

Boulder Transition Advisory Committee (BTAC)
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 6, 2018

1. The BTAC regular meeting was called to order at the Boulder City Hall at 8:03 a.m. by Terry Minow. Eighteen individuals attended.
2. A motion to approve the August meeting minutes was made, seconded and passed.
3. Information provided from area leaders and organizations:
 - a. Chamber. Music and Art Festival is this weekend. Chamber reorganization discussion will be in October.
 - b. Boulder Schools. Enrollment at 290 and using the modules for space. Literacy program is moving forward. Bryher H. reported in her campaign visits Jefferson County schools received very good comments. Terry M. mentioned our schools are an asset and we need to talk about them in our circles.
 - c. City of Boulder. New city clerk is onboard. Road and street repairs are ongoing.
 - d. Faith Group Support. Gospel sing along is this weekend.
 - e. Elkhorn Foundation. Next meeting is in October.
 - f. Jefferson County Commission. County budget is approved. Trails and Recreation Committee has a budget as a new group working to promote the county. Event Coordinator hours have been increased. Ongoing discussions about the Cowboy Hall of Fame. Fish pond development is pending.
 - g. County Events. Summer events going well and county fair was a success. Fair discussion followed and more vendors are needed. Website development is progressing. John King concert was good learning opportunity and went well.
 - h. MDC. No report.
 - i. JLDC. Construction of a new warehouse building is progressing. Wind developer coordination is ongoing. South Campus building demolition project still being worked. Alison Richardson will be starting September 19th as new community development agent and JLDC staff. Annual dinner meeting was held at the fairgrounds and Clint Smith and Nick Hensleigh are new directors. Annual businesses awards went to Tri County as business of the year, Heritage Center as innovative Business, and Jeff Hansen for the Roper's remodel in downtown Whitehall.
 - j. Other. Discussed the Elkhorn 20-mile mountain bike proposal.
4. Master Plan Implementation.
 - a. Boulder Development Fund. Three projects requested to Commerce were approved. Economic Development support, establishing a business revolving loan fund, Boulder brand development, city website and some informational signage. Additional funding requests internet development, Veterans Park upgrades, downtown improvements, and playground equipment. Tourism and Main Street grants will be submitted as matching funds.
 - b. Community Health Committee. Lynn P. reported they are looking at possible grants. MT Healthcare Foundation is partnering to help with a survey. Medical needs assessment is being work in conjunction with the county nurse. Alzheimer program continues weekly at the library.
 - c. Marketing Committee. Will be coordinating with Land Solutions as the community branding progresses.
 - d. Client-Centered Services Facilities Committee. Next meeting is in October.
 - e. Downtown Master Plan/Growth Policy Update. Presented and approved by Planning Board and will be reviewed by the city council for approval.
 - f. Making Boulder's Future Bright. Drew and Micky will do a presentation next month on their Ireland trip. Tom H. talked about the process and how the community has pulled together from the first notification of MDC closure from BTAC startup to study circles, public meetings, various committees, master plans, and positive forward community momentum. Boulder should be proud of how far they have come and how the process is a good example for other communities wanting to making positive changes,
 - g. Fairgrounds. Draft master plan is still under review.
5. Public Comment. Mountain biking is becoming a bigger draw in the area. Work on getting an animal shelter has started. Animal shots will be September 29th and spay/neuter clinic is scheduled 13 October. Questions about a veteran center in Boulder were asked and about an upcoming meeting on September 18th. Leonard W. indicated there is ongoing discussion with potential interested parties but hasn't progressed to a public meeting.
6. Meeting adjourned at 9:08 a.m. Next meeting October 4th, at 8 a.m. at the Boulder City Hall.