



CHAFFEE COUNTY HERITAGE AREA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING AGENDA
Thursday, September 12, 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, Secretary - GARNA Board member, 1/31/26	
12. at large/ S. end of County -	
Staff Member: Jason Marsden, GARNA	

Attendance: Jo, Brandon, Suzy, Carolyn, Andrea

Staff: Jason

Meeting start: 12:06

Agenda Items:

1. Review August Meeting Minutes (Andrea)

Last paragraph on Centennial House....

Determan on when property was run/used as farm by DOC.

Granite Bridge-several typos.

On Lake County Wars-

I sent text to Ruth Perschbacher who has just finished up a work her late husband wrote on the Lake County War.....

Her comments:

Yes. Melanie, I prefer the first one, but both are reasonably accurate though there was no evidence that the "Regulators" was actually a group - the idea was mainly created by the vigilantes so they could define the enemy.

Some would argue that the War went on for years after Judge Dyer's murder but there is no strong evidence one way or another. These are small points. I did like the lines from the 2nd version "Realizing that no one was willing to testify, he dismissed the charges and dismissed the court. Moments later, three unidentified men climbed the stairs to the two-story log courthouse, then shot and killed Judge Dyer in his own courtroom." For me, the murder of the Judge shows how tragic and cowardly the Vigilantes were and it is the central tragedy of the War.

As edited:

Motion - Brandon

2nd - Suzy

AIFO - yes

None opposed

Passed

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

Wendy is considering the Chair role, but will let us know

Hoping to finalize by October meeting

Andrea's term wraps in January, so end of year will be Chair transition

There is already someone from the Hutchinson Homestead who will be stepping into that board seat: Tracy Green

Jo Reese could help with Vice Chair or Treasurer position.

Kent Wood is also offering to be Vice Chair or Treasurer.

We will plan to vote on these positions at October meeting.

3. Fundraising Options for CCHAAB

We are not able to solicit funds from community members, but if a grant opportunity were to come up we could submit a grant. We would be the grant writers/ county could potentially provide support. Funds would be held at County, but would be held specifically for the proposed grant project.

We could apply for Common Ground funds, lodging tax funds (enhancing the visitor experience) as local funding opps.

___ Brandon is going to reach out to the Finance Dept. to see if he can get more info on the lodging tax funds.

___ We will check the CCCF grant portal for the Common Ground funding/ application timeline.

4. TravelStorys App Update (Jason)

Haven't had a chance to do much with this yet. There's no immediate needs from the project coordinators. Still planning to get this completed as time allows or deadline is provided.

Kent is happy to provide support in the writing of the text for these sites.

5. Byways Update (Jason)

There is a webinar on how to tell your byway story this afternoon - Andrew Nelson presenting through National Byway Association. Book title: Here, Not There, by Andrew Nelson.

We got all of the information to Don Reimer that was asked for in the August minutes - dimensions and design standards for signage.

6. Other New or Old Business:

Carolyn - Do we have a Strategic Plan or other organizational goals? Yes, and we haven't reviewed in a while.

Proposal - Once we have new officers, it would be good to review the strategic plan and organizational goals to set plans for 2025. An agenda will be sent in advance of that discussion.

Jason is sharing a link to the Byway Corridor Management Plan with the group for initial or refresher review.

New appointments will be made in late January, but typically those announcements go out in October for a November deadline for submitting those letters of interest. Jason has a couple of potential ideas through new staff members for the Indigenous/ Cultural seat. Suzy will write something up and send it to the County as part of their position announcements.

Mtg adjourned: 12:55pm

-Next Mtgs:

October 10, November 14, December 12