

Boulder Transition Advisory Committee (BTAC)
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 7, 2015

BTAC regular meeting was held at the Boulder City Hall on 1/7/15 at 8:05 am. Commissioner Cory Kirsch welcomed attendee's and the 18 people in attendance did introductions. December meeting minutes were reviewed and motion made and seconded to approve. Motion passed.

1. Tom H. covered the BTAC community transformation process that will help assist the community with future planning efforts with the pending MDC closure. He presented the proposal he has been working with the MSU Local Government Center to assist with a Horizons style community process that would involve a Spotlight session followed by 4-5 Study Circles and community Action Forum. The focus would be on community transformation and would allow for more community involvement in planning for the future. The estimated cost would be \$7,665 that doesn't include any supporting costs. Discussion followed and motion was made and seconded to proceed with the process. Motion passed and Tom H. will pursue the funding and report at the next meeting.

2. Discussed the appointment of a BTAC chairperson and Terri M. made a motion to appoint Drew Dawson. Sally B. seconded. Drew D. discussed his desire to be more involved and assist with the Boulder future planning efforts. Motion passed.

3. Reviewed the updated SWOT analysis working document and highlighted new additions. The community assets developed at the last meeting were reviewed. Suggestion to add the four city parks, a weekly newspaper and active bowling alley be added as either community strengths or assets.

4. Terry M. gave an update on the MDC Transition Committee meeting held December 3rd. She did a BTAC update that highlighted the community impacts and discussed a committee motion that passed to retain 12 resident beds in Boulder. Further discussion on the challenges facing the closure occurred. Next meeting is scheduled at 9:30 am, Thursday, January 28th in Boulder.

5. Tom H. updated the group on actions that are in progress that could have an impact on Boulder. The interstate rest area feasibility study has a contractor moving forward with the analysis, request for architectural assessment of a South Campus building is still pending, fiber internet linkage opportunity, the Pipestone Trails fall survey was completed and there is a potential for expanding the jail facility by twenty-one beds. Terri M. mention there maybe a possibility of a grass fed feed lot. There have also been some outside inquiries about opportunities in Boulder.

6. Boulder Chamber: Sarah L provided an update the annual meeting will be held on January 13th. There are two board vacancies that need to be filled and they are looking for volunteers. The annual membership drive is underway. The Boulder community telephone book is in the process of being updated and business advertisements are currently being sold. The website is being updated.

7. Boulder School: Tim N. updated that they will be assisting students with financial aid information for continuing education. This process will involve the parents and is expected to assist with providing more students the opportunity to continue their education. There is a new Facebook page and Twitter account that will assist with communications.

8. Boulder City: Gary C. mentioned he received a letter from the Governor's office that the MDC water and wastewater fees will continue to be paid until the infrastructure bonds mature and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will spell out the terms. The wastewater plant is operational and discharge permit is approved. The old sewage ponds will be cleaned and there is a possibility of creating fish ponds, walking trails and another city park.

The meeting was very productive and positive. It adjourned at 9:00 a.m. The next meeting date was set for Thursday, February 4th, 8:00 am at Boulder City Hall.