

**MINUTES
CARBONDALE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WORK SESSION
JANUARY 16, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Richardson called the Board of Trustees Work Session to order on January 16, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall meeting room.

The following Carbondale Board of Trustees members were present:

Mayor	Dan Richardson
Trustees	Heather Henry
	Frosty Merriott
	Ben Bohmfalk
	Erica Sparhawk
	Luis Yllanes
	Marty Silverstein

Staff Present:	
Town Manager	Jay Harrington
Town Clerk	Cathy Derby
Intern	P. Angie Sprang

CLEER & CORE STATUS OF 2017 ENERGY PLAN & 2018 ENERGY PLAN

Trustee Sparhawk disclosed that she is an employee of CLEER and she asked the Board if she should recuse herself. Mayor Richardson answered that the Board is only offering guidance, we are not making any decisions tonight, so her recusal is not necessary.

Representatives from CLEER & CORE were present for the meeting.

CLEER representatives provided a summary of their 2017 programs which included:

- Income-Qualified Program – served 9 households
- Pathway Toward Climate Goals – Helping Town facilities achieve a goal of Carbon neutrality by 2050
- Business Energy Efficiency Campaign – 3 participants
- Finalize Climate Action Plan and Conduct Community Outreach
- Climate-Friendly Transportation – assisted on a fast charging project
- Free Energy Assessment for New Home Buyers – 13 assessments completed

CORE representatives provided a summary of their 2017 accomplishments which included:

- Contributed \$216,624 to Carbondale – approximately \$108,582 in rebates and

\$108,042 through grants

- Provided support to the Environmental Board
- Hired a consultant to conduct an Anaerobic Digestion Study
- Helped finalize the 2017 Climate & Energy Action Plan
- Engaged in Community Outreach

Due to limited funding, CLEER is leveraging funds from multiple sources and partnerships

CLEER'S 2018 Proposed Scope of Services:

- Continue Income-Qualified Program
- Climate-Friendly Transportation
- Continue Business Clean Energy Campaign
- Zero Energy District Scoping
- Invest in Education Program

The Board made the following comments/suggestions:

- Want to see goals and outcomes (i.e. how many low income houses were effected)
- Include waste diversion in Climate Action Work – CLEER responded they will include it in the education component
- Try to get new City Market on board to construct a net zero energy building
- Future reports should include pie charts of investments/projects
- Reduce the Green Building Code residential square footage requirement to provide renewable energy

CHILDCARE COALITION UPDATE

Gretchen Brogdon and Angela Loughry, representing the Carbondale Childcare Coalition, were present at the meeting.

Gretchen stated that two childcare facilities are looking for new sites and both were offered places in industrial zones. However, industrial zones do not allow day care centers. Gretchen explained that childcare centers require large lots and the industrial zone is the only place where there is space.

Discussion ensued on if childcare facilities should be permitted in industrial zones. Mayor Richardson took a straw poll and the Board was split.

The Board agreed to schedule a joint work session with the Planning & Zoning Commission to discuss Childcare (zoning) and their 2018 work plan.

BROADBAND

Jay stated that for a rural area the Town has a robust network of broadband.

P. Angie Sprang, who has been working on Broadband for the Town, explained that Cedar Networks, a local broadband provider, is interested in a marketing partnership. P. Angie proposed the following questions to the Board:

Would the Town like to pursue becoming a Gig City? The Board answered yes.

Would the Town be willing to participate in offering a Take Rate Survey through our utility bill to gauge the interest in Cedar Network's services? The Board answered yes. However, the Board insisted that any data received should be public record.

Should the Town implement a Shadow Conduit (requiring new in-ground construction to install conduit to house fiber, etc.) Policy? The Board answered yes.

Does the Board want to develop a marketing partnership with a fiber vendor? The Board answered no. They would like staff to contact all of the fiber vendors and see if they want to put information on the Town's website as to what broadband services they provide.

DISCUSSION ON COMMUNITY BUILDERS GRANT

Jay explained that the Community Builders Grant has been brought to his attention. Twice a year Community Builders offer a limited number of assistance opportunities to communities in some western states.

Mayor Richardson suggested staff apply for a grant focused on building resilient economies. The Board agreed.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Board briefly discussed social media etiquette.

ADJOURNMENT

The January 16, 2018, work session adjourned at 8:50 p.m. The next regular scheduled meeting will be held on January 23, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED



Dan Richardson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Cathy Derby, Town Clerk

