



Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways Commission Meeting

NOTES

Wednesday, January 21, 2015, 10 a.m. to Noon

Location: History Colorado, 1200 Broadway, Denver CO 80203 (Enter door off of Lincoln)

Room: The Stephen H. Hart Library and Research Center classroom

Food is not permitted in classrooms and liquids must be in a spill-proof container.

Conference Call Option (RSVP required): 1-877-820-7831 (passcode 321805#)

Bylaws: <https://www.codot.gov/travel/scenic-byways/bywayscommission>

Commission:

Chris Sporn, USDA Forest Service (present)

Margaret Hunt, Colorado Creative Industries (absent)

Georgi Contiguglia, Member at Large (present)

Roger Ben Wilson (Vice Chair), Western Byways (present)

Leah Quesenberry, BLM Representative (present – on phone)

Shannon Gifford, Transportation Commission (present)

Charlotte Bumgarner (Pending), Eastern Byways (present – on phone)

Greg Yankee, Conservation/Open Space Rep (present)

Robert Mutaw, History Colorado (present)

(Pending), State Legislature

Kelly Barbello, Colorado Tourism Office (absent)

EX-OFFICIO Members:

Don Hunt, Executive Director of Dept. of Transportation (absent)

Edward Nichols, President, History Colorado (absent)

Mike King, Executive Director of Dept. of Natural Resources (absent)

Stephanie Troller for Reeves Brown, Executive Director of Dept. of Local Affairs (absent)

Commission Alternates:

Cynthia Nieb, History Colorado, State Historical Fund/for Edward Nichols (present)

Jack Placchi, BLM/for Leah Quesenberry (present)

Colorado Dept. of Transportation:

Debra Perkins-Smith, CDOT DTD Division Manager (Invited)

Lenore Bates, Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways Program Manager (present)

Other Attendees:

Dan Love

Roxanne Eflin

Steve Kaverman

Agenda

1. Introductions & Announcements (5 minutes)
2. Chair/Vice-Chair (5 minutes)
 - a. Updates
 - b. Officer positions shall be elected by Commissioners from among their number at the first meeting each calendar year.
 - c. Georgi motioned to wait until the next meeting to elect – MOTION passed to wait until the next meeting, since the legislative position is important.
3. National Scenic Byway Foundation Update (5 minutes)
 - a. Co-hosted historic roads conference
 - b. Invitation to attend first webinar – social media
 - c. IPW tour – byways can participate for \$375
4. Colorado Byways Update (15 minutes)
 - a. Website Update
 - b. Calendars - 30 to each byway – Roger recommended a statement at Tourism Day at the Capitol along with the calendar (100 representatives, 50 senators)
 - c. Partners Map - online resources
 - d. 2nd Annual Partners in the Outdoors Conference May 7 & 8 – w/ Statewide Byway Meeting – registration open, meeting agenda pending
 - e. FY15 Workplan – Wayfinding RFP, Strategic Plan, Economic Impact Data Collection
- 5. Commission Quarterly Business - Moved item 6 to this position**
 - a. Annual Reports, Review Process, Last Meetings Notes, Bylaws
 - b. New Commission members
 - i. Pending – Rep. KC Becker
 - ii. Appointed Eastern Byways – Charlotte Bumgarner
 - iii. Re-appointed BLM – Leah Quesenberry
 - iv. Re-appointed CCI - Margaret Hunt
 - c. Strategic plan/Annual reporting discussion
 - i. Strategic Plan Sub Committee to create Scope of Work for RFP:
 1. Bob Mutaw
 2. Greg Yankee
 3. Georgi Contiguglia
 - ii. Resources:
 1. Maryland Byways Strategic Plan
<http://www.marylandroads.com/Index.aspx?PageId=567>
 2. Washington Byways Plan
<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/LocalPrograms/ScenicByways/BywaysPlan.htm>

