



CHAFFEE COUNTY HERITAGE AREA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING AGENDA
Thursday, March 14, 2024 12pm-1:30pm
Methodist Room, Touber Bldg, Salida or ZOOM

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1. Melanie Roth – representing BV Heritage, 1/31/25	6. Andrea Earley Coen, Chair – representing Hutchinson Homestead & Learning Center, 1/31/25
2. Kathryn Dunleavy – representing Salida, 1/31/24	7. Art Hutchinson - Ranching interest, 1/31/25
3. Brandon Wolff - representing Chaffee County	8. - Suzy Kelly - Town of Buena Vista; historic preservation, Ranching Interest, 1/31/25
4. Kent Wood - mid-Valley representation/ scenic Byway/ BLM Resource Advisory Council, 1/31/26	9. - Recreation interest/ BLM/ Forest Service?
5. - Indigenous People's/ Cultural Heritage Education interest?	10. Wendy McDermott - Central Colorado Conservancy
11. Bonnie Davis - GARNA Board member	
12. at large/ S. end of County	
Staff Member: Jason Marsden, GARNA	

Attendance: Andrea Earley Coen, Chair, Kathryn Dunleavy, Suzy Kelly, Kent Wood, Wendy McDermott

Staff Liaison: Jason Marsden, GARNA

Guests: None.

Notes: Suzanna has had to step off the board.

Agenda Items:

1. Review February Meeting Minutes

Suzy moved to accept, seconded by Kent. Motion passes.

2. TravelStorys App project Update (Andrea/ Jason)

Jason participated on a call with 5 Byways regarding a grant. We are in the first half of Byways to participate. TravelStorys geolocates recreational sites to stories. There are not a lot of these “stories” near us. We are allowed 6 sites to interpret, each site has up to 3 minutes to be talked about. When you enter the geolocated circle on the map where this story is set, it will start playing the story. Best to pick 6 sites that are within a 30 minute driving diameter to best keep people engaged. They need to have some sort of recreational opportunity associated with them. Okay if less than 3 minutes. The drive from BV to Salida is likely ideal for this.

They can offer technical assistance.

What is the timeline for this? It's between now and end of September. Link to timeline details here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BUlgdpdB1vBo-qPUCyf6wBQuSzNYilqK/view>

Q: What if the recreational opportunities are associated with commercial enterprises (such as Rafting companies). How do you do this without excluding some companies?

A: This topic was not addressed. However, not enough time to list all outfitters in 3 min, could reference them to Arkansas Outfitters.

Q: What about sites that are not directly on the byway?

A: This is understood that sites will not necessarily be directly on the Byway.

Types of recreation sites:

Rafting, Geology, Fishing, Wildlife

Centerville Ranch – Opportunity to incorporate Ranching Heritage & Wildlife.

Multi-purpose sites. Incorporate aspects of heritage and history into sites i.e. Rafting and Fishing and Geology and Hot Springs all linked.

Plug side trips / day trips into recreational opportunities. Emphasize how the geology / history / and ranching has led to these recreational opportunities.

Important Deadlines are April 9th to select sites. Jason will ask if this can be moved to after our board meeting on the 11th.

Do we do SH 291 or stay on Hwy 285? TBD. Gather possible sites from both and we'll decide later.

Who wants to be on this committee? Jason, Kent, Kathryn (if possible). Jason will also get feedback from Wendy before bringing map to group.

3. Other Byway Updates:

Federal legislation recently signed for National Byway Funding. We are not a National Byway yet, but important to keep in mind.

Byway Symposium on May 1-4 in San Luis Valley - Alamosa – must register by April 10th: Jason might be able to attend May 1, Kent may be able to attend a day or two.

4. Stone House Nomination - SHF Grant Application Update (Melanie)

There is very little new info on the Stone House at this time, so we won't be pursuing a SHF grant application for the April 1st deadline, but potentially the October 1st deadline, depending on the DOC's timeline and plan for historic designation (house or full property).

5. 2024 Heritage Project Planning - Follow Up from February Mtg

-Interpretive Signage:

Jason met with Wendy Gordon– looked at site and what could be done with the bare dirt that has been churned up from 6 mos of construction traffic. Rich opportunity for interpretive signage, working with Colorado Native Plant Society for restoration, and dig into Ute history to incorporate. Capture additional audiences with Spanish language signage.

To get History Colorado Grant, interpretive signage must be Historic Designation focused. We can probably do dual duty on some of these sites and work in other priorities while maintaining Historic Designation focus.

We need a clear plan to know what we're asking for.

Jason: There may be some overlap with the work we do for TravelStorys.

-New Historic Nominations Survey

County wide assessment of properties for potential historic nominations (60-some originally identified) many have been nominated and identified. Suzy or Melanie may be familiar with this. Should look into whether we can do this assessment again as there are likely more sites worthy of historic nominations not included in that first round.

Melanie is updating the current survey list to clarify which properties have already received register status. Andrea will send out to the board once this has been completed.

6. Other New/ Old Business:

-Next Mtg: Thursday, April 11, 12-1:30pm - Andrea will be out of town - Melanie Roth will run the meeting/ Jason will provide a new Zoom link specific to this meeting, and can support with any tech issues.

- Colorado Byways Chit-Chat group has been established. It meets quarterly – 2nd Tuesday of the Month at 10am. Andrea will share those announcements when she gets them. Kent and Jason are interested