

**Minutes
Consortium of Cities
January 10, 2007**

Members Present: Don Brown, City of Louisville; Doug Brown, City of Longmont; David Callahan, Town of Erie; Carolyn Cutler, City of Lafayette; Bette Erickson, City and County of Broomfield; Ken Lenarcic, Town of Jamestown; Ben Pearlman, Boulder County; Mark Ruzzin, City of Boulder; Lisa Skumatz, Town of Superior; Jim Stevens, Town of Nederland; and Staff Sheree Stroud

1. Introductions and Reports from Cities and Towns

Erin Minks, staff to Senator Salazar, told the Consortium that several Boulder County businesses will benefit from the Defense Appropriation and Authority budget. The anticipated funding for work on the South Boulder Creek floodplain did not go through. Other outstanding budget bills will not be funded so those projects will be funded at their previous levels. Mark Ruzzin thanked Ms. Minks for her work and for engaging Senator Salazar on issues. It is great to have her in Boulder.

Carolyn Cutler, City of Lafayette, told the group that there is a mail-in ballot on February 27 on whether to annex 31 acres of land owned by the Wanekas. It is at the southeast corner of 120th and Highway 7. There is a proposal to build a Lowes at this site. Although the council voted yes to the annexation, the public has concerns over the project so the council decided to put the annexation to a vote.

David Callahan, Town of Erie, reported that they broke ground on the new recreation center and library. It is on time and within budget. The town is struggling with Xcel who plans to locate a new substation in Erie.

Bette Erickson, City and County of Broomfield, told the group that the council has set their 2007 priorities and they include improving congestion at the new event center. They also received both accolades and criticisms over snow removal during the recent storms. They are trying to enforce the code requiring residents to remove snow from sidewalks within 24 hours. This would enable the kids to walk to school without going in the streets.

Ken Lenarcic, Town of Jamestown, commented that they have secured \$177,000 in state funds toward the renovation and preservation of town hall. This is in addition to the mill levy that was passed in 2002. They also received grants for the restoration of the town park. It was originally built on a tailings pond. The project will improve the soil cap and eventually improve the recreational area around the park.

Doug Brown, City of Longmont, reported that residential building is down and sales tax is up. The public safety tax passed and they are hiring officers and setting up programs. The lodging tax failed. They received an award from the International Association for Public Participation and another award for their aquatic program at Centennial Pool.

Ben Pearlman, Boulder County, told members that the county instituted the Pinnacle Awards to recognize exciting and innovative county programs. He also told the group that DRCOG is offering \$30,000 for the Small Communities Grant Program.

Lisa Skumatz, Town of Superior, thanked Boulder County for their leadership and helping them obtain more open space. They are searching for a new town manager. They recently set their Town Goals. The library issue didn't pass and they are looking at new strategies.

Don Brown, City of Louisville, said they also have transition in the manager's office. Louisville has moved forward with forming the Urban Renewal Authority which is focused on the east side of the railroad tracks between Highway 42 and downtown. Development will include a rail

station and other projects. They entered into a precedent-setting agreement with the county on TIF sharing. City Hall has been renovated.

Jim Stevens, Town of Nederland, reported that they are re-building the Community Center to LEED Gold Standards. They have completed their Wastewater Plan. They received a GOCO grant for a skate park. It is three-quarters done and will also include an ice rink and tennis courts. They are considering updating their water treatment plant.

2. Approval of Minutes

Lisa Skumatz moved to approve the October 4, 2006, minutes. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

3. Request for Support Letter for Longs Peak Energy Conservation to State Division of Housing for funds to rehabilitate homes and manufactured housing in Boulder County

Jim Wilson, Boulder County Housing, told the Consortium that Longs Peak Energy Conservation is seeking \$250,000 in funds to rehabilitate housing in areas outside of Longmont and Boulder. This would be a renewal of current funding so that they can continue their weatherization and re-hab projects. Mark Ruzzin moved that the Consortium of Cities provide a support letter. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

4. Update on Boulder County Human Services Coordinating Council Human Services Regional Strategic Planning

Robin Bohannan, Director of Boulder County Community Services, told the Consortium the regional plan (see attached report) is just beginning work. The purpose is to develop a plan that will result in a dynamic, accessible, coordinated, community-wide human service delivery system. The process will be inclusive and collaborative and one of her goals is to keep the Consortium up to date on this process. They need partners on their steering committee and she would be happy to meet with each member to discuss the plan in further detail. She also intends to do follow up presentations. Don Brown said Louisville certainly welcomes dialogue. Ms. Bohannan told the group that they will be including many sectors in the process. Bette Erickson mentioned that Karen Beye of Broomfield was tapped to the Ritter team. She definitely wants Broomfield to be involved/informed about the plan. Mark Ruzzin suggested an ongoing forum with elected officials and the Consortium for information and feedback via short memos on a regular basis instead of a long report at the end of the process.

5. Energy Strategy Task Force Report

Lisa Skumatz told member about the background of the task force. (See attached Powerpoint document.) Pam Milmoie, Boulder County Public Health, updated the Consortium on the Early Action Items and municipality participation. So far, Boulder, Longmont, Lafayette and Superior have committed to some or all of the early action items and she hopes other communities will also join.

Dave Newport discussed the Earth Day activities (see attached). The task force hopes to show a united front on this issue. This is a messaging opportunity for the cities and towns so it can be taken to a broader audience.

Lisa Skumatz reported on the work of the Codes Committee and presented a resolution that she would like the Consortium to endorse. There was discussion on the resolution. Dave Callahan believed the resolution set reasonable standards and it was the right thing to do. Some discussion centered around requiring "LEED-like" standards. This would imply that buildings meet those rigorous standards without requiring the expense of certification. Mark Ruzzin is concerned about inspector education. Green codes are of no value if they are not being enforced. If it is LEED, the

burden is put on the developer. Dave Newport said that the LEED work is contained in the submittal. Carolyn Cutler had concerns about the June 30, 2007, deadline. Many municipalities were hesitant to commit to this deadline. This was an attempt by the Codes Committee to get things moving forward in this first phase. Don Brown suggested using the word "initiate the process" instead. There was also discussion of the Greenspoint Program and whether it can be applied to commercial as well as residential. Also, the Greenspoint program is currently being updated. Commissioner Pearlman was concerned with the language in the resolution requiring the Greenspoint program. The county is undergoing code review and he wants to keep an open mind on all possibilities; therefore he couldn't endorse this portion of the resolution. He suggested endorsing language to the effect that there be a uniform standard for residential building. Will Toor suggested also setting standards for public buildings as this doesn't involve public process and to endorse language that will encourage the municipalities to begin looking at residential and commercial requirements. Ken Lenarcic stated that Jamestown has an IGA with the county regarding building permits so he couldn't vote on specific requirements until the county passes their new land use code. There was further discussion on the value of getting the various planners together. Don Brown suggested convening a county-wide gathering of building officials within the next six months. Mark Ruzzin suggested the addition of the adoption of the 2006 IUCC and IBC codes. Dave Newport told the members that the most important thing is a united front. The group agreed with the spirit of the resolution but couldn't support some of the specifics. Lisa Skumatz will modify the resolution to incorporate the various suggestions and concerns discussed. The group agreed to endorse the resolution pending Ben Pearlman's review of the revised resolution.

The next meeting will be February 7, 2007 at the Boulder County Courthouse.