

February 7, 2013

Meeting began at 7:03 p.m.

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

Absent and excused: Sue Inman, Council Member.

Public present: Cheryl Cox, Tina Karlsson, Sergio Femenias, Ashley Coombs, Jabe Beal,
Alyssia Angus, Rene Berkhoudt, Louise Barnes, Suzie Doras and Robert M. (Of
Desert Glass Recycling), Jim Catmull, 2 guests.

Pledge of allegiance

Tom made a motion the minutes of the January 3 meeting be approved. Gladys seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Recycling: Tina stated that there has been a great volunteer group working with the recycling program. She needs to open a checking account for the program, but new regulations make it difficult to do, and she needs a business license as a bookkeeper in order to open an account. The group has chosen a board, whose members are Alyssa Thompson, Constance Lynn, John Ripley, Randy Hardman, Lisa Varga, Mike Nelson, Stephanie Touati, and Steve Dessinger, with Steve Cox as the Town Council representative. The BCA has made a \$1,000 donation. Ray is the private contractor who hauls the materials. Steve asked if it is private company, would they have trouble getting donations or help from the town. Tom explained that he set up a Boulder Parks account under his name using BCA as a fiscal agent for the Parks Friends account. That way, money was going through a non-profit. They then turned the money over to him to use on the park. Steve would like to avoid having the recycling program be a business. A non-profit isn't the right way to go for this arrangement. BCA is willing to accept donations for recycling.

Escalante has set up a non-profit so that donations, volunteer time, and vehicles are tax deductible. Their accountant advised that the non-profit was the best way to do it. They would be willing to take us in with their organization, but it may become confusing. They recycle only glass. Payment for the service in Boulder is voluntary. Escalante needs some equipment. (Peg Smith came.) They process their glass and ours, which Ray drops off in Escalante, to be used for landscape mulch. It can also be used for road repair. What Tina wants tonight is to have a bank account, then she will look into other possibilities. Ray can get more money if the materials can be baled. Tom made a motion we approve the business license application for Boulder Recycles. Gladys seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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Louise Barnes of the Escalante City Council said that Brian Bremner recommended that they look for a grant to get a cardboard baler in Escalante, which the city would operate on city property. Ray could stop in Escalante on his way to Cedar City and bale our balable materials (cardboard, aluminum and plastics) and then take ours and theirs to the recycler. It would streamline his process, and they are not looking to recoup money from their materials. They are just happy to have him haul it for them.

They are looking at for a grant for a baler and have found that used ones range in price from \$8,000-\$20,000. They may be able to get a used one from Walmart. Steve asked if the County might be able to help in view of the fact that recycling keeps their volume of waste down. Louise indicated that they haven't indicated that they felt it was a significant issue. Twenty five percent of their trash is cardboard. Their recycling program is done on a volunteer basis, without charge. Tina hopes that eventually our program can be sustainable. Louise uses the glass for pothole repair. Recycling is not a money making project.

Steve wondered if the BLM/Monument might be willing to partner with our communities' efforts. The National Park Service is mandated to recycle, the but BLM isn't. When Forest Service or BLM employees go to Cedar City, they take what recyclable materials are created here to recycle. Alyssia stated that they will put bins out front when the tourist season begins. A few years ago they took their materials to Red Rock Recycling until they closed their business. They take the glass to Escalante. The government doesn't give them money to recycle, but they are doing some recycling and are trying to be environmentally responsible. Tina said that our program does receive donations and even notes of appreciation from people passing through during the tourist season. The Southern Utah Coalition gives money for some costs (transportation, but not for equipment).

Rene Berkhoudt, the Monument Manager, reported that the **BLM has two projects** in progress. One is through a science grant from the NCLS for a recreation visitor experience study. Alyssia Angus is the point person for the Colorado group doing that study. The other is an Appreciative Inquiry study.

Alyssia presented a handout detailing the **social science project**. Phase I is a recreation experience study being conducted to find out not just visitor preferences and needs but also why people do the things they do on the Monument, specifically the areas that can be accessed off the Hole in the Rock road. They are not just asking about demographics but are exploring the question, *why* do I care about that place, why are you spending time here, why is it valuable to you, what are your connections to the area, leading into a conversation on the perception of changes. The study is being done by the Colorado Mesa University, with Tim Casey as leader. There will be one-hour sessions of about 30 people in different focus groups in March, May, July, and September. The March

meeting will be with outfitters and guides. The next phase will concentrate on the Cottonwood Road area, then they will do others if funding is available. The information received will be used for recreation planning, corridor management plans, and project proposals (which will include social components).

