

Boulder Community Alliance Advisory Council Minutes - Meeting 9/19/06

In attendance: Curtis Oberhansly, Tim Clarke, Sergio Femenias, Peg Smith, Dianne Oberhansly, Cookie Schaus, Brian Dick, Sue Fearon, Tom Jerome, Ray Gardner, Judi Davis, Scott Brodie. Absent: Mike Nelson.

The meeting began at 6:05.

Curtis thanked all for coming and agreeing to participate on the Advisory Council of the nonprofit foundation. He said that the By-laws had recently been altered so that the foundation's goals and mission will be more sensitive to the prerogatives of the Town government. Tim added that, in light of the foundation's goals, the SITLA project would be declined as a project for the foundation. Curtis stated that at some point in the future, the foundation might partner with the Town, but only if and when the Town is ready for that, and the Town Council had been informed. Scott asked if the Town couldn't use some help on some of these projects. Curtis answered one would think so, but given the recent levels of misunderstanding, it would be better allow some time to pass and focus on other projects. Tim updated the AC on the SITLA parcel. He said no BLM or Forest permits have been issued and the project isn't moving forward. Curtis added that it is not a priority with the State at this point.

Curtis asked the group for ideas regarding the foundation's name. Dianne talked about the definitions of foundation, alliance and coalition. Tim brought up the concern expressed in an earlier public meeting about using the word "community." Sue said that she thought we should definitely steer away from using the term Grand Staircase--she had never heard of the term until Clinton declared the monument as such. Ray suggested we ought to make the name consistent with the mission statement. There was discussion about how to refer to the larger Boulder community. Tom asked if the foundation might cover other communities than just Boulder. Curtis said he couldn't really see that happening in the near term. Brian stated that "community" is what we're trying to create through the foundation and that it ought to be part of the name. Tim

asked what we thought about Boulder Area Alliance and there were some in agreement.

Tom said that the good thing that came out of the public informational meetings was the beginning of a community dialogue. Curtis gave some examples of how that dialogue had already started.

Curtis asked Dianne to briefly discuss the Utah Nonprofit Association and she did, pointing out that they offer periodic grant writing workshops. It was noted that Tim Mutchler has volunteered to assist in searching for grants. Brian explained that the actual paperwork involved in grant writing isn't so difficult; it's finding a foundation that is offering money for what you are seeking and that you can build a relationship with.

Curtis asked the group how large they would like to see the Advisory Council. Brian asked if the AC makes final decisions or makes recommendations. Curtis said they recommend to the Board of Trustees. He added that the Trustees make the final decision, but that the reason the Trustees are forming the AC is to create a true community partnership. He said it would not make sense to form the AC and then not take very seriously their recommendations. However, a final decision maker the size of the AC could become unwieldy. Tom added that the Council needs to be large enough to make decisions, even when there will undoubtedly be Council members missing from the meeting. Scott commented that it seemed that right now the Council was made up almost entirely of "newcomers." Peg and Tom both volunteered to abdicate their positions on the Council to make room for others-- perhaps longtime residents --to be added. Curtis said that diversity within the community balanced against a willingness to contribute meaningful participation were the primary goals for members of the AC. Please e-mail him or Tim with any suggestions.

Scott asked if the Council members could have proxy votes. Curtis answered no. Sue asked if there would be binding and nonbinding votes. Tom suggested that a "super majority" vote from the Council might be able to become binding. Sue brought up the need for some criteria on attendance for Council members. Also what number might make a quorum.

Peg suggested that we try to determine a schedule for meetings. She thought that as the foundation tries to get up and going, there should be two meetings per month. Curtis said he was concerned about requiring too many meetings from Council members and that maybe there could be a primary (required) meeting and a secondary (optional) meeting each month. Tim said that it would probably be his responsibility to coordinate the secondary meeting. Scott asked if there would be votes taken in the second meeting and Curtis said no; perhaps polls taken but not votes.

