

Boulder Transition Advisory Committee (BTAC)

Meeting Minutes

Thursday July 2, 2020

1. The BTAC regular meeting was called to order at 8:00 am by Drew Dawson via Zoom video call with 23 participants.
2. Motion made to approve the June meeting minutes, seconded, and passed.
3. Information provided from area leaders and organizations:
 - a. Chamber – Farmer Market is starting July 9th. The new telephone book is a big success and distribution is ongoing. By-laws have been revised and will be approved at the next meeting. Garage sale is being delayed and Car Show is cancelled. Music Festival is pending a decision by July 15th.
 - b. Boulder Schools – Summer program is up and running. Literacy grants were awarded to both the high school and elementary school. Working on school operations procedures for this fall.
 - c. City of Boulder – Second reading of the Community Decay Ordinance will be held at the next council meeting. Park restroom project is progressing. Cemetery fees increase resolution is being worked and will be presented at the next meeting.
 - d. Faith Group – No report.
 - e. Elkhorn Community Foundation – Donated \$500 toward the town kiosk project. Next grant cycle is opening, and applications will be accepted from organizations from Elk Park to Montana City.
 - f. Jefferson County Commission. A road patching machine was purchased that will chip seal and patch at the same time. A few positions are open for hire in Treasurers and Road Dept. Solid waste site construction project started in Montana City and should be complete by August.
 - g. County Events. The county fair and car show are cancelled this year. Rodeo is planned for August and Country Jam is still being considered. A plan has been submitted to the health board about this. Event bookings are down but several weddings have been booked for Aug & Nov... Several bookings for 2021. Fairground maintenance is being done. Making a video for the website promoting the county. The county radio has live news and updates about COVID, fires, etc.
 - h. IBC. Doing well and at capacity with residents. There are a few openings for new hires. Pay is \$14.50 an hour plus a \$4 bonus for COVID pay.
 - i. JLDC. The Western Legacy Center public meeting was challenging with both Zoom and live attendance. Recommendation to add a Whitehall site to the site selection process. Pipestone Creek diversion is in the building process. Gateway sign is up, and Alison wanted to give a huge thanks to the Sullivan's whom she worked very closely with on the project. They helped in the planning and will help with the maintenance. It was proposed and approved that we send a letter to the Sullivan's from BTAC thanking them. JLDC new staff member, Eric, who will start in July assisting with project work. Meat processing plant feasibility study is moving forward. Mine concentrator project is progressing, and wind developers are building the new wind prototype.
 - j. YDI. No report.
 - k. Riverside. New administrator was contacted and is interested in the BTAC process.
 - l. Prevention. Mental health advisory group and DUI Task Force are active. 5 deaths reported so far this year and is up from last year. Wear your seatbelts and drive safely. The old Ash Grove billboard will be replaced today. Boulder and Whitehall pharmacies have drop boxes for old prescription drugs. Mental health - has several grants available and are being used for PPE equipment. They meet the 1st Wed. of every month @ 12:30 and public is encouraged to attend.
4. Master Plan Implementation.
 - a. Boulder Development Fund. Gateway sign up. Website being worked. Western Legacy project in process. Wayfaring signs in process. Trails project progressing, and Veteran Park restroom project in progress. Next meeting will be at end of July, or early August.
 - b. Marketing Committee. Working on landscaping around gateway sign. Kiosk project is progressing. The advertising brochures are being distributed. Raised money through grants and will apply for the balance through Elkhorn Foundation instead of using city funds. Alison working on Facebook and the website.
 - c. MDC Facility Reutilization. Meetings have not started back yet because of COVID.
5. Public Comment. Candidates spoke of their thanks for all the hard work that BTAC puts in. Hopefully, this campaign will be positive for everyone. Cory reported that real estate in Boulder is very active and new subdivisions are in progress. Terry said thanks for working together for the safety of our community. There will not be a parade but there will be fireworks. Drew asked us all to be extra vigilante and cautious to keep our COVID numbers low. Gift Box has cloth masks on a donation basis.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 a.m. Next meeting August 6 at 8 a.m. via Zoom Video and call in options.