



CHAFFEE COUNTY HERITAGE AREA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, February 9, 2023 12pm-1:30pm

Methodist Room, Touber Bldg, Salida or ZOOM

1. Melanie Roth – representing BV Heritage, 1/31/25	7. Andrea Earley Coen, Chair – representing Hutchinson Homestead & Learning Center, 1/31/25
2. Kathryn Dunleavy – representing Salida, 1/31/24	8. Suzy Kelly - Ranching interest, 1/31/25
3. Greg Laudenslager - representing Chaffee County	9. Rita Phelps, mid-Valley representation/ scenic Byway, 1/31/24
4. Kent Wood - mid-Valley representation/ scenic Byway, 1/31/24	10. - Recreation interest
5. - Indigenous People's/ Cultural Heritage Education interest?	11. Art Hutchinson - at large/ S. end of County, 1/31/25
6. Susanna Spaulding - representing Higher Education, 1/31/24	

Attendance: In person - Kathryn Dunleavy, Rita Phelps, Greg Laudenslager, Andrea Coen, Art Hutchinson, Scott Lindbloom, Ryan Short; Zoom - Susanna Spaulding, Suzy Kelly, Kent Wood, Melanie Roth; Presenter: Jodie Snyder; Not in Attendance: Dominique Naccarato,

Agenda Items:

1. Review January Meeting Minutes/ Discussion with Mario Curgus (Andrea)

- Letter to LUC Consultant
- Next steps with LUC Module 2 engagement and feedback

Motion: Melanie

2nd: Rita

AIFO - Yes

Action Items:

Send an outline to Greg regarding upcoming meeting with LUC consultant

Keep Board members in the loop about the date for that meeting

Art shared an article from the Grand Junction Daily Sentinel called 'Why western Colorado needs legacy ranchers'.

Andrea will scan and send to everyone

2. Byway Corridor Management Plan Update, 30-45 min (Jodie Snyder)

Agenda: Overview of 2023 CMP Update effort

- Presentation of draft Social Pinpoint website concept
- Confirm stakeholders to interview and plan to schedule interviews for March. Discuss whether to seek permission to record interviews

- Discuss opportunities for potential pop-up events in collaboration (if possible) with County LUC public meeting(s). Plan to schedule pop up events in early March
- Discuss early April byway tour
- Request support in disseminating project update/press release that will be shared in early March
- Confirm CCHAAB member interest in having access to the CMP Update Google Drive site

Timeline:

February - Information up on website specific to the CMP update (5 month period) - Social Pinpoint concept

March - Community Outreach: either through LUC, or in the community with popup events at area stores: LaGrees, Walmart, etc.... Stakeholder interviews; Project update press release; Byway tour - have capacity to bring 22 people along on a field trip to get out (law enforcement, federal land agencies, other community stakeholders)

-Scott had a suggestion for advertising about the CMP on windows on Chaffee Shuttle/ Bustang as a way to help increase awareness of Heritage events

End goal is to be able to show CDOT that nothing has changed - it is still a unique corridor that needs to continue to have special designation

May - CMP will be available to review

June - Approval; Required end date 6/30

Questions/ Comments regarding website:

Can we also have a printed material to have available at tourist kiosks/ welcome center - The Byways Brochure. Is it at the Poncha Springs Welcome Center?

Maybe the CMP can capture these ideas and make sure there's a plan for addressing this

6 Intrinsic Qualities: Scenic, Natural, Cultural, Historic, Recreational, Archeological - these values are going to be part of the community stakeholder questions to find out what the public finds important about the byway.

One of the requests of the Board as we review is to ensure that language and survey is accessible for the general public and doesn't push people away

Restrooms are needed along the Byway somewhere: at pull-out below Centerville where the interp panels already are; maybe on stretch between Lville and BV

For review process - Jodie will send out draft to everyone to begin review. Will include 'track changes' function, so we can provide edit suggestions directly. Needs review comments back by Feb. 15

Maybe the BV & Salida Chambers would be willing to have the links to the community survey to help get the word out

The Rio Grande Rift runs right down along the Byway - it is one of 5 active rifts globally. Recognized in the 1970's. Runs from Leadville to Mexico border. Older/ bigger (longer, deeper, wider) than Grand Canyon. Implies certain level of volcanic activity (30M yr old Nathrop Volcanic Group). It's the reason we have hot springs up and down the valley.

Education ideas: Geology of Rio Grande Rift Valley; Geothermal Activity

Stakeholder Interviews:

Have up to 4, hour-long interviews - potentially Melanie Roth, Alison Ramsey and/ or Kathryn Wadsworth, Alan Robinson, Wendy McDermott.

Could be valuable to have a business person that has a business on the Byway (rafting company)

Statewide Independent Living Council - addressing accessibility issues

Will there be focus groups? Not able to be a part of this process

April Byway Tour

Truth-check the Intrinsic Qualities; need for pullouts, bathrooms, education, etc...

22 people/ 2 vans

Cross section of stakeholders

Next Steps:

Will be seeking help to get information out about this survey

Kent, Andrea, Greg will be added to Google Drive

BV Heritage also another good resource

3. CTO Reimagine Industries Association Program Grant (Andrea)

-Updates on work with Olivia Ward re: Website plans

We are currently looking at having 2 websites: the Byway info living on the [ColoradofulColorado.org](https://coloradofulcolorado.org) website, and then developing a new Heritage Area website for all of the other aspects of the work that we do.

4. Other Business/ Updates:

-SHF Nominations/ Special Use Reviews/ Observatory/ Other?

-South Ark Neighborhood Planning Survey - Andrea will share link with everyone