



Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways Commission Meeting Agenda NOTES

Friday, January 22, 2016, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: Colorado Parks and Wildlife, 1313 Sherman Street, Denver, CO
Room: 6th Floor, Columbine Room
Conference Call Option (**RSVP required**): 1-877-820-7831 (passcode 321805#)
Bylaws: <https://www.codot.gov/travel/scenic-byways/bywayscommission>

Commission:

Chris Spori, USDA Forest Service (present)
Margaret Hunt, Colorado Creative Industries (on-phone)
Amanda Hill, Member at Large (present)
Roger Ben Wilson (Co-Vice Chair), Western Byways (present)
Jack Placchi (for Leah Quesenberry), BLM Representative (present)
Shannon Gifford, Transportation Commission (non-present)
Charlotte Bumgarner, Eastern Byways (on phone)
Amanda Barker, Conservation/Open Space Rep (present)
Robert Mutaw (new Co-Vice Chair), History Colorado (present)
Rep. KC Becker (Chair), State Legislature (non-present)
Kelly Barbello, Colorado Tourism Office (present)
Amanda Barker, Conservation/Open Space Rep (present)
Amanda Hill, Member at Large (present)
Georgi Contiguglia, Member at Large (Outgoing Dec 2015) (non-present)
Greg Yankee, Conservation/Open Space Rep (Outgoing Dec 2015) (present)
EX-OFFICIO Members (designated through Dept. Executive Directors):
*Debra Perkins-Smith, Dept. of Transportation, Div. of Trans. Development (present)
*Cynthia Nieb, History Colorado, State Historical Fund (present)
*Gary Thorson, Dept. of Natural Resources, Colorado Parks & Wildlife (present)
*Shay Coburn, Dept. of Local Affairs, Colorado Main Street (present)

Colorado Dept. of Transportation:

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

Agenda

1. Introductions & Announcements (5 minutes) –
 - a. Welcome Amanda Barker, Colorado Coalition of Land Trusts Amanda Hill, GOCO, and other returning members.
 - b. Thanks to outgoing members Georgi Contiguglia and Greg Yankee.
 - c. Kelly Barbello – Tourism Day at the Capitol Tuesday 8-10 a.m.

2. Chair/Vice-Chair (5 minutes)
 - a. Commission Quarterly Business
 - b. Bylaws - Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson – at end of meeting
 - i. Rep KC Becker (2016 Chair)
 - ii. Roger Ben Wilson & Bob Mutaw (2016 CO-Vice Chairs)
 - iii. ACTION: Rep KC Becker nominated as Chair and Roger Ben Wilson as Vice Chair by Bob Mutaw and seconded by Cynthia Nieb. For: All Yea Against: None. Roger stated that in lieu of his absence that he nominated Bob Mutaw as a CO-Vice Chair. For: All Yea Against: None. Bylaws will be amended if necessary.
 - c. Financials –
 - i. National Scenic Byway Program Grants (DTD and Regions) – remaining grants
 - ii. Staff's Work Program FY16
 - iii. Regarding Historic Roads Conference; Cynthia stated the application is due April 1, Roger said it should be open to public, Charlotte stated the NSBP Possible match; After speaking with Dan Marriot from Historic Roads, the organization will move forward with a national planning meeting only in September 2016. The next National Historic Roads Conference will be targeted in 2018.
 - iv. Historic Roads training will be potentially scheduled between April 18 and mid-May, tentatively in the Historic District of Trinidad (Gateway to Santa Fe Trail and Scenic Highway of Legends). Depending on schedules and budgets, a second training might be arranged near Grand Junction/Fruita.
 - d. Roger – where are we with grants; Jack – I didn't see Scenic Byway in the FAST Act; Chris – the program is still in FHWA; Cynthia – willing to train byways/RPD (conference call/webinar/one-on-one); Roger – willing to match byway needs to funding sources
3. National Scenic Byway Foundation Update (5 minutes)
 - a. Retreat in Feb (Las Vegas), Webinar - Photography for Social Media Feb 9 (Not mentioned during the meeting – NSBF is soliciting feedback for the Scenic America Whitepaper Draft NLT Feb 15, comments sent directly to Scenic America)
4. New Byway Program Guidance – Finalize dates, prepare letter and mail AS
 - a. Roger – Members, List of Byways, List at Each Meeting
 - b. Cynthia - Partners
 - c. Shay – What is the time frame for the de-designation, tools/templates how to do it

- d. ACTION: Lenore will incorporate information Shay provided from the Main Street Program and send it out to Roger and Bob along with a draft letter.
- 5. Colorado Byways Strategic Plan Draft
 - a. Roger – Send out draft
 - b. Kelly B. – CTO survey question
 - c. Comments by Feb 12, 2016 (extended to Feb 17)
 - d. ACTION: Lenore will send out the latest draft with the meeting's notes.
- 6. Transportation FAST Act – December 4, 2015
 - a. National Advisory Committee on Travel and Tourism Infrastructure
ACTION: Checking on how these appointments will be made for Cathy Ritter, CTO Director
 - b. Travel/Tourism Planning
 - c. FHWA website <https://www.transportation.gov/fastact>
 - d. Apply to TAP (eligible projects: overlooks, historic transportation facilities, trailheads)
 - e. Call for proposals for FLAP – Due in March (FLAP, Federal Lands Access Program) managed by CDOT, FLTP Federal Lands Transportation Program – central federal lands) – Any proposal with scenic byway should elevate the application. ACTION: Lenore will provide the call for applications to the byway contacts.
- 7. Next Meeting (Commission expressed interest in rotating meeting locations.)
 - a. Friday, April 22, 2016, 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Room reserved from 10:30 to 1:30 for setup and networking)
 - b. Location - CTO 1625 Broadway, Suite 2700 | Denver, CO 80202 OEDIT's Mountain Conference Rm
 - c. Lunch – Bring Your Own Lunch
 - d. Parking -
http://en.parkopedia.com/parking/underground/1625_broadway/80202/denver/
 - e. Agenda – Meet Cathy Ritter, New CTO Director, Strategic Plan, Statewide Meeting 4/28/16

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.

2016 Meetings Dates & Times:

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January 22, 2016 - CPW, 1313 Sherman St, Denver, Columbine Room 6th Fl.

April 22, 2016 - CTO 1625 Broadway, Suite 2700 | Denver, CO 80202 OEDIT's Mountain Conference Rm

July 22, 2016 - TBD

October 28, 2016 - TBD

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