Tim suggested we set dates for the next meetings. There was discussion on which day of the week was best and a general agreement over Tuesdays at 6:00. On Tuesday, Oct. 3 it was agreed the AC will have a secondary meeting and on Tues., Oct. 17 the AC will have the next Primary meeting. There was discussion that a motion should be made setting a regular schedule.

IT IS HEREBY MOVED AND UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDED THAT the regularly scheduled official monthly meeting of the Advisory Committee be set for the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM and that optional meetings may also be set by the AC at their regular meeting.

Tim discussed some areas of interest that might pertain to future projects for the foundation. Scott asked if the foundation was endowed. Curtis answered no, not as such. However, three individuals have pledged to cover the basic costs of the foundation, mostly to cover the cost of Tim Clarke's work as the Executive Director.

Curtis updated the group on the status of a \$10,000 Planning Grant that had been applied for. He said the Nature Conservancy has agreed to kick in \$6,000 to match the grant and that would leave the Town with \$4,000 to come up with, an amount that the Town had already budgeted to cover revisions required by LUDMA. He said there was about a 75% chance of securing the grant and that we would know in the near future.

Sue was asked to talk about a possible Native Grasses program that might interest various landowners in Boulder. The program would involve native grass seed grown locally and then planted in other areas to recover areas blighted with invasive plants. The seed from those grasses would

be purchased so the landowner would make some kind of profit. Sue said she thought this might be the kind of program a nonprofit could get involved in.

Tim said that one of the important goals of the foundation is to become aware of the bodies and agencies that make the decisions affecting us.

Curtis said that in the near future, we will discuss some land/ranch preservation issues as private initiatives (as opposed to zoning or other efforts undertaken by the Town.) He indicated that there are a lot of decisions facing ranch owners (tax, inheritance, their vision of the future) and one of the things a nonprofit can do is research these issues through other nationwide nonprofit resources and then have a packet of information readily available to any landowner who is interested.

Tim gave an update on ATV issue. The Trails Committee is back in session and it meets alternately at Panguitch, Cannonville and Escalante. SUU is running a survey regarding the spending habits of tourists and this might help us compile some pertinent information regarding ATV use, although the results will not be available until next summer. Tim showed the Council Forest Service maps for motorized travel in the Southern Utah Ranger District, including one showing Boulder Mountain. He said that at the end of October the “desired condition” maps will be coming out, and so there is currently a 30 day scoping period where we might make comments on the trail system. He said that maybe we could spend more time looking at these maps at the next meeting. Curtis noted that Mark Nelson has expressed an interest in looking at the Boulder Mountain map since he’s very familiar with trails and use on the mountain. Peg added that the Garfield County non-motorized map is still being made and that this is our chance to have input if we wish.

Curtis asked members to stay after the end of the meeting if they had suggestions for people they’d like to recommend for the Advisory Council.

The meeting ended at 7:35 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Dianne Oberhansly

Boulder Community Alliance Advisory Council Minutes - Meeting 10/3/06

The meeting was called to order by the President, Curtis Oberhansly, at 6:10. In attendance were Curtis Oberhansly, Tim Clarke, Scott Brodie, Brian Dick, Mike Nelson, Dianne Oberhansly, Cookie Schaus, Sergio Feminias, Peg Smith, Tom Jerome. Apologies for absence were received from Sue Fearon.

Tim had previously emailed the meeting agenda to AC members. Copies of the By-Laws, Organizational Minutes, and minutes of the last meeting were handed out to all. A file folder will be given to each AC member next meeting to keep all relevant paperwork in. Minutes of the last meeting will be read and approved at the next Regular meeting (Primary).

