

Draft -- Not Yet Approved
Minutes
Consortium of Cities
October 7, 2009

Representatives and Alternates Present: Ken Wilson, City of Boulder; Ben Pearlman, Boulder County; Bette Erickson, City and County of Broomfield; Harry Pink, Town of Erie; Carolyn Cutler, City of Lafayette; Sean McCoy and Valeria Skitt, City of Longmont; Sheri Marsella, City of Louisville; Lisa Skumatz, Town of Superior; and Boulder County Staff Michelle Krezek, Mark Ruzzin, Garry Sanfacon, and Sheree Stroud.

1. Approval of Minutes

Lisa Skumatz, Town of Superior, moved to approve the August 5, 2009, minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

2. The 2010 Census – Creating Partnerships to Build a Better Community

Pat Rodriguez, State and Local Government Partnership Specialist of the U.S. Census Bureau, told the group that they have already partnered with many municipalities in Boulder County. In addition to partnering with tribal, state, and local governments, they are also collaborating with community-based organizations, faith-based groups, schools, businesses, the media, and others. They are encouraging these organizations to campaign and use a networking strategy to get the word out. She provided a tool kit for use in forming a Complete Count Committee. The process of contact was discussed. If six contact attempts have not resulted in a response by May, the Census Bureau will start knocking on doors. She stated that responses are most accurate when people respond in the privacy of their home. They hope to educate and motivate and are promoting via a variety of venues and methods. A jurisdiction loses \$875 per person per year for each un-counted person. The Census Bureau is targeting a 5-10% increase in the response rate for 2010.

3. Presentation/Support for Energy Strategy Task Force Recommendations Re: Commercial Codes

Lisa Skumatz, Town of Superior, presented a draft resolution entitled “A Resolution of the Boulder County Consortium of Cities Endorsing for Consideration and Adoption Modified Commercial Building Energy Code Elements for Jurisdictions Within Boulder County”. The Energy Strategy Task Force convened in 2007 and identified development of commercial codes as an important project, noting that 29% of the county’s GHG emissions come from commercial buildings. Representatives, including elected officials, staff, Chambers, SWEEP, experts (solar, HVAC, engineering, architects) and other groups, convened with a facilitator to study and consider codes. The emphasis was on energy recommendations. Ms. Skumatz provided a powerpoint ([attached](#)) outlining the process and recommendations in addition to providing an

electronic copy of the final report ([attached](#)). She asked that Consortium members pass the resolution that encourages member jurisdictions to direct staff to develop and adopt non-residential building codes in compliance with the recommendations of the Commercial Codes Committee and to work in a collaborative manner. Ken Wilson moved to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. ([Signed copy attached.](#))

4. Discussion of 2010 Legislative Agenda

Mark Ruzzin, Boulder County Policy Analyst, told the group that at the August, 2009, Consortium meeting, representatives supported the proposal to develop a Legislative Agenda. They agreed an agenda would be a valuable tool for advancing Consortium positions at the state level, joint advocacy brings more power to the Consortium's collective voice, and development of such an agenda supports the Consortium's reputation as a group of local governments that work together. Jurisdictions agreed to provide their top three legislative priorities. Mr. Ruzzin thanked the Consortium representatives for the excellent participation. Staff met and studied the results, identified issues of mutual concern, and developed a draft Legislative Agenda. (see [cover memo](#) and [draft agenda](#)). The draft set forth three Legislative Positions, including: ClimateSmart Loan Program (technical fixes to HB 08-1350 that allows simpler administration of property-assessed clean energy programs and support legislation that allows for the creation of multi-jurisdictional special assessment districts); Public Notice on the Web (support legislation to narrow existing state statutes that require certain public notices be published in a newspaper of general circulation); and Revenue Sharing (support legislative changes to state sales tax system in order to authorize local government revenue sharing). Issues of interest identified were tax-increment financing, community solar gardens, and internet sales tax. There was some discussion about moving some items of interest up to the "Position" category. Mark Ruzzin explained that in the case of TIF and internet sales tax, jurisdictions were very interested in the topic but had various approaches to address the problem. Staff explained that there needs to be very strong, clear consensus on a position to sustain credibility; however, this is a living document and can, and probably will, change as legislation evolves in the session. After discussion, Sean McCoy moved to approve the Legislative Agenda with three position items as a starting point. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously. Sean McCoy moved to keep the three issues of interest on the agenda. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Bette Erickson suggested changing it to Issues of Focus.

Mark Ruzzin then asked the representatives to consider what will be done with the agenda. It can play a role in lobbying and will be provided to Boulder County delegations. There needs to be a process to manage bills as they come up and staff requires Consortium guidance. The members directed staff to draft a procedure and it will be considered at the December meeting. Consortium members agreed that they had authority to approve the Consortium's Legislative Agenda without formal approval from their respective councils and boards. It was suggested that the agenda be provided to councils and boards so the issues are before them and they are vested in the process.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be December 2, 2009.