

Boulder Transition Advisory Committee (BTAC)
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 5, 2017

1. The BTAC regular meeting was held at the Boulder City Hall on January 4, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m. by Chair, Drew Dawson. Meeting was attended by 14 individuals.
2. A motion to approve the December meeting minutes was made, seconded and passed.
3. Information provided from area leaders and organizations:
 - a. Chamber – Connie G. provided an update. Chamber looking forward to assisting with the Master Plan downtown revitalization effort.
 - b. Boulder Schools – Tim N. reported the school strategic planning will be held on January 24th. The Graduation Matters grant will be continued. School is in the process of getting permission to hang banner signs on Main Street.
 - c. City of Boulder – Working on budgets and a Capital Improvement Plan.
 - d. Faith Group Support – Meets last Tuesday of the month and praying for Boulder.
 - e. Elkhorn Foundation – Memorial tree lighting fund raiser went well.
 - f. MDC - Legislative actions will be monitored and posted as available on the Making Boulder's Future Bright Website to keep everyone informed. There are currently 24 residents at MDC. With the hiring freeze, staffing levels are hard to maintain and shortages exist requiring staff to work overtime to meet shift needs thus creating a reduction in programs. Safety is a concern. Discussion followed and a BTAC letter or email will be sent to Dan Villa.
4. The Boulder Master Plan is published in draft form on the website and public comments will be open until January 20th. Public meeting was well attended with around 70 individuals. Drew D. complimented Jan A. for her involvement in spearheading efforts in getting the information presented in a clear and concise manner. The Monitor article was distributed that addressed the top ten priorities and discussion followed. Appears some of the strategies have similarities and could be combined. The sixth-ranked strategy addressed resources needed to accomplish the other strategies. After discussion it was decided this was more of a condition and that it would be better to have this as an introduction to the other strategies.

Drew D. indicated that one of the next steps would be for the committees to look at the strategies and how they fit into the committee plans. He will draft of some suggestions for the next meeting. The strategies are a big picture view of actions and work is needed to identify actionable tasks within the strategy and the responsible party for implementation. Connie G. indicated there are existing community resources that can be integrated with the committees such as the Chamber, Fair Board and Boulder Area Recreation Trails (BART).

Recreation Committee chair Bill D. provided an update on their progress – fish pond, trail mapping and infrastructure. Marketing Committee chair Sally B. provided an update. The Repurposing Committee will switch gears to follow legislative actions involving MDC with efforts being spearheaded by Sabrina S. and Terry M.

5. South Campus. Tom H. the Preliminary Architect Report (PAR) public meeting will be held at 6 pm, January 24th in the Clerk and Recorder conference room. Working on funding strategies for the Building 6 remodel with several different agencies.
6. Public Comment.
 - a. The county tax increment board has a vacancy and the announcement is published in the local newspaper. They are looking for an interested volunteer from the Boulder area to serve as a member and be involved with the ongoing discussions about a potential urban or economic district in the Boulder area. Interested individuals can submit a letter to the county commission for appointment. The meetings are held quarterly in Boulder with the next meeting scheduled for March.
 - b. Jefferson County Commissioners – Leonard W. reported the part-time event coordinator will be starting January 9th and will have an office in the courthouse. The rest area project is moving forward and he will be following up with Department of Transportation on when the feasibility decision will be announced. He indicated landowner discussions are ongoing and have been very positive. Discussions on funding infrastructure and potential tax increment district/urban renewal district are ongoing.
 - c. Discussed and passed out fliers on the Building Active Community Initiative to make communities safer focused on walking and biking. Six individuals would need to commit for a three-day session in May and that community selection is a competitive process. Discussion followed that this may not be as high of a priority at this time with the many other ongoing action items.
7. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.
8. Next meeting will be February 2nd at 8:00 a.m. at the Boulder City Hall