Curtis asked for further discussion on the nonprofit's name. He indicated that Sue Fearon, absent, wanted to suggest Boulder Community Alliance. Dianne talked about the fact that if the organization's initials can be pronounced, they probably will be, and in that case, BAA (Boulder Area Alliance) may not be very suitable. Curtis indicated that the word "area" was flat and non-descript. That "community" is used often by citizens groups in other towns/cities as part of their nonprofit name, that it doesn't stand for or imply any affiliation with the local municipality, and that it imparts a message to outsiders about our mission. Peg suggested Greater Boulder Alliance and said that the word "community" has drawn negative comments from a couple of people. Curtis said he would contact Gladys and Ray and see where they were with the word "community" but said we can't give everyone a veto or we won't get anywhere. Tom stated that it's what the nonprofit does that's important--not what it's named. Cookie said that any controversy about the name will soon be forgotten by the public. Scott asked what the hurry was in getting a name. Curtis explained that the website could not be in place without a name and that there are a number of issues, particularly the Forest Service scoping, on which we need to get the word out. We need to compile our supporter and mailing list from the web site.

Tom suggested that Curtis take a straw poll of the AC after talking to Gladys and Ray. Tim further explained the importance of the website and how it will be the initial introduction to the nonprofit for many people. Sergio explained that we had asked the public for their input, they gave it to us and that we ought to therefore comply with it, that a name is not very important. Curtis felt that the name is very important and we should pick the best one for the long haul. It helps donors, supporters and granting organizations understand quickly the who, what and where of the nonprofit.

Next on the agenda were some answers to questions posed at the last meeting regarding the AC. Curtis said the current size of the Council is 12 and that an optimal number would be 15. He would like to add a few more members that would help to diversify the Council. The term of appointment for the Council will be one year. He said that the one resolution that was voted on and accepted at the last meeting was the advisory meeting schedule which would be a primary or regular (required) meeting on the third Tuesday of every month and a secondary meeting (optional) on the first Tuesday of every month. He indicated that committees would probably start to take over the secondary Tuesday meetings soon.

Curtis also wanted to specifically explain about the nonprofit's current funding and budget. Tim is being paid \$25 an hour as Ex. Director up to a maximum of 20 hours a week. Three funders--Curtis, Tom Hoyt and Dave Mock--have pledged a total of \$32,000 per year for the next three years to cover Tim's salary and operating costs of the nonprofit. He indicated that fundraising would begin as soon as we're up and running.

He also wanted to clarify some questions about the function of the AC. He said that any resolutions from the Council will be regarded as recommendations to the Board of Trustees. He indicated that it would not be sensible or feasible to have two different bodies making binding decisions. He described it as a partnership between the AC and the Trustees but with 49% in the Council and 51% in the Trustees. He also said that due to the importance of not bogging down operations, all organizations need clear systems in place. The By-laws state the duties of the President (Curtis) and it is his job to implement the policies of the Corporation as defined by the Board of Trustees, who do while

considering the recommendations of the AC. The ultimate goal is to be operationally fluid while involving a broad base from the community through the AC and the committee structure. Curtis said that he as Pres. works closely with Tim as Ex. Dir. to keep the programs moving. Tom indicated that there were certain types of items that the AC should be informed of: 1) if a new issue is being taken on by the nonprofit 2) if the nonprofit is considering taking action on an issue 3) if there is an issue to be discussed before a recommendation is made to the Trustees. Curtis agreed and said that a system of sharing information will need to evolve. He and Tim often shared 20 plus emails a day and it would overwhelm AC members to be in such a detailed loop.

Tim indicated that he believed teams or committees would soon begin to form around proposed issues and that community members would be part of these teams. Scott said that as these teams develop, some of us from the AC will be speaking for the nonprofit and that we all need to be on the same page and aware of the same information. Curtis agreed. He said that there might be some projects that would involve confidentiality. Conservation easement negotiations might be an example. But most things will be completely open.

Brian asked if the budget would include expenses other than Tim's budget. Curtis said that there would be at least \$7,000 for operating expenses such as website design, incorporation expenses, newsletter mailings, etc.

Peg asked at what point the website is at. Curtis said that it is being held up because we don't have a name yet and because he's given so much time to other projects such as the ATV issue.

