



## Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways Commission Meeting

### NOTES

Wednesday, April 15, 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 Spurl, 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 absent

Shannon Gifford, Transportation Commission absent

Charlotte Bumgarner (Pending), Eastern Byways absent

Greg Yankee, Conservation/Open Space Rep present

Robert Mutaw, History Colorado absent

Rep. KC Becker, State Legislature absent

Kelly Barbell, Colorado Tourism Office absent

#### **EX-OFFICIO Members:**

Shailen Bhatt, 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, Representative for Dept. of Local Affairs absent

#### **Commission Alternates:**

Cynthia Nieb, History Colorado, State Historical Fund/for Edward Nichols absent

Jack Placchi, BLM/for Leah Quesenberry present

#### **Colorado Dept. of Transportation:**

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

Lenore Bates, Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways Program Manager present

#### **Agenda**

1. Introductions & Announcements (5 minutes)
  - a. Georgi will be awarded the Dana Crawford Award on May 6 (Dinner & Awards)

- b. Greg went to Hokkaido – skied, tea, Sumo – Was not able to reach out to byways group.
  - c. Lenore - Hokkaido – Send Letter, Items, Calendar, Books
  - d. Jack – Colorado the Beautiful
- 2. Chair/Vice-Chair Updates (5 minutes)
  - a. Roger - West Elk Loop Extension (tentatively July)
  - b. KC Becker can be included if in Jan-May
- 3. National Scenic Byway Foundation Update (5 minutes)
  - a. 2015IPW, Webinars, Rob Draper new ED
- 4. Colorado Byways Update (45 minutes)
  - a. 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Partners in the Outdoors Conference May 7 & 8
  - b. FY15 Workplan
  - c. Social Media
  - d. Colorado Byways Presentation
  - e. Tracks Across Borders Nomination
- 5. Commission Quarterly Business (60 minutes)
  - a. Approve last meetings notes
  - b. Strategic plan update
  - c. Nominating Process (Review, Approve, Postpone)
    - i. Roger will work on draft, send to Georgi, then the commission can comment/edit and approve at next meeting
  - d. Discuss Commissions' role on individual byway projects
    - i. Federal lands – not our role.
- 6. Recap & Next Meeting (10 minutes)
  - a. Vote on Nomination Process
  - b. Progress on rest of guidelines (Annual Report)
  - c. Update on Strategic and Economic
  - d. West Elk Loop
  - e. Next meeting July 15, 2015

**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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