

Boulder Community Alliance Advisory Council Meeting Minutes 1/15/08

The meeting convened at 6:03 p.m. In attendance were Tim Clarke, Curtis Oberhansly, Scott Brodie, Tom Jerome, Judi Davis, Cookie Schaus, Brian Dick, Peg Smith, Sue Fearon and Dianne Oberhansly. Anselm Spring was a guest.

Minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Anselm made a presentation to the group regarding his option to purchase Martina Gebhardt's property off Lower Boulder Road. He is attempting to find a group of buyers and has a vision of making the property into a farm community with both residential and agricultural areas to be developed. He suggested that the County Shed and accompanying two acres would be a great property for a Community Center here in Boulder. Specifically, he wanted to know if the BCA was interested in buying this portion of the property and in helping create a vision of how such a center would operate. Various AC members asked questions about the property concerning overall price, water availability, etc. Curtis thanked Anselm for presenting this opportunity to the BCA and said that we would discuss the possibility and inform him of our thoughts. Anselm then excused himself from the meeting.

The group discussed Anselm's ideas off-the-record for approximately twenty minutes. Dianne moved that any BCA members interested in creating a vision statement for such a Community Center gather at 6 p.m. on Tues., Feb. 22 in the library. Scott seconded and the motion passed.

Curtis and Peg addressed the newsletter and web site, indicating that the Sage Page would be printed quarterly with more consistent deadlines. The content for the Winter edition will include an article on the Fall beaver presentation and efforts toward a rehabilitation program in our area, an Executive Director's annual report, a feature on Mike Nelson's Family Time preschool program and some local updates. The online version of the newsletter will have some different functions and features than the printed Sage Page and will take on a new name. The web site will be redesigned to reflect BCA as an umbrella organization with other groups

associated to it such as Friends of the Library and the Escalante River Basin group (whatever their name is going to be).

Sue reported that one development in the Diversified Agriculture area was a recent email that she and Eric and Mary Feiler sent to various locals regarding a “Food Chain” wherein ideas relating to gardening, produce, food, etc. could be shared with each other. She also announced that the Diversified Agriculture Conference put on by the USU Extension Service would be in Logan on Feb. 20-22. She was going to check on any grants/fellowships that could be offered to interested Boulderites. Curtis also said that BCA could probably come up with some grant money for hotel and or registration; anyone interested should contact Curtis.

As part of his Executive Director’s Annual Report, Tim asked for a brief synopsis from each committee as to their activities in the last year.

Tim presented a sample “look” for the Quiet Use Brochure that we’re working on; Sue suggested that the brochure be a larger size and incorporate more white space.

Curtis said that he would postpone speaking about grant writing until next month’s meeting.

Walt announced that there would be a County Trails meeting in Escalante tomorrow night at 6:30.

Dianne discussed the Boulder Book Club’s plan to begin purchasing books individually for their reading and asked for a \$1,000 grant from BCA to go toward helping purchase trade paperbacks for such. A motion was made, seconded and passed to recommend the grant.

Scott reported on the after school Art Class that Alyssa Tippetts is offering to children at her home free-of-charge on Thursday afternoons. He asked that BCA grant Alyssa \$100 to help cover the cost of materials. A motion was made to recommend it, seconded and passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07.

Minutes recorded and presented by Dianne Oberhansly.

Boulder Community Alliance Advisory Council Meeting Minutes 2/12/08

The meeting convened at 6:08. In attendance were Curtis Oberhansly, Dianne Oberhansly, Peg Smith, Sergio Femenias, Eric Feiler, Sue Fearon and Walt Gove.

The minutes were approved from the last meeting.

Eric Feiler was welcomed as a new Advisory Council member.

Sue and Eric reported on Diversified Agriculture. Sue said that she's talked with Lisa Varga and there's a possibility that Boulder's seasonal Farmer's Market would take place weekly, trading off with the Anasazi Museum as host site. Curtis said that he received some local feedback regarding a discomfort with the word "sustainable" agriculture. Eric pointed out that to be "sustainable" you have to be "diversified." A brief discussion of the terminology followed and it was generally agreed upon that BCA ought to define "sustainable" as it relates to our use of it. Sue indicated that at present no one locally was going to attend the Diversified Agriculture Conference in Logan. Eric thought that BCA should offer our scholarship to other agriculturally-based conferences. We discussed getting word out about the Logan conference to Boulder individuals. Eric brought up the idea of purchasing some agricultural equipment that could be shared by the community.

