

Cedar Mountain Advisory Council (CMAC)

Proposed

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Held: Saturday, 20 March 2010, 10:00 a.m.

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NOTICE: CMAC WILL NOT HOLD A MEETING IN APRIL!! THE MAY 15th MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 2:00 P.M. AT THE STRAWBERRY COMMUNITY CENTER

Council Members Present: Dianne Beatty, Lynn Dreitzler, Pamela Ence, Ken Klatt, Wade Heaton, Charlie Miller, Kendra Risdon, JJ Smith

Council Members Excused: Sharon Adams, Irene Briggs, Kathy Martin

Public/Guest Attendees: Sherrie Pandya (Kane County Hospital); Gerold Triebold (Strawberry Valley); Jim Brackin (Strawberry Valley); Aric Boston (Duck Creek Pines); John Scott (Color Country); Marty Shurtleff (South Central Communications)

The following is a summary of discussions held for each agenda item:

1. Call to Order
 - a. Charlie Miller, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.
2. Approve Meeting Minutes
 - a. January 2010 minutes submitted by Secretary, Kendra Risdon. Motion to approve made by Pam Ence, seconded by Lynn Dreitzler.
3. Chairperson's Report
 - a. No new status.
4. Vice Chairperson's Report
 - a. No new status.
5. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Treasurer absent.
6. Secretary's Report
 - a. Reviewed Action Item Log.
7. Committee/Assignment Reports:
 - a. Kane County Commission: No new status
 - b. CMFPD: Visitor, Gerold Triebold, a CMFPD board member, shared the following regarding the snow removal and financial situation:
 - i. Meadow View Heights received 17'8" of snow this season.
 - ii. CMFPD experiencing a shortfall of \$188K going into this season. Current rate is \$102.50 per lot. The CMFPD Board is trying to avoid raising the rate.
 - iii. The CMFPD desires to pay off prior debt.
 - iv. CMFPD Board appointed a Snow Committee to develop recommendations. Additionally, the CMFPD invited an individual from the Public Works in Brian Head to share their approach to the management of snow removal.
 - v. CMFPD Board considering a one-time assessment to relieve the current debt.

- vi. Letter to be sent out announcing that the CMFPD will plow after 8" of snow fall for the remainder of the season.
- vii. Any changes will be addressed in public hearings held by the CMFPD Board. The next meeting should provide more information regarding the CMFPD's plan which has to be submitted to the County by June.
- c. WKCSSD #1: Wade Heaton reported that the dumpsters should be back in place approximately mid-May. The winter rollofts are providing a much needed service, and it is anticipated the service will continue next winter. It should be noted that there has been no rate increase for this additional service.
- d. KC School District: No new status.
- e. KCWCD: A visitor reported that a pipe coming into his cabin was frozen. When contacted the KCWCD, he was told that he would have to wait until Spring to fix the pipe; however, he will not be charged the monthly fee until the pipe is fixed.
- f. Forestry Dept/Safety:
 - i. Ken Klatt reported that there will be a representative attending the CMAC May meeting.
 - ii. Pam Ence shared a calendar of Community Open Houses for people interested in learning about the new motorized recreation system on the Dixie National Forest. The remaining sessions are held between 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the following locations:
 1. March 24-Powell Ranger District (225 East Center St. Panguitch)
 2. March 25-Pine Valley Ranger District (196 E. Tabernacle, St. George)
 3. March 30-Escalante Ranger District (755 West Main, Escalante)
 4. March 30-Boulder Town Hall (351 North 100 East, Boulder)
 5. April 8-Pine Valley Fire Station (680 East Main, Pine Valley)
 6. April 14-Ruby's Inn (1000 S. Highway 63, Bryce)
- g. Parks and Recreation: No new status.
- h. Garkane: Pam Ence reported that the conclusion of an impact study regarding prairie dogs in the area resulted in an agreement that Garkane can continue their upgrade from Tod's to Hatch. This upgrade will improve service to the Duck Creek area.
- i. SC Comm: Visitor and Board Member of SC Communications, Marty Shurtleff, shared the following:
 - i. South Central is making a Broadband Initiatives Program (BIP) application to the Department of Agriculture's Rural Utilities Service Group (RUS).
 1. This action is to bring high speed internet and broadband services to our region to greatly enhance our ability to compete successfully.
 2. SC Communications is seeking \$12m of grant money for broadband services. The SC Communications has been working to develop the grant application which includes detailed engineering, design, and cost estimate.
 3. Area of coverage applying for includes Kanab to Loa which would include the Cedar Mountain area.
 4. It is anticipated that there would be no increase in cost of service, just better and faster service.
 - ii. Reminding people to call in service problems by dialing 611.
- j. Sheriff's Dept: Pam Ence reported that a representative from the Sheriff's Department will be invited to CMAC's May meeting.

