

ARLEE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
Board Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2008

LOCATION: Arlee Alliance Church, McMurtrie St., Arlee, MT

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Donna Mollica, Shaun Kendall, Paul Mollica, Lisa Samsel, Carol-Lynne Toleno, Stacy Olson, Debra Little-Starratt

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Jennifer Schall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Judy Fundingsland, Kelley Brown, Josy Mann, Kim Folden, Cherie Garcelon, Lisa Lawrence, Ingrid Fluke, Aileen Meyer, Mary Stranahan, Sheila Snyder, Ron Snyder, Denny Nault

A quorum was established.

Shaun made the motion to accept the February meeting minutes as emailed. Paul 2nd it. All were in favor.

Officer Reports

President:

Chocolate Lover's Festival – Kelley reported on the finances. After deductions, the net proceeds were \$1425.25. Half of that goes to the library. We had more than double the dessert entries than last year. We signed up 33 members, most of which were new. Donna suggested that while the event is still fresh in our minds, the committee should get together to do a debriefing. There have been some suggestions for changes from people who attended. We also need a new chairperson.

Update on revenue from mailing – Kelley reported that as a result of the mailing we have had 53 people sign up as members. This includes 31 new members. Thus far a total of \$298.00 has been donated. Most is to go into an unrestricted fund at the request of the donor. Youth programs have received \$55.50, the Library \$42.50 and Beautification \$10.00 thus far.

Donna said we need to do a membership drive and asked everyone to take membership forms. It is very important that we increase our membership. It is vital for the CDC in order to get grants. If more membership forms are needed, Kelley has plenty at the office.

Landscaping along the new highway – Kelley spoke with Shane Stack from MDOT. According to Shane, there will be many varieties of trees going in the new highway, both ways. There will also be shrubs and possibly planters for flowers. Kelley is going to call Shane back and ask for a copy of the plans as well as a list of all the plants to go in.

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Shane mentioned a meeting of the Technical Design Committee in Missoula. Kelley is going to find out if this is a meeting to attend to find out if plans change.

Grant Writing – Donna said the proposal to Good Works Venture will go out Tuesday, 3/11/2008. She did not get the Steele-Reese grant out. There just wasn't enough time and she felt the CDC needs to take another look at what we have in play. Donna said we are in need of a coordinator who can really focus on grant writing and program development. Donna would like to meet with the executive committee to talk about this and anyone else who is interested before the April meeting. Kelley said she would be interested in meeting.

Annual Meeting – It is coming up in May. It was agreed to schedule the annual meeting at our usual 2nd Monday of the month, May 12th. Kelley will find out whose terms are up. We need a nominating committee. The April meeting will be focusing on planning our annual meeting.

Donna spoke with Billie Lee at Lake County Community Development Corporation (LCCDC) and she wants us to have a representative at the LCCDC meetings. Carol-Lynne or Deb will call her to talk about attending their meetings.

When Donna and Judy met with Jan Tusick and Tina Oliphant of LCCDC regarding the Artist's Cooperative, Donna brought up the Zimorino building. They suggested doing a community needs assessment and feasibility study. LCCDC is willing to write a grant for us to access coal tax revenue that is available. There needs to be matching funds in the form of dollars from the community. We can apply for it each quarter and are notified in a month. The next deadline is in June. It was suggested that we approach the Tribes to help with some matching funds. The Food Pantry will donate \$100.00 and Donna has begun preliminary conversations with some other community groups. \$20,000.00 would give us a good start for a feasibility study and community assessment. That would be \$10,000.00 from the grant and \$10,000.00 from the community. \$30,000.00 total would be even better. Tina will email Donna more information and Donna will get that info to the Board.

Donna spoke with Alvaretta Morin regarding the County property which The Brown Building sits on. Alvaretta and her board are open to meeting with representatives from the CDC to discuss the possibility of partnering on some of the community space needs.

Vice President:

Paul is only able to post the CDC minutes on the arleemontana.org website as a file. He and Kelley tried entering the whole text in an area Roxane had shown Kelley, but that area will only accept a couple of lines.

Secretary:

Mexico was lovely!

Treasurer:

Shaun says we have money! If anyone needs reimbursement, please see Shaun.

