

August 4, 2011

Meeting began at 7:05 p.m.

Present: Bill Muse, Mayor; Randy Ripplinger, Gladys LeFevre, Sue Inman, Council Members; Judi Davis, Clerk.

Excused: Dennis Bertucci, Council Member.

Public Present: Steve Cox, Judi Drain, Camille Hall, Gaden Griffin, Peg Smith and Sergio Femenias.

Because there is no flag in the room, there was no pledge of allegiance.

Gladys made a motion we accept the minutes of July 7 as presented. Sue seconded the motion. Randy abstained from voting because he wasn't at that meeting, and Bill, Gladys and Sue voted in favor of the motion.

Gaden introduced himself as a descendant of early Boulder residents. He has many family and friends buried here, and their family want to do something to improve the cemetery. They would like to provide a sandstone-type of sign. He distributed printed information, including dimensions, proposed design, and placement ideas. We need to find out the date the cemetery was established. The family wants to donate the sign. The Council prefers the Option 2 placement but will have to check with UDOT to make sure it isn't in their right-of-way. Gladys will put a copy of the information on the bulletin board with an invitation for the public to comment and will also check on the date of establishment. The stone will have a more natural shape than the square indicated in the drawing. (Daniel Corpuz came.)

The Council considered the request of a bicycle group who will spend a night in Boulder to camp on the Town grounds. It was decided that the policy of no camping on the grounds will be followed. Gladys made a motion we decline the request because our policy is set. Randy seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Abbie Orozco was not prepared to present her request regarding a road, so isn't in attendance this month. Gladys has done some research on the road in question (going to Winovitch's and Marc Jepsen's.) Lincoln Lyman made the road into Jepsens when Marc moved a double-wide trailer in. That was at the time when the County would push the snow off people's roads, and that's probably when the culvert was broken. The County will fix the culvert. The Town may have played a part in getting the road to the Winovitches, but not to Marc's. Sue reported that the road is staked by the Forest Service, and where the road turns to go to Jepsen's there is a gasoline storage tank. She's tried to contact Marc but has received no response. Bill has tried to reach Curtis

Oberhansly who also owns property along that road but hasn't been able to reach him. If the Winovitch's road is a town road, then Marc's would be a private drive connecting to a town road. Some part of the road (at least 400") between the highway and private property crosses Forest Service ground. This road is not on our Class C system. We could add it to the system if we were sure it is a town road. Sue asked if the Winovitches aren't here during the winter, why did the grader go there. Gladys responded that it was done when the Jepsen family was living here year around, but after they moved, it hasn't been plowed during the winter. In addition, the County won't go up there because there is no place for them to turn around. That will still be the situation if the Orozcoc purchase the property. After more discussion, it was decided that the property owners need to work with the Forest Service to get an easement across the FS ground for a road.

Daniel gave a presentation about skate parks. He stated that existing state code doesn't allow municipalities to be sued over recreational activities. Skateboarding is the number one recreational activity in participation and popularity in athletes under the age of 21. The closest skateboard park to Boulder is in Moab. He stated that there isn't much here for youth to do. The critical issue for skate parks has always been liability. One problem has been parents dropping their children off and leaving them without any supervision. He stated that cities that bought insurance and enforced pad and helmet laws are now enjoying insurance breaks due to the lack of serious injuries occurring in skate parks and that non-traditional sports have proven to be less calamitous than football, basketball, or soccer. His research shows that waivers, charging money, public supervision, and even having insurance actually make a municipality liable.

He would like to plan a place for pedestrians to sit, but the park itself would have priority use for skaters. He talked of the value of the use of the town grounds. He would take the construction on himself, using mostly recyclable materials. Cement would be the only thing we would have to buy. He has worked on several DIY (do-it-yourself) projects. What he needs from the town is a 100' x 100' piece of land. Other activities could be planned for the same area but would need to be posted ahead of time so as not to have conflicts of use. The project would evolve. He could do one stage, and it would look like it was done, but then he could add another part as his time and resources allowed. As interest and ability change, obstacles could be reconstructed. He would have a realistic and flexible deadline. He would keep the obstacles low—not higher than six feet.

The Mayor used this point in the meeting to introduce his report. The BLM wants to see progress on the tract park. We need to put up a sign identifying it as a town park. There are others looking at the property, and we could lose it if we don't develop it. It may be that we could locate a skate park there. We have approved the master plan for the tract development and it has been accepted by the BLM as part of the lease approval. We would have to get their approval for a change before moving forward on it. Randy would like to see a skate park. Gladys wants us to check with our attorney and insurance

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company before we make a decision. Sue is concerned about injuries and emergency care. Peg watched participants at a self-supervised park in Colorado and feels it would teach kids cooperation. Judi will check with the attorney and with the insurance company on liability issues. (Cheryl Cox came.) We will have Daniel make the presentation to the Park Committee and will discuss it again at next month's meeting. Bill, Daniel, and Randy will walk the tract park after this meeting to see if there is a place one could be located.

Department reports were given. The landfill seems to be okay. Sue will check with Farlan on fixing the eroded road. Bill reported that the Lower Boulder road neighbors have come up with a solution for the problem of water on the road. Sue is working with Mark McIff to get paperwork in order to record the Lower Boulder roads.

The Planning Commission is continuing from the last meeting the public hearing on changing the Zoning Ordinance to add borrow pits to the table of uses.

Randy made a motion the meeting adjourn. Sue seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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Minutes prepared by Judith Davis, Town Clerk