

Boulder Transitional Advisory Committee (BTAC)

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 4, 2021

The BTAC Zoom meeting called to order by Drew Dawson with Tom Harrington, Diana McFarland, Alison Richardson, LaDana Hintz, Bruce Binkowski, Jan Zeitlow, Eric Seidensticker, Barb Reiter, Cory Kirsch, David Butler, Leonard Wortman, Sally Buckles, Mandy Haller, Chris Lamoreaux

January 2021 minutes were approved.

Information provided from area leadership and organizations:

- a. **Jefferson County Commission** – Lobbyist is watching two different bills closely. Still dealing with COVID issues. Vaccinations are happening and it is going well. Jefferson County is the richest county per capita in Montana.
- b. **Chamber** – 2021 budget is in the works. Marketing committee is working with Chamber to promote Boulder. All 2021 events are moving forward.
- c. **Boulder Schools** – No report except that Tim is resigning. Committee talked about writing a letter encouraging him to stay.
- d. **Boulder City** – Working on reviewing city ordinances.
- e. **Faith Group** – No report.
- f. **Elkhorn Community Foundation** – Thanks for all the donations. Grant period begins in May.
- g. **County Events** – Motorcycle group is booked for May. Rodeo Club is looking for possible event this summer. Circus possible. Arts Festival in September. All events moving forward. Work progressing at Fairgrounds. Updating website. Airing as many high school games on public radio as they can.
- h. **IBC** – No report.
- i. **JLDC** – MDC master plan kickoff meeting last week and included a tour. Sub-Committee formed to assist with this project. Patch on Building 9 roof looks good. Architect reviewed building and re-utilization possible and will be reviewing both projects. Community needs to decide what is to be done with these buildings. Repair and utilize or demolish. Meat processing final draft will be presented soon. Possibility of needing additional property. Sunlight Business Park Sub-Committee. Still working on the business side of this project. USDA showing interest. Western Legacy Center final version of feasibility project in the works. Sub-Committee formed to help with WLC. GSM will be hiring soon. Met with Ash Grove and the visit was very productive.
- j. **YDI** – Still on lockdown with COVID protocol. Looking for new staff members. Looking for donation of funds and teenage clothing medium and large sizes.
- k. **Elkhorn Treatment** – No report.
- l. **Prevention** – Hired Vista, David Butler. Center for Mental Health will be opening an office in Boulder soon. Meeting on Zoom with “Connect”. This will help people be able to know where to find resources to help them. Working on a webpage. Met with Food Bank to see about advertising more and getting more hours of operation. The Mental Health Committee will now be meeting the 3rd Thursday of the month.

Boulder Child Care- Working with Headwaters Foundation and they have funding assistance for research and development..

Boulder Marketing Committee – Gateway sign almost completed. Putting logos on the back. Kiosk is going to get a map of Boulder and pamphlets are being placed. BMC is partnering with the Boulder Chamber to get the word out about Boulder. Grant available in March that will help get info out all over the state.

Legislative Meeting – Good session last Sunday and those who missed the meeting can watch the recorded version. Alison will send out the meeting link. Anyone interested can contact Drew.

Public Comment: Leonard discussed meeting attendance was down and few Boulder residents. Encouraged getting the word out so folks could participate as their input is key to making a good decision.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 am. Next meeting will be held on March 4, 2021 at 8:00 am