



Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways Commission Meeting

Friday, February 13, 2015, 1:00 P.M.

VIA CONFERENCE CALL

(Amended agenda Feb 12, 2015)

NOTES

Conference Call Information:

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

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

6 In favor 4 Against

Commission:

Chris Spori, USDA Forest Service (absent) (Proxy Vote In favor/Yes)
Margaret Hunt, Colorado Creative Industries (present) (Vote Against/No)
Georgi Contiguglia, Member at Large (present) (Vote In favor/Yes)
Roger Ben Wilson (Vice Chair), Western Byways (present) (Vote Against/No)
Leah Quesenberry, BLM Representative (present) (Vote In favor/Yes)
Shannon Gifford, Transportation Commission (absent/Unable to Call/On Airplane)
Charlotte Bumgarner, Eastern Byways (present) (Vote Against/No)
Greg Yankee, Conservation/Open Space Rep (absent) (Proxy Vote In favor/Yes)
Robert Mutaw, History Colorado (present) (Vote In favor/Yes)
Rep. KC Becker, State Legislature (absent)
Kelly Barbello, Colorado Tourism Office (present) (Vote Against/No)

EX-OFFICIO Members:

Don Hunt, Executive Director of Dept. of Transportation (absent)
Edward Nichols, President, History Colorado (Cynthia Present for Ed) (Vote In favor/Yes)
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 (absent)

Colorado Dept. of Transportation:

Debra Perkins-Smith, CDOT DTD Division Manager (Invited) (absent)
Lenore Bates, Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways Program Manager (present)
OTHER ATTENDEES (State Name, Organization, Town/County): None

Agenda

1. Roll Call (Introductions & Announcements) (5 minutes)
 - a. Commission Roll Call
 - b. Roger counts eight for a quorum, plus we have two proxy votes
 - c. Public Attendees (State Name, Organization, County/Town) None
2. (OPEN) Chair/Roger Ben Wilson, Vice-Chair (5 minutes)
 - a. Review Agenda
 - b. Tracks Across Borders Byways Review Nomination Evaluation
 - c. Recommendation/Motion
 - i. Cynthia Nieb: Motion we conditionally approve and TABB fulfill conditions in 6 months
 1. Established local champion to support coordination on local basis
 2. Agreement with Jicarilla and Southern Ute for access
 3. Engagement to locals along the route for economic development
 - ii. Bob Mutaw seconds the motion
 - iii. Cynthia Nieb: Withdrawn Motion after discussion on conditions
 - iv. Georgi: Motion to submit the nomination
 - v. Bob Mutaw: Seconds the motion
 - vi. Roger asks Lenore to go through the Roll Call for each voting member to provide a vote In favor/Yea or Against/No.
 - vii. RESULT: 6 In favor/Yes to 4 Against/No**
 - d. Discussion:
 - i. Georgi – Access on road to look at land, access to museum, discussion with Ute but not
 - ii. Cynthia – Question – Have they spoken to people that have native lands to make sure there are no dispute problems? If people accidentally step on the tribal land, what will happen?
 - iii. Leah – Question – If the route has legal public access and we ask for this agreement, are we placing a higher bar on them than any other byway?
 - iv. Roger – I agree that it wouldn't be appropriate to ask them to get special access. Can they ask the Jicarilla for access to the single amenity (rail station)?
 - v. Charlotte – The economic development should have been completed during the planning and “public” meetings.
 - vi. Cynthia – Where is the communication from public meetings that state the locals could benefit – people riding their horses, farm to table, etc.?
 - vii. Georgi – Private land owners are not able respond to economic development.

