

Boulder Community Alliance Advisory Council Meeting Minutes 1/16/07

Meeting was called to order by Tim. In attendance were: Brian Dick, Sue Fearon, Peg Smith, Tom Jerome, Judi Davis, Tim Clarke and Cookie Schaus. It was announced that Ray Gardner had resigned due to an appointment to the Planning Commission, time being the limitation.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved and seconded by Sue Fearon and Tom Jerome respectively.

Tim asked how to use the Constant Contact list to provide updates to members. Example: The Boulder Town Council letter to the Dixie NF would provide talking points for others to respond to the scoping notice. Peg offered to coordinate that. Sue discussed how to link to people to sites to inform them as to what they can do, etc.

Peg updated the group about the printing and mailing of the Newsletter. Walt, Scott, Brian and Tom volunteered to stamp and label to get it out without delay. Deadline for assignments for the on-line newsletter for February/March was discussed. Peg had already started work on it.

Brian will head up the grant writing group as per his previous offer. He will contact Janet Borg, Envision Escalante (826-4266), to organize a training session in Boulder or Escalante. Tim will pass on information to Brian.

Sue offered to follow up on the Native Grasses project. A. J. Martinez was the point man for this area but seems to be unresponsive. Angie Evendon has agreed to be available to Sue for help. Sue is going to call the District and BLM for information on all possibilities regarding seed market and growing guidelines.

Cookie gave a report on the Hospice project. RN's have been contacted and possible volunteers are being contacted. We will be supported by the hospital in Beaver. Contact person there will provide training. A poster will be put on the bulletin board asking for volunteers.

Tim gave an update on the Dixie NF Motorized Travel Plan scoping period - ending January 31. He encouraged all to look at maps that are now at the Museum and fill out the yellow record sheets for individual routes prior to the open house meetings due to the complexity involved. The open house meetings are in Torrey and Escalante on January 24 and 25 respectively. Breck, Keith and Mark Nelson are interested in looking at the maps and making comments. There was a discussion about enforcement issues which should be raised in scoping responses.

Tom discussed the route monitoring progress and feedback. He brought in examples of maps and tracking materials. Box Death Hollow data collection and photos were provided. This is a vital process that needs follow-up. Many areas are inaccessible for the winter months but there is interest in resuming the monitoring in the spring in the Monument. Very important areas are Horse Canyon (Pete and Cookie) and the Sheffield Road. GPS equipment is available at Tom's.

Great Old Broads are holding a workshop in Moab on February 24 & 25 for their Healthy Lands Project, using the GINGER monitoring program. Tom has offered to attend.

The County Trails Committee will hold their voting meeting in Tropic January 17 at 6:30 p.m. Walt will be nominated as Eastern Regional Rep.

Fishlake NF scoping period ends January 29 - Tim to provide more information.

Tim gave an update on the Outdoor Recreation Gems process. After discussions with the Town Council and local agency staff, it seems inappropriate to apply for Gems status, but Tim will write a letter by the end of the month providing general information so that we can stay in the loop. Discussion of what Tim's letter should say by Sue, Scott and Peg - not to commit ourselves to anything at this stage.

BCA will be on the next town meeting to offer help with the SITLA property planning options.

Western Edge, Rural Development Center will be holding a one day session in Salt Lake on January 31. Sue will check it out through some of her contacts and see about attending.

The next primary meeting will be on February 20.
The meeting adjourned at 7.30 p.m.

These minutes were taken by Cookie Schaus, and submitted by Tim Clarke.

Boulder Community Alliance Advisory Council Meeting Minutes 2/21/07

In attendance: Curtis Oberhansly, Dianne Oberhansly, Tom Jerome, Sergio Femenias, Peg Smith, Sue Fearon, Walt Gove, Brian Dick

Meeting convened at 6:15 p.m.

Curtis explained an issue for the Friends of the Boulder Community Library having to do with income. They had discussed it and the Friends decided for the present to resolve this by becoming an organization under the umbrella of the BCA. The alternative would be for the Friends organization to become an independent legal entity or nonprofit which entails more time and expense and involves issues of ability to receive tax deductible donations. If the Friends group wanted to organize differently any time or at a later date, they would always be free to do so. However, at present they have some donations and some money from the Town for cleaning and it must somehow be reported to the IRS. This can be properly declared and reported on the tax filing of BCA if the Friends are part of BCA. The group thought this was fine and approved the request from Friend of the Library.

Sue announced that she was attending the 4th Annual Diversified Agriculture Conference starting on 2/22. She discussed some of the workshops being offered and asked if there were suggestions for ones she might attend. She will report back to BCA and to the Town as well. She

also suggested that some of this information be published in the next Sage Page.

Curtis announced that there will be a Fremont River workshop on June 9-10f in Loa, UT and that the BCA could perhaps sponsor one or two people to attend.

Tom reported on the ATV monitoring, which has slowed down through the winter months, but will resume with better weather. He will be attending the Great Old Broads Healthy Lands Summit 2007 in Moab this coming weekend as the Boulder representative. He said that he hopes to get more accurate information on ATV trails documentation and to whom it should be reported.

