

Boulder Transition Advisory Committee (BTAC)
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 6, 2017

1. The BTAC regular meeting was held at the Boulder City Hall and was called to order at 8:05 a.m. by Chair, Drew Dawson. Introductions were made by the 16 people in attendance.
2. A motion to approve the March minutes was made by Terry and seconded by Sally. Passed.
3. Information from area leaders and organizations:
 - a. Chamber – none
 - b. Boulder Schools – Terry reported that Graduation Matters will continue even though state funding has been discontinued.
 - c. City of Boulder – Mayor Craft reported letters of interest for Boulder City Planning Board are being advertised with positions open both from within and outside the city limits. Capital Improvement Plan is in the works.
 - d. Faith Groups – Drew committed to doing a half page notice about the upcoming BTAC agenda as an insertion in the Sunday church bulletins the Sunday before the BTAC meeting. This will reach out to these people to provide information about BTAC activities and to ask for feedback.
 - e. Elkhorn Community Foundation – Sally, not enough people to host meeting last week. Grant application information will need to get out.
 - f. Commissioners – Commissioner Mullen spoke about the \$500,000 Boulder Development Fund in the legislature and explained that it is a bit of a “moving target”. SB 271 (Senator Thomas’s bill) to extend the closure MDC by 2 years and the potential county recreation position to work on opportunities as they relate to the Master Plan and county.
 - g. MDC – Drew says there is now one bill in the legislature (SB 271) which would keep MDC open for two years and permanently establish an Intensive Behavior Center. (IBC). The current status of the legislation is a bit confusing and changes frequently.
 - h. JLDC – Micky discussed the Boulder Community Initiative, Yellowstone Geotourism and national community development conference “Making Boulder’s Future Bright” poster. Tom reported an update on Building 6 funding, the Internet meeting and the tax increment district boundary maps which works with the Rest Area.
 - i. Other – Ellen Rae mentioned that Jefferson County is one of the healthiest places to live. Bruce mentions there is work on a county event brochure. Bruce says they are working on the radio stations content and promotions along with FB and county website. Bruce has a meeting with Montana State Parks people about Lewis & Clark Caverns State Park. Kerri went to the Helena Tourist Alliance meeting about biking as a tourist attraction; it would be good to connect them with the recreation committee: Helenamontana.com. Geocaching is a “big deal” in Helena and may have some potential in Boulder area.
4. Master Plan Implementation:
 - a. Master Plan Coordination Committee – none
 - b. Legislation – Reviewed letter supporting Montana Developmental Center that asks questions about the funding and process.
 - c. Recreation Committee – meeting next week.
 - d. Marketing Committee – Sally – small group with the Chamber developed a grant application for funding from Southwest Montana marketing grant for making a rack card and display for keeping the racks stocked. The project period will be May 1st – September 15th. The Boulder Chamber of Commerce is the applicant and will provide the matching funds.
 - e. Attracting Businesses Committee – none.
 - f. Community’s Health Committee – will look at the overall health of the Boulder area. Work with clinic, public health, emergency services and where we stand and how to make improvements with these groups/organizations. Tom mentions the Robert Wood’s Foundation pilot program with Cooperative Extension University’s.
5. Public Comment – Terry – Ballin’ in Big Rock tournament raised \$3000. May 13th Dedication, Bike Barn & Carol Laroux Path.
6. Motion to adjourn at 8:58 a.m.
7. Next Meeting will be May 4th, 2017, 8:00 a.m. at the Boulder City Hall.