k. Hospital Committee: See results of session held with Ms. Sherrie Pandya in 8.a. below.

8. Old Business:

- a. Public Hearing: Duck Creek Village Clinic closure discussion held with Ms. Sherrie Pandya, Kane County Hospital (spandya@kchosp.net). The following were points made and discussed:
- i. Reason for closure of the Duck Creek Village Clinic was due to financial reasons.
 - ii. The clinic had a shortfall of \$47K during 2009; Kane County Hospital had a shortfall of approximately \$300K during 2009.
 - iii. To break even, need 8-10 patients per day for each day the clinic is open
 - iv. Grant money from the State of Utah Department of Health of \$40K was based on the clinic being open a specific number of days and number of patients seen. The Duck Creek Clinic lost the grant money because it did not meet the terms of the grant.
 - v. Comparison made between Duck Creek Village Clinic and the clinic in Orderville:
 1. Duck Creek Clinic saw 168 patients in 2008 and 236 patients in 2009. Orderville saw 2000 patients in 2008 and 1912 patients in 2009.
 2. The Orderville clinic is open five days a week with one nurse practitioner. Duck Creek Village clinic was open 86 days last year.
 - vi. Main cost of the Duck Creek Clinic is salaries. Rent is \$1K per month. Additional cost is insurance.
 - vii. Kane County Hospital does not receive any tax monies to cover their costs. Depend on revenues from sales tax. Revenues from sales tax were down during 2009 from \$1.2M in 2008 to \$1.0M in 2009. Additional revenue problems the hospital is facing is due to lack of collections and patient numbers dropping 50% during 2009 due to the economy.
 - viii. There is a new Board in place with two new members.
 - ix. Some suggestions made by the CMAC members and public included:
 1. Make the clinic seasonal. Possible to have clinic open from April through October only.
 2. Restructure grant based on seasonal and possibly open three days a week instead of four.
 3. Explore the possibility to split the coverage between the Orderville and Duck Creek clinic.
 4. Explore grants available for rural areas.
 5. Conduct fund raisers to raise monies specifically for the clinic
 6. Explore a reduction in rent.
 7. If clinic reinstated, communicate its availability more effectively (i.e., notice in owners utility bills, etc.)
 - x. Actions:
 1. Ms. Pandya will present ideas to board
 2. Ms. Pandya will explore additional grant opportunities
 3. CMAC will attempt to have a member present at the next hospital board meeting to be held the first Tuesday of the month, April 6th, at 7:00 p.m
- b. Townsite Act: Charlie Miller reported a discussion he had with Sunrise Engrg representative who is not assigned to the Townsite Act committee; however,

attends the meetings. There are two problems slowing down the process: 1) this has not been done before; and 2) funding to cover fees for legal and other actions is not available. Funding to purchase the property is not an issue.

9. New Business

- a. New Dixie Forest National public hearings on closure of old logging roads to be held.
- b. Taxpayer Association (TPA) has contacted CMAC to ensure coordination between the two groups.

10. Public Input

- a. None

11. Council Comments

12. Executive Session: Not held.

13. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Wade Heaton, seconded by JJ Smith. Meeting Adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

The Remaining 2010 CMAC Meetings are scheduled to be held at 10:00 a.m. at the Fire Station unless noted below:

NO APRIL MEETING

May 15 at 2:00 p.m. at Strawberry Community Center

June 19, August 21, September 18, and November 20 at the Fire Station

Meetings will not be held in April, July, October, and December.

End minutes