Dianne described the Friends of the Boulder Library's upcoming oral history project and why she thinks BCA ought to co-sponsor it. A few suggestions came from the group as to how to best gather these oral histories.

Curtis told the group about Mike Nelson's Locals' Photography Contest which will coincide with the new Fences Exhibition at the Anasazi State Museum. Prize money is being sought for the photography contest and Curtis wondered whether the BCA wanted to make a donation. Sue pointed out that such a donation might cause controversy since BCA is not really set up to field donation/grant requests at this time. The group agreed and so BCA will encourage Boulder individuals to donate prize money instead.

Peg reported on the upcoming Sage Page. The next print version should be ready around March 12. She hopes that we can fold and label the newsletters at our next regular BCA meeting on March 20. Currently, there are around 73 signed up for the internet list. She suggested that Curtis write an article on conservation easements for the next newsletter and the group agreed that this would be a good topic to present.

Curtis slated the following topics for our next meeting: new Advisory Council members, update on Hospice project, update on Diversified Agriculture conference, update on Town Park and update on the results of the Garfield County Trails Commission election. Any additions to the agenda can be given to Tim Clarke.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20.

These minutes were submitted by Dianne Oberhansly.

Boulder Community Alliance Advisory Council Meeting Minutes 3/20/07

The meeting convened at 6:10 p.m. In attendance were Scott Brodie, Tim Clarke, Judi Davis, Sue Fearon, Walt Gove, Tom Jerome, Mike Nelson, Dianne Oberhansly, Curtis Oberhansly, Cookie Schaus and Peg Smith. Absent was Brian Dick and Sergio Femenias.

Curtis announced that the last month's meeting minutes had been sent via email too late for all to receive and so next month we will be reviewing minutes for approval.

First item on the agenda, the newsletter, was covered by Peg Smith. She announced the next copy deadline of March 23 and reviewed some of the articles that will be part of that newsletter: Dixie Ntl. Forest letter update on trails, update on hospice, update on Diversified Agriculture Conference and an explanation of conservation easements. Plans are to stamp and distribute that printed newsletter on April 5. The online newsletter should be published around March 26. At this point, Peg said that print newsletters will come out about every two months and about every six weeks for the online version. Currently there are 79 subscribers. Because of difficulties with aros.net, we will be changing our host servers. X-mission hosts nonprofits for free, so we may go with them. Copy deadlines for the next two issues are: May 3 and June 14. There was a brief discussion of whether to advertise local businesses and services. The group decided against ads, but okayed informational updates on businesses/services for the community.

Sue reported on her attendance at the Diversified Agriculture Conference sponsored by the USU Extension Service. She found it extremely helpful, inspirational and with lots of application to her life and business. She has been sharing specific information gained with appropriate individuals here in Boulder. We discussed copying all of her printed information and putting it in the library for public perusal.

Cookie reported on efforts to get Hospice Care here in Boulder. Shaleen Mackey, R.N., has contacted the appropriate people in Beaver, and Boulder Hospice will be under the umbrella of the Escalante Hospice. Shaleen will need to get specific certification and Curtis said that BCA is willing to cover the costs of travel, etc. for her to do so. A couple of aids in Escalante are willing to do some travel over to Boulder to help out with the program. There's a possibility that local volunteers could receive some hospice training here in town.

Dianne gave an update on the oral history project co-sponsored with Friends of the Boulder Library. Tom Bartelt will be doing the videography. A tentative list of prospective interviewees and interviewers has been made. The first history will hopefully be filmed in April and will most likely be Fay Jepsen.

Tim briefed the group on a bike ride between Escalante and Boulder that will be co-sponsored by Envision Escalante and the BCA on April 21. It is still to be determined what the registration fee will be and if there will be any give-aways. Sue registered concern about putting bike riders on Highway 12 which she thinks is dangerous. There was some discussion about safety measures that might be taken such as setting age limits for riders. A 10:00 a.m. departure was suggested. The purpose of the bike ride is basically to give both non-profits some publicity. The group agreed to see how it goes this year, but said not to bill it as the "first annual" because we may not want to sponsor such an event again.

Mike Nelson reminded us that a group of medical students will be bicycling through Boulder and will need hosts for the night to feed and sleep them. The students will be giving a talk at the museum that evening explaining the charitable project they are involved in.

Tim updated us on the Alton Coal Mine issue and said that up to 300 trucks per day will be using the road. Tom believes we should not weigh

in on this issue because it is out of our purview. Tim will find out more details and report back.

Tim also announced that Tom Jerome is signed up for the Riparian Stream Health workshop on the Freemont River in Loa on June 8th, 9th. This is a hands on experience, wading parts of the stream, turning over rocks, assessing the banks. There is still room for others if they wish to go learn about stream health and monitoring. It is a free conference and includes lunch. Both Tim and Curtis are interested and will try to attend.

Tim briefly updated us on the ATV monitoring. Mary O'Brien will be in Moab on Thurs., April 12 to discuss ATV trails and BCA can be part of that meeting if we wish. Tom J. went to the Great Old Broads Moab conference recently and said that their monitoring plans and processes are extremely impressive. He would like to provide another training session for ATV monitoring here in Boulder for locals.