Committee Reports

Jocko Valley Trails: Ron Snyder reported for Gary Decker. The Trails committee held a meeting 3/8/2008 and walked the trails around The Jocko River Trout Hatchery where Ron works. Gary took GPS readings to create a map. The trail around The Jocko River Trout Hatchery is an easy trail to start with. Gary is working with a forest service friend on a grant. The ongoing tribal river restoration project may include a trail system with interpretive signs. The committee intends to contact the project coordinator to verify that a trail system plan for the area exists.. A map needs to be done first, then going to The Tribal Council about the land and then the State. After that a grant for technical assistance would be written. The next Jocko Valley Trails meeting will be April 12th at 10:00am at The Hangin' Art Gallery. Donna suggested that Kelley do up a poster advertising the meeting.

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Food Buyers Club: Deb reported. The order was going in on Tuesday, 3/11/2008 and will be available for pick up on Friday, 3/14/2008 at The Hangin' Art Gallery. Orders must be picked up by 4:00pm that day. People can purchase items in bulk, split bulk items with others and buy organic including milk with good pull dates. The Food Buyers Club orders through the Hangin Art Gallery account with United Foods. Donna places the orders. Thanks Donna! Donna said that Jan Tusick of LCCDC is available for technical assistance. Deb will take email addresses of people interested and pass them onto Amy.

Summer Camps: Donna is writing grants for stipends and support.

Imagination Library: Stacy reported that we have 44 kids signed up which is a little over 21% of the projected total. Donna suggested that Kelley do up a press release about the program for the Valley Journal and other local newspapers.

Artist Cooperative: Judy needs a list of local artists. She would like to get together with them and hear their ideas. Jan Tusick can give technical assistance. Judy needs people who would like to help with developing this. She would like to have 8-10 people. Jan Tusick would come and meet with them. If you are interested or know of someone who would be interested have them contact Judy. Mary suggested putting an article in The Valley Journal seeking artists.

Recycling: Kim Folden talked with Allied Waste. They were the only one's who returned her calls. It is too expensive for them to put a container in town. The person she spoke with suggested that she write a letter to show there is a need for it.

It was mentioned that Seeley-Swan has a blue bag recycling pick up. Sheila Snyder suggested contacting Valley Recycling. That is who her company uses. They pick up at her place of business. We would need to have a location in Arlee. Deb said that Sib

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Ligas has been focusing on recycling with her kindergarten class. Deb will talk to her and see what ideas she might have.

New Business

Garden Walk: Aileen Meyer and Carol-Lynne Toleno are planning a Garden Walk this summer. This will benefit the Beautification Program. Aileen wants to send a letter to everyone whose address she has through Finley Creek Greenhouse. People would buy a ticket for \$5.00. Checks written would be made out to the Arlee CDC. A few dates during spring and summer would be chosen and people interested in showing their gardens would be available then as people came by to view them. At the end of the season, there would be a party at Finley Creek Greenhouse.

Arlee Baseball and Softball Teams: Josy Mann said that the Arlee baseball and softball teams are in need of sponsorship. To sponsor a team is \$150.00. If you would like to sponsor a child the cost is \$35.00. The money goes to purchasing matching shirts for the team. As a team sponsor, an organization's name would be on the shirt. The teams are in need of complete matching uniforms, new cleats, helmets, gloves and various other equipment. Shaun made a motion for the CDC to sponsor one softball and one baseball team. Carol-Lynne 2nd the motion and all were in favor.

Mary said that Josy should contact Estee Yarrow at Common Ground Farm. It is possible that the teams could pick raspberries to help raise money.

Cherie Garcelon mentioned that The Buttercup Run is being held March 29th. This raises money for scholarships.

On March 20th The Heart View Center is having an open house which will start at 11:00am. They want ideas on how to utilize the space for the community for more than just weddings. There will be a lunch provided at 12:30pm. Those who are interested in attending please call 726-2030 to RSVP.

Ron Snyder mentioned that The Community Center offers discounts to organizations to use the facilities. Ron said he would talk to them about CDC members receiving a discount.

The next meeting of the CDC will be held on April 14, 2008 at 6:30 pm at The Arlee Alliance Church.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelley Brown
Administrative Assistant