



Sustainable Broomfield Community Task Force

***Minutes Meeting #8
December 10, 2009***

Meeting Summary

In the eighth meeting, the Task Force revisited the Vision Statement and revised it so it fit better with the goals of the group. The rest of the meeting was spent with each group reporting back to the whole Task Force on the policies and action steps they have developed. Feedback was given and each group is to incorporate this feedback into their policies and action steps as they continue to work in their groups.

Roll Call

Task Force Members Present: Derek Okubo, Mayor Pat Quinn, Linda Fahrenbruch, Linda Reynolds, Hal Lunka, Liz Law-Evans, Irene Lalach, Bryce Isaacson, Felix Flechas, Rick Ahrens, Jessica Erickson, Don Dunshee, Roger Kelley, Marcia Heiser, Nicholas Fazzini, Sam Taylor, Jini Bates, Kevin Jacobs, Jeffery McPherson, Geoff Urland

Absent: Aaron Loertscher, Susan MacGregor, Judy Enderle, Mark Kuhl, Jean Wilkie, Patrick Tennyson, Jennifer Kerr, Beverly Pneuman, Jeremy Fancher, David Hastings, Klea Jones, Lisa Moore, Jeffery Kerrane

Others in attendance: Kevin Standbridge, Kathy Schnoor, Meghan Bernard, Shirley Garcia, Bob Gaiser, Kathryn Langdon

Agenda Minutes

6:30 – Introduction and Announcements

6:40 – Kevin Standbridge reminded the Task Force to think about what group of the community each member represents and to take into account these perspectives. When the plan is presented to City Council, the group wants it to be adopted, so in creating the plan, words like “require” and “restrict” should be considered carefully. This is only a planning document, not a regulation. But specific strategies, including incremental steps and recommendations for implementation are welcome.

6:45 – Approval of the minutes as written

6:46 – Revisit the Vision Statement

In the August meeting the vision statement was discussed and the group agreed to leave it for a few months to think about it. The group revisited the statement in this meeting. The previous vision statement was:

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“Broomfield prospers as an environmentally, economically, and socially sustainable community. We protect and preserve our social and physical environment and ecosystems through education, community engagement, conservation, and cultural opportunities by economic strength and diversity. Broomfield is locally sustainable and recognized as the Epicenter of Green.”

One suggestion was to remove the “epicenter of green” because it may become outdated over time. There was an argument that we can never become truly locally sustainable because we will always need outside materials and resources. The consensus was to remove the whole last sentence as it did not add to the previous sentences.

6:52 – Resource Conservation Group Report Out

The Natural Resources group changed their name to Resource Conservation group to better address the group’s goals. The group presented policies and action steps addressing wildlife, waste, and water. The group will look further into land, water, and air quality over the next few weeks. Some general topics of concern with the group were with ownership of wildlife and their interactions with humans. The wording of planning document recommendations vs. requirements continued during this group’s presentation.

7:50 – Energy Group Report Out

The energy group looked at goals and action steps for community education and outreach, conservation, new and renewable technologies, electrical provisions. The energy group directed some suggestions to the education group on a “green packet” for new residents. Other topics discussed were having a model LEED building in Broomfield, demand-side management for conservation, SMART grids, “mini nukes” and Broomfield owning its own utility. The group is continuing to work on prioritizing policies and implementing actions steps and suggestions from the whole group.

8:30 – Transportation Group Report Out

The transportation group focused their goals on making it easier to get around Broomfield and Broomfield developing better mass transit within and outside the city. Some suggestions for the group were to look at what percent transportation is out of the budget and how that compares with other neighboring cities. Another suggestion was to put Broomfield trails on Google maps so people can see how they can bike and walk around Broomfield. The group is continuing to refine their goals and policies.

9:00 – Economic Development Group Report Out

The economic development group found that much of sustainable economic development was already addressed in the 2005 Comprehensive Plan. There was discussion within the Task Force on the difference between economic sustainability and the role of economics in sustainability. The economic development group took their ideas from the fact that social and environmental sustainability are not possible without economic sustainability. Some other discussions were on the

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importance of the diversity of businesses and a highly educated workforce in order for Broomfield to be a player in creating jobs.

9:35 – Community Education Group Report Out

The education group's goals were to have community members understand sustainability, have the City of Broomfield dedicate resources to sustainability, have a recognition program for sustainability in Broomfield, establish sustainability funding for schools, and to articulate the vision and goals of other sub-committees. There were very few comments on this group's work since the meeting ran over its scheduled end time.

All of the groups were instructed to incorporate the Task Force's comments into their work and to continue developing their suggested policies and action steps.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45

Approval

Minutes Prepared by Meghan Bernard

Approved by Linda Fahrenbruch
Chair