Curtis and Tim asked the group to consider adding new advisory board members and come with suggestions at our next meeting.

Mike brought up the fact that a local BLM position has been lost here in Boulder (previously Scott Brodie's position) which impacts our community economically. He wondered if BCA Advisory Council had any contacts or ideas that might help keep this job in Boulder.

Sue pointed out that one full-time teaching position has most likely been cut from Boulder Elementary and that this is also a great impact on our community. She is looking for help and ideas so that we don't lose a teacher or even our school.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25.

These minutes were taken by Dianne Oberhansly

Boulder Community Alliance Advisory Council Meeting Minutes 4/17/07

The meeting convened at 6:12. In attendance were Tim Clarke, Curtis Oberhansly, Peg Smith, Cookie Schaus, Tom Jerome, Mike Nelson, Judi Davis and Dianne Oberhansly.

Minutes from the last several meetings were approved. Curtis announced that all of the minutes will be copied and put in a notebook available to everyone in the library.

Peg indicated that our BCA website has not been changed to another server yet, but that it soon would be. They agreed to wait until the server is changed to put the current Sage Page online.

Tim asked for committee updates. Tom said that he has spoken with Sky Chaney from Kanab who is affiliated with a group called Land Use Volunteers of Kanab in a trails monitoring effort. Sky has agreed to make a presentation in Boulder on their trail monitoring and Healthy Lands Preservation. Tom wanted to advertise the presentation in the next Sage Page, which has a May 3 copy deadline according to Peg. He will soon establish a presentation date with Sky.

Dianne updated the Oral History Project. The first videotaped history will be with Fay Jepsen and her two sisters this week.

Cookie announced that there were four interested volunteers who would probably get training here in Boulder for the Hospice Program. Chyleen Mackey is or will soon be completely certified. Cookie also talked about a possible long-range goal of getting some kind of assisted living care in Boulder. She also said that she, Todd Campbell and a few others are pursuing interest in a local radio station and that when they have more information, this may be a project BCA would want to become affiliated with.

Sue wasn't present but Tim reported that Grant Johnson and several other local citizens are interested in pursuing the idea of a Diverse Agriculture Program here in Boulder. On a related note, Peg said that Ray

Nelson and his friend Denise are experimenting with some native grass and other seeds on their property, and that Sue suggested their efforts might make for an interesting Sage Page article. All agreed.

Peg went on to indicate that she will be getting a press release from Connie Reid concerning the Water Company and will include that in the next Sage Page. Dianne suggested that we consider featuring a local person(s) in the Sage Page as originally discussed; Peg agreed and asked her to write that feature--maybe on Ray Nelson and Denise.

Tim announced that there is a Trails Meeting tomorrow night at 6:30 in the Boulder Town Hall. Also a Boulder Elementary School meeting at 7:00.

Tim said that in connection with Trails, that the ATV issues will continue on and on. It's just a matter as to how much energy we want to expend on it.

There was a brief discussion about the addition of new AC members. Tim received comments via email from a few members already. Dianne said that she believed all five of the prospective people could be added. Tim asked for any additional comments to be emailed to him, then he and Curtis would discuss and invite the appropriate people.

Curtis asked for input regarding a social/informative event that BCA might sponsor for all of Boulder. Tom said he thought we ought to include the entire community since we are the Boulder Community Alliance. Dianne said she thought a casual dinner without a meeting would be most effective. We could ask for suggestions/questions from the community in terms of written comments into a box. Judi indicated that the Lodge might offer a more relaxed setting for the event. Curtis said he would talk to Dave Mock about hosting such an activity at the Lodge. Generally, discussion indicated that August might be the best month for such an event.

Tim announced the next meeting date as May 15.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20.

These minutes were taken and submitted by Dianne Oberhansly.

Boulder Community Alliance Advisory Council Meeting Minutes 5/15/07

The Advisory Committee convened at 6:06. In attendance were Tim Clarke, Curtis Oberhansly, Scott Brodie, Mike Nelson, Cookie Schaus, Tom Jerome, Peg Smith, Sergio Femenias, Walt Gove, Dianne Oberhansly, Brian Dick, Sue Fearon and new members Sean Hayes and Eric Scott. Apologies for absence from Todd Campbell.

Previous minutes - Curtis asked if there were questions or changes to last month's minutes; there were none. Tom moved to accept the minutes and Mike seconded.

New members were welcomed. Folders were issued to Sean and Eric.

Tim announced that all articles, by-laws and minutes for the BCA were now in a marked folder to be kept in the library for public perusal.

Curtis said that for future meetings we should strive to have an in-depth focus on a specific topic as our main agenda item for discussion - AC suggestions welcome. Committee updates would be given briefly at the end of the meeting or via email. Our discussion topic for the current meeting would be Priorities and Long-Term Goals for the BCA:

- Tim said that he thought our work and efforts on the ATV issue had been useful. He will be going to the Utah Tourism Conference this week to gauge attitudes to ATV recreation; and it will be a good chance for networking.

- Walt agreed with Tim and said that he thought without a clear focus and point of view on many of these local topics, such as ATVs, that we will not have much of an impact.

