

ARLEE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
Board Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2008

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

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Donna Mollica

MEMBERS PRESENT: Judy Fundingsland, Kelley Brown, Kim Folden, Cherie Garcelon, Sheila Snyder, Ron Snyder, Philippa Crawford

A quorum was established.

Shaun made the motion to accept the March meeting minutes as emailed. Carol-Lynne 2nd it. All were in favor.

Officer Reports

President: As Donna was absent, Paul gave the President's Report.

Big Sky Economic Development Trust Fund (BSTF) – Paul handed out a summary of this. In order to receive this grant, we would need to match \$1 from the community to \$2 from the grant. Lake County Community Development Corporation (LCCDC) will write the grant. The deadline is June 30th. Donna needs a couple of people to help. Paul said that people interested in helping can contact Donna. We would use this grant to do asset-based community planning.

Native American Art Auction – This will be held at The Hangin' Art Gallery on May 17th starting at 6:00pm. The art is on display there now. There will be a silent auction with 30% of the proceeds going to benefit the youth camps and the After School Art Program. Some artists will be donating more than 30% of the sale of their art. There will be a suggested donation at the door. At 7:30pm there will be a live auction. Hors-d'oeuvres, sparkling apple cider and music will be served. Shaun made a motion to approve this event. Carol-Lynne 2nd it. All were in favor.

Board Resignation – Jennifer Schall sent an email to Kelley on April 13th giving her resignation to the board. Kelley asked her to please send or bring in a written resignation. It is with regret, that Paul made the motion to accept Jennifer's resignation. Stacy 2nd the motion. All were reluctantly in favor. Jennifer's participation and presence on the board will be missed. Thank you Jennifer for all your service.

Youth Membership – It was asked by Judy Fundingsland to Kelley if youth could be CDC members. Kelley asked Donna as she was not aware of any age limits in the by-laws. Kelley and Donna felt that it would be good to have youth members since so many of our programs are for youth. They decided to offer a \$3.00 membership fee to youth. Our first youth member joined this week. Cherie Garcelon suggested that a youth advisory board be started when we have more youth members. Shaun asked if youth have voting rights. Kelley said there is no age limit as to voting rights in the by-laws. This should be discussed.

Annual Meeting – The 2008 annual meeting is scheduled for May 12th. The focus of the meeting will be to let the community know what the CDC is and what the CDC has been doing over the year and what plans it has for the future. The Board will meet at 6:30pm and the meeting with the community will begin at 7:00pm. The meeting place will be The Arlee Alliance Church. How to promote the meeting? It was suggested that a letter go out to all CDC members. Stacy will put it in her letter in the school newsletter. Paul will get notice out to all the usual places and Kelley will get information to him earlier (two weeks prior to meeting) so that he can send it to TV stations for PSA's.

Change in by-laws: Kelley proposed changing Article IX, Section 2 of the by-laws to include a dollar amount for checks requiring two signatures. Carol-Lynne made a motion to change the by-laws and Shaun 2nd it. All were in favor. Kelley will need help with legal language to make the change. The question was asked if members have to vote for by-laws changes. Kelley said she would find out.

Vice President: No Report

Secretary: No Report

Treasurer: The books balance.

Shaun talked about having a Nominating Committee to nominate members of the Arlee CDC to the Board of Directors. He proposed that the Nominating Committee be composed of 2 members selected by the Board of Directors, 2 members elected by the membership of the Arlee CDC and the president of the Arlee CDC. The election shall take place at least one month before the annual meeting and will be done at a monthly meeting. A simple majority of votes of those members present would be needed to elect someone to the Nominating Committee. Shaun said this may need to go into the by-laws.

Shaun also talked about a 1/3 Expiring Term Rule in which the Arlee CDC should strive to have one-third of the Board terms resolving each year. The purpose of this would be to avoid years of high board turnover and promote consistency and continuity on the Board.

Shaun suggested that for any member to be considered for election to the Arlee CDC board, that person must have been a member of the Arlee CDC for one full year. The purpose of this is to ensure that all members of the Board understand the projects and plans of the Arlee CDC.

Donna Mollica's Proposal – Donna spoke with the executive committee and Kelley about being contracted as a consultant while remaining board president. She wrote up a proposal for the next year to 18 months which includes: accepting a nomination to the Board for a term of one to two years (Jennifer Schall's remaining year possibly) and accepting one more year as President of the Board which will fulfill the three term limit as outlined in our Bylaws.