Curtis updated us on the Quiet Use brochure. A number of local Boulder and Escalante businesses have donated money and will be listed on the brochure. Joanne Maas in Salt Lake will help design it for \$500.

Peg reported that the Sage Page will be mailed out next week.

Curtis announced that Peg Smith will head up a BCA paid position for Grant Writing; others with grant writing skills may apply to do so possibly for pay. There was some discussion about how to help local individuals who want to apply for a grant/learn to write grants.

Curtis asked the group to consider two possible future projects that BCA might propose to the town and help with money and logistics: 1)getting Boulder stone monument entry signs on the highway on either side of town and 2)offering the Town Council our assistance in making some improvements to the Boulder Cemetery. He asked that we consider these projects and discuss them at the next AC meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05.

Boulder Community Alliance Advisory Council Meeting Minutes 4/15/08

The meeting convened at 6:15 p.m. In attendance were Peg Smith, Sergio Femenias, Eric Feiler, Sue Fearon, Walt Gove, Judi Davis, Eric Bresselsmith, Curtis Oberhansly, Dianne Oberhansly, Cookie Schaus and Tim Clarke. Visitors to the meeting were Breck and Becky Crystal.

Note: At 5:00 p.m. prior to the meeting, Becky and Breck Crystal and Nathaniel Spalding met with interested BCA members to report on their experiences at the USU Extension Diversified Agriculture Convention.

Minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Tim updated the group on the Quiet Use Brochure. It was ready to go to the printer, and within 2 weeks 10,000 copies should be available. He has also entered the brochure in the Utah Tourism Marketing and Advertising Contest (along with the Sage Page and the BCF website). Results of the contests will be announced at the Tourism Conference on May14.

Sergio reported that he had read the BCF letter (offering to help finance improvements to the Town cemetery) at the last Town Council meeting. Gladys LeFevre will set up a meeting with him to discuss possible improvements.

Eric Bresselsmith passed out a letter requesting grant-writing assistance from BCA in connection with a new essential oils distillation business he hopes to start here in Boulder. The group voted to have Peg Smith assist Eric in pursuing grant funding.

Eric Feiler said that, in his opinion, one of the most beneficial areas for BCF to offer local support in is education and training opportunities (such as the Diversified Ag. grants that we recently offered to Breck, Becky and Nathaniel). To that end, he suggested that BCF develop an education fund or earmark a portion of our budget for such use. Tim suggested partnering with the Town on these expenditures as it is in everyone's best interest for Boulderites to get special skills/training.

Sue pointed out that having some very specific goals/guidelines for such grants/scholarships is important for BCF to get in place before more applications are received. Dianne agreed with this as she said that the awarding of grants/scholarships should be distinctly tied to the larger goals of BCF and that having guidelines for local applicants would make the awarding process more equitable. Peg supported this idea, saying that we have to have some way of prioritizing requests for grants and, more specifically, for using her time in helping to seek grant money.

Peg announced that the copy deadline for the Spring issue of the Sage Page will be April 24. The Spring issue should come out in mid-May.

Curtis explained that there will be some revision of the BCF website since we have developed some other, rather separate, interests with Escalante. Those interests will be organized under the Escalante River Basin Initiative (ERBI) and could include an internet 'blog' separate from the BCA website. Our goals are to include the minutes on our new, revised BCF website and to make it more dynamic and interactive.

Cookie reported that with winter being over, regular meetings of the Hospice volunteers will soon begin.

Tim gave his Executive Director's report:

--the Tourism Conference will be May 12-14
--we are still waiting for the Dixie Motorized Travel Plan DEIS to come out.
Tim shared in an effort to analyze all the previous scoping responses to

better enable us to review key issues. We will be soon be organizing a trails monitoring training session and identifying 'hot spots' for monitoring in hopes of providing vital feedback to the Dixie NF during the MTP comment period.

--Walt reported on the County Trails meeting in Boulder the following evening.

--Lew Pence will be in town again on the evening of June 18 to make a Beaver Rehabilitation presentation at the Anasazi Museum. Please reserve the date and let others know.

The next AC meeting will be May 20 and meeting time will be changed to 7:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Boulder Community Alliance Advisory Council Meeting Minutes 5/20/08

The meeting convened at 7:05. In attendance were Curtis Oberhansly, Tim Clarke, Eric Bresselsmith, Eric Feiler, Walt Gove, Cookie Schaus, Scott Brodie, Sergio Femenias, Peg Smith and Dianne Oberhansly.

Minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Tim announced that at his recent attendance at the State Tourism Conference, our Sage Page newsletter and web site had both won "Best" awards in the category of annual operating budget under \$250,000.

