

**MINUTES
CARBONDALE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 14, 2017**

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Students from Carbondale Middle School and Carbondale Community School were in attendance to receive the "Student of the Month" award. The following students were awarded a Certificate of Achievement from Mayor Dan Richardson:

Hayden Everett	Hazel Jenkins
Daniel Cortes Lopez	Dayanna Gomez

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Dan Richardson called the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting to order on March 14, 2016 at 6:10 p.m. in the Town Hall meeting room.

ROLL CALL:

The following members were present for roll call:

Mayor	Dan Richardson
Trustee	Heather Henry
	Ben Bohmfalk
	Katrina Byars
	Marty Silverstein
	Erica Sparhawk
Absent	
Trustee	Frosty Merriott

Staff Present:

Town Manager	Jay Harrington
Town Clerk	Cathy Derby
Town Attorney	Mark Hamilton
Public Works Director	Kevin Schorzman

CONSENT AGENDA

- Accounts Payable totaling \$201,939.19
- BOT 2/21/17 Work Session Minutes
- BOT 2/28/17 Regular Meeting Minutes
- Nettle Creek Fire Mitigation Bid

- Letter of Support – Stream Gauge Special Permit Application – Nettle Creek
- Liquor License Renewal Application – Pop’s Liquor
- Liquor License Renewal Application – Pour House
- Environmental Board – Waste Diversion Day; Expenditure of Funds – Ad in Fashion Show Brochure
- Bike, Pedestrian & Trails Commission – Recommendations for Reappointment

CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Bohmfalk made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Trustee Silverstein seconded the motion and it passed with:

6 yes votes: Bohmfalk, Silverstein, Sparhawk, Richardson, Henry, Byars

PERSONS PRESENT NOT ON THE AGENDA

There was no one present who wished to address the Board.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Byars stated that she attended the Garfield County Clean Energy Board meeting where they discussed the final outcomes on their planning effort. They talked about goals which include clean energy - 20% reduction in consumption and a 20-50% increase in renewable energy.

Trustee Silverstein informed the Board that the American Legion is hosting a St. Patrick’s Day Party on Friday; the cost is \$10.

Trustee Henry told the Board that she received an update from Bill Lamont on the progress of the Regional Affordable Housing Authority. They are waiting to set official meetings with Pitkin County, Aspen and Basalt.

Mayor Richardson stated that he attended an event sponsored by the Valley Settlement Project. He said it’s inspiring to see what they are doing to engage the community. He also toured el busito (mobile classroom). In addition, Mayor Richardson attended the Garfield County Clean Energy Board meeting. Mayor Richardson also attended the RFTA Board meeting; the Access Control Plan, which is close to being adopted, was discussed. At the April meeting they will be discussing the proposed regional transportation center. Mayor Richardson attended the Chamber luncheon as well. They discussed demographic information/trends and what is driving economic development.

Mayor Richardson announced that the Colorado Municipal League will be hosting a symposium in Glenwood Springs on April 26th and he encouraged the Board to attend.

Mayor Richardson thanked the Garfield County District Attorney's office for their handling of the recent armed robbery.

Mayor Richardson stated that the Third Street improvements project will be starting on Monday, March 20th. The street will be closed and updates will be available on the Town's website.

Mayor Richardson stated that his family is doing a trash experiment. They have switched haulers, they now have composting pick-up service, they are sharing recycling and they are diverting more waste at a reduced cost. He said there are a lot of good options to choose from.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

The attorney did not have a report.

SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSE – ROARING FORK OUTDOOR VOLUNTEERS

Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers has applied for a Special Event Liquor License for an event to be held at the Third Street Center. All fees have been paid, and the Police Department has reported no problems with the applicant or the premises.

Trustee Silverstein made a motion to approve Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers' Special Event Liquor License Application. Trustee Henry seconded the motion and it passed with:

6 yes votes: Byars, Sparhawk, Richardson, Silverstein, Bohmfalk, Henry

SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSE – BLUE LAKE PRESCHOOL

Blue Lake Preschool has applied for a Special Event Liquor License for their annual fundraiser to be held at the Orchard. All fees have been paid and the Police Department has reported no problems with the applicant or the premises.

Trustee Henry made a motion to approve Blue Lake Preschool's Special Event Liquor License Application. Trustee Sparhawk seconded the motion and it passed with:

6 yes votes: Henry, Richardson, Silverstein, Sparhawk, Byars, Bohmfalk

BIKE/PEDESTRIAN/TRAILS COMMISSION (BPT) – PRIORITY CORRIDORS AND PRIORITY AFTER DARK CORRIDORS

Darryl Fuller of the BPT was present at the meeting. Darryl explained that the BPT held two (2) public meetings to address nighttime safety. Darryl noted that the majority of the attendees stated that they don't use the Rio Grande Trail at night because they don't feel it is safe and there are safer options. Trustee Byars stated that it is a priority to her to make the Rio Grande Trail safe at night.

The Board reviewed the map and agreed with the proposed priority corridors and nighttime priority routes. It was agreed that the map should be included in our capital planning, it should be placed on the Town's website, possibly in a GIS format, and it should be included in the next update to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The BPT will work with Think Colorado.com to incorporate the multi-modal priority (safety) maps in their Carbondale map.

