

**Minutes
Consortium of Cities
February 6, 2008**

Representatives and Alternates Present: Nick Angelo, Town of Lyons; Karen Benker, City of Longmont; Cindy Domenico, Boulder County; Bette Erickson, City and County of Broomfield; Bob Gaiser, City and County of Broomfield; Ken Lenarcic, Town of Jamestown; Sherri Marsell, City of Louisville; Lisa Morzel, City of Boulder; Valeria Skitt, City of Longmont; Lisa Skumatz, Town of Superior; Ken Wilson and Staff Patricia Demchak, Megan Davis, and Sheree Stroud

1. Introductions and Reports from Cities and Towns

Nick Angelo, Town of Lyons, reported that they have hired a new Town Administrator, Howard Armstrong. They finalized a location for the northern trailhead for Heil Ranch. They are working on their Comprehensive Plan. Elections will be held April 1st. The energy audits will start soon.

Karen Benker, City of Longmont, said the council will hold a 2-day retreat. They hope to work on a vision for the city. Some priorities include the areas of economic development, energy, and the environment.

Bob Gaiser, City and County of Broomfield, told members that Broomfield is working toward building a new reservoir. The prairie dog issue is hot right now and made the papers recently. The council held a focus session. They considered creating a Sustainability Committee but ultimately did not do that.

Ken Wilson, City of Boulder, said that there are seven out of nine council members are new. Five of the new members have served previously. They held a retreat and there was a good deal of agreement among the council members. They identified several top issues including revenue stabilization, the Climate Action Plan, land use planning, and community sustainability.

Ken Lenarcic, Town of Jamestown, reported they received a Boulder County Conservation Outreach grant that will be used to install bear resistant trash receptacles in their parks.

Bette Erickson, City and County of Broomfield, told members that they hired a new Cultural Affairs Director. They also continue to emphasize their Green Broomfield program.

Alex Schatz, City of Lafayette, said their City Attorney passed away suddenly. They council hopes to include revenue stability in their goal setting. They have created an Energy Sustainability Committee.

Sherri Marsella, City of Louisville, reported they adopted the County's Sustainability Plan. Louisville is proud to be the first city to approve the plan. They are working with Lafayette on a Pay as You Grown trash system.

Cindy Domenico, Boulder County, told members she was filling in for Ben Pearlman who was at a Governor's Conference and Will Toor who was at DRCOG. Boulder County recently received the NACo Platinum Award for Sustainable Communities for the Super IGA. She said that Mike Harlan, IT Director, reported on a Shared Computing Task Force at the December meeting. The first meeting will be held soon.

Lisa Skumatz, Town of Superior, reported that she has been elected to the CML Board of Directors. She is excited about this opportunity to coordinate efforts. The Superior Board is focused on the Town Center and working with the Planning Commission to come up with interesting ways this could interact with the Revenue Stability efforts. They are excited about the options. They recently adopted goals and a major focus is to be green.

Zane Kessler, Senator Salazar's office, reported that he brought copies of the Senator's regional plans. They are ramping up their Fiscal Year 2009 appropriations. Please contact him if you have an interest in submitting a request. The Northwest Rail Corridor and US 36 BRT remains on the priority list. Emergency grants will be sent out soon.

Lisa Morzel introduced herself as the alternate from Boulder.

Don Sandoval, Department of Local Affairs, told members there is a new Division Director, Tony Hernandez. DOLA is making changes to the Energy Impact Assistance Program. There will be small grant programs of \$200,000 awarded three times per year. These will undergo administrative review. The regular program will expand and the maximum grant guideline will be \$1 million to possibly \$2 million. Jurisdictions will soon receive a letter and survey and are asked to make comments regarding the proposed modifications.

2. Approval of Minutes

Nick Angleo moved to approve the minutes of December 5, 2007, as corrected by Bette Erickson. The motion was seconded and passed with one abstention.

3. Election of Vice-Chair

Ken Lenarcik nominated Lisa Skumatz to continue serving as Vice-Chair. Nick Angelo seconded the nomination and she was elected by acclamation.