- Sue was in agreement. She said that we can't take a passive role, even as business people. It is important that we define ourselves in terms of the recreational visitor. We should make the economic case for our

non-motorized base. There had been interest in re-forming the Boulder Business Alliance so that our businesses can have a stronger, unified voice.

- Tom pointed out that Boulder is at least partially a retirement community and that there may be related pressures with this segment of our population in the future.

- Sue pointed out that not only is Boulder partially a retirement community, but also a 2nd and 3rd home community. In fact, that's the biggest shift she's seen in the growth of Boulder. The varying status of land owners implies a variety of differing perceptions / expectations of Boulder. Check with the Sonoran Institute for economic profiles.

- Mike said that he sees a big difference in someone who lives here a couple weeks of the year as opposed to someone full-time. He'd rather see people living here who are substantially involved in the community rather than just contributing by being part of the tax rolls.

- Walt agreed and added that there's a difference, as well, in someone who depends economically on Boulder than someone who doesn't.

- Peg said she was a bit confused exactly why we were discussing these issues. Did we mean that BCA should take these issues on in some way?

- Walt pointed out that if different entities--one being the BCA--voiced similar messages about tourism issues, it made for a stronger front.

- Dianne said that she thought we ought to go back to a more elemental topic: community. Since BCA's mission involved community, shouldn't we be taking on projects that help build a community? Also, we should elicit the desires and needs of the community periodically and try to involve as many individuals in our projects as possible.

- Tim said yes, but our other focus is on concerns that are more regional. He pointed out concerns regarding the entire Escalante drainage

system and that in that case, we would need to partner with other communities such as Escalante.

- Curtis asked members how they see conservation playing into the economics of Boulder.

- Tom said that definitely community and economics belong together. He wondered if there was a way BCA could support those wanting to venture into new businesses here. Suggestions of ways to support the community included:

- Buying locally (Wayne & Garfield counties)
- Economic Development Forum directory list (Breck)
- Grants (Soil Conservation Service - Sue_)
- Breck and Becky Crystal and Ray Nelson are sources to follow in their attempts to put their land back into production.
- Start small with local producers

- Curtis said he believed partnering with other groups was a healthy way to fulfill our mission.

- Mike pointed out that Boulder is surrounded by federal and state lands, and that in terms of conservation easements, they might tie up a good proportion of the land left in Boulder that is developable. Curtis said there's definitely an upside and downside to conservation easements--just like everything--and that everything has to be taken into account on a case by case basis.

- Walt wondered about Salt Gulch and the fact that it seems to be under-represented in town policies.

- Sean brought up the continuing need for affordable housing and land, although he said it might be out of the purview of BCA. Curtis reminded us of the recent USDA presentation at the Town meeting which included info on housing loans and grants - Wendell Roundy and Scott Brodie had benefitted from such loans. (Mike, Curtis & Dianne left the meeting).

Tim asked for comments on the concurrent workshops he had selected for the Tourism Conference. He would report back on the sessions.

Website and Sage Page updates - Peg informed us on the switchover to XMission, and target dates for the Sage Page - on line May 26, and copy deadline for next issue May 22. We have 90 sign ups.

Oral history project - Cookie updated us on progress. Tom Bartelt was doing a great job, and interviews had gone well. Some technical glitches to resolve.

Diversified Agriculture update - Sue had talked with Breck and others. She hoped Loch would join our initiative rather than starting a separate non-profit. She would be discussing native grasses with Roy Reynolds and Dept. of Ag. & Food contacts. Eric Scott floated the idea of providing locally-grown food to the Elementary School to benefit the kids; others agreed it was a laudable goal, but there would be many bureaucratic hurdles, and storage / processing issues.

Hospice update - Cookie said there were currently 6 folks interested in taking the class with the teacher from Beaver; she would post a flyer to invite others. Chyleen Mackie had offered her help free of charge. There was a discussion about other options, such as a bus service - Gladys had raised it with the County.

Trails monitoring update - Tom had arranged a presentation by Sky Chaney (LUV Kanab) at the museum on July 6, with a practical session next day (disguising spurs, creating barriers and signs on illegal trails).

Escalante - Boulder bike ride - Brian reported a small-scale, successful event.

Tim gave the Executive Director's report:

- He proposed a weekly summary to be emailed to members, which would streamline information-sharing and leave more time for discussion at AC meetings.

- A planning visioning session was under way in Washington County (Envision Dixie) which could be adapted for Boulder. The Springdale evening was scheduled for July 12. This has been suggested to the Council and PC.

- Donations had been received from Loch Wade and Dave & Julie Hensell. We plan to start a fundraising initiative shortly.
- Brian Cottam, GOPB, had issued a 'Rural Character' report to the County Economic Development Committee. Tim will request copies for AC members and the PC.
- SUU survey findings (fall & winter) will be shared at the Tourism Conference. The summer period will complete the survey.
- Tim announced up-coming meetings, including the riparian assessment training on the Fremont River, June 8 & 9. Curtis, Tom and Tim will be attending.

Next meeting: June 19th, 6pm at the Library.

Boulder Community Alliance Advisory Council Meeting Minutes 6/19/07

The BCA Advisory Committee convened at 6:05. In attendance were: Sergio Femenias, Peg Smith, Cookie Schaus, Sean Hayes, Walt Gove, Todd Campbell, Scott Brodie, Brian Dick, Sue Fearon, Judi Davis, Tim Clarke and Dianne Oberhansly.