Brian inquired what Tim was doing with his time as Executive Director. Tim explained the many tasks involved in furthering the ATV issue right now and that initially he spent a lot of time on setting up the organization.

There was some discussion on the number of primary (required) meetings that an AC member needed to attend. Three-quarters or nine meetings a year was proposed. Then two-thirds was discussed. Scott said that a person's commitment and work on the nonprofit might be

taken into consideration. Tom suggested that members have a goal of attending nine primary meetings, but that this was somewhat flexible.

Brian indicated that he was still concerned that Tim was spending all of his time on one issue--ATVs. Curtis said that he has directed Tim to focus on the ATV work because it was all coming to a head during the DNF Scoping Process over the next 60 days and that we have to ramp up or forget about it. At the next primary meeting, Curtis said that the last part of it could be dedicated to Tim explaining in detail all facets of this issue for those that are interested. Curtis also said that he's putting in approximately 60 to 80 hours a month on nonprofit business.

Sergio asked about having a written set of operating procedures for the AC. Curtis said that was a good point and that those should be put forth in clear form. Sergio also pointed out that the By-Laws are not dated. Curtis said to date the By-Laws and Organizational Minutes at 9/15/06. He said we would get copies of the filed Articles and signed last pages of the By-Laws and Org. Minutes.

Curtis asked Dianne to talk about a possible oral history project that the nonprofit might be interested in. Dianne explained about the nonprofit might want to partner with Friends of the Library on a videotaped oral history project as part of the new Heritage area that will be created in the library. A second step could involve editing all the available raw footage into a 90 minute Boulder documentary. Curtis said that the nonprofit could probably help finance the nominal costs in part one, gathering the interview footage, but that we would need a grant for the editing. There is a newly established \$10 million fund for cultural projects throughout the region. Scott said that he thought this kind of project fit in nicely with the local tradition of gathering family histories. Cookie indicated that Camille Ballard (as a representative of the King family) is anxious to move forward with their donations toward the library's Heritage project.

Peg updated the group on her initial work on the newsletter, specifically using a trial period of Constant Contact. She and Curtis said they would discuss with Sue Fearon and the Salt Lake web designer how to proceed with Constant Contact and other issues to link the website with the production of a newsletter. There was some discussion about who will receive hard copies of the newsletter and general agreement was

that everyone in town should receive at least the first copy through the mail. Cookie said that there are some different bulk mailing programs available if the nonprofit wanted to explore them.

Tim updated us on his work. He said that our award of the GOPB planning grant will be announced at the Oct. 4 Town Council meeting by Amanda Smith from The Nature Conservancy. Oct. 18 is the next County Trails Committee meeting. He indicated that Mark Nelson, Keith Watts and others familiar with Boulder Mountain were reviewing the relevant Forest Service scoping maps. The strongest card we have right now in terms of ATV trails in the Boulder area is us--the fact that the Town Council, and so many individuals and businesses in Boulder have spoken in unison about their feelings regarding this issue. He announced that Mary O'Brien from the Grand Canyon Trust will be in Boulder at around 3 pm on Friday, Oct. 13 for discussion and input. We could share their information on routes and trails, but without needing to be in sync with their policy on grazing.

The meeting ended at 7:35 p.m.

The minutes were recorded and submitted by Dianne Oberhansly.

Boulder Community Alliance Advisory Council Minutes - Meeting 10/17/06

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. In attendance were Curtis Oberhansly, Tim Clarke, Sergio Feminias, Peg Smith, Tom Jerome, Cookie Schaus, Dianne Oberhansly, Mike Nelson, Ray Gardner, Sue Fearon. Walt Gove was presented as a new member of the Advisory Council, but was not present.

Curtis asked if there were any changes to be made to the minutes from 9/19/06 and 10/3/06. None were proposed. Sue moved that the minutes be accepted and Peg seconded. All were in favor.

Curtis handed out dated By Laws to all members and an organizational flow chart describing the decision-making process within the alliance.

