



CHAFFEE COUNTY HERITAGE AREA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, June 13, 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. – representing City of Salida	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 By-way/ 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: Wendy McDermott, Melanie Roth, Keith Baker, Andrea Coen, Brandon Wolff

Staff: Jason

Guest: Jo Reese

Agenda Items:

1. Review April & May Meeting Minutes (Andrea)

Suzy makes a motion to approve the minutes for both months; Andrea - second

AIFO - all; Passed

2. TravelStories Update (Jason)

-The TravelStories mapping tool is not working for us in trying to get our information updated on their Google Map. So Jason will create our own and share it with him instead.

-Time to start drafting scripts: Salida Chamber of Commerce Building, Poncha Visitor Center, Zebulon Pike Turnout, Chalk Creek Turnout, BV Courthouse, Granite Stage Road Wayside (river recreation). These will be 3 min or less when read at a conversational pace, and has to include nearby recreation as well as historical relevance. There has been some guidance provided for these scripts.

-Need CCHAAB Members to volunteer to pick a site and rough draft out a script for that site.

-We need these turned around by July's CCHAAB Meeting.

-Melanie will do Zebulon Pike & Chalk Creek; Suzy will be asked to do BV Courthouse; Scott Peterson - maybe he could do for Salida Chamber and Poncha Visitor Center; Jason will do Granite/ Wendy will help review.

3. Successful SHF Grant - Historic St. Elmo and Chalk Creek Canyon, Inc. for the rehabilitation of the Morley Railroad Bridge at the old townsite of Romley outside St. Elmo. (Melanie)

Grant announcements were made on June 3, and Historic St. Elmo was awarded grant funding for the rehabilita-

tion of the Morley Railroad Bridge at the old townsite of Romley outside St. Elmo. Just under \$180,000. The bridge is the oldest railroad bridge of its type that's still in place in Colorado. This bridge is in the Chalk Creek drainage, and was used until the early 1980's., and it spans Pomoroy Creek (on the way to Hancock - CR 295). Work will get started this Fall. Need to go to County to ask for match funds support.

4. Historical marker (or 2) for Chaffee County - about the Lake County Wars (water, murder and mayhem in the 1870's) -request by J. David Holt (Melanie/ Andrea)

He has been asked for a proposal (twice), but we have not received anything. The marker itself would be a CDOT question, and whatever he envisions, design factor, cost/ funding, etc... - all of this has to be proposed in writing.

What is his expertise? He is an amateur historian. J. David has had a story published in 'Cowboy's & Indians' Two significant sites include Chalk Creek Overlook and Granite Stage Road

State doesn't have a historical marker program anymore - expired in 2002. May be time to get a legislator to sponsor the revitalization of that program. Many examples are incorrect. But without this program, there isn't a way to get a Historical Marker at this time.

At this time, the ball is either in his court, or we need to just let him know that this can't really legally be completed at this time, if a historical marker. If his goal is an interpretive panel, then we need a proposal as the next step.

5. Other Business:

GARNA has some staffing changes - Bianka Martinez has taken a new position as Program Director for the national nonprofit Hunters of Color.

Update on the current Subdivision/ Limited/ Major Impact Review Moratorium - the goal for completion of the Land Use Code is probably November.

July 2nd & 16th are the next planning commission sessions -there will be a lot on the agenda - it's public or on zoom.

Events:

-Hutchinson Homestead tours now open - Saturday & Sunday 1-4pm for tours

-Turner Farm - concerts on Friday night and open every Saturday for tours; Quilting Show Sat. 22nd

Central CO Conservancy Summer BBQ - Thursday June 27, Hutchinson Ranch, \$15, 5:30-8pm. 4:30pm tour with Abby

-July 18 - Mirasol Film Screening @ Steamplant - Palmer Land Conservancy, CCC and Guidestone co-hosting - 36 min film, panel discussion w/ Wendy McDermott, Andrea Coen & Dave Kelly

-Next Mtgs:

July 11, August 8, September 12, October 10, November 14, December 12