Discussion ensued on the BPT's proposed infrastructure improvements to improve the multi-modal network and the following points were made:

- We need to focus on where to spend very limited funds – we need to fill in the gaps.
- The green bike routes signs need to be taken down - they are confusing.
- The Colorado Rocky Mountain School connectivity is not a high priority.
- Explore lighting the Rio Grande Trail (longer-term priority)
- Investigate getting the priority map in to Google Maps, identify where we have lights

It was noted that the police will give anyone a ride home – this information should be posted at the Park-n-Ride lot and around Town. The self-defense course being offered by the Town should be advertised.

NEO FIBER STUDY

Diane Kruse of Neo Connect was present at the meeting. She told the Board that Neo Connect was hired by Garfield and Mesa Counties to do a co-county broadband study. Diane stated that installing broadband is expensive but it can be accomplished at a lesser cost by undertaking the following steps:

1. Municipalities can establish broadband friendly policies and ordinances (dig once policy, shadow conduit), offer tax incentives and permit use of existing assets.
2. Encourage smart conduit construction to gain assets and attract partners.
3. Connect community anchor institutions (health care institutions, schools, fire departments, etc.)
4. Lastly, connect fiber to homes and businesses.

It was noted that most of Carbondale's citizens have access to cable and wireless technology.

CLEER AND CORE – PRIORITY ENERGY PROJECTS

Trustee Sparhawk, a CLEER employee, recused herself and left the meeting.

At a previous meeting the Trustees asked CLEER AND CORE to provide a scope of services to help Carbondale achieve its climate goals. CLEER presented the following (proposed) list of services:

- Low-income Program (\$15,000) – Includes home energy site visits, leveraging grant funding from the utility companies.
- Implement Plan for getting Town facilities on the path to being carbon-free (\$6,000).
- Business Energy Efficiency Campaign (\$10,000) – leverage financing to provide upgrades, provide bonus rebates, increase awareness of the value of energy efficiency, develop case studies
- Finalize the Climate Action Plan and Conduct Community Outreach (\$8,000) – develop an Executive Summary, provide presentations to local organizations.
- Carbondale Climate-Friendly Transportation (\$3,000) - support Carbondale Bike Week efforts, offer seed funding for a small workshop on climate-friendly transportation.
- Free Energy Assessment for New Home Buyers (\$5,000) – offer up to 20 homebuyers free Energy Smart home energy assessments.

CORE presented the following Scope of Services for 2017:

- Continue to Provide Support to the Environmental Board - attend monthly meetings, provide technical support and guidance.
- Explore Anaerobic Digestion Opportunities & Costs – assess how regional municipal solid waste can use anaerobic technology to generate biogas
- Permit Research for Nettle Creek Hydroelectric – pursue necessary permits to help with the development of a hydroelectric facility at Nettle Creek.

Discussion ensued.

Trustee Byars stated that she was hoping that CLEER and CORE would propose renewable energy projects. Mona Newton of CORE stated that CORE will continue to offer rebates and they will search for grants.

The Board encouraged CLEER and CORE to simplify the Climate Action Plan and to focus on marketing it.

The Board asked CLEER and CORE to delay the Climate-Friendly Transportation project until after the April Work Session when the Board will be discussing mobility.

Trustee Byars made a motion to approve CLEER and CORE's Scope of Services for 2017. Trustee Silverstein seconded the motion and it passed with:

5 yes votes: Byars, Henry, Bohmfalk, Richardson, Silverstein

Trustee Sparhawk returned to the meeting.

HOLY CROSS UNDERGROUNDING PROJECT

Kevin Schorzman explained that Holy Cross approached the Town with a proposal to underground a portion of their electrical line that cuts through Miner's Park. The new alignment will work better with the use of Miner's Park as it will move the underground line more towards the northern edge of the park and not under the portion that is used for soccer. Staff is supportive of Holy Cross' plan to underground this section of their system. If approved, the Town would contribute a total of \$32,500 to offset a portion of the cost of the project. The money would be taken from the Community Enhancement Fund.

The Board unanimously supported the Holy Cross Undergrounding project.

RFTA LONG TERM PLANNING PROCESS UPDATE

Joe Krakum, of Parsons, and Laura Kirk of DHM, were present at the meeting.

Joe explained that Parsons and DHM are conducting a study for RFTA on how to optimize transit to meet their future transportation demands. Joe gave an overview of the study.

Discussion ensued and the following points were made:

- Trustee Byars stated that she wants accessibility to senior housing to be a top priority for Carbondale.
- Trustee Silverstein stated that communities need to pay their fair share for bus Services.
- Trustee Silverstein stated that since inception of the BRT there has been inadequate parking in Carbondale; RFTA needs to plan accordingly.

- Mayor Richardson stated that regional connectivity should be a priority as should planning for micro transit solutions.

ADJOURNMENT


The March 14, 2017, regular meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on March 28, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED



Dan Richardson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Cathy Derby, Town Clerk