates requires that all 65 permission releases are returned before they will start the survey. Melanie agreed to help Fay by contacting owners. The survey represents a good cross section of the county’s historic resources. Alison will contact the SHF to discuss the progress on the survey and the possibility that we might not be complete by the March 2012 deadline.

4. FHWA 2008 byway Grant

Collegiate Peaks Welcome Center has the CO - Certificate of Occupancy. It is open to the public and is being staffed by volunteers. Alison has adjusted her report to include \$10,000 of in-kind work provided by Poncha Springs. Rose Matthews made initial inquires into providing heritage displays for the center. Rose requested that the Board review the Management Plan and recommend themes. Ann Ewing expressed an interest in helping with this project. Items from the Poncha Springs museum will be a part of the temporary display. Additional funds from future grants are needed for permanent displays. Alan recommended the Board visit the Buena Vista depot. He stated that it is a terrific example of a heritage display. Design Associates from Kansas City designed the exhibit which was funded by a grant from Freeport Mining. Many local volunteers assisted with artifacts and materials.

Wayside Interpretive Plan - partner presentations
Oral History project (Nancy & Melanie)

Tabled until next month

Melanie reported that Diana did some oral histories with a digital recorder and that some pictures were taken. Melanie plans to meet with Nancy and get up to speed on using the video equipment. Workshops groups of people were part of the original proposal. However workshops have both advantages and disadvantages. Several histories can be done during a workshop, but many people felt that there wasn't enough time for everyone to speak. Melanie thought that they would be doing mostly individual oral histories.

5. CCHAAB fundraiser update (Kay)

Alison reported that the final profit from the event was \$1,338.60.

6. New Projects

FHWA 2010 grant for Historic Wayside signs – steps to be under contract.

Five locations are proposed.

- Near Granite on future Leadville stage road trail. This location is the lowest priority.
- Downtown Buena Vista near the Chamber of Commerce or in McPheleny Park near the new depot. Buena Vista has given a \$1,500 cash match. This location is a high priority.
- Along the byway between Buena Vista and Poncha Springs at the Chalk Creek overview at the existing pull off.
- At the Poncha Springs Welcome Center. This location is a high priority.
- Downtown Salida in Riverside Park or at the Monarch Spur Trail.

Alison is required to fill out a new form detailing the cash and in-kind matches. The total amount of the grant is \$45,000 with \$36,000 from CDOT and \$9,000 in match. The county has agreed to contribute \$3,500, Buena Vista has agreed to \$1,500 in equipment and operator time to install the signs. Alison has put \$300 in as in-kind from BV Heritage and HSI to review the content.

7. County special use permit review update

We have not been asked recently to review any permits. Alison will give Don Reimer a call to see what has been going on. The Board agreed that we would like to review special use permits.

8. Land Use codes updates

Alan agreed to provide a short update to be reviewed at the September meeting.

Heritage Board Action Items

- Heritage Centers – planning new centers and revamping existing
- Establishing a Chaffee County CLG
- Continue working with Land Trust and other partners to protect view sheds
- Outreach to ranchers on historic preservation options

Ongoing items: Heritage Centers, Longtime administration of Heritage Board, Byway workshop sessions, tours of visitor-ready heritage sites