Curtis updated us on the County Shed. He shared copies of his BCA proposal to the prospective buyer of the Martina Gebhardt property who has a 45-day option until about mid-June. If she chooses to purchase the property, then she would decide about donating the 2-acre parcel including the County Shed to BCF for community uses.

Tim announced that an AC member had offered a donation for trail monitoring during the Comment Period on the Dixie NF Motorized Travel Plan. We propose to target the grant at hiring an intern from a local university to help coordinate monitoring volunteers for the next 60-90 days. Walt said that the grant came from Todd Campbell and that the Forest Service is amenable to such monitoring. Scott suggested that we also contact Pam Foti of Northern Arizona University. Many thanks to Todd for the grant offer.

Tom said that there had been \$5,600 donated as of this morning for the Town Park's Tree Fund. Twenty-four trees have already been ordered along with wire enclosures for planting as soon as they are delivered. Sam Stout has offered backhoe time to assist.

Tim reported that the BCA meeting with Brian Cottam of SUU, Justin Fischer, Garfield County Planner, and SuzAnne Jorgensen, USU Extension, turned into a very good discussion, specifically regarding agricultural grants. Curtis, Tim and Peg were at that meeting.

Curtis discussed the fact that BCF is about to mark its two year anniversary and that it's probably time to look at setting some kind of criteria for the Advisory Council members. He asked the group to think about this idea and what those criteria might be. He talked about the need to both institutionalize and diversify BCA for its future health. Walt suggested distinguishing regional projects and efforts (ERBI) from local ones (BCA). Scott asked if a number of advisory members has been specified. Curtis answered no and suggested that maybe we need to do so. Tom suggested getting as many locals involved in our projects and committees as possible; maybe they could even serve for a short while on the AC. He also asked if we were going to go ahead with our "Meet the BCA" event. Eric Feiler wondered if our AC meetings are public. All of these questions and comments seemed to point out the need for us to establish more BCA guidelines/methods.

Curtis also announced that as part of establishing BCA for the future, the Board of Trustees would be expanded to include Peg Smith and Sue Fearon. The role of the trustees is to make sure that the organization is meeting its charitable goals and working within the legal structures of a 501(C)3.

Cookie said that in trying to set up the next Hospice meetings here in town, she realized the need for a central place to accumulate and store caregiving equipment such as walkers, wheelchairs, etc. This equipment may not strictly be part of the Hospice program, but there's certainly a need for it in Boulder. The proposal could be featured in the Sage Page, and announced at a Town Council meeting.

Eric Feiler responded to Tim's email about the idea of using sheep or other grazing livestock to keep part of the Town Park area "mowed." A panel at the Tourism Conference included a presentation by Morgan Valley Lamb - they can offer advice regarding keeping a local flock. Eric thinks this is a good idea, but that it definitely needs more research. There are many management issues that need to be considered, and the grass needs restoring first. The Park Committee / Town needs to discuss it too.

Sergio reported that Gladys LeFevre, as the Town Council representative, is ready to meet with interested BCA and Boulder locals to discuss possible improvements to the Boulder Cemetery. She is now getting the exact boundaries and an inventory of who is buried there in preparation.

Peg announced that the next Sage Page copy deadline is July 21. She is planning on some kind of "Food Chain" article, a Town Park update, a beaver report and maybe something on the bee situation.

Tim reminded all that Lew Pence would be making a Beaver Presentation at 7pm at the Anasazi Museum on Weds., June 18. Please put the word out to landowners and water users to bring questions for Lew.

The next Advisory Council meeting was set for June 17.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40.

These minutes were taken by Dianne Oberhansly.

Boulder Community Alliance Advisory Council Meeting Minutes 6/24/08

The meeting convened at 7:05. In attendance were Eric Feiler, Peg Smith, Cookie Schaus, Scott Brodie, Sue Fearon, Tim Clarke, Dianne Oberhansly, Curtis Oberhansly, Judi Davis and Eric Scott.

Minutes from May's meetings were approved.

Tim announced that the trail monitoring intern from NAU, Krista Beerling, is here and has commenced work. Her length of stay is until the end of the monitoring period, July 22. Tom Jerome has helped give her some GPS training. There was some discussion about getting a vehicle for her to drive on the mountain and about her accommodations; Scott volunteered his guest room for her.

Tim gave a report from Tom Jerome on the Town Park Committee. Currently there's been almost \$8,000 (since corrected to \$6,000) in donations. Twenty-four trees will be delivered to Boulder on July 3 and some help will be needed to off-load them. They will be planted later.

