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RE: Mr. Ron Clausen Recommendation

Dear Ms. Kirkpatrick,

On behalf of the Castle Rock Historical Society and Museum (CRHSM), I write this letter to demonstrate our unanimous support of Ron Clausen as future liaison on the Historical Preservation Board.

Ron is currently serving as PR/Social Media Promoter on the CRHSM. He came to us with a plethora of rich experiences. Some of his noteworthy accomplishments include but are not limited to:

- Castlewood Canyon State Park (Castlewood) Interpreter, a.k.a. storyteller, 2001-2011
- Castlewood historian since 2001
- Member of the Castle Rock Park & Rec Commission from 2006-2012
- Member of County Open Space Advisory Committee (COSAC) since 2008
- Researched the Lucas Homestead, Castlewood Dam and Old Toll Road
- Leader of interpretative hikes/presentations on Lucas Homestead, Castlewood Dam and Old Toll Road
- Completed Archeology and Anthropology training at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science - Toured various buffalo kill sites during training
- Supported Cherry Creek Rock Shelter dig by DU
- Researched and discovered that Unsinkable Molly Brown's family owned 647 areas of land in Douglas County. (a surprise to the Molly Brown House Museum)
- Researched ownership of The Rock from the first landowner to the Town's ownership
- Made TV appearances about the history of cowboys/farmers in the area
- Made a video interview with Bob Metzler in 2009
- During Town Council meeting accepting the Metzler Ranch donation I was called 'an expert in the history of the Lucas Homestead'
- Presently working with the State History Preservation group to uncover an archeological site in Castlewood
- Working with a team to understand a donation of water rights on Castlewood

These examples of Mr. Clausen's work demonstrate his love of research, land, places and spaces, storytelling and sharing the news with others. Additionally, Ron is a forever learner and is passionate about joining any mission that preserves the story.

Please do not hesitate to contact anyone of the CRHSM Board members to learn more about Mr. Ron Clausen. It is our hope he may join efforts with you and therefore act as liaison between the two Boards.

Respectfully,

Staci McCormack

Staci McCormack, CRHSM President