Curtis said that the web site is not yet up-and-running but will be soon. The text for the four C's (community, commerce, conservation, culture) is being written by Peg, Tim, Curtis and Dianne. The draft of the text should be complete Friday at which time he will email to all for their input.

Peg talked about getting constant comment working on the web site. Sue will be assisting her since she has a good deal of experience with constant comment on her web site. Peg asked if we have an "image library" to draw from and Curtis said we have a good deal of photos, paintings, etc. that have been donated for use by local artists. The web site address is bouldercommunityalliance.org.

Peg updated all on the first newsletter, which has tentatively been named the Sage Page. She will have a rough draft ready this Friday, Oct. 20. The first newsletter will be mailed to everyone. Sue said that mailing first class, although more expensive, is beneficial since all non-delivered newsletters will be returned, and this will help to update our mailing list. Sue suggested that a local person be highlighted in each newsletter. Cookie wanted to know if there would be a calendar of events published and Peg said yes, this first newsletter would cover November/December events. Cookie suggested including an article on the fire station--number of runs they make, what kind, etc.

Sue spoke about the benefits of tracking people on the web site and seeing what in particular they are looking at so that the web site can stay informative and up-to-date.

Next on the agenda was Projects. Curtis said that our primary--and most urgent project right now--is the ATV issue. However, as we go on and find issues that we are interested in pursuing, such as the oral history project, we will be expanding our work.

Tim took over and updated all on the ATV issue. He thinks we are making good progress. One of the most important things we have done, he said, was send a strong, united message as a Town to the County

Commission (and other agencies) regarding our feelings about ATV marketing as it impacts Boulder and the surrounding area.

Tim said that he and Mike Nelson had just recently been to the Scenic Byway 12 Commission meeting and had asked UDOT specifically what its policy was on the use of Highway 12 by ATV riders as they attempt to access ATV routes. UDOT will update them on such.

Tim stated that enforcement will be a key point in this whole issue. He has asked to be put on the agenda for the Nov. 2 Boulder Town Council meeting so that he can update and receive input about the ATV issue and Forest Service scoping of trails/routes. The initial set of Forest Service maps will be available for the public around the beginning of November and then there is a 30 day period to give input. Tim thinks the Forest Service will come out one of the following ways: 1)weighted in favor of motorized vehicles 2)weighted in favor of wildlife 3)somewhere between the first two.

Mary O'Brien from the Grand Canyon Trust was here and met with several locals to update them on the Three Forests Coalition work and to get input. On Sat., November 28, Diane Tracy of the Great Old Broads for Wilderness will be here to train volunteers on how to use GPS and take digital photos to help monitor motorized trail use on Boulder Mountain. Tim said he will put up some notices around town asking for volunteers.

Sue said she believes it is "humane" to try to accommodate recreationists in some sensible way since they will find a way to recreate, even if there isn't a designated place to do so.

Curtis said that he, Tim and Sue had recently met with Dell LeFevre in an effort to get the help and input from the ranching community regarding ATV use on Boulder Mountain. Dell said it's not the use of Boulder Mountain that concerns him, but the abuse of the mountain.

Tim announced that there would be a County Trails Commission meeting on Wed., Oct. 18 at 6:30 in Escalante.

Curtis talked about the alliance's support of the Escalante River Basin efforts, specifically as they relate to the proposed plans to use the

Escalante Park as a staging area for ATVs. He talked about the “Basin Head” tee-shirt design contest.

Sue made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Peg seconded. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

These minutes were taken and submitted by Dianne Oberhansly.

Boulder Community Alliance Advisory Council Minutes - Meeting 11/21/06

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Peg, as Tim was delayed. In attendance were Sergio Femenias, Peg Smith, Tom Jerome, Cookie Schaus, Sue Fearon, Walt Gove, Judi & Larry Davis. Apologies for absence were received from Curtis & Dianne Oberhansly who were out of town.

