

**Minutes of the Chaffee County Heritage Area Advisory Board Meeting**  
**Thursday, October 13, 2011 - 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm**  
**Touber Building, Methodist Mountain Room, Salida**

**Attendees:**

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| <b>Alison Ramsey</b>     | GARNA /Administrator       |
| <b>Alan Robinson</b>     | GARNA - chair              |
| <b>Kay Krebs</b>         | Chaffee County - secretary |
| <b>Meghan Mulholland</b> | USFS                       |
| <b>Kristi Jefferson</b>  | City of Salida             |
| <b>Fay Golson</b>        | Chaffee County - At-large  |
| <b>Ann Ewing</b>         | USFS - guest               |
| <b>Melanie Roth</b>      | Buena Vista Heritage       |

**1. Approval of Minutes from 8/11/2011**

Alan called for any questions or amendments to the minutes. There were none. It was moved by Fay and seconded by Kristi that the minutes be approved. A vote was taken, all were in favor, and the minutes were approved.

**2. Board Officers for 2012 – Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer**

Kay asked the board to consider the addition of a new officer - Treasurer. The treasurer would assist the Administrator by preparing a biannual financial report which could be presented to the board. Alan thought that the Treasurer should be asked to assist with monitoring budgets for existing grants, maintaining the CC Heritage Area checking account, and developing budgets for future grants. Kay stated that she would like to be appointed to the position of Treasurer for 2012 and that she will be resigning as Secretary for the board January 2012.

Alan reminded everyone that he agreed to serve as the Chair only until December of 2011. New officers will be required in January 2012. The Chair needs to be able to address general issues, communicate with Chaffee County resources and the Chaffee County Commissioners.

Alison stated that officers of the board should be defined in a resolution by the Chaffee County commissioners. Kay volunteered to draft the resolution and email it to Alison and Alan. The Board agreed to act on a resolution next month. Alison noted that Meghan Mulholland was formally approved as a board member by the Chaffee County Commissioners on September 13.

**3. State Historic Fund Grant – Historic Resource Survey Project**

Fay reported that she and Alison met with the Simmons from Front Range Research Associates last Tuesday October 11, 2011. The Simmons are in town and will complete 1/3 of the intensive survey this month. 36 affirmative responses have been received from property owners to permit the intensive survey of their property. The remaining 29 property owners may require a one-on-one visit. Alison reminded the board that the individual property owners were selected by a process beginning with the recon survey contacted by volunteers last summer 2010. Fay agreed to call Suzy Kelly and up date the alternative list. Melanie agreed to contact individual property owners.

Alison has spoken to Liz Blackwell from the SHF. She said that we could apply for an extension. Alan stated that the project is appropriate to our mission. Alison reminded the board that when the project is completed we need to get the information out to the community.

#### 4. FHWA 2008 Byway Grant

Alison reported that the contractor, L. M. Kersting is awaiting the last \$20,000 draw. Greg Smith, Poncha Springs has advertised the building project. \$5,700 remains to be applied for in the grant. \$3,200 is required for GARNA administration which leaves \$2,500 in the grant. A sign above the building and heritage area displays are still required. The Oral History project has spent \$700. The balance in the Chaffee County Heritage Area checking account is approximately \$5,300.

#### Collegiate Peaks Welcome Center

Ann Ewing presented her investigation into what is required for heritage area displays. She proposed that without funding the best alternative would be to solicit the loan of art work from local artists. When we have additional funding she recommends that a professional exhibits designer be engaged. Ann noted that there are too many boring displays out there. The board agreed.

Ann congratulated the board on the building design and recommended that the displays be clean, modern and dynamic. She suggested "Crossroads" as an excellent theme and a project budget of \$10,000 to \$15,000. Alan asked Ann to be a champion for the Welcome Center and to return to the board next month with a design concept and a detailed budget. Kay volunteered to contact AVHS, Ark Valley Humane Society and inquire - how they obtained the art currently on display at the Sunshine Shelter in Poncha Springs. She will report her findings to the board at next month's meeting.

Kay presented a proposal to preserve the historic photos that are currently on display in the center. There are two collages of train photographs mounted on plywood and framed with Plexiglas and barn wood frames. The historic photos have been damaged from chemicals leaching out the plywood and a coating used to seal the collage. Considering the condition of the photos and that they are significant historical pieces that have been donated to the center - the proposal is that they be preserved. To do that they need to be documented, digitally scanned and reprinted and then mated and framed. Kay went to three local framing companies and got bids to mat and frame the photos.

Costs for the project were presented:

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| Research / documentation       | \$ 32.50        |
| Digitizing and printing photos | \$ 78.00        |
| Matting and framing            | \$ 345.05       |
| <hr/> Total                    | <hr/> \$ 455.55 |

The proposal was rejected by the board. Kay was directed to scan and print only two of the photos. Fay Golson volunteered to frame them. The historic photos will be returned to the town of Poncha Springs. The two reprinted/framed photos will be presented to the town of Poncha Springs in recognition of their assistance in making the Collegiate Peaks Welcome Center a success.

#### Oral History project (Melanie & Meghan)

Melanie asked the board to send names of candidates for interviewing to her and Meghan. The committee consists of Nancy Roberts, Melanie Roth, Ann Ewing and Meghan Mulholland. The project is to amass information. Melanie asked the board how we envisioned using the information.

Video and audio recording (where possible) will be done. A still picture will be taken. Ann Ewing suggested that the documents could be used in the Welcome Center displays. Nancy Roberts had proposed a book. The edited version would be placed on the Byway Website and on the local libraries'

websites. Meghan presented the Smithsonian's *Folk life and Oral History Interviewing Guide*. Alison stated that transcription will need to be done after the interviews are complete.

**5. New Projects**

Discussion tabled until next month

Funded – FHWA 2010 grant for Historic Wayside signs – match requested submitted

Awarded- FHWA 2011 byway coalition grant for strategic planning and resource protection – match requests submitted.

**6. County special use permit review update**

None this month

**7. Land Use codes updates**

No update

**8. Leadville stage / Midland railroad trail project**

Alan reported that the GARNA subcommittee was applying for GOCO funding. The historic trail follows the Arkansas River corridor in several places. The subcommittee will submit a concept paper which is due this Friday October 15, 2011. They hope to be invited to apply for a full GOCO grant in the spring of 2012.

**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**