

Boulder Transition Advisory Committee (BTAC)
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 2, 2017

1. The BTAC regular meeting was held at the Boulder City Hall and was called to order at 8:02 a.m. by Chair, Drew Dawson. Thirty-two individuals were in attendance along with guest Tash Wisemiller from the MT Department of Commerce Montana Main Street program.
2. Drew D. started with introductions and an overview of the many moving parts in the Boulder transformation journey. He introduced Tash Wisemiller with the Montana Main Street program who presented a power point highlighting the following key points.
 - a. Boulder has been a Main Street Affiliate for five years and there are resources available to assist with both planning and bricks and mortar development.
 - b. Presented several successful community examples that helped with downtown revitalization that could give Boulder some ideas for their main street. Discussed the economic, historical, cultural and revitalization of a downtown and how these ingredients are important to success.
 - c. Discussed the need for a detailed downtown master plan to provide the organizational, promotional, design criteria, economic vitality and transformation strategy as a guide to the community. Resources are available to assist with master planning and conceptual drawings to help visualize what is possible.
 - d. The volunteer component is vital to successful revitalization efforts and he pointed out the many positive working groups and achievements coming from the “Making Boulder’s Future Bright” process.
 - e. He had photographs of the Boulder main street and opportunities he sees for potential revitalization. Questions and answers from the audience on funding, timelines and drawbacks of the program were discussed.
 - f. The meeting was productive and presented ideas for the Boulder main street.
3. A motion to approve the February meeting minutes was made, seconded and passed.
 - a. Sarah L. presented on the Boulder Chamber activities. Joint session will be held with the Boulder Marketing Committee next Wednesday at 5pm at the city hall. Finalizing their membership drive and the annual membership social held last week was well attended.
 - b. Boulder schools strategy plan was published in the Monitor last week.
 - c. City of Boulder – Working on the Capital Improvement Plan. Development fund proposal is progressing through the legislature.
 - d. Faith Group Support – Meets last Tuesday of the month and praying for Boulder.
 - e. Elkhorn Foundation – Grant cycle opening and will be awarded in May.
 - f. County Commission reported they are busy with legislature.
 - g. MDC - Legislative actions for the two-year extension and retention of secure facility are in progress. There are currently 23 residents and staffing levels have improved with recent new staff hires.
4. Master Plan is being finalized. Sally B. provided a Marketing Committee report. The Marketing Committee will on March 8th, and will also meet with the Chamber of Commerce about a possible marketing grant application to Southwestern Montana.
5. South Campus. Building 6 Architect Report is finalized and working on funding.
6. Public Comment. Governor’s Conference on Tourism is March 12 -14 in Helena.
7. Meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m. and next meeting is April 6th at the Boulder City Hall.