The minutes from the previous primary meeting on 10.17.06. were in preparation. The secondary meeting on 11.7.06. was a training session for trails monitoring.

An update and review of progress on the website and newsletter covered the following items:

- Internet Explorer 5.2 users were getting a weird display.
- Firefox 5.1.0.8. was showing a rollover problem on the Community and Commerce pages.
- Sue commented on negative feedback on the Commerce page ATV photo, saying that we should be stressing a positive message. Tom agreed that we should avoid being reactionary, but be proactive.

Tom gave an update on the trails monitoring program with Great Old Broads’ board member, Diane Tracy, as follows:

- Conditions were already too snowy / muddy to access trails higher on Boulder Mountain.

- Tom is forwarding our info to Diane who is coordinating it on maps and photos.

- Apart from the current focus on the mountain, Diane has suggested we monitor the Burr Trail during colder weather. Sue suggested monitoring Dell LeFevre's rangeland.

- Tom said that once we get the base data down we can highlight the real areas of concern and re-document those if necessary.

- We must have photos of damage to give the Forest Service.

- Jeff and Ana Saunders are wanting to be trained once they're back.

- Sue suggested that there may be some emergency provision that would allow for a road closure - we need to find out if they really have that option. Present the problem - present the solution.

- Tom said that watershed management is also a major issue that the Forest would respond to.

(Tim joined the meeting around 6.20)

Discussion on the ATV / Dixie N.F. scoping was as follows:

- Tim stated that making contacts and establishing relationships will set us up better than confrontation. The Three Forests Coalition had established credibility with the Forest Service by offering credible alternatives in other scopings.

- Brian suggested that we invite a FS representative to our meeting.

- Sue stated that our response needs to focus on very specific and substantive data. Comments should be framed in the context of how well an action or event fits in with their Resource Management Plan.

- Tom offered to assist Tim with the scoping response. Dec 8 was the tentative date for start of the scoping period. Tim is on the Council agenda on Dec 7 to encourage the Town to send a formal response.

- Tim plans to post a bulleted list of key points on our website that others can use as a guide for their own responses. We could also post a sign-on letter to coordinate our response.

- Tim had met with Doug West, a horseman and long-time landowner in Grover, who was on the TWIG committee for the motorized travel plan.

More on the website:

- Tim had started to send out notification that our site was up, and asked that as we all forward it to our contacts that we let Tim know so that we can keep track of who has been informed.

- We need to ask JoAnne to iron out the compatibility issues (first item).

- Sue suggested that we can also add to the signature box a link to the newsletter sign-up.

Grant-writing training - Janet Borg has been hired to work with Envision Escalante for four months. Tim wants to ask her to meet and share her experience with our grant-writing volunteers (Brian, Peg, Judi, Dianne, Dennis, Tim Mutcher).

Native grasses - Tim was still trying to make contact with AJ Martinez.

Newsletter discussion covered issues regarding our target audiences (local community and beyond) and how to tailor the newsletter (digital and print versions) to get the balance right between local and broader issues. Photos will be needed for variety and topicality. What links should be included ? - Town Council / Planning Commission, Boulder Business Alliance, archival (past newsletters), and quick links within the site. Sue also gave us “underscore blank”. The Sage Page banner logo and font should be finalized. For updates between issues, a ‘post card’ format could be used.

Tim gave an update on his research on the Outdoor Recreation Gem status, with a suggestion of two proposals that we could make: (1) Boulder Town as a pioneer ranching heritage town, which could generate funding for ranchers, and attract quiet tourists, and (2) the whole Escalante River basin as an eco-system - Boulder Mountain watershed (Forest Service), and Escalante Canyons (GSENM and Glen Canyon NRA). Tim was on the Town agenda in December to suggest “Gem” status as a way to potentially stress the area for quiet, non-motorized tourism, and offset the County promotion of motorized recreation. More needs to be known about the implications of gaining “Gem” status.

Tim publicized the County Trails Committee meeting on Dec 13 for election of officers.

