

Arlee CDC Meeting Minutes
4/18/2009

Arlee Community Development Corporation
Board Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2009

LOCATION: The Hangin' Art Gallery & Coffee House, Hwy 93, Arlee, MT

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Frank White, Paul Mollica, Judy Fundingsland, Philippa Crawford, Shaun Kendall, Amy Thomas, Carol-Lynne Toleno

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Donna Mollica, Debra Little-Starratt, Lisa Samsel, Ron Snyder

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dale Duff, Jack Duff, Helene Bourdon, Dori Knoll, Patty Johnson, Karen Francis, Alice Jones

GUESTS PRESENT: Erin from the Leader, Melea Burke of the Valley Journal, Andrea Eaton

A quorum was established.

Shaun made a motion to accept the March meeting minutes as emailed. Judy 2nd the motion. All were in favor.

Officer's Reports

PRESIDENT: Vice President Paul Mollica spoke for Donna in her absence. The Big Sky Grant was submitted March 31, 2009 and we should hear about it the beginning of May.

SECRETARY: Carol-Lynne is working with Aileen Meyer to plan a Garden Walk for this year. People from Polson to St. Ignatius are interested in participating. Carol-Lynne feels that the Secretary should do the monthly CDC letter for the school newsletter as the Secretary has no duties.

TREASURER: Our expenditures are mostly payroll and contract services for Donna. Shaun said we will be submitting a grant again this year to High Stakes for capacity. The Jocko Valley Library gave \$500.00 to the Imagination Library. Carol-Lynne wanted to know what the Beautification Committee had available. They have \$379.62 available to them.

Committee Reports:

FOOD BUYING CLUB: Amy Thomas said that they will continue with placing orders every four weeks. Amy will email everyone the next four order dates. A couple of people had said they had not received emails regarding ordering and Amy said she would make sure her email list is up to date.

Amy asked to speak about the Nk'wusm (Salish Language Immersion School) Pow Wow that will be June 13, 2009. There will be a silent auction from noon-4pm and the school is looking for donations. If you would like to donate an item for the silent auction or donate your time, call Michelle Matt at 726-5050.

JOCKO VALLEY TRAILS: Some of the committee members met with MDOT in Missoula and discussed the status of the bridge north of Arlee. There is not new information to share. There will be an equestrian trail from Coombs Lane to the couplet. It will be posted as an equestrian trail; however it can be used for walking as well. No motorized vehicles will be allowed. Doug Moeller of MDOT said he will sign a letter of support for the Jocko Valley Trails. There was a meeting held by the Tribe on April 14th regarding the restoration trail and constructing a walking bridge across the Jocko. Land owners in the area are concerned about trails going through and unwanted ATV traffic. How to maintain and police the trail is a question. Letters of support for Jocko Valley Trails have been coming back. On April 25th there is a Community Earth Day Project between Polson and Ronan from 11am to 3pm. Jocko Valley Trails will have a table at the Joe McDonald Center.

KILLDEER ARTISAN GUILD: Judy said that the Guild met on April 14th to finalize the initial stock offering. The next meeting is scheduled for May 19th but maybe changed so that other artists from the region can attend. The Tribal Art Cooperative is willing to assist Killdeer. There is discussion of having something at The Hangin' Art Gallery during the 4th of July.

New Business

Clothing Swap: Tabitha Espinoza has a position with Ameri-Corp and as part of her position she is holding a Clothing Swap here in Arlee on April 25th from 10-3. Right now she has mostly women's and children's clothing. She is planning on having a meal and could use some help with donating of food and assistance. Rick's Kustom Kuts is donating chicken. Clothing can be brought to the elementary school or Rick's.

Tabitha would also like to teach a finance workshop for teens and wants ideas and possibly people to volunteering to help. You can call Tabitha at 207-2218 or email her at tabulous@hotmail.com.