Sue updated all on the website revision discussion prior to this meeting. She said the new BCA website would highlight local community projects, etc. as "buttons" to be clicked by the viewer. A separate website for ERBI (Escalante River Basin Initiative) will be designed with regional topics to include beaver rehab, quiet use and perhaps a blog. Both websites would continue the look of the current BCA site, but different formatting would enable Sue / Peg to drop in additional buttons and information as needed.

Curtis pointed out that he, Tim and Peg needed to work on creating some kind of grant application introductory package. Peg agreed but said that gathering all of the necessary functional materials needs to be done first. Sue, Peg, Dianne and Curtis agreed to meet tomorrow to work on getting that functional material together.

Peg reminded all that the copy deadline for the next Sage Page is July 21. That edition will have a story on bees, a beaver report, something from

the food chain, a picture of kids with a rescued stuffed animal from the Library Summer Reading Program, etc.

Cookie reported on the Hospice Committee, saying that wheelchairs will be brought to Boulder when she and Pete go to California the next time.

Tim reported for Sergio on the Cemetery Project. He said that Sergio wasn't sure if this should be a BCA Project since it was under the auspices of the Town. Curtis said nothing will happen if we wait for the Town Council to act. It was agreed that Sergio should probably go ahead and conduct a meeting of interested locals to see what improvements they support, and keep Gladys LeFevre in the loop.

Tim announced that he would be meeting with the Governor (along with other rural community representatives) the next week. He intended to bring up the Quiet Use brochure and related ideas. Meetings were also scheduled with the Salt Lake Tribune editorial board, and the State Office of Tourism director.

Scott said that in terms of beaver reintroduction, that maybe a biologist should visit Boulder Mountain and see what specific areas would be appropriate for beaver. This information could help persuade those who are not yet supportive. Dianne suggested that a committee of those interested in beaver rehabilitation be formed outside of BCA so that it would not be connected to our organization's goals but broader, community ones.

Scott shared drafts of the wayside interpretive panels for Scenic Byway 12 and asked for input.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20.

These minutes were taken by Dianne Oberhansly.

Boulder Community Alliance Advisory Council Meeting Minutes 10/22/08

In attendance: Curtis Oberhansly, Tim Clarke, Tom Jerome, Dianne Oberhansly, Walt Gove, Judi Davis, Sergio Femenias, Peg Smith, Scott Brodie, Eric Scott, Sue Fearon, Todd Campbell, and Brynn Brodie (guest).

The meeting convened at 6:08.

Brynn Brodie reported on the Sustainable Agriculture Conference she attended in Crested Butte and Gunnison, Colorado. The main theme of the conference was “Why We Need Sustainable Agriculture Now.” She also announced that she and Scott had recently purchased 5 acres and a house on Boulder Creek from Cliff Fuller, which they hope to use in a variety of ways as a community center. They are still exploring ideas and inviting suggestions.

Curtis asked for feedback on whether a BCA sponsored New Year’s Eve party located at Boulder Mountain Lodge was a good idea. Everyone thought it was. There’s the possibility that Dave Mock would sponsor fireworks at midnight (if approved by the mayor and fire chief). There was some discussion that we would probably need to use the restaurant or rent a large tent to offer enough room for a such a festivity.

Tim reported that the Forest Service is still accepting feedback on the Dixie Motorized Travel Plan, and particularly reports / photos of conditions on the ground such as ORV impacts. He also announced that Curtis had an Op Ed piece in the SL Tribune the previous Sunday and that the Rural Utah Conservation League would have one in the next Sunday. Lisa Varga, as part of the League, had agreed to sign her name to the editorial. He said that giving Gov. Huntsman lots of support and credit for his stance on the abuse of trails by ORV was important.

Tim also said that Jen Jackson and Laurel Hagen had recently visited Boulder to gather material for a Wasatch Journal article that Jackson is writing. On a different note, Tom Bartelt has finished the Lew Pence “Beaver” video which will be available for circulation.

Peg said that the Fall edition of the Sage Page is ready to go to the printer and will be distributed as soon as it comes back. She discussed

possible Winter edition stories: Brodies' new property, Eric Scott's oil distillation business, New Year's Eve party. Copy deadlines for next year's 4 Sage Page editions: Jan. 12--Winter, April--Spring, August--Summer, Nov.--Fall.

Tim announced that Chyleen Mackey and John Austin are willing to administer flu shots to the Boulder public and that BCA is willing to pay for the shots--about \$12 each. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the Town bulletin board.