Donna will be available in mid-June to provide more time and services to the development of the CDC in the areas of management and administration, program coordination and development, grant writing and other areas that arise.

If hired as a consultant, Donna would recues herself from all voting in areas where she is receiving paid compensation.

Shaun made a motion to hire Donna as a consultant while being Board President. Stacy 2nd it. All were in favor.

Committee Reports

Jocko Valley Trails – Ron Snyder reported. The J.V. Trails committee met on 4/10/2008. Jim Malatare Treasure for the Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribal Council attended along with Gary Decker, Ron and a few others. Ron said that Les Evarts, Fisheries Manager, for the tribal Fish, Wildlife, Recreation and Conservation wants to get trail plans going again. The Tribe is looking at trails as being more educational but they would certainly be for the community. The trail would connect with the fish hatchery. A smaller geographical area linking the town, community center, school and fish hatchery was discussed. A foot bridge at the restoration area would link both sides of the valley. Jim Malatare is in favor of a community trail involving the whole community. He will talk to the tribal council and try and get them to walk the site and have Gary and Ron attend a tribal council meeting. Ron said that most of the land being looked at is now tribal land. Kim Folden asked if we will have to have a permit to use the trail. Ron did not know the answer.

Gary did not set a date for the next meeting. Kelley said she will email Gary and find out.

Food Buying Club: The last order placed for the Club exceeded the \$500.00 minimum even without The Hangin' Art Gallery's order. Since Amy did not attend this CDC meeting, no one knew when the next Food Buying Club meeting is. Kelley said she would email Amy to find out. If anyone is interested in participating in the Food Buying Club they can leave their name and phone number at The Hangin' Art Gallery or with Kelley at The CDC office and will be given to Amy.

Summer Camps: Philippa reported there will be two camps. A nature camp facilitated by Josy Mann will be held from July 28th – August 1st. An arts camp facilitated by Philippa Crawford and Jenny Meyers will be held from August 4th – August 8th. There maybe others involved to help facilitate with the camps. The age group for the camps is from 12 – 15 and will be held at The Heart View Center.

Artist Co-op – Judy Fundingsland said that a couple of people have expressed interest. She will set a date in May to meet with Jan Tusick of LCCDC and then hold a meeting to brain storm.

Garden Walk – Posters are up. Tickets are \$5.00. There are 12 gardens so far set to show. Due to the weather the time is a bit unpredictable. Carol-Lynne's garden is set to show on May 10th. There will be a wine and cheese tasting on July 19th at Finley Creek Greenhouse for all those who bought tickets. Tickets are available from Carol-Lynne Toleno, Anne Stewart, Finley Creek Greenhouse and the Arlee CDC office. Anne Stewart will be showing her garden too. A mailing will go out with dates and times.

Recycling – Kim Folden heard from Max Bower, Director of Allied Waste. He said we will be getting a box. Kim doesn't know what that means or what type of recycling there will be. Max Bower will get back to Kim. There was concern about the site being unmanned, but placing it at The Arlee Alliance Church should cut down on disrespecting the site. Kim said that with the CDC's help she would help to educate the community on recycling. She suggested having a kick off with a ribbon cutting ceremony and possibly having the Valley Journal there. Lisa Samsel suggested having a field trip from school to the recycling site.

New Business

Community Center Membership – Ron Snyder talked with Dane Morigeau about discounted memberships for CDC Members. Dane would need some way to identify who the members are. Kelley could get him a membership list. The cost per member would be \$15.00 a month. It is \$20.00 for non-corporate members.

UPDATE: Effective May 1st, 2008, current CDC Members can use the Community Center for \$15.00 a month. That is a savings of \$60.00 a year. Dane Morigeau has a list of current members, so you can just go in and sign up. The Community Center does require you to fill out a medical release form.

Hwy 93 Landscaping – Carol-Lynne has many questions and would like people to take a look at the plans and give their input. She is concerned that there is no plan for watering. Kelley said she would call Shane Stack at MDOT and ask him about this. People wanting to look into this further can contact Carol – Lynne at 726-0006. The Hwy 93 Landscaping plans are available at the CDC office for viewing.

Carol-Lynne had a call from Maggie Haslick about wanting some ideas for youth community projects. She said they have the funds, just need the projects. Kelley gave Carol-Lynne a few ideas. Carol-Lynne said she would refer Maggie to Kelley.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kelley Brown
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