

COORDINATING COUNCIL OF BIG SKY MEETING | SEPTEMBER 27, 2021 @ 12PM

ATTENDEES:

- Daniel Bierschwale | Big Sky Resort Area District
- Ron Edwards | Big Sky Water & Sewer District
- Laura Seyfang | Big Sky Community Housing Trust
- Jenny Muscat | Big Sky Resort Area District
- Brad Niva | Big Sky Chamber and Visit Big Sky
- Brian Hurlbut | Arts Council of Big Sky
- Kristin Gardner | Gallatin River Task Force
- Whitney Montgomery | Big Sky Community Organization
- Marne Hayes | Big Sky Sustainability Network Organization
- Dylan Cressy | Big Sky Sustainability Network Organization
- Taylor Rose | Big Sky Medical Center
- Dustin Shipman | Big Sky School District
- David Kack | Big Sky Transportation District
- Sarah Gaither-Bivins | Big Sky Community Food Bank
- Ciara Wolfe | Yellowstone Club Community Foundation
- Ruthi Solari | Yellowstone Club Community Foundation
- Greg Megaard | Big Sky Fire Department

MEETING NOTES:

- **DB** kicked off the meeting, welcomed participants, and gave meeting background and details.
- **DB** provided an overview of the “Our Big Sky” Plan, how we got to where we are today, and the path forward.
- **CW** provided an overview of “Elevate Big Sky”, a collaboration between BSRAD and the local community foundations and a collective impact model for meeting the needs of the community.
- **DB** let the group know that the “support team” for the council are Jenny and Ruthi.
- **RS** led the group through a discussion around the Strategies that were flagged for needing more definition, detail, or any modifications.
 - Embrace Big Sky’s DNA as a Destination, Born Out of a Visitor Economy → Destination Development and Management
 - Improve and Maintain Infrastructure → Improve and Maintain Water & Sewer Infrastructure, Improve and Maintain Transportation Infrastructure, and Improve and Maintain Energy and Telecommunication Infrastructure
 - Increase Transportation Options to Serve Recreation and Mobility → Now included the new Improve and Maintain Transportation Infrastructure Strategy
 - Preserve a Cohesive but Distinct Character Throughout the Community → Remove from list at Initiatives are covered in several other Strategies but have a discussion with the Planning and Zoning Committees (both counties).
 - Provide Transparency/Engagement and Governance Options → Transparency and Engagement are both values of the group therefore strike the Strategy.

- The group broke out into smaller working groups to discuss report cards and create partner and initiative lists for each Strategy.
- Following the working groups everyone shared their Strategy and the top 2 Initiatives.
 - Provide Residents with Cultural Opportunities
 1. Increase number of cultural opportunities
 2. Increase education offerings
 3. Look at art through a behavioral health lens
 - Improve and Maintain Energy and Telecommunication Infrastructure
 1. Improve cellular capacity of community
 - Support Independently Owned Small Businesses
 1. Improve workforce benefits to increase recruitment and retention
 - Destination Management
 1. Understand the visitor economy
 2. Improve visitor experience
 - Support and Enhance Social Services
 1. Coordinate resources within Big Sky
 2. Increase access to social services
 - Promote the Development of Affordable Housing
 1. Create more home ownership opportunities
 2. Create more rental opportunities
 - Expand and Enhance Trail Connections
 1. Secure more easement for trails
 - Improve and Develop New Park and Gathering Spaces
 1. Increase field playing space for recreational leagues
 - Provide All Season Recreation Opportunities
 1. Open Base
 - Support High-Quality Public Safety
 1. Enhance ability to react