Josy Mann Scholarship: Dori Knoll spoke. She said the Indian Taco fundraiser covered the funeral costs. She said that Rainy will go to a bereavement camp and there is no charge for that. Dori would like to know what kind of scholarship to set up. What would Josy want it to go to? Dori said that there are numerous scholarships offered to Arlee Seniors and many of them go unclaimed. Do we want scholarships to go instead so that children can attend camp, participate in baseball and softball and Little Dribblers? All activities that Josy was involved with and passionate about. Dori, Patty Johnson and Deb Starratt will have a plan to present at the next meeting. If anyone has ideas or would like to help you can call Dori at the school at 726-3216 ext. 2213 or email her at djknoll@arlee.k12.mt.us.

FRIDAY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Dori Knoll, Deanne Smith, Principals Miller and Taylor and Kelley Brown met to discuss activities for children on Fridays when the 4 day school week is implemented. Dori did up a survey asking about what activities people would like to see offered on Fridays and the time and length they would like to see for their children. The survey also asks what skills/talents people may have to offer, what barriers there maybe to a child's involvement and any other concerns there maybe. She asked everyone present at the meeting if they would fill one out. She will have surveys available at Rick's Kustom Kuts, The Hangin' Art Gallery, the school, Wilson's, and the Library.

In order to get grants for Friday activities there have to be some core education taught. There could be something different each Friday. Dori will meet with kids K-8 in their classrooms to talk with them about what they would like to see on Fridays. Fridays will include lunch. Dori said that the school's insurance will allow for use of the school on Fridays. There was discussion on possibly having 2 or 3 sessions on Fridays so that the sessions could be age appropriate.

4/14 HIGHWAY MEETING: Dale reported on the meeting. She said it was a spirited meeting. MDOT and Schellinger's Construction representatives were there. They didn't have answers to many questions, but promised to work with people. There was concern expressed about children crossing the highway to get to school and it was said there will be a flagger to help kids across. John Benda, the state project supervisor for McClure to Jocko Bridge construction is being very helpful. If anyone has questions or concerns they can call him at 726-3005 or email him at jbenda@mt.gov. For highway construction from Evaro to McClure, Sheila Sullivan is the project supervisor and she can be reached at 523-5800. You can also long onto www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/us93info/ for updates. Notices will be posted in the post office regarding road closures.

It was suggested that folks contact their county commissioners regarding getting the two west and east side roads and McMurtrie running north and south paved. These are not part of the hwy. construction. Several businesses sent a letter asking if the county commissioners could get these roads paved and have the construction company do it while they are here. There has been no response. Carol-Lynne proposed that the CDC write a letter to the County Commissioners in support of the letter from the Arlee businesses. Shaun 2nd the motion. All were in favor. Carol-Lynne and Frank agreed to write the letter.

There will be no construction going on during Pow Wow from July 2nd-5th. From April 27th- Sept. 1st the hwy in town will be closed. Traffic will be routed to the couplet. MDOT said they will have signs up directing traffic to town, but probably not signs with the businesses names on them. It was stated that permanent signs with businesses names on them are paid for by the businesses. CDC might be a focal point for getting uniform signs.

VICE PRESIDENT: Discussion on the Annual Meeting to be held May 16, 2009. Donna had asked Kelley to check out using the Arlee Tribal Senior Center. Kelley spoke with Nancy Schall and learned that the cost is \$25.00 and the key can be picked up in Pablo. Frank made a motion to hold the annual meeting at the Arlee Tribal Senior Center. Shaun 2nd the motion. All were in favor.

At Donna's request, Kelley asked board members to be thinking of people to nominate to the board. Three board positions are coming available, Lisa Samsel, Debra Little-Starratt and Donna Mollica. Josy Mann's position is open as well. We can have as few and seven board members or as many as 14. We have had 12 over the past year. Kelley asked that people get me nominees prior to the meeting so that she can do a ballot. All board positions are 3 year terms.

Frank made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Shaun 2nd it. Meeting was adjourned at 11:50am.

The next meeting of the CDC is the Annual Meeting and will be held, Saturday, May 16, 2009 at 10:00am at The Arlee Tribal Senior Center.

Respectfully Submitted by,

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