



CHAFFEE COUNTY HERITAGE AREA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
Thursday, January 9, 2025, 12pm-1:30pm
Methodist Room, Toubert Building, Salida or ZOOM
MEETING MINUTES 1-30-25

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Attendance: Andrea Cohen, Art Hutchinson, Carolyn Poissant, Brandon Wolff, Wendy McDermott, Suzy Kelly, Jo Reese, Melanie Roth, Kent Wood, Bonnie Davis

Staff: Jason Marsden

Guests: Rose Ruling, Chaffee County Planning

Quorum: Yes

Meeting called to order: 12:05 p.m.

Agenda Items:

1. Review December Meeting Minutes (Andrea)

- Motion to approve, Suzy Kelly, 2nd Jo Reese, all approved

2. Position Renewals/ Board Seats Discussion (Andrea)

- Chair position passed to Carolyn Poissant
- Discussion about Board seats, the process for open seats, and how to apply.
 - Board members whose term expired and wish to extend their term must send/email a letter of interest to the county administrator (Tara).
 - Jo Reese to assume indigenous People's Cultural Heritage Education position, subject to Chaffee County BOCC approval.
 - Should a cultural arts / performing arts board seat be added?

3. TravelStorysGPS App/ Byway Update (Jason)

- Jason provided updates on Valley View School house and that there will be eight historic panels installed.
- Discussed vision for Valley View, the outdoor equity grant details, and potential projects for the summer (including a partnership with Guidestone).
- Suggestion made to coordinate with Colorado Native Plant Society.

4. Projects for 2025

- Discussion about identifying historical sites and the Colorado Historical database and how the Heritage Board could be a bridge to identify historical sites and create awareness for education.

- Considerations regarding archaeological sites: locations are kept secret for security to avoid damage, need for an archeological survey, restrictions due to private property and state and county laws.
- Discussion about CCHAAB Strategic Plan update: identifying appropriate roles and Heritage Board activities and for 2025.
 - Carolyn and Brandon will prepare a training session on the County's development review process and responsibilities.
 - Carolyn and Brandon will investigate whether or not the County's GIS map include a layer for heritage sites for easier reference by staff

5. Action Items:

- 1) Update the list of 65 heritage sites (Melanie)
- 2) Prepare Strategic Plan update list of topics (Carolyn)

6. Other Business:

- Question: do we rotate the meetings between Salida and Buena Vista?
Regarding meeting schedule for 2025 - sticking with 2nd Thursday 12-1:30pm.

Next meeting date is Thursday, February 13, 2025 in Salida.

Current CCHAAB Roster

1. Melanie Roth – representing BV Heritage, 1/31/26	6. Tracy Green – representing Hutchinson Homestead & Learning Center, 1/31/28
2. Carolyn Poissant, Chair – representing Salida, 1/31/28	7. Art Hutchinson - Ranching interest, 1/31/26
3. Brandon Wolff - representing Chaffee County, 1/31/26	8. - Suzy Kelly - Town of Buena Vista; historic preservation, Ranching Interest, 1/31/26
4. Jo Reese - mid-Valley representation 1/31/27	9. Kent Wood - scenic Byway/ BLM Resource Advisory Council, 1/31/27
10. Wendy McDermott - Central Colorado Conservancy, 1/31/27	11. Bonnie Davis, Secretary - GARNA Board member, 1/31/27
Vacancies: At-large - south end of county; Indigenous Peoples / Cultural Heritage	
Staff Member: Jason Marsden, GARNA	