3. ND Byway Plan
http://www.parkrec.nd.gov/byways/application/attachments/byway_strategic_plan.pdf
 4. SC Strategic Plan <http://www.scnhc.org/story/strategic-plan-for-sc-s-national-scenic-byways-released>
 5. Ohio Byways
<http://www.dot.state.oh.us/OhioByways/Pages/Program.aspx>
 6. Mississippi Byways Program Guidelines
<http://sp.mdot.ms.gov/Programfiles/ProgramGuidelines.pdf>
 7. Strategic Livability Plan for Utah Scenic Byways
http://www.utahscenicbyways.com/files/managed/Document/29/Strategic-Liveability-Plan_Project-Overview.pdf
- d. Nominating Process (Review, Approve, Postpone)
6. Extensions/Letters of Interest/Nominations (20 minutes)
 - a. Cochetopa – ScSEED, “We’ve reasoned that it would be best to hold off on submitting an application for a byway designation until the Byway Committee is more comfortable with their future and a solid financial plan can be established.”
 - b. West Elk Loop Extension – Roger Stated that this should be on the next agenda.
 - c. Tracks Across the Border – Nomination Submitted 1/6/15
 - i. Roger Wilson’s Edited Tour Comments Sent out in email
 - ii. Tour Comments handed out at meeting from Georgi Contiguglia
 - iii. TABB Presentation
 1. Steve – Stated that they are working with Aaron Detter, NMDOT
 2. Roxanne - Power Point Highlighting Route and Key Points of Interest/Interpretation
 3. Roger – Is Pagosa Junction the only rail left? Resntation is good. The routes itself is not impressive.
 4. Dan – This is a historic byway.
 5. Cynthia – Are their local businesses supporting this?
 6. Bob – Plan is a great example. Need to make sure there is diverse, economic resources.
 7. Leah – We want to see the support letters to identify what the supporters are bringing to the table.
 8. Chris – Keep “The GAP,” because this is part of the unique experience. Add Pagosa Springs Loop for visitor services (lacking between the two locations) and adds the scenic intrinsic quality along Hwy 84. Interested in list of Committee Members.

9. Georgi – Passed out her comments from the tour.
- iv. Roger stated that the next steps include:
 1. **ACTION** Finalizing the criteria in the next 10 days
 - a. What is used from Colorado Byways - Commission Tour Response Sheet
 - b. What does the NSBP use (document)

http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/hep/scenic_byways/nominations/

Designation as a National Scenic Byway means that your road "must significantly meet at least one of the six scenic byways intrinsic qualities," that the "characteristics associated with the intrinsic qualities are those that are distinct and most representative of the region," and the "features contributing to the distinctive characteristics of the corridor's intrinsic quality are recognized throughout the region." Regional significance means "characteristics that are representative of a geographic area encompassing two or more States." **Historic Quality** encompasses legacies of the past that are distinctly associated with physical elements of the landscape, whether natural or manmade, that are of such historic significance that they educate the viewer and stir an appreciation for the past. The historic elements reflect the actions of people and may include buildings, settlement patterns, and other examples of human activity. Historic features can be inventoried, mapped, and interpreted. They possess integrity of location, design, setting, material, workmanship, feeling, and association.
 - c. Predict what the Transportation Commission needs and **ACTION** request to be on the TC agenda (April)
 2. Address questions
 3. **ACTION** Schedule a conference call in 3 weeks to vote (Feb 11-13)
7. Recap & Next Meeting (10 minutes)
 - a. Vote Chair & Vice Chair
 - b. Quarterly Business
 - c. Strategic Plan Subcommittee Update
 - d. West Elk Loop

Program Vision:

Guiding travelers to experience and be inspired by treasured places that comprise Colorado's Scenic and Historic Byways. (Commission Approved 5/14/13)

Commission Mission:

The Commission is a partnership to evaluate and designate the state's Scenic and Historic Byways and to develop and recommend funding sources and provide administrative support to sustain the byways for future generations. (Commission Approved 12/7/12)

Program Definition:

The Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways program is a statewide partnership intended to provide recreational, educational, and economic benefits to Coloradans and visitors by designating, interpreting, protecting, and promoting a system of outstanding touring routes in Colorado.

2015 Meetings Dates & Times:

History Colorado, The Stephen H. Hart Library and Research Center Classroom

Wednesday, January 21, 2015 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Wednesday, April 15, 2015, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Wednesday, July 15, 2015 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Wednesday, October 21, 2015 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

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