The next primary meeting will be on December 19.
The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

These minutes were taken by Peg Smith & Tim Clarke, and submitted by Tim Clarke.

Boulder Community Alliance Advisory Council Minutes - Meeting 12/19/06

The meeting convened at 6:05. In attendance were Curtis Oberhansly, Dianne Oberhansly, Tom Jerome, Peg Smith, Sergio Femenias, Cookie Schaus, Scott Brodie, Mike Nelson, Brian Dick and Sue Fearon.

The minutes for the last two meetings were approved.

The first agenda item was the newsletter which Peg Smith and Sue Fearon reported on. A total of 63 email newsletters contacts have signed up on Constant Contact. Peg distributed a handout showing constant contact statistics relating to the newsletter.

The print newsletter will be out soon after the start of January. Peg reported that the hold-up has been in working out small programming glitches rather than in getting the content together. There was some discussion regarding how best to get a mailing list with addresses formulated in a usable format. Sue will take care of this. The group consensus was that newsletters should be addressed to specific individuals rather than "boxholder."

The next agenda item was the SITLA parcel, which Curtis gave some brief background on and then asked the Council whether this might be a project the Alliance would want to help the Town out with, if such help is still desired. Mike said he believed pursuing this project was greatly in the Town's interest. Scott asked how much of the Alliance's

time and resources might be needed to work on gathering the needed SITLA information. Curtis said he didn't think it would be a great amount of time, but then he couldn't be absolutely sure of that. Sue brought up the point that a good deal of private property is for sale in and around Boulder right now, and any efforts toward questioning and influencing how property is or is not developed--as reflected by the SITLA parcel--could be very important. Scott said that, in that case, maybe the Alliance's resources would be better spent by personally addressing the landowners with property for sale and making sure they are aware of all possible options. Dianne stipulated that she would hope such a project would not curtail devoting time and resources to other community projects. An informal consensus was taken and it was agreed that we should discuss further with the Mayor and see if he still wanted us to help out on the SITLA parcel.

A discussion followed regarding the editing and revising of the current Boulder General Plan, how that might relate to development issues and how long the process might take.

Hospice and Elder Care was the next agenda item. Peg and Cookie gave some background on recent events which point toward a need for the availability of hospice care, elder transport and related issues. Tom indicated that from previous experience he believes it might be much easier to affiliate with an organization which is already approved--maybe Escalante--than to try to form from the ground up. Cookie volunteered to lead the effort in procuring basic information. Tom agreed to help Cookie out, and talked about the idea of simply gathering medical equipment (wheelchairs, canes, shower railings, etc.) which might be needed locally. He said that he would contact the Home Health Agency to find out what it can offer. It was agreed that it was terrible that Neil Jeppson could not come home -- as he so much hoped in his final days -- just because there was no access to hospice care in Boulder, and that we should do our best to remedy that.

Annexation was next on the agenda. Curtis explained that questions were posed from time to time and asked if there were any questions or any interest in that discussion. Peg said she believes it would be in the Town's interest to create and have a Plan for Annexation ready. Sue pointed out that the local Room Rate was just increased by 1% again and that Boulder depends too much on the local sales tax and

that other options for income should be considered. The group's consensus was that annexation is not a topic which it was really interested in taking up at this time.

Other business: Peg brought up the fact that Gladys LeFevre would like an informal poll taken as to how much money would be acceptable for burial in Boulder Cemetery. Improvements to the cemetery are needed, but there aren't funds to do so right now. After some discussion, the group agreed that charges for Boulder Cemetery burial should be increased for those who want to reserve a burial space. Serg offered \$250 now if he could reserve a space for the future. Others said that perhaps a separate donation toward cemetery improvements could be made. The consensus was that there should be more discussion about how to provide for the upkeep and the future needs of the cemetery and that we should coordinate with Gladys LeFevre on this and see if BCA can be of assistance.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35.

These minutes were recorded by Dianne Oberhansly.