Tim read Curtis's email (sent earlier to all) regarding his ideas on projects/ direction for BCA in the future. Walt mentioned Tom's email (sent to all) and Tim read that aloud as well. Tom's email suggested that emphasizing local trails, especially for non-motorized use, would be a way for Boulder to define itself and its future.

Walt reminded all that a County Trails meeting would take place tomorrow evening at 6:30 in Escalante.

Sue said that those Boulderites interested in pursuing sustainable agriculture endeavors should discuss/decide how they want sustainable ag. defined here. She said that she would try to poll these people and see specifically what they are interested in and report back to the group.

Sean pointed out that “organic” doesn’t have such great meaning currently. Sustainable community agriculture (growing and eating local) has become more interesting to many.

Walt asked, “What is local? Just Boulder?”

Sue said she sees “local” as Torrey and Escalante as well as Boulder. She also wondered how the Farmer’s Market would go this year. She explained that she just doesn’t have time to prepare and participate in the markets. She wondered if BCA would want to get involved in helping individuals minimize the time it takes to participate.

Scott reported that the Barschs may be starting a dairy cooperative here. He said that everyone in town is probably either a producer or a consumer.

Todd said that he thinks it is important for Boulder to define itself. Scott prefers the term “define” rather than “brand.”

Tim pointed out that the BCA had made some marginal progress on the Native Grasses Program and that we could make that information available to all.

Brian is still concerned that we’re not an organization yet; Tim is our only infrastructure. We need to apply for grants and concern ourselves with fundraising he thinks. It’s interesting to talk about ideas, but we need a focus in his opinion.

Tim pointed out that there are two issues here for BCA to consider: one is working for Boulder community itself and the other is to consider the larger Basin area.

Peg agrees with the idea of BCA working on projects concerning sustainable ag.

Judi said that one of the significant starting goals of BCA was to create community and she believes we should concentrate on this effort.

Dianne suggested that with the large number of artists in Boulder community, pursuing the organization of an Arts Council might be

worthwhile. She also believes that somehow polling the community as to what their desires are is important.

Walt believes that eco-tourism could be an important way for Boulder to define itself.

Scott brought up the subject of global warming and pointed out that living/consuming locally will become more important for all of us.

Todd thinks promoting diversity in a broad spectrum of ways is important; people should be encouraged to pursue their dreams, lifestyles and passions.

Sean agreed with Judi's emphasis on creating community.

Cookie pointed out that all of the advisory members were very different and that her concept of BCA was to allow each of us to pursue projects that we're interested in in the community and to use BCA as a support mechanism.

Tim announced that a grant from the Sierra Club was available, but Sue said that that was sort of backwards. First, we need to decide what we want to pursue and what our community desires. Our fundraising shouldn't determine our direction; we should determine the direction and then raise funds.

Tim said that we could be assessing the Boulder community's desires informally through our own individual social circles and reporting back to BCA.

Walt said that there's also a question as to whether BCA should be leading efforts for Boulder to define itself or if BCA should be following. Peg pointed out that BCA should be doing both. We can lead in some areas and follow in others.

Tim announced the Trails Monitoring Workshop that Tom has put together with Skye Chaney for July 8,9.

Brian discussed his experience with non-profit organizations and suggested that Tim should be working on setting up BCA more formally

and getting grants/funds. Sue wondered if advisory members shouldn't be feeding ideas/projects to Tim so that he could work toward funding those ideas/projects. Sue said that she hears Brian loud and clear, and that she wants the BCA to be in existence and operating three years from now. We need to consider how to achieve that.

Because of a community-wide meeting at the Museum, the BCA meeting adjourned at 7:04.

These minutes were taken and submitted by Dianne Oberhansly.

Boulder Community Alliance Advisory Council Meeting Minutes 7/17/07

Meeting was called to order by Curtis. In attendance were: Peg Smith, Sergio Femenias, Walt Gove, Eric Bresselsmith, Curtis Oberhansly and Tim Clarke.

Several aspects of grants were discussed: grants to support the continuation of BCA; grants to channel to others, such as the Boulder Heritage Festival (if requested); Arts Council / Humanities Council grants; PBS funding to produce the oral history project. Eric had been hired by the Utah Arts Council to record a Highway 12 Audio Tour.

The IRS letter of approval for non-profit status was expected in a week. John Austin & Jacqui Smalley have expressed interest once BCA is an official non-profit.

The potential for a County schools songwriting project was discussed. Dianne talked about 'Tumblewords' with David Lee on tour. Week-long writing workshops could be organized.

Tim gave the Executive Director's report:

- Curtis, Tom, Tim and Breck Crystal had met with Laurel Hagen, State ORV Coordinator with Wildlands CPR, Moab, regarding the Dixie Motorized Travel Plan. Monitoring of 'hot spots' should be done before winter / hunting season. Grants may be available through collaboration with Great Old Broads and their Healthy Lands Program.

- Sky Chaney (Land Use Volunteers, Kanab) had accepted an invitation by Tom Jerome to give a presentation on trails monitoring, restoration, and education.