- viii. Kelly – It is not easy to knock on doors to get them involved in local economic development during certain times of the year. Access – ask them to be specific for locations or pull-outs.
 - ix. Roger – We already asked them for local support, Support from Ute at tour, no support for rail station.
 - x. Charlotte – Condition #3 is what a byway does later. Also, there is an economic state plan. The group invited 100 key people which is not a public meeting. Access to land needs to be clarified for getting out at certain places.
 - xi. Leah - Question: Regarding the earthen section through the GAP, is there anything in the document saying the Southern Utes or Jicarilla will improve the road?
 - xii. Georgi – Make recommendations that it is not passable in bad weather, GAP is historical and some commissioners expressed the experience is part of this route.
 - xiii. Roger – One negative land-owner letter is included in the letters.
 - xiv. Leah – Proponents state we are going to improve that road and what is the reality of that?
 - xv. Bob – It is not going to get redeveloped and will be more of a back country byway.
 - xvi. Roger – In terms of amenities and access, only two visitor centers exist (Navajo State Park and Ignacio). There is very little tracks remaining along the route. Any issue of track’s maintenance in that area?
 - xvii. Georgi – Bridge and raised roadway where you can see where the railroad has been – sufficient – Train route on Ute road – Sufficient to interpret – and then there is Gato.
 - e. **ACTION:** Quorum of 8 was present to submit the nomination. It passed by greater than 50%, meeting our criteria of our bylaws, 6 in favor and 4 against.
 - i. Byways Commission will submit a letter to the Colorado Transportation Commission
 - ii. Notify the group by phone and Cc Dan Love on letterhead to the Colorado Transportation Commission
3. West Elk Loop Extension Course of Action
 - a. John Hoffman – have material for next meeting, or a little later
 - b. Put together signed agreement with Marble, specify features and provide map to bring to April meeting
 4. Chair & Vice Chair Positions: Bylaws state that officer positions shall be elected by Commissioners from among their number at the first meeting each calendar year. A motion passed at the meeting on January 21, 2015 to vote on chair and vice-chair at the next meeting.

- a. Georgia – Motion: I nominate Rep. Becker. As I recall we nominated Sen. Nicholson when she was not there and Roger called her to see if she accepted the position and she did. I mentioned it to Rep. Becker when I met with her.
 - b. Roger – Is there anyone else?
 - c. Roger - Seconds the Motion.
 - d. Roger Confirms Voice Vote
 - e. Those in favor of the motion, say aye.
 - f. ALL: Aye
 - g. Those opposed, say no.
 - h. ALL: No response
 - i. RESULT: Rep. KC Becker is the Chair**
 - j. Charlotte: Motion Roger as Vice Chair because he is doing a fine job.
 - k. Bob: Seconds the Motion.
 - l. Roger Confirms Voice Vote
 - m. Those in favor of the motion, say aye.
 - n. ALL: Aye
 - o. Those opposed, say no.
 - p. ALL: No response
 - q. RESULT: Roger Ben Wilson is the Vice Chair**
 - r. Roger will contact Rep. KC Becker to see if she accepts the position.
5. Strategic Plan RFP Update
- a. Subcommittee – Pulled some items from other RFPs need to address these topics, help us determine, draft shared with group, proposal to identify staff that will work on this project (resumes/qualifications)
 - b. Bob – Shared with Greg and I, expect my comments next week and work via conference call
 - c. Next step and timelines – Georgi could have draft by April meeting and get it out by end of April
6. Hokkaido Japan Byway Anniversary – May 21 & 22, 2015
- a. Lenore stated that Chris is checking with the USFS. Also, Bob Fulton (Westcliffe/Frontier Pathways) and Scott (Peak to Peak) showing interest at the conference.
 - b. Roger stated that they are checking into it.
7. Recap & Next Meeting (10 minutes)
- a. Approve last meeting's notes?
 - b. RFP Update
 - c. West Elk Loop
 - d. Japan Byways Anniversary
 - e. Recognize Georgi for the Prestigious Dana Crawford Award

Materials:

Attachments posted under Commission Agenda 021315 at

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

Nomination, Conceptual Plan, Nomination Packet, Nomination Evaluation

Letters of Support/Available online:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/i3smhny72z4tyaw/AADVfUbdajxKH9-rMPkSHRyYa?n=359587768>

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

Friday, February 13, 2015, 1 p.m. (CONFERENCE CALL ONLY)

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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