

2.23.21 Virtual Coordinating Council of Big Sky Meeting | 4-5pm

Coordinators Present:

- Arts & Culture: Brian Hurlbut
- Conservation: Kristin Gardner
- Education: Dustin Shipman
- Healthcare: Taylor Rose
- Housing: Laura Seyfang
- Parks, Trails & Recreation: Adam Johnson
- Philanthropy: Ciara Wolfe
- Public Funding: Daniel Bierschwale
- Public Safety: Greg Megaard
- Transportation: David Kack

Not Present:

- Social Services TBD
 - Economic Development: TBD
 - Public Works: Ron Edwards
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Meeting Notes:

- **Daniel Bierschwale**
 - Kicked off meeting
 - Summary of the purpose of the group
 - Asked coordinators for a brief update from each coordinator on their organization and an update on strategies each coordinator is responsible for
- **Economic Development (Update provided by Taylor Rose)**
 - No coordinator present, seat will be filled when Chamber/VBS hires new CEO
 - Taylor Rose offered to get further updates from Scott Johnson
 - Update on the hiring of the CEO; a search firm has been engaged
 - COVID-19 update: Chamber/VBS has done a great job being proactive during the last year by providing resources to local businesses
- **Public Works (Update provided by Daniel Bierschwale)**
 - Passing of 1% for Infrastructure was a major win for the community
 - Canyon Water & Sewer District has been formed
 - Additional update from Kristin Gardner:
 - Formed at end of December
 - Currently electing a board and establishing governance structure
 - Ciara Wolfe mentioned the need for a trash transfer station and community recycling facilities
- **Transportation (Update provided by David Kack)**
 - Bus barn in Big Sky slated to be ready by fall, plan to share space with the School District
 - May 4th Ballot will have item to expand BSTD boundaries to match BSRAD boundaries → Need help asking voters to vote yes
 - TIGER Grant Update:
 - Phasing will be left up to contractor who will be selected this spring

- This summer left turn lane for north bound 191 traffic onto Lone Mountain Trail will happen this summer
 - Construction will take place this summer and next summer
- **Housing (Update provided by Laura Seyfang)**
 - Meadowview completion has been slowed down due to COVID
 - All units are sold
 - Project to be wrapped up in next 3 months
 - BSCHT has partnered with Lone Mountain Land Company (LMLC) to develop deed-restricted rental units on Lone Mountain Trail corridor
 - School teacher housing project:
 - 5 teachers have moved in
 - Phase 2 under construction now, ready for next school year
 - Great community support from construction companies
 - Always looking for volunteers
 - Morningstar:
 - Looking to build housing for teachers on their property
 - Big Sky Resort:
 - Built 25 additional rooms for employees
 - LMLC:
 - Several projects in the works for more employee housing
- **Parks, Trails, and Recreation (Update provided by Adam Johnson):**
 - New trails and pathways are in the works with the TIGER Grant and had success getting existing trails under easements to get trails into the BSCO network
 - BASE (community center) is on schedule
 - Ice Rink is open for the winter season and has been very popular this winter
 - Park attached to community center to open in July and host concerts if gatherings are allowed
 - Purchased parcel adjacent to Community Park for future expansion
 - Grooming trails this winter is taking place and trail use has continued to be high
- **Public Safety (Update provided by Greg Megaard):**
 - New patrol Sergeant Daniel Haydon and new Gallatin County Sheriff Dan Springer
 - Big Sky fire has been involved in the incident management and vaccine distribution in response to COVID-19
 - Working with Gallatin County to improve radio systems in surrounding area
 - Project will start in the spring to build infrastructure, in place by late summer to early fall
 - January 2021 had the highest call volume in history
- **Education (Updated provided by Dustin Shipman):**
 - \$23.5 million bond to expand facilities at school passed and a contractor has been selected
 - Work on an all-weather track and field will begin
 - Working on all day access to new P.E. facilities for the public
 - Board purchased a piece of adjacent property, still working on what to use the land for
 - Back to 100% in person learning
 - Looking for substitute teachers
 - May Ballot:
 - 2 trustee positions (3-year terms)
 - \$75,000 operation levy for personnel services
 - Mental Health Services:
 - Received a YCCF grant to raise awareness amongst grades 6-12 around mental health

- **Conservation (Update provided by Kristin Gardner):**
 - COVID-19 has increased pressure on water resources
 - GRTF working on updating strategic plan
 - Looking for new and creative ways to fund large water management projects
 - Several bills in legislative session that could be harmful to water resources, may reach out asking for support in opposing bills
 - Wild & Scenic bill has been introduced for the Gallatin River
- **Healthcare (Updated provided by Taylor Rose):**
 - Big Sky Medical Center has been very busy with vaccine distribution
 - Resources and efforts being put towards behavioral health services being available in Big Sky
- **Public Funding (Update provided by Daniel Bierschwale):**
 - Resort Tax is moving toward objective decision making using a scoring system
 - Resort Tax will be represented at the Joint County Commission meetings
 - Interlocal agreements will be available for Government entities for FY22-24
 - Helping with surveillance testing program and vaccines
 - Tax Education brochure to help residents understand public funding coming soon
- **Arts & Culture (Update provided by Brian Hurlbut):**
 - WMPAC has done a great job offering new and different programs to keep arts alive in the pandemic
 - Arts Council has offered online workshops and art auction is online and in person
 - 2 major public art installments in 2021
 - Arts Council has hired an events coordinator
 - Arts Council has taken over the Big Sky Artisan Festival and the event will move to Town Center
 - May need help working towards creative solutions to execute summer music and concert series
- **Philanthropy (Update provided by Ciara Wolfe):**
 - YCCF working to secure financial resources and additional capacity for local non-profits
 - YCCF has grown and working to fund more strategically
 - Big Sky Relief fund has had over \$2 million, and it has been a great resource for the community
 - Hiring update:
 - YCCF has hired 2 new employees
 - SPCF is looking to hire their first Executive Director
 - Great year for donations with more people spending more time in Big Sky
 - Investing with partners for all aspects of mental and behavioral health
- **Next steps:**
 - Work on capital improvement plan
 - Community report broadly shared

Next Meeting: May 2021 Date and Time TBD