- Tim was working on "defining ourselves" as a community offering 'quiet outdoor activities' in discussion with business owners. Tim had made contact with Go-Utah which already has a web page for Boulder Mountain (www.go-utah.com/Boulder-Mountain/). The Escalante Chamber of Commerce has a new and extensive website (www.escalante-cc.com) which includes some Boulder businesses. Sky Chaney and other Kanab residents were working on producing brochures for their area defining 'quiet recreation' opportunities; Tim is keeping tabs on their progress as we might be able to use a similar template, share a website, etc. There had also been talk of the Boulder Business 'Alliance' (change of name ?) reformatting, and 15 Escalante businesses were listed as potential 'quiet recreation' supporters.

An open discussion followed:

- Should we connect with the Torrey area (both sides of Boulder Mountain) in defining non-motorized recreation activities, incl. the Great Western Trail ?

- Sergio stated that the County needs something tangible in terms of economic development - connecting infrastructure with income sources. For example, equestrian activities are essentially incompatible with ATV recreation, and tie in with ranching activities. The General Plan cites the same values. The equestrian 'umbrella' covers a variety of aspects and people, incl. ranchers, outfitters, work for kids, and is a natural activity compatible with fishing & hiking. As cattle ranching declines, horses are an obvious next stage. Some may say 'equestrianization' = 'gentrification', but it is a valid way to retain open pasture land. The debate has to be framed in the appropriate language. Horse-based activities could also extend Boulder's season, and support businesses that

currently close in the winter. The town could create an incentive program to bring in a resident vet for horses. We also already have many 'horse people' in Boulder, Escalante and over the mountain.

- The quiet recreation brochure / website idea could be used to publicize purely equestrian activities, and tie in with other local quiet rec. options.

- Some resist the idea of 'promoting' Boulder, but the truth is that we need to "define" ourselves, or others will (and are) in ways we don't necessarily agree with. The County is not buying our definition of our economy and character ! Governor Huntsman has funded local outlets, such as in Richfield.

What role can BCA play ? e.g. attracting funding for a vet position, facilitating needed services.

- Regarding the County not buying it, one evident gap is that there's no data on income sources. Tim offered to talk about research presented at the Utah Tourism Conference by Steve Burr of USU, and Emmett Steed of SUU - he has the Powerpoint presentations available.

- What are the specific attributes / economics of Boulder and Escalante ? Local ATV users are out clearing / creating trails with chainsaws, but our typical tourists are from metropolitan areas; an overwhelming % of visitors want non-motorized recreation, but motorized users have a disproportionate impact. However our Commissioners are biased towards ATVs, and deaf to statistics. Advocacy needed ?

- How can BCA support our Boulder Town General Plan ? For example, working with the Town to clear obstacles / support equestrian focus ? BCA is aware of the potential of community, and can serve in an educational role to foster common goals.

- The equestrian focus works alongside 'Boulder beef' - which depends on niche marketing. Belnap Ranch is marketing USDA-approved locally. Local produce in general has to be 'value-added'.

Next meeting: it was agreed to miss the August meeting and reconvene in September - date to be set later.

Boulder Community Alliance Advisory Council Meeting Minutes 9/18/07

The meeting convened at 6:07 p.m. In attendance were: Walt Gove, Tim Clarke, Curtis Oberhansly, Dianne Oberhansly, Sue Fearon, Cookie Schaus, Sergio Femenias, Todd Campbell, Peg Smith and Scott Brodie.

Curtis said he would like to do more updating of the Advisory Council via email and will try to do so to make monthly meetings more efficient.

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Tim summarized the “equestrian idea” brought up at the previous BCA meeting as well as at the last Town Council meeting. Peg Smith has received some positive comments from locals; there appears to be a broadbased interest in the concept although there is still much to investigate. Sue wondered if there was any interest in combining the equestrian idea and the government corrals in Boulder. There was some discussion over how that area would function and who it is actually leased to. Peg said she would follow up and get some answers.

Tim announced that he had a great meeting with the new Dixie National Forest Supervisor regarding rehabilitation of beaver in the area. It appears such an effort would have to be partnered with the Dept. of Wildlife. There is still a lot of fact-finding transpiring and a “frequently asked questions” flyer is planned. Probably the most valuable support needs to come from local ranchers, water users, the Boulder Town Council, etc.--not from environmental groups.

The Dixie National Forest Motorized Travel Plan is still being submitted, Tim announced. BCA hopes to receive a \$4,500 Wildlands CPR grant, which will partly allow for paid trail monitoring at \$15 an hour; the other part of the grant money would be used for creating a “Quiet Use” brochure. One idea is to set up a brochure template that other communities could adapt to their specific areas.

Walt reported that the open Garfield Trails Committee meetings will now take place every other month instead of monthly. He indicated that the majority of the Executive Committee and the general committee members support working on non-motorized use of the county trails, and if we

could move forward in identifying non-motorized use areas in the Boulder/Escalante region, the County would probably accept our input.