Upcoming meetings were announced:

- Dixie National Forest Oil and Gas Leasing DEIS public meeting, 6-8pm Thursday Nov. 8th at the Anasazi Museum. The deadline for public comment will be Tuesday December 16th.
- Garfield County Trails Committee meeting, 6:30pm Wednesday Nov.19th in Tropic or Cannonville. This is an important meeting as annual voting will be held for vice chair, secretary, and region officers.

Dianne reported that a Pizza Party sponsored by Friends of the Boulder Library would take place this Saturday to introduce the 75 new kids' books acquired through a Libri Grant. Also, the Friends will sponsor a Christmas Cookie Exchange at the library on Sat., Dec. 6 from 5-7 p.m.

Next meeting date: Tuesday Nov.18th.

The meeting adjourned at 7:33.

The minutes were recorded by Dianne Oberhansly.

**Boulder Community Alliance Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes 11/18/08**

Meeting convened at 6:08. In attendance were Curtis Oberhansly, Tim Clarke, Cookie Schaus, Walt Gove, Tom Jerome, Scott Brodie, Dianne Oberhansly, Eric Scott, Judi Davis, Todd Campbell and Sue Fearon.

Curtis listed the people who compose the Board of BCF and announced that two new Advisory Members had been invited onto the Advisory Council: Bobbi Cleeve and Denise Pennington.

Peg reported that the Boulder Mesa Restaurant was not available to rent for the proposed BCA New Year's Eve party. Also that the ban on fireworks had been lifted assuming that the Fire Chief and fire truck were on call for such an activity. The Boulder Mountain Lodge will make rooms available at a discounted price of \$50 for New Year's Eve. There was some discussion about asking Lisa Varga if the Burr Trail Grill corner might be available for hosting the New Year's party.

A committee to plan the New Year's Eve party headed by Dianne Oberhansly is being formed. Suggestions that the party should be a potluck; that Todd Campbell could DJ. Having the fireworks earlier in the evening, around 9:00, was suggested so that younger kids could be part of the event.

There was a discussion on the possibility of creating a logo for BCF. More discussion on favor items to be purchased to give to donors and friends of BCF.

Walt announced that a Garfield County Trails Meeting would take place tomorrow night in Cannonville at 6:30.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 so that pictures of the Board and Advisory Council could be taken for the new website.

(Minutes submitted by Dianne Oberhansly)

Boulder Community Alliance Advisory Council Meeting Minutes 12/16/08

Meeting called to order at 6:06. In attendance were Tim Clarke, Curtis Oberhansly, Bobbi Cleeve, Sergio Femenias, Cookie Schaus, Peg Smith, Scott Brodie, Eric Feiler, Mike Nelson, Sue Fearon, Dianne Oberhansly, Judi Davis. Visitors were Constance Lynn, Matt Cochran, Alyssa Tippetts and Stazia Tippetts.

Tim talked about his Ex. Director's Report for 2008 and said that it is useful for fundraising and publicity purposes as well as internal accounting.

Tim announced that the Lew Pence "Beaver" video, produced by Tom Bartelt, is ready to be copied for distribution. 200 copies will be made; Mary O'Brien has already ordered 60 of them.

Tim reported on the Rural Utah Conservation League workshop recently held in Torrey; 12-15 people attended who were representatives of rural Utah communities and it was an excellent workshop. Curtis will be our official representative and Tim will be the alternate.

Tim plans to attend the Three Forests Coalition annual meeting in Salt Lake City on Jan. 14, 2009.

(Tim left the meeting to make the Dixie National Forest deadline for a response to the Oil & Gas Leasing DEIS.)

Curtis announced that Peg Smith will take on an expanded role as the Director of local BCA initiatives, including enhanced fundraising and grantwriting. It will be a counterpart role to Tim's as Director of all ERBI projects.

Peg said that she is enthused and excited about this new role but that it is difficult to accomplish the grantwriting without more precise criteria and standards written into the BCA mission statement, which she is working on.

Constance and Matt presented ideas and information on a recycling program for Boulder.

Sue announced that the Diversified Ag. Conference will be Feb. 25-27 in Delta, UT. She said that she is working with the extension agent to see if there is some grant money available for attendees. Sue and several other people are interested in attending. She will follow up with tuition and lodging costs and report back.

Curtis said the tentative deadline for the revised website is Dec. 31.

Curtis asked Judi Davis for a brief update on the Town's new website.

Bobbi announced that she and Boz submitted a grant request (SARE) for bees and that they will get a response in May. She also said that the new Boulder Bee Club will start in January and that the cost of starting a new bee colony is about \$200.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35.

(Minutes submitted by Dianne Oberhansly)