

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

1. The BTAC regular meeting was held at the Boulder City Hall on February 2, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m. by Chair, Drew Dawson and was attended by 19 individuals.
2. A motion to approve the January meeting minutes was made by Sally B., seconded by Sarah L. and passed with the correction of changing the date of January 4, **2016** to January 4, **2017**.
3. Montana Economic Development Association Coordinator, Gloria O'Rourke joined the meeting by speaker phone to discuss an assessment team coming to Boulder. After self-introductions, Gloria commended the group on the great work already completed. She then suggested three possible opportunities: 1. Work with the Department of Commerce and Tash Wisemiller on Main Street Program. 2. Gloria establishes a team to help discuss pop-up-shop and help lay out key issues by providing deeper information. 3. Gloria establishes a team to help address areas of the Master Plan that currently are not being addressed. Drew asked her about the possibility of bringing some expertise to help with a high priority objective - improving main street including urban revitalization, etc. This might include meeting with a group of business persons to help stimulate their interest. Gloria said this would be possible. Additional comments from the group and Gloria were to create a Boulder app and pull together a brochure similar to Anaconda. Called ended at 8:25. A motion was made by Terry and seconded by Sarah to refer this to the Master Plan Coordination Committee for a prioritization of activities. Motion passed.
4. Information provided from area leaders and organizations:
 - a. Boulder Chamber of Commerce – Sarah reported they are finalizing membership season. Next Wednesday is the monthly meeting at the Windsor from 5-530 with a social to follow from 530-630, door prizes included.
 - b. Boulder Schools – Tim reported last Tuesday the students worked on a strategic plan for Jefferson High School. An app was created and is a helpful tool. Tim is watching the Legislature closely and will attend the advocacy day for public education.
 - c. City of Boulder – Gary reported he met with Jan and Cory about Boulder Development Fund and the town continues to work on their CIP (Capital Improvement Plan).
 - d. Faith Group Support – Randy reported the group meets last Tuesday of every month.
 - e. Elkhorn Community Foundation – Sally reiterated applications for grant period are upcoming and that the town should apply for a grant to help with number 2 of Gloria's suggestions.
 - f. Commissioners – Leonard introduced the new event coordinator, Bruce Binkoskwi. In three short weeks, Bruce reported he is accomplishing little things and getting to know the county events. His office number is 406-459-4215. Bob reported that a meeting with lobbyist Gary Spaeth and Representative Kurt Wagoner and Representative Rob Cook on the Boulder Development Fund and

- bill for keeping MDC open for two additional years. There was discussion on getting petitions created for both. This spearheaded by Terry and Drew.
- g. MDC – Tony reported the hiring freeze has stopped and adjustments are being made to the scheduling. He reported treatment is not suffering and clientele are doing great. Their survey is upcoming and he feels they will pass.
 - h. Other - Barb reported this Sunday is a Teen Super Bowl party at the High School. Terry reported there is a fair board meeting tonight and was excited to report that 4-H will be a part of the fair.
5. Master Plan Implementation:
- a. Master Plan Implementation Committee – Jan reports on the testimony created and documentation on where the dollars will go. Drew reports the committee looked at combining the strategic action items into fewer. (Handout – Translating Vision to Action)
 - b. Repurposing (Legislative Committee) – See report from Commissioner Bob Mullen number 4.f. of this document.
 - c. Recreation Committee – Bill reports their next meeting is Tuesday, February 7th from 6-8 p.m. with a guest speaker. There is a working group committed to creating a brochure and map of the local trails with the information being held with GIS county employee Melissa. Bill added he would like to act on the Building Active Communities Initiative flyer which was handed out at the January meeting. The grant application is due next week and he will be looking for five committed individuals and two alternatives. A motion was made by Bill and seconded by Terry to carry out this grant application. Motion carried.
 - d. Marketing Committee – Sally reported that the Marketing Committee and the Attracting Businesses Committee met jointly. Although a small group, they agree that the number one priority should be on revitalizing the downtown area. If accomplished, this would help to drive improvements in the other action strategies.
6. South Campus – Micky and Tom updated the group on the PAR and funding for Building 6.
7. Public Comment: Tom reported that Tuesday at the Commission meeting is a CEDS presentation. Micky reported on the Greater Yellowstone Geotourism project and will take suggestions/ideas. Tim added a Freedom Shrine will be in the High School.
8. Meeting adjourned at 9:16 a.m.
9. Next Meeting Date is scheduled for March 2nd, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. in the Boulder Town Hall.