Tom said that he and Tim had attended the scoping meeting in Escalante for the Glen Canyon NRA. Current management does not permit ORV use, but the scoping seeks comment on three aspects: Lone Rock area, access to beaches, and ORV use of roads in general. They realize that they need designated areas and use/enforcement plans. One concern is that motorized areas both east and west of us might be connected by use of the Burr Trail/BLM land.

Tim indicated that BCA will be receiving a substantial donation in the near future, although what that donation will fund has not yet been specified. He also reported that we are still looking at sky caps (light shields) for the light poles in town. Garkane may be willing to help with installation.

Peg said that she and Curtis discussed having the printed Sage Page come out quarterly and that the on-line newsletter should be a more timely one with specific alerts and notices, projects we're involved in, etc. The next printed Sage Page will be out in late October with article deadlines of Oct. 1. It will include articles on the Boulder cookbook project, town volunteerism, importance of the EMT's and some of their needs right now. Peg suggested an update by the executive director this time.

Sue reported that in terms of Diversified Agriculture, the Barschs are still considering starting a dairy. Also, A.J. Martinez is willing to meet with any townspeople who are interested in the native grasses program. However, Sue indicated that that program might call for use of some very strong chemicals.

The Hospice report from Cookie indicated that 15 local people attended the first meeting and that quarterly meetings (at least) will follow. She also found out that everyone's hospice volunteer time can be recorded and matched for other grant money.

Dianne updated the group on the Oral History Project. The LeFair Hall history is being finished currently; some suggestions for future histories included Veda Behunin, Vivian Crosby and Paul Hansen.

Since Sean Hayes has left Boulder and the BCA, we will probably want to fill his position. Curtis asked advisory members to email their nominees to him or Tim, rather than discuss people publicly.

Tim announced that the draft County Resource Management Plan is not finished yet and is still open for public comment. Sue said that BCA should write and indicate that we'd like to comment as soon as the plan is complete.

The next BCA meeting is set for Oct. 16.

The meeting adjourned at 7:29.

These minutes were taken and submitted by Dianne Oberhansly.

Boulder Community Alliance Advisory Council Meeting Minutes 10/16/07

The meeting convened at 6:10 p.m. In attendance were Tim Clarke, Curtis Oberhansly, Peg Smith, Sergio Femenias, Scott Brodie, Sue Fearon, Tom Jerome, Cookie Schaus, Eric Scott and Dianne Oberhansly.

Minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Curtis thinks we've had some good successes in the first 14 months of the Alliance's existence. He explained that there are both regional and local efforts that we've been working on and he was wondering if we need to somehow seek some separation between those efforts. He also added that an important future goal to becoming a sustainable foundation is to get some people trained to write grants. Many grants do not include the money to get people trained or for the grant writing itself.

Sue supported the grant writing endeavor. Tom added that there are already people in town who have grant writing skills and experience.

Cookie asked if we couldn't just separate out the grant writing money from any future donations through an accounting process. Tom added that Quick Books program would allow us to do this.

As far as John Austin's future donation, Curtis said, it would not be designated for any specific purpose but could be spent according to the Alliance's needs and wishes.

Scott said he'd like to see the organization focus on local issues but be flexible enough to react to regional issues when necessary.

Sue pointed out that focusing on regional issues can be very divisive since they often are associated with particular political views. Curtis also pointed out that there are lots of organizations whose sole purposes are attuned to those larger, regional issues. Tom added that there's only so much energy that an organization has and that ours shouldn't all be spent on issues outside of Boulder.

Tim briefly organized his time spent as Director. Most of his time has been linked to regional issues such as ATV scoping and monitoring, beaver rehabilitation, forest/trail mapping, etc.

Curtis asked how Tim might be able to assist in local issues. Dianne suggested that closer communication between local project committees and Tim would be helpful. She also thought that since most of Tim's time has been allotted to regional issues, that means most of the funds from BCA are going to furthering projects outside of Boulder. In order to gain the support and trust of locals, she would like to see BCA focus more on town projects, especially in the beginning phase of the organization. Cookie agreed with Dianne.

Tom said that lots of local individuals and businesses could probably use information as to what grants would be appropriate for their needs and goals. Peg added that it would sort of be like helping develop a business plan.

Sue suggested that the most helpful way of getting people interested in sustainable agriculture locally would be to have them attend the Diversified Agriculture Conference. Cookie said that one of BCA's main roles could be getting information out to people in terms of particular interests. Tom wondered if getting people to fill out a BCA survey regarding their interests would be helpful. Dianne said she thought that hosting a social event to update people on BCA and then having an optional suggestion box there would be better. Peg suggested setting up the social event so that all of the different BCA projects could be displayed/highlighted.

Curtis thanked everyone for their input and said that the AC would be instrumental in helping direct future projects. He asked the group if it thought a "quiet use" brochure which listed local businesses would be a worthy project to take on. Tim added that we will most likely be receiving a \$1500 grant, which we will need to match, to help put together such a brochure. Of course, this would be a project that had both regional and local benefits. The AC members were generally in favor of such.

Tim shared a brochure on beaver reintroduction with the group and asked if we wanted to invite the author to visit Boulder and talk about this subject. The group agreed to invite the author on Friday, Dec. 7.

