

November 1, 2012

Meeting began at 6:15 p.m.

Present: Bill Muse, Mayor; Steve Cox, Sue Inman, Gladys LeFevre, Tom Jerome,  
Council Members; Judi Davis, Clerk.

Public Present: Peg Smith and Sergio Femenias, Ashley Coombs, Cheryl Cox.

Pledge of allegiance

Steve made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 4 meeting. Gladys seconded the motion. The vote of the members present was unanimous. (Tom had not yet arrived.)

Peg gave a presentation on the **Boulder Community Alliance**, which was organized in the summer of 2006. This past summer, the Board of Directors assessed their position and asked members of the community for their comments about the BCA, both positive and negative. In September they decided to shift their focus back to the community instead of participating in regional programs. This week they changed the Board and would like to help with communication between the different groups in the community. They have a variety of suggestions for projects.

Curtis resigned as President and Executive Director, and Peg is now the Executive Director and will be the main operational person. The Advisory Council was disbanded, and they will go through the Board for their planning functions. The makeup of the Board is: Tom Hoyt, President; Cheryl Cox, Vice President; Jacque Smalley, Secretary; and Mike Putiak, Board Member. They need to have a few more Board members.

In mid-January they are planning to host a facilitated workshop and are inviting people from different groups and entities in the community to brainstorm project ideas, how to implement these ideas, what kinds of resources are needed. At this point, they have approved a direct donation to fund a trip for the elementary school and home-schooled children to five museums in the Salt Lake area. They will also be looking for grants to continue this project on an annual basis. The BCA has been a fiscal agent to funnel tax-free contributions to projects and groups and would like to work with the Town on grants.

Cheryl explained a collaborative grant the Arts Council is looking at to use arts in some way to enhance the community, such as teaming science with the arts and educational opportunities in the arts. It could be written in such a way as to provide a collaboration with the school or educational kinds of things and would be an extension of some of the things they have already been doing at the community center. It might be that they could tie it in with the trails at the Tract Park, with displays of art and benches along the paths.

Tom asked to be clear on his understanding that the grant could not be used for construction and asked for more details. Could it be used for the first year of operational costs of the amphitheater? If we wanted to bring in performers to perform in the amphitheater, could this grant fund that? Cheryl responded that it would be premature to apply for the grant before we had the facility. Because we don't have the actual design for the amphitheater, we aren't ready to move ahead on its construction. We first need to decide exactly what we want to do there and create the documents to do the construction. She wants to look at the projects of people who have received the grants in the past to see just what kinds of things they have done.

The question, then, is shall they pursue it? It requires a non-profit and a community to collaborate on the project. Tom would prefer waiting a year to apply in order not to have to rush but to put together a nice proposal. The application deadline for this round is early January. Bill stated that the first step is for us to commit to participate. Maybe as we look at our finances we may see some way to work with this one. We will start with the trails at the park. Cheryl wondered if we could tie in some poetry stations with benches along the trail. Tom is excited about the collaboration but doesn't think we need to take a vote tonight. Steve stated that the park plan is good, but there is no infrastructure built in for utilities. We might use this grant to help with that design work. He is in favor of going ahead. Sue and Gladys think it's okay to collaborate but feel like they need more details. The AC will work with Steve before the December meeting. They will be asked to come in regularly and give a report on what's coming up. Cheryl said the Arts Council was planning to leave a month between exhibits here in the entry but have reassessed that decision and may want to put another exhibit between the current one and the next scheduled one.

The Mayor appointed Clerk Judi Davis to be the **Records Officer**. Gladys made a motion we appoint Judi Davis to that position. Sue seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Gladys suggested that we have a **Christmas party** at the Community Center on December 22 between 2:00 and 4:00. Santa would be here to pass out presents. If we wanted, we could have an adult white elephant gift exchange under a tree. The elementary school will be doing their own thing and was not planning to participate in a community activity. Gladys will check again with them to make sure that is their plan. We would have potluck refreshments, and we would see if there are local groups who would like to take turns singing during that time. It would be open-house style. Gladys will be responsible for arranging for Santa's visit and the gifts. Cheryl will talk to musicians about participating.

