



CHAFFEE COUNTY HERITAGE AREA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING AGENDA
Thursday, February 13, 2025, 12pm-1:00pm
Methodist Room, Toubert Bldg, Salida or TEAMS (New link)

Attendance: Tracy Green, Carolyn Poissant, Suzy Kelly, Jo Reese, Melanie Roth, Brandon Wolf, Bonnie Davis

Staff: Jason Marsden

Guests: None

Quorum: Yes

Meeting called to order: 12:08 p.m.

Agenda

1. Approval of Jan. 9, 2025 Meeting Minutes

- a. Suzy motion to approve, Tracey seconded, all approved

2. Board Composition

- Discussion about additions to the board and requirements for board members. Jo Reese to send notice to Carolyn about being the lead for Indigenous People's/ Cultural Heritage Education position.

3. TravelStorysGPS App/ Byway Update

- Contact to confirm deadline for completion of all segments? (888) 311-1182
Sites are located to add to Travel Story. Jason to provide the list of locations for the write-ups needed for completing this project to Carolyn. Next meeting we will assign the locations to do the write-ups, they are due in two months and need to be sent to Lenore.

4. Shared computer drive for storing of CCHAAB documents

- Jason advised there is a drop box for CCHAAB that contains years of achievements. Jason will share a link with the CCHAAB and provide "read" access.

5. Strategic Plan Update

- Carolyn to provide key documents from the management plan for discussion to redefine where we are going. Major projects could take more time for feedback and smaller projects may not be seen by this group.
- GIS and heritage sites – list of 60 to be updated by Melanie. Melanie will update the list for our next meeting. The county has a layer in their GIS that includes the sites for the county and state. Brandon to review the file and advise if it can be loaded for public view as part of the county assessor map. Per Carolyn, if not, the list will be created for CCHAAB and may not be visible to the public. Kent asked if the public could view. Melanie advised it is on the scenic by-way map of the Collegiate Peaks By-way Plan from June 2024, which has identified several locations. Carolyn advised that a folder will be created in the drop-box "scenic by-way" as a place to put the list of heritage sites. Discussion about when the scenic by-way plan would be updated (first date was 2005). Research would be required to determine the update frequency.

6. Board Updates (share recent activities of interest)

- Discussion about using Valleyview School House as a Nature Learning Center and a center for historic preservation. Discuss next month on how to use the building as a historical site. Kent advised

there is information about the schoolhouse on Wikipedia. Kent will send the link to CCHAAP members. ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Valley_View_School_\(Salida,_Colorado\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Valley_View_School_(Salida,_Colorado)))

- Kent advised BLM held a meeting this morning of its advisory council. No changes in the staffing and the priorities establishes for 2024 remain unchanged. The Rocky Mountain district and Royal Gorge field office have so far not been impacted by federal executive orders. They are having trouble maintaining a quorum of members. The BLM is becoming concerned about their public image. They have not had any real complaints about the job they are doing managing public lands. The Arkansas Valley Headwaters Recreation Area is the poster child (good example) for others.
- Pipeline from Pueblo is taking water from the Arkansas. Kent advised that the City of Aurora can draw water from the Arkansas. They are talking about creating a reservoir lake in South Park to pump water from the Arkansas to send to Aurora. They plan is to make the lake multi-use. Aurora has rights to the water. Carlyn mentioned that water rights “on paper” may not be the same as what is really available with the on-going drought in the west. Farmers have been complaining of the need for deeper wells, i.e., the water table may be dropping (per Art Hutchinson).
- Having the Browns Canyon National Monument is a big deal and protecting our resources is important. We need to be diligent and take notice of potential damage to our natural resources.
- Granite Cemetery off CR 398D is reportedly on property owned the BLM (parcel # is 290136400801 part of Jones Placer MC; Owner Address is Star Route, Granite, CO 81228 per County records). Granite has no town administrator or anyone to confirm. Suzy provided information to Brandon.
- Brandon discussed the signs and bridge story lines. There will be two different sizes – one will be very clear about the bridge.

7. Action Items - none

8. Other Business

- Future meeting alternate locations - not discussed

9. Topics for Next Meeting

- Continuation of strategic plan discussion

Meeting adjourned at 1:02 p.m. Bonnie motioned and Melanie seconded, all approved