

Peak-to-Peak Human Service Task Force

Minutes of February 18, 2016, meeting.

Present: Ressa Lively-Smith, Chris Current, Dennis Whalen, Hansen Wendlandt, Angela Lanci-Macris, Keith Carr, Amy Hardy, Madeleine Case, Jill Dreves, Dale Porter, Margie Patterson, Dawn Baumhover, Bob DeAlessandro, Lonnie Howell, Janet Prell, Kristi Venditti, Serene Karplus, Angel Bond, Susan Gerhart.

Amy called the meeting to order at 9:05.

At Amy's request, the committee members introduced themselves to the guests.

Amy reported that the search for a mountain resident liaison resulted in five or six qualified candidates. Interviews begin next week.

Lonnie passed out flyers for the Data Walk to be held at the Community Center. Data how local youth compare to their peers in the State (CO), County (BoCo), and Boulder Valley School District (BVSD).

Serene announced that the next Mountain Mid-Life dinner will be February 26.

Amy asked Hansen about the new Facebook page for those concerned about illegal camping on West Magnolia and Gordon Gulch. Hansen said that some locals are angry and expressing their concerns. The group is asking the Forest Service to meet with them. Hansen said he will reach out to this group.

Hansen said that there is a form available for renters to help with landlord issues. He will meet with BVSD to discuss housing for teachers, potential grants, and subsidies.

Angie reported on the Twin Lakes project to build affordable housing in Gunbarrel. They are trying to change the property designation from low-density rural to mid-density which will allow affordable housing, not Section 8 housing, to be built. They are working with the teachers' union and law enforcement. She will continue to update the committee.

Serene asked how much the affordable housing will cost the buyer and how much will go to developers.

Nederland Trustee Charles Wood sent a letter in support of the Twin Lakes project. Amy said that, in the past, Peak to Peak individuals and groups have supported such projects, but have not received support in return.

Angie said that the Housing Authority wants to build and is looking for suitable land.

Amy will meet with Kayla Evans to see how her project is going.

Hansen said that the Nederland Planning Commission is discussing changes that might be made to the building code.

Hansen announced that there will be a forum to meet the candidates for Nederland Board of Trustees on March 8, 6PM • 8 PM, at the community center. He and Janette Taylor will moderate. Questions should be sent to Hansen or Janette. Committee members were encouraged to submit questions about the housing issue.

Dawn said a question should be asked about Nederland annexing land to support affordable housing.

Jill asked about the role of government in service to the community.

Janet suggested discussions on marijuana cultivation plus thoughts on where government, business, and non-profits intersect.

Hansen explained how Georgetown is dealing with their camper problems. Residential campers can stay at a site for fourteen days; homeless campers cannot stay at all. The US Forest Service has given guidelines to law enforcement, but there is a great deal of leeway.

Amy stressed the need for a better relationship with the Sheriff's Department and expressed hope that this coming season will be better with the return of the experienced deputies to patrol campsites.

Angel reported on the rural transportation needs assessment study which was completed at the end of December. The focus of the study was rural transportation, working with VIA, and researching Uber-style federal programs. The study found that transportation is available, but is not used. There is an aging population and diminishing resources.

Amy attended several meetings at which mountain residents concerns are not considered. She said that everything was BoCo-centric.

Ressa discussed the discontent among some RDT taxpayers who say they are paying for services they cannot use.

Amy announced that there will be Navigator training in April or May.

Amy H. adjourned the meeting at 10:50.

The next meeting will be March 16 at 9:00.