



CHAFFEE COUNTY HERITAGE AREA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING AGENDA
Thursday, August 8, 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. Carolyn Poissant – representing Salida, 1/31/27	7. Art Hutchinson - Ranching interest, 1/31/25
3. Brandon Wolff - representing Chaffee County, 1/31/26	8. - Suzy Kelly - Town of Buena Vista; historic preservation, Ranching Interest, 1/31/25
4. Jo Reese - mid-Valley representation 1/31/27	9. Kent Wood - scenic Byway/ BLM Resource Advisory Council, 1/31/26
5. - Indigenous People's/ Cultural Heritage Education interest?	10. Wendy McDermott - Central Colorado Conservancy, 1/31/27
11. Bonnie Davis - GARNA Board member, 1/31/26	
12. at large/ S. end of County -	
Staff Member: Jason Marsden, GARNA	

Attendance: Bonne, Melanie, Wendy, Suzy, Jo, Art, Brandon

Staff: Jason

Guests: Duane Switzer

Agenda Items:

1. Review July Meeting Minutes (Andrea)

Motion - Melanie

2nd - Jo

AIFO - all

Passes

2. Executive Committee Nomination Process & Position Renewals (Andrea)

The County is currently looking at the 'role' of the advisory boards, and potentially revising roles & responsibilities of advisory boards (particularly as it pertains to fundraising. The current clean up of the County Comp Plan will also have more specifics on what the role of this Board will do. Original Charters were given more shape during the Comp Plan process, so this doc will be able to provide more guidance moving forward.

Treasurer - Jo is interested in understanding the role more (inquiry only)

Secretary - Bonnie is willing to do that

Chair - no interest at this time... well, Maybe Wendy, but she needs to think about it

Bonnie met someone who would be interested in joining this board.

GARNA is currently holding \$286 of CCHAAB funds. For anyone hesitantly thinking about being Chair of this board, Jason will be working alongside to support.

The Hutchinson Homestead seat will remain, and will be transferred to Tracy Green, Guidestone's Education & Homestead Director.

Vote re: Secretary:

Motion by Melanie to make Bonnie Secretary as of this meeting/ September Board Mtg>

Second - Jo

AIFO - yes

Passed

3. TravelStorys App Update (Jason)

Still needs to meet with Scott Peterson from CCVB regarding this. Has learned a lot about the sites but is just behind in next steps.

4. Byways Update

Nothing specific

Sign that used to be by Hecla Junction - realtor sign that was on rafting company property.

Another sign like this is near where 371A comes back across the river/ by the highway.

As you go East out of Salida, there's a big electronic sign. The County may need to get involved in addressing that. It is currently on Brandon'd radar and is looking into it. Feels pretty out of place. Is it illuminated in the evening? If so, may cause a dark skies violation.

CDOT does not allow off-premise signs. Pretty definitive. The County is a bit more restrictive than CDOT for preexisting/ nonconforming, but otherwise largely mirror CDOT standards. Point of clarification - political signs are allowable as temporary. There are going to be some signs going up around the county that are pseudo-political in nature but not advertisements. These are allowable. County is looking at dimensional standards in the Land Use Code.

Trains Update - Supreme Court is going to hear the case about Natl Transportation Service Board re: Tennessee Pass and oil trains coming through this area/ using this rail system. If reopening these lines happen, could be highly impactful to our region and may not have much regulation associated with it.

Does anyone in this group know anyone from the Natl Rail Historical Society? Suzy is going to the Denver-South Park Historical Society mtg in BV and can ask around. Want to know what their position is on this court case.

Also interested in grant funding opportunities.

Other potential resources:

Bob Shoppe

Cliff Mestel

Earle Kittleman

Melanie, are you working on the Morley Bridge funding? Yes! Is working on a few things regarding this.

5. Other Business:

-Duane Switzer - Stone House presentation

Is interested in the Stone House as a heritage site/ on a historic register. The Switzer history started in 1855 in CO - step great-grandfather built Stone House in 1872/ finished 1876. Has given copies of history and 1915 photographs to County Commissioners and DOC Warden. Doesn't know procedure for getting the site on a heritage register - work involved, length of time, cost. Not sure if there's additional interest from us/ County. Interested in learning more from us.

40 years ago - it was called the Centennial House, because of the 1876 completion date. Would could just look on the SHF website to see if it's already been determined if it is eligible for historic nomination.

PM Weston Stone House is currently what Duane - it is very definitive and has the builder's name (Philo M. Weston) - also ties to Weston Pass. Road across was a toll road originally and Philo had buildings at the top to collect tolls. That area was known as the 'Free Gold Valley'.

Historic Preservation Commission in BV supplies plaques for local landmark properties in BV Town. SHF supplies a plaque once a property is listed to the State or Natl Register. Otherwise, don't know of a process that exists currently for plaques.

Don Reimer was coordinating with the DOC Warden regarding whether the DOC would go along with registering that property. Not sure where this is currently. There is a pending question on the determination of eligibility for a nomination grant that would provide funding. Form would need to be submitted to the State, and the Natl Register Coordinator would confirm eligibility. DOC would have to initiate the process of filing the form, as the land owner.

From conversations, it seems like the local Warden is supportive of this, but it will rest on the DOC's willingness to support this process.

Jason will touch base with Don Reimer on where the conversation currently lies with DOC on this. It's already on the CCHAAB register nomination list, it's on the Stage & Rail Trail. CCHAAB is definitely interested in helping move this project forward.

The Register process cost would probably be around \$5000+/-

Duane would like to pledge \$500 to help get this process moving. This is about 1/3 of the cash match we will need for the planning grant to do the formal planning grant nomination. \$1500 will be the total match needed. The caveat is the name - PM Weston Stone House, and the outbuildings: original barn, workshop

Addl concerns may have more to do with road traffic/ stopping/ pulling over, etc...

As side note: The townsite of Helena (Hutchinson Family) which was located a little further down the road from the Stone House would have dated around 1865-1866.

Is the building in reasonable shape - could it be eligible for CO's Most Endangered Places?

Yes, it seems like it is in reasonable shape.

Sometime in the interim between early days and now, there may have been asbestos installed. That is a concern and would be an issue for work on it.

Determan - who was a guard at the prison/ Danny Wood had an office out there when ran the farm that was out there.

The family lived in the house at one point while being run by the farm.

-**Granite Bridge** - as part of replacing the bridge at Granite - there is significant Lake County War history there,

and the County can include these interpretive panels that can also address the requests from J. David Holt. Melanie and Andrea also met with Don Reimer re: this. It is a great opportunity to meet his request within the context of the county bridge replacement process. Re: sign language - Don is reworking it and Melanie has sent it off to a historian contact to also review.

The great photograph that will be included is from the Salida Library.

BV Heritage Museum has a photo of the Granite Courthouse, and they have a lot of Lake City War history. Suzy would also be a valuable resource for reviewing the language to confirm accuracy.

Mtg Adjourned 1:30... submitted by Andrea Coen

-Next Mtgs:

September 12, October 10, November 14, December 12