

**Boulder Transition Advisory Committee (BTAC)**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, August 4, 2016**

1. The BTAC regular meeting was held at the Boulder City Hall on August 4, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m. by Tom Harrington filling in for Chair, Drew Dawson. Introductions of the 13 attendees followed.
2. A motion to approve the July minutes was made, seconded and passed.
3. Discussion on MDC related issues:
  - a. BTAC input – The next MDC Transition Advisory Council meeting will be on August 25<sup>th</sup> in Boulder and the agenda is pending. BTAC update will be provided on subcommittee progress, master plan update, MDC employee thank you letter and the new informational website with the blog capability.
  - b. BTAC sponsored public meeting will be held in Boulder the afternoon of August 25<sup>th</sup> following the transition advisory meeting that will focus on an MDC update and status of the group home placements.
  - c. The MDC employee thank you letter drafted by Drew D. was read and group consensus was it was a nice letter. The Jefferson County Commission, Boulder City Council and Boulder Chamber will be cosigners on the letter. Information copy will be provided to Governor Bullock, Director Opper and Dan Villa. It was suggested that a copy also be provided to the press.
  - d. Judy U. was asked questions about employee and resident status and some discussion occurred.
4. Community economy and well-being:
  - a. South Campus...
    - i. Tom H. reported the PAR process on Building 6 is moving forward with coordination meetings and data gathering.
    - ii. EPA Phase II personnel are on the ground doing sampling this week. Phase I site report is currently available.
  - b. Master Plan process is moving forward and a public kick off meeting was held along with personal interviews. Data gathering is in the ongoing. A meeting with subcommittee chairs and interested individuals will be held with the contractor on Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the city hall. Keeping people informed and involved in the process will help with transparency and result in a better end product. The website blog is also another way to provide input.
  - c. A review of the informational website, [www.makingbouldersfuturebright.com](http://www.makingbouldersfuturebright.com) was presented. The site, developed by Mary Rochelle, includes BTAC and subcommittee minutes, calendar, study circle reference material and other sources. An interactive blog to help people stay informed is included.
  - d. Making Boulder's Future Bright committee updates
    - i. Marketing – Sally B. reported they have been having several meetings lately that have been work sessions to look at community branding and incorporating terms like rural, friendly, caring, historic, location, etc. Discussions on day trips from Boulder, social media visibility and integration with the Chamber and tourism committees is important.

- ii. Attracting New Businesses – Erika M. reported they have had limited opportunity to meet and are looking for a new chair. Coordination with the local Chamber is ongoing.
    - iii. Recreation – Bill D. reported the committee is large and has divided into three subgroups and has developed a draft mission statement. Working on area non-motorized trail descriptions and discussed the need for mapping. Identification of existing motorized trails and mapping is also needed. Potential fish pond sites were discussed. Discussed they will be providing input to the master plan. Discussed area events and Leonard W. mentioned the recent 100 mile bike race received a lot of publicity with little mention that the majority of the activity was in Jefferson County.
    - iv. Repurposing MDC – There has been good attendance at the meetings with representation from legislators. Dan V. is still working on state utilization of the MDC facility. He is getting a property appraisal for the secure facility and one for the remainder of MDC so lease rates can be calculated if there is a private interest in the facilities. Committee is working on a property prospectus and Dan V. has asked what information he needs to provide. This will help with marketing of the facility to private parties and will be coordinated with the attracting business committee.
  - e. Montana Economic Development Association assessment team proposal is moving forward to tie in with the master plan process.
  - f. Rest Stop project feasibility is moving forward.
  - g. Phillipsburg site visit will be Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> and committee chairs are working to get the word out as space is limited to 15 participants.
5. Information provided from area leaders and organizations:
- a. Chamber – Connie G. provided an update and meeting is next Wednesday at 7 pm at the city hall. There is recycle meeting Monday night at 7 pm at the library. Leonard W. discussed recent car wreck in downtown Boulder and that it would be a good gesture to send a note to the victims as part of the caring Boulder community culture. This negative contact with Boulder may be the victims only connection to the community and a positive note may be a positive outreach. Connie G. will follow up next week at the meeting.
  - b. Boulder Schools – Tim N. reported school starts August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Kitchen upgrades are programmed to meet codes and will expand the use of the facility for community activities. New front is under way and new sign is in place. Discussed Boy's State participation with one student going to national.
  - c. Jefferson County Commissioners – Fair grounds bleacher cover is complete and they are encouraging more events at the facility to increase area traffic flow.
  - d. City of Boulder – No report.
  - e. Faith Group Support – meeting last Tuesday of the month and they are praying for Boulder.
  - f. Elkhorn Foundation – Erika M. discussed project donations in excess of \$25K could be earmarked and handled by the foundation with disbursements as needed.
6. Public Comment – Fair will be 25–28 August and volunteers are needed to assist.
7. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.
8. Next meeting will be September 1st at 8:00 a.m. at the Boulder City Hall