Three **public hearings** were set for December 6, beginning at 6:00 before the regular meeting: 1) consideration of the consent policy in approving changes to subdivisions, 2)

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opening the 2012-13 budget, and 3) recommendations of the Planning Commission for two changes to the sign section of the Zoning Ordinance.

Because the balance in our **general fund** at the end of this fiscal year is larger than allowed, we need to open this year's budget and add some of the \$138,000 excess to this year's expenditures and/or create a capital improvements budget for a project or projects to be in progress over time. Bill suggested giving the Clerk a \$100/month raise and asked for other suggestions. Judi suggested that we need to add \$2,500 for Bruce Parker's recommended change to the Zoning Ordinance and possibly more if we need his help with fixing the housing problems.

Steve handed out a priority list for projects at the tract park and explained the need for each. The first \$73,200 could be done with money we have now. At some point we will need restrooms, and it was asked whether we could do vault toilets. Once we get the first part done, we will see if people actually use the park, then decide what to do next. The collaborative grant could help with some of the costs.

Tom recommended we purchase a 10 x 12 storage shed with double doors, shelving, and a floor. He priced them at \$3,200-3,600 plus delivery, for a total of about \$4,000. It would be placed at the back of this building for storage of equipment and tables/chairs. The sprinkler system should cost about \$3,000. He should be able to cover the landscaping in front of the building with the Park Friends account. He would like to see a parking area created on the north side of this building and estimates the cost at about \$1,000. He will figure the cost of the playground railings, but guesses it to be about \$750.

Sue suggested we allocate money toward camouflaging the dumpster site on this lot and recommended a 40' long 8' high fence made of wood planks to be placed on the west side. If it were next to the trees it would leave plenty of room for the trailer. With a permit, we could put up a small sign.

Gladys suggested we spend \$1,000 for lightweight tables to stay in the building and move the heavy ones into the outside shed to be loaned as needed. She also suggested budgeting \$2,000 toward energy-efficient window coverings for the meeting room and blinds for the kitchen. She also brought up the fact that there are stains on the cement floors. Judi will check with the contractor to see if there is anything that can be done to prevent it—perhaps another coat of sealer? She also suggested setting aside \$2,000 for a commercial riding lawnmower and recommended we continue with refurbishing the chairs we have, as new ones are quite expensive. We will see if Dennis would be interested in doing that work and what his charge would be.

Peg added that we should have a good quality conference phone for this room as well as

audio-visual equipment. Steve offered to look into what we would need and costs.

**Department reports** were given. The Planning Commission had a good meeting last month and discussed multi-person housing and the need for definition of terms and a change in the ordinance to allow a conditional use for those kinds of situations. With permission from the Council, Tom will be working on that issue, initially inviting Blake and the Brodies to give input. The Hoyts presented a proposal for a development of 10 small rental cabins with a common septic system, with the idea that people could rent them throughout the year. They don't have the acreage for it. Such an arrangement is not possible with our present zoning. This is part of an ongoing discussion on how people who can't afford to buy property or find a place to live can actually stay here in town. He also discussed the fact that there are some businesses who are operating on property that isn't zoned commercial but they would like to become legal. Do we end up with spot zoning since we don't have an area zoned commercial? Is there a way to designate a place for service to the community as opposed to a business serving tourists, so there would be a commercial zone and a service zone, i.e. a veterinarian office as opposed to a riding stable? We need expert help. The PC approved two changes to the sign section of the Zoning Ordinance which will pass to the Council for consideration for approval. The General Plan work meeting discussions have been valuable.

Steve asked Corry for budget suggestions for the Fire Department and will report those when he gets them. Tom stained the bulletin board and shelter supports and has been moving rocks for landscaping. Judi reported that a building permit was issued to Clifford Fuller for a garage with a restroom in it and a future apartment to be built on his lot in the BKRE. The Capital Improvements List has to be updated. Everyone was given a copy of last year's list and asked to come in December prepared to make what changes they feel are necessary.

Gladys made a motion the meeting adjourn. Tom seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (Sue had left earlier so wasn't here to vote.)

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.