4. Presentation on Sustainable Energy Plan

Pam Milmoie, Air/Waste Program Coordinator for Boulder County Public Health, presented an outline of the plan. She explained that the Consortium's Energy Strategy Task Force was commissioned to provide a countywide clearinghouse for information and education on energy issues and a framework for local and regional action on energy sustainability which the plan provides. It's a testament to the strong community support of the plan that both Louisville and Boulder County approved it before the Consortium had an opportunity to approve it. The first step in the process was to do a greenhouse gas inventory. Using this information, the Task Force identified, studied, and prioritized many different strategies to reduce impacts and emissions in a timely and cost efficient manner. Ann Livingston, Boulder County Sustainability Coordinator, told members that they are taking the plan to each jurisdiction to seek comment and support for the plan, including implementation. Once comments are received, they will put together the final report and develop an implementation schedule. They hope to have a final report by spring 2008 so that these elements can be included in the 2009 budget cycles.

There was some discussion on the plan. Nick Angelo wondered about the connection between the plan's strategies and consideration of Best Available Retrofit Technologies that industrial operations have been required to consider, including Cemex. Pam Milmoie said that Best Available Retrofit Technologies were being reviewed and are required by the Air Quality Control Commission regulations. These regulations principally target haze producing emissions in our pristine national parks and wilderness areas. There are things that Cemex can do to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions, including possibly installing combined heat and power technologies that are identified in the plan. Karen Benker stated that Longmont hopes to make significant progress on these issues in the next few years and suggested another inventory in the future to see what progress has been made. Pam Milmoie agreed and said there are really two levels of measurement – the number of strategies undertaken and what results are achieved. She also mentioned that lots of new ideas will come from dialogue. They definitely don't want to close the door on new strategies, but see this as a living document. Karen Benker suggested compiling the activities of all the cities and towns and preparing an annual report. Ms. Benker suggested adding language to the resolution asking each of the communities to annually report on the strategies they are implementing and to conduct a follow-up greenhouse gas inventory in five years following the plan's adoption. Alex Schatz suggested that certain communities could take the lead on certain strategies. There was some discussion on electric plants and the use of battery storage devices that will allow more renewable power to be used. Ann Livingston told the group that the plan includes 20 top things that are aggressive, financially viable, and can be done now. New technologies can be added as they becomes available, but this will get the ball rolling. There was discussion about composting impacts. Boulder County is working on that as part of their zero waste initiative.

Cindy Domenico agreed that this is a first step and will be a living document. Nick Angelo wondered how transit fit in the plan. Pam Milmoie said the ESTF decided there is a separate transit committee and efforts within Comp Plans that address transit, so

the ESTF decided to focus this plan on reducing the greenhouse gas intensity of transportation fuels and making vehicles more efficient.

Nick Angleo moved to approve the resolution supporting the Regional Sustainability Plan with the amendment suggested by Karen Benker stating:

The Consortium of Cities recommends that the member jurisdictions commission a county-wide Greenhouse Gas Inventory Update no later than 2012 and requests that all member jurisdictions submit annual progress reports on strategies adopted to support the goals contained in the Sustainable Energy Plan.

Alex Schatz seconded the motion and all were in favor with one absence.

Link to approved resolution:

http://www.bouldercounty.org/bocc/Consortium/Consortiummaterials/sustainabilityplan_resolution2008.pdf

5. Discussion of Consortium of Cities Handbook

Megan Davis, Policy Analyst for Boulder County, told the members what she had compiled so far for Consortium handbooks. The Consortium provided suggestions and feedback on the info so far – they would like to have pdf copies available and suggested that it be posted online. They would also like to review the final draft before it's printed and distributed. She asked for discussion on what would make the handbooks most useful to members and how the members communicated Consortium activities to their boards and councils. Most members said they gave brief reports. Lisa Skumatz said it's great when the Consortium updates appear on the local cable channels. She also often reports on what is going on in the other cities and towns. Heather Balser commented on how helpful it was when a couple of Consortium members made a presentation to Council on the revenue stability working group. She suggested more "road shows" of this type. The group wondered about agenda items. One way the agenda is set is to look at minutes to see if members have suggested agenda topics. They can also contact staff to suggest items. Other means for bringing information from the Consortium to councils and public were also discussed, such as press releases.. Patricia Demchak, Boulder County Public Information, said she could prepare template press releases that could be tailored for each city and town. The group thought that would be helpful.

The next meeting will be April 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the Boulder County Courthouse.