

# THE SAGE PAGE

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## Boulder Town Park Committee Spurs Action on Grounds

By Tom Jerome, Boulder Town Park Committee Chairman

Since 1996 efforts have been made to develop a "town park" for Boulder. These have included the leasing of open land along Highway 12, grant applications, planning with the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), and long discussions before the Boulder Town Council. Finally, last year, this process culminated in a plan to have UDOT fund the development of a parking area and restrooms on land the town had leased from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and the town put out a call for bids. The one bid that was received far exceeded the funding for the project,

voiding the bidding process, and giving the community one more opportunity to reassess the vision of a "Boulder Town Park." After re-examination, the idea of a public, roadside restroom in the heart of Boulder was dropped, to many sighs of relief.

Although many Boulderites embraced the idea of a Boulder Town community gathering area, a consensus had developed that any "park" should be focused on local needs first. Fortunately, some grant money from the previous

design work remained, allowing the Boulder Town Park Committee to proceed with a modified plan that shifted much of the short term development to the areas around the Town Hall, Firehouse, and Post Office. A plan was drawn for what is now known as "the town grounds" and work was started last spring; the last issue of the *Sage Page* included this concept drawing. With Bob and Naomi Brems as inspiration, a dedicated team of volunteers has worked on the first phase of the project this summer and the results have been impressive. The key word here is "volunteers." Although funds have been spent to obtain materials and to cover some labor costs, most of the work on the project has been performed by local people devoting their time and effort. To date, over 30 names are on the list of volunteers or con-



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### Dates to note:

- ◆ Nov 6, Election Day
- ◆ Nov 27, Book Club, *With Malice Toward None*, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Dec 7, Beaver Re-Introduction Talk (tentative)
- ◆ Dec 8, Friends of the Library Annual Holiday Party and Cookie Potluck, tentatively 5-7 p.m.

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tributors (those providing materials, work space, or equipment).

The primary objective in the first phase of this project has been to beautify the area and provide a place where local people can meet and obtain information about events, services, town government, etc. Over 300 hundred native/xeric plants have been planted in four locations around the grounds. To promote community and communication a new announcement board is being built and a sitting courtyard has been constructed adjacent to the Post Office (the one place in town you are likely to meet just about anyone). Both the "rock and water garden" at the Firehouse corner and the Post Office "courtyard" are evocative of Boulder, all beautifully designed and implemented using local materials. All of the plantings are supported by a drip irrigation system for ease of maintenance.

I was standing with Todd Campbell one day, while he took a break from working on the rock retaining walls and steps. He said, "this is great— we're working on the heart of the community." How true. So many folks have come up to the volunteers as they work and have expressed their pleasure about the effort being made and the improved appearance of the grounds. A real sense of community pride and appreciation is associated with this project.

The project is not complete. The summer's work is



Photos by Peg Smith



Phase 1 of a larger plan that includes a sprinkler system and new lawn around the town hall, improvement of the children's play area and equipment, and the possibility of a shelter/sitting area attached to the north side of the Firehouse. Eventually, it is hoped that the improvements to the town grounds can be linked to the development of the land leased from the BLM and owned by the town, between the town grounds and the Boulder Mountain Lodge, for development as a "pastoral park". Once the people have been enlisted in a common cause there's no telling what is possible.

#### **Volunteers and Contributors (to date):**

Loch Wade , Todd Campbell , Zoe Johnson , Pete and Cookie Schaus, Tim Clarke , Laura DeMay, Michael Reisner, Judi and Larry Davis, Bob & Naomi Brems, and family, Robert Owen, Curtis Oberhansly, Alexxia Johnson, Scott Brodie , Mark Austin, Peg Smith, Vlasto Slavik , Eric Feiler, Joe Parker, Farlan Behunin, Sergio Femenias, Dennis Bertucci, Ellayna LeFevre, John Austin & Jacqui Smalley, Tom Jerome , Marina LeFevre, Gira LeFevre, Shadow Tippetts, Keith Watts, BJ Orozco...

## 'Thanks' for Year 1 Contributions

By Tim Clarke, Executive Director



Naomi and Bob Brems, Tom Jerome, and Tim Clarke.

Bob and Naomi have long been the caretakers of and major contributors to town grounds-area beautification. Although new plant beds and benches are part of a Boulder Town initiative (not BCA), the Boulder Community Alliance salutes all those who so generously devote their time and attention for the well-being of the entire community. Thank you, Bob and Naomi, and enjoy a well-deserved winter-season rest!

As Boulder Community Alliance begins its second year, I would like to thank all of you who have taken an interest in our community non-profit. First, thanks to our voluntary Advisory Council members and *Sage Page* editor and contributors who have enthusiastically committed themselves to getting our first year's projects off the ground.

Second, thanks all who have participated, including the formative meeting of local hospice volunteers that convened last in September; the oral history taping and editing; the impressive list of Friends of the Library activities: monthly Book Club, Libri book grants, and community get-togethers.

Third, we wouldn't have gotten this far without the initial donations from our founding trustees. Heartfelt thanks to all.

As we move into 2008, we will be starting our own grant-writing to help sustain our own projects, as well as help find funding for other worthwhile community projects. Please let us know if you have a project that we could help you with. We're particularly interested in considering ways to localize "sustainable agriculture" and "economic development."

Regionally, we continue to be engaged in local travel plans on the Dixie National Forest, Glen Canyon NRA, and Garfield County. We have recently been awarded a grant that supports efforts to be responsible stewards of our outstanding natural landscapes. This effort will include producing a brochure to promote "quiet" recreational opportunities and our local businesses.

As we all anticipate the wind-down of 2007, we look forward to working together again in our second year.

## BCA (and other Boulder) Activities...At A Glance...

**Hospice ...** Fifteen volunteers met for September's intro session. The next meeting, with a pharmacist or nurse practitioner, will be scheduled for later in November. ....If you'd like **to donate trees** for the Boulder Town Park you can do so through BCA and receive a charitable tax deduction. Contact Tom Jerome for more informa-

tion....BCA will host an informational session on **re-introducing beavers** to Dixie National Forest. A presentation is tentatively scheduled for Friday evening, Dec. 7....BCA will look into helping fund **'skycaps'** to install on overhead street lighting to help maintain Boulder's dark skies... Friends of the Library **Holiday Party** is planned

for Dec 8, tentatively 5-7 p.m. Watch the new bulletin board for updates. ... And activity continues on the **"Boulder Cookbook,"** headed by Kelly Wallace, and sponsored by the Boulder Arts Cooperative. Although Kelly is planning a winter departure, she'll keep working toward publication. Proceeds will benefit the Boulder EMTs.

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