Mr. Berkhoudt distributed a handout on **National Travel and Tourism Strategy**. He announced that Jabe has been given the position of Acting NEPA Coordinator for the Monument in addition to his current position of Outdoor Recreation Planner. They have two programs going. The one he introduced is through the Departments of Commerce and Interior for tourism development. Alyssia is supervising the visitor experience study to frame the recreation program, and he is over a study being done by Arizona State University to look at how to leverage tourism to promote and stimulate local economies. It is an external study and will be a pilot program for all of the BLM. It is an appreciative inquiry study and looks at positive outcomes. They are not focusing on the past. They have been and will be continuing to conduct interviews with local people. The question they are addressing is, how can the Monument stimulate local economies? The study is done in five phases, ultimately building a network of partners who work together to identify and reach goals that benefit all stakeholders.

The Mayor addressed the issue of **night lighting**. He has talked to several people who have lights that are not hooded. All are legal because they pre-date the ordinance. We cannot force those people to put hoods on their lights. The town has turned off two lights in the past. The light on the basketball court will be hooded. A turn-off switch for it is not feasible. The lights on the town hall cost between \$3.75-4.00 per month to operate. They are 13 watt lights. He would like feedback from a large sampling of community members. Jabe likes the lights but doesn't think they need to be on all night and would like to see them go off at 10:00. Bill likes them. He thinks the building was designed with them. They shine straight down and he doesn't feel that they pollute the night sky. Ashley likes them and would like to see them on all night. Peg wonders if we could compromise and go with lower wattage bulbs or only use every other light. Bill would like to know what the majority of people want. He's hearing positive things about them but doesn't know if that's a majority. Judi likes them and thinks it would look strange having every other one off. Steve thinks we should leave them as they are unless someone petitions the town for a change. Tom was asked by a citizen at a Planning Commission meeting to bring it up, so he did. He doesn't see them, so doesn't have a problem with them. He thinks they were designed into the building for a purpose. Gladys feels the same way. We'll put the matter to rest unless someone comes with a petition to consider it.

We allocated \$1,700 for a park sign. We need to give Jim Catmull some direction. Jim reported that he will get a slab of red sandstone from the Hansen quarry in Torrey/Teasdale. It will be at least three feet tall and will have Boulder Town Park in

block letters. It can be only letters or can have a design in the corner. The lettering will be 29" if 3" letters are used. They will be ½" deep and painted with an automotive paint, then sealed. The Council doesn't want a design. The cemetery sign is 4' x 5'. The ordinance allows a sign to be 16 square feet. The height will not exceed that of the top of the fence. It will be 3' x 3' with 9" of that in the ground with boulders around it. The cost of the rock is \$275-350 with a flat face. Jim will give us a drawing to scale along with a breakdown of the cost. We will submit a sign application to be considered at Tuesday's Planning Commission meeting with a public hearing scheduled for March.

The Council took a five-minute break at 8:20 and resumed at 8:25.

There was discussion on the bid for installation of **audio/visual equipment** for this room. The price quoted is \$3,295. How often would we use it? Would it be enough to justify the cost? Because equipment on a cart would be mobile and could be moved from room to room, would it be more usable? If we had a mobile one, we could rent it out to groups that need one. Because this seemed like a better option, Steve will look for the equipment for a mobile set-up.

Some years ago we adopted an **Emergency Operating Plan**. The Mayor attended a meeting with the County last week at which they asked us to add to it and make necessary changes. There will be a training meeting on a Mass Fatality Plan overview in Cedar City on February 19 from 11:00-3:00 . There is a new requirement that we have approved body bags available in case of need. They come in rolls of 95, and we can share a roll with Escalante. Bill would like at least Corry and Steve to go to the meeting and at least one EMT and Ray, but it would be ideal if all the Council could go.

A copy of Rachel Bernstein's **bond** for infrastructure in her proposed **subdivision** wasn't received, so we will wait to approve them until next month, provided it is received by then.

We need replacements for two people on the **Board of Adjustment**. Bill appointed Dennis Bertucci to the Board of Adjustment. Tom made a motion that we approve Dennis to that position. Gladys seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. We still need one more person.

The Planning Commission has finished with their General Plan review and will review the changes at their meeting next week. Loch has submitted an application for a zoning change. We still need information on which planner can come and help—Bruce Parker or Justin Fischer. We will continue with Bruce on the project to which we committed. With changes made recently, Justin is now an employee of the County and we will need to pay for his services when we use him.

The Park Committee met and are starting to get a few things going. We need to find out whether projects have to be put out for bid, specifically the footbridge. Sam will do the gravel path. We need to see if the County will give us access to their gravel. Steve will let Dell know how much we need. They will work on getting the sign finished and on re-routing the stream. Some of the elements of the master plan are not in workable places, so some things will have to be re-situated. If we have paths that are open always, they need to be lit. Could we look into solar lights? The questions were asked if we have liability without lights or if lights would encourage night use and possibly increase liability. We will check with the insurance company.

The Cemetery Committee had a meeting and are working on policies.

Folders outlining the Tree City program were passed out to Council members to study before the next meeting, at which it will be discussed further.

Tom made a motion the meeting adjourn. Gladys seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.