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Dear Museum and Heritage Fund Advisory Board:

Please find a summary of highlights from 2018 and also plans for what we are working on in 2019. Without the mill levy funding and generous grants from MAHFAB, our work to preserve the heritage and character of Routt County communities would not be possible. Thank you for your support.

A note about HRC's financial reporting spreadsheet: In 2018, expenses (\$479,810) far exceeded income (\$193,563). However, HRC began 2018 with a balance of \$386,464.66. This is mostly due to the Crossan's Market rehabilitation project. In 2017 we fundraised for the third phase of the Crossan's project, including a \$200,000 grant from the State Historical Fund. However, most project expenses were incurred in 2018. Please also note the income/expense projection in 2019 is lower than it has been in recent years now that the Crossan's project is complete.

#### **2018 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

##### **Crossan's M & A Market – complete!**

- HRC worked in partnership with the Town of Yampa, Friends of Crossan's, and Yampa-Egeria Historical Society to complete the third and final phase of the Crossan's M & A Market preservation project. This phase accomplished rehabilitation of the building's second floor interior, as well as constructing an exterior stair and accessible lift. This work was supported primarily by grants from the History Colorado State Historical Fund, MAHFAB, and the Daughters of the American Revolution. Now that the building is fully occupied, the first floor is a visitor's center with historical exhibits and the second floor is Yampa Town Hall. The building looks much like it did in the 1960s, with adaptations that make it comfortable and functional for its 21<sup>st</sup> century use. We sincerely hope this project will inspire and lay the groundwork for future large-scale preservation projects throughout the county.
- In June, Friends of Crossan's hosted their fifth and final Call of the Wild fundraising event featuring a solo concert with Todd Park Mohr of Big Head Todd and the Monsters. The event raised a net total of \$30,000.
- In September 2018, we celebrated the grand opening of Crossan's Market. The event included informal tours of the building and exhibits, a slideshow of photos, and remarks from the Crossan family and many of our project partners. We were honored to celebrate the hard work of volunteers and funders who made the project possible. Thanks to the many MAHFAB members who attended the event!

##### **Arnold Barn – saved!**

Historic Routt County, as Save Arnold Barn's fiscal agent, played a leading role in advocating for the long-term preservation and rehabilitation of the Arnold Barn. In October 2018, the Arnold Barn was relocated 1,000 feet up the road to a more visible and accessible location as part of the Steamboat Springs URA iconic entry project. The barn has been rehabilitated using reclaimed wood (some donated anonymously from a local historic ranch). The roof was replaced, thanks to a generous donation by



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Berlet Roofing Company. An early winter prevented phase 1 of the project from being completed in 2018. Phase 1 and Phase 2 will both be completed in 2019. Historic Routt County/Save Arnold Barn and the Tread of Pioneers Museum will continue to be involved throughout Phase 2, particularly with site interpretation so Steamboat visitors and locals have the opportunity to learn about the agricultural heritage of Routt County. We are proud to know the Arnold Barn, one of the few barns remaining in Steamboat Springs city limits, will stand for many decades to come.

### Nominations Program

Over the past 20 years, HRC has helped nominate more than 100 significant sites in Routt County to the local, state, and national historic registers. We are grateful to Routt County's Museum and Heritage Fund for generously supporting this program. In 2018, we were excited to help honor 3 properties on the Routt County Register of Historic Properties: the Elmer House in Hayden, the Moonhill Schoolhouse in Clark, and the Perry Cabins in Strawberry Park.

### What to Expect in 2019

- 2019 marks Historic Routt County's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary! Stay tuned for special events throughout the year to celebrate.
- We are introducing a new program – the HRC Stewardship Program – in summer 2019. The project will galvanize volunteers to regularly monitor the condition of historic sites on public lands. Additionally, we will oversee volunteer work days to address minor repairs and maintenance issues.
- We are continuing to increase our public outreach efforts: Where in Routt County feature in the *Steamboat Pilot*, free historic preservation tax credit workshop, hands on volunteer work days, Roots of Routt bus tour, and preservation advocacy work with Routt County community leaders.
- Physical preservation projects:
  - Arnold Barn – to be completed in 2019
  - St. Paul's Episcopal Church Steamboat Springs – commissioning construction documents and beginning rehab work on old stone church.
  - Foidel Canyon Schoolhouse – finishing exterior rehab + rehab of teacherage in partnership with the Historical Society of Oak Creek and Phippsburg.
  - Hayden Granary Historic Structure Assessment + planning for future work.
- Increase in documentation of historic properties, especially nominations to the Routt County Register of Historic Properties and Colorado's Centennial Farms program.
- Goal: digitize Routt County Register of Historic Properties and link to other research databases to facilitate ease of public access to information.

Thank you for your continued support of historic preservation in Routt County. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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