

Boulder Transition Advisory Committee (BTAC)
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 3, 2015

BTAC regular meeting was held at the Boulder City Hall on 12/3/15 at 8:05 am. Commissioner Bob Mullen opened the meeting by welcoming the attendee's. There were 22 people in attendance and participants were encouraged to check their email address. November meeting minutes were reviewed and motion made and seconded to approve. Motion passed.

1. Tom H. covered the BTAC vision and community transformation goals for the group. Looking at current demographics and previous studies such as Horizons will assist with directing future efforts. He addressed the opportunity to an abbreviated Horizons session in the community that would do Study Circles at times that would allow for more participation from community members. Discussion followed and the group felt this would be a worthwhile process and beneficial to the community. Staff will proceed with the project planning.

2. Discussion on the community impacts followed and Connie G. mentioned the Jefferson County Health Assessment may have some good demographic data to supplement the Horizons data.

3. Dan V. talked about the MDC Transition Committee would be meeting at 9 am and that the process is hard and very difficult. The decisions and recommendations are being based on current facts and a priority is being given to Boulder. He indicated he had some financial numbers that would be presented at the MDC meeting showing the costs for building secure community group homes verses remodel of the MDC unit and that there is a compelling cost savings to utilize existing MDC facilities. He also addressed the MDC utility fees currently being made to Boulder would be negotiated through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). This was a key financial area of concern for the Boulder leadership and indicates the positive communications dialogue that is being generated through this community interactive process.

4. Tom H. updated the group on some outside actions that are in progress that could have an impact on Boulder. The interstate rest area feasibility study is moving forward, request for architectural assessment of a South Campus building is in progress, fiber internet linkage opportunity, and the Pipestone Trails data collection is ongoing. The Pipestone Trails project will be a combination of motorized and non-motorized trails that could lead to Boulder being a hub for the surround area trails and increase visitor traffic to the area. He also addressed there have been some outside inquiries about Boulder opportunities.

5. There was discussion on appointing a BTAC committee chair person and it was decide to think about it over the holidays and discuss and decide at the January meeting.

6. Boulder Chamber: Holiday Bazaar is upcoming. The Boulder telephone book is in the process of being updated. Chamber membership drive is underway. There is a new business called the Gift Box. Kiwanis will be sponsoring a community dinner.

7. Leonard W. indicated Micky Zurcher has been hired as the new Community and Economic Development Extension agent and will assume the duties on January 15th.

8. North County Roundtable will be held at the Montana City Grill at 11:30 December 16th and the topic will be business financial recordkeeping.

The meeting was very productive and positive. It adjourned at 9:30 a.m. The next meeting date was set for Thursday, January 7th, 8:00 am at Boulder City Hall.