

**MINUTES  
CARBONDALE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
WORK SESSION  
APRIL 18 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Dan Richardson called the Board of Trustees Work Session to order on April 18, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall meeting room.

The following members were present:

Mayor	Dan Richardson
Trustees	Katrina Byars
	Heather Henry
	Ben Bohmfalk
	Marty Silverstein
	Erica Sparhawk

Absent	
Trustee	Frosty Merriott

Staff Present:	
Town Clerk	Cathy Derby
Finance Director	Renaë Gustine
Public Works Director	Kevin Schorzman

**LONG-RANGE FINANCIAL PLANNING**

Discussion ensued on the Town's finances and revenue sources, and the following points/questions were made:

- This year we went in to reserves to finance capital projects and that is not sustainable.
- The two 2016 ballot questions proposing to create a carbon tax and capital improvements tax failed because they weren't specific enough as to how the money would be spent. Members of the Board are supportive of asking voters for a tax increase for capital improvements. If we have another recession without the tax we will be in infrastructure maintenance mode.
- The community needs to understand that the Town's infrastructure is very old.
- The reduction of Federal Mineral Lease District funds was a cause for us to go in to reserves.
- What other revenue sources are there? What are our options? We can decrease services, we can expand our tax bases (property tax and sales tax).
- Reducing services is not a viable option.

- People don't want the impacts that result from increased sales tax (i.e. big box stores).
- Members of the Board prefer a dedicated funding source to fund capital projects.
- The sales tax rate is where it needs to be. Higher tax rates may deter shoppers.
- Perhaps the Town can offer incentives to expand the sales tax base.
- A Trustee proposed the idea of helping support incubator businesses – flexibility helps.
- Support a shop local campaign.
- Should a financial planning task force be formed? The majority of the Board felt that it is too early to create a task force.
- The Board would like to know how much it will cost to undertake a professional survey.

### **MOBILITY DISCUSSION**

Discussion ensued on mobility and the following points/questions were made:

- If we don't have a mobility problem now, we will in the future.
- Colorado Meadows (senior housing) and Carbondale South are not being serviced by public transportation and the senior population will continue to grow. A comment was made that it appears that there is not a great need for public transportation at Senior Housing because they have access to the Traveler program. Perhaps we could have a trial basis sign-up program for public transportation around Town without expending a lot of money.
- If we want to make an impact on climate control we need to increase our public transportation efforts.
- We don't own any parking lots

Discussion ensued on changing the circulator bus route or adding routes.

RFTA employee Jason White explained that RFTA needs to be equitable with all of the jurisdictions. He agreed that there is value in bringing a bus to the south part of town; there are ways, we need to be creative. He noted that we need to be careful because you don't want people to be on the circulator bus for too long. It was suggested that the circulator's current routes could be reconfigured and wouldn't result in additional costs. The Trustees urged RFTA to look at the feasibility of reconfiguring the circulator route.

Discussion ensued on the WeCycle bike sharing program.

Mirte Mallory, Co-Founder and Director of WeCycle, stated that the start-up costs are the biggest expense. The Trustees stated that perhaps we can pursue a grant for a feasibility study for Carbondale. It was suggested that perhaps CORE can provide the match for the grant.

**GARFIELD CLEAN ENERGY – CLIMATE ACTION PLAN REVIEW**

Trustee Sparhawk disclosed that she is an employee of CLEER and that she was instrumental in creating the Climate Action Plan. The Board did not feel that there was a conflict of interest so Trustee Sparhawk participated in the conversation.

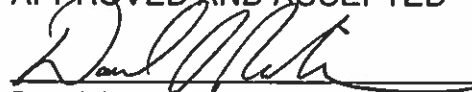
After a lengthy discussion the majority of the Board agreed that the Carbon reduction goal should be 100% by 2050. Also, the Climate Action Plan should be passed by a resolution which sets the goals of the Plan.

The Trustees directed CLEER and CORE to concentrate on the Executive Summary. Preferably the Summary would be two pages. The Summary should be the marketing tool used to educate the community about the Plan's goals.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The April 18, 2017 work session adjourned at 9:05 p.m. The next regular scheduled meeting will be held on April 25, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED

  
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Dan Richardson, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Cathy Derby, Town Clerk

