

Boulder Transition Advisory Committee (BTAC)
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 7, 2016

1. The BTAC regular meeting was held at the Boulder City Hall on July 7, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chair, Drew Dawson, and followed by the self-introduction of the 21 attendees.
2. A motion to approve the May minutes was made by Terry M., seconded by Sarah L. and passed.
3. Discussion on MDC related issues:
 - a. Dan V. – No report
 - b. Bob M. – No report
 - c. BTAC input – Drew provided a report he presented to the MDC Transition Advisory Council on June 23. Drew acknowledged Jan, from the Boulder Monitor and Phil, from the Great Falls Tribune, on the great coverage they provide regarding BTAC. Drew stressed the importance of the community criteria and ongoing discussions with Dan V. and Richard O. regarding facilitating a dialog and sharing information with the community up front. The eventual need for a community-wide MDC update meeting was discussed.
 - d. Letter to MDC – Drew reported the employee letter is still in the works. Suggestions were taken regarding to whom the letter should sent. Following a discussion, it was agreed the letter should be sent to the MDC employees with a copy to the Governor. County, city, and chamber members agreed to sign the letter. Judy added appreciation letters to MDC from parents have been well received.
 - e. Judy commented on the incredible support from BTAC, the city, and county. Judy added the clients at MDC have appreciated being a part of this community.
4. Community economy and well-being:
 - a. South Campus...
 - i. Micky Z. reported the South Campus Building 6 preliminary architect contract was signed on June 20. Progression with next steps are taking place among the architects, Youth Dynamics and JLDC staff.
 - ii. EPA Phase 1 on site walk through of the four South Campus buildings took place on June 23. Expected return is end of July for Phase II.
 - b. Micky Z. reported the Big Sky Trust Fund grant for the Master Plan for Boulder was awarded on June 9th and the contract with Community Development Services was signed on June 20th. A kickoff meeting is scheduled in Boulder for July 21.
 - c. Tom H. shared a PowerPoint presentation on a TEDD (Targeted Economic Development District). Discussion with Sky Top Ranch is in the works for potential TEDD development on Sky Top Ranch property west of I-15. Discussion took place regarding the two current TIF districts in the county, one on the North and South ends. Tim N. added TIF/TEDD can be lucrative for businesses.
 - d. Making Boulder's Future Bright committee updates
 - i. Study Circles Final reports were distributed. Drew D. added that the study circle process is the genesis of this larger project.

- ii. Marketing – Sally B. reported the last meeting was held on June 23. Mary R. did a great job on conducting exercises and an interactive workshop regarding branding and what we think of when we see Boulder. The next meeting is tonight at 6:30 pm at the Town Hall.
 - iii. Attracting New Businesses – Drew D. reported that the Department of Commerce Director, Meg O’Leary and Sean Becker, Director of Tourism and former Bozeman Mayor presented to the group on stimulating small business development.
 - iv. Recreation – No report. Next meeting is July 13 next meeting 6-7 p.m. at Town Hall.
 - v. Repurposing MDC – Drew reports they took a tour of MDC. Next meeting is scheduled for July 27 at the Clerk and Records room, 3:30 pm.
 - e. Montana Economic Development Association – Tom gave a PowerPoint presentation to explain what a MEDA Resource Assessment Team visit can do. A motion was made by Sarah L. and second by Terry M. to schedule a resource team assessment for Boulder. Motion passed.
 - f. Information Hub – No Report
 - g. High Speed Internet – still progressing
 - h. Rest Stop – Met with DOT, engineers, and Sky Top personnel. A rough draft design is expected in the next month or so.
5. Information provided from area leaders and organizations:
- a. Chamber – Sarah L. reported the first Farmers Market of the summer starts today. The city wide garage sale on Father’s Day was a success. The Chamber has applied for a grant for recycling containers. A BTAC navigation page has been added to the Chamber website. The next board meeting is Wednesday at 5:00 pm.
 - b. Boulder Schools – Tim N. reported a new front on the entrance of school is under way. High speed internet was put into the building last week. A full online portfolio will be available to students with vocational rehab funds. Jefferson County is trying to put together a mental health advisory board. Golden Sunlight is having a surplus sale on August 24 in Whitehall. Terry M. provided an email correspondence from Maria Pace, Boulder Elementary School.
 - c. Jefferson County Commissioners – Cory K. reported they are working on mosquitoes and he appreciates the patience as the Weed Coordinator learns the best solution to control the mosquitoes. Cory added that progression with group homes in neighborhoods is something the state will soon have to address with communities.
 - d. City of Boulder – Mayor Craft reported next meeting is July 18 at 6:30 pm. There was a great Fourth of July celebration. The budget process is still in the works and monies have been set aside for the Master Plan.
 - e. Faith Group Support - none
 - f. Elkhorn Foundation - none
6. Public Comment – An update on the Boulder Hot Springs restoration process in the main lobby and bar area is complete and open with minor tweaks. Potential open house gathering will take place next summer. Discussion on high speed internet to the Hot Springs was brought up.
7. Meeting adjourned at 9:11 a.m.
8. Next meeting will be August 4 at 8:00 a.m. at the Boulder Town Hall