Tim updated the group on Sky Caps. We still need to count the number of lights on the town streets and see if Garkane Power is willing to donate some of their time for installation. Tom and Caroline Hoyt are willing to purchase all of the sky caps. A suggestion was made to put a sky cap on a centrally located light pole so that it could be viewed by all as an example.

Tim reported that our website domain contract had expired but it will be taken care of soon.

Cookie announced that the Hospice volunteer group will have its second meeting in late November.

Tom updated all on the Town Park. The Town Council has agreed to the planting of trees in the lower town park as long as all trees are donated. Hopefully, BCA will be able to accept money donations earmarked for the trees so that donators can receive a tax deduction.

Tom will be looking for a source from which to purchase the mostly native trees which will need to be shipped here. Planting time will be in the spring.

Tim said he's had no suggestions for a replacement AC member; please email him names.

The next Garfield County Trails meeting is November 21.

Peg said the next Sage Page will come out around the second week of November.

The next AC meeting was set for Dec. 11. The meeting adjourned at 7:38.

These minutes were taken and submitted by Dianne Oberhansly.

Boulder Community Alliance Advisory Council Meeting Minutes 11/13/07

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. In attendance were Sue Fearon, Tim Clarke, Dianne Oberhansly, Tom Jerome, Walt Gove, Judi Davis and Mike Nelson.

Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and approved.

Tim reported that we need new updates on our BCA website, and that we have retained our domain name. He also would like to write an article for the Sage Page summarizing the recent beaver presentation and efforts for rehabilitation.

Reporting on the Diversified Agriculture committee, Sue said that she had met with Eric Feiler and that they would like to convene a meeting of local

producers and consumers to discuss short and long-range goals for diversified agriculture in and around Boulder. This would not be a resurrection of the former Economic Forum, but would have some similarities. One idea for the group might be to create some kind of “value added” product and decide on an initial project.

Cookie wasn't present to update on the Hospice committee, but Dianne indicated that the volunteer group had a very helpful training session in late November conducted by Scott from Beaver Hospice. They specifically spoke about how talk with children about death and the dying process.

Dianne reported that the LeFair Hall video was being finished and that the group hoped to speed up the filming process in 2008.

Tim announced that the Wildland CPR grant of \$8,100 came through which will be used for the creation of a quiet use brochure. A \$45,000 grant has also been awarded to BCA--\$30,000 from John Austin and Jacqui Smalley with a matching \$15,000 from John's Board. There were questions about whether the grant had been earmarked for specific use(s) and Tim indicated that although Austin/Smalley's general interests are in conservation, the grant can be applied to a broad range of projects. There is also a potential \$2,500 grant for low income housing that BCA may receive.

Tim attended a Trails Monitoring meeting with Laurel Hagan last week; the next meeting will be a GPS training session sometime closer to Spring. At this point, the quiet use brochure is a more urgent project. We have received feedback on the tri-fold. Walt and Dianne volunteered to assist with the brochure.

Tim summarized the Beaver slide presentation that took place in the Town Hall last Friday night. BCA covered the presenter's travel and lodging costs. The meeting was well attended and it appears that the next step in beaver rehabilitation is to get the County Commission knowledgeable and hopefully supportive. Sam Stout and Tim will follow up with getting this information to key people.

Tim reported that Caroline Hoyt was unable to procure one of the new Sky Caps for the town light poles. Tim and Mike will continue efforts to

get one and install it as a test for residents to observe. Mike said that a few local business owners are willing to try one.

Walt explained that the County Trails Committee will now conduct an executive committee meeting to prepare for the open meetings. Walt was re-elected as the Eastern Area representative; Melanie Boone starts as the new chairperson in January.

Tim indicated that the BLM is reviewing management plans in the Richfield area; a meeting has already been held in Bicknell. The comment period will be ongoing in January.

Sue suggested contacting Eric Bresselsmith to see if he wanted our help with a possible Durfee fundraiser.

The next meeting was set for Tues., Jan. 15, 2008.

The meeting adjourned at 7:12.

Boulder Community Alliance Advisory Council Meeting Minutes 12/11/07

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Tim announced that the Wildland CPR grant of \$8,900 came through which will be used for the creation of a Quiet Use brochure, trails monitoring, participation in the Dixie NF Motorized Travel Plan collaborative review of the Draft EIS, and advocacy meetings with SLC newspaper editorial boards and Governor's office in the Spring. A \$45,000 grant has also been awarded to BCA--\$30,000 from John Austin and Jacqui Smalley with a matching \$15,000 from John's Board. There were questions about whether the grant had been earmarked for specific use(s) and Tim indicated that although Austin/Smalley's general interests are in conservation, the grant can be applied to a broad range of projects. There is also a potential \$2,500 grant for low income housing that BCA may receive. (Tim since corrected that the target project was trails maintenance / signage on Boulder Mountain.)

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Tim indicated that the BLM is reviewing management plans in six districts statewide, including the Richfield area which affects Boulder Mountain; a meeting has already been held in Bicknell. The comment period will be ongoing in January.

Sue suggested contacting Eric Bresselsmith to see if he wanted our help with a possible Durfey family fundraiser in Escalante.

Next meeting: Tues., Jan. 15, 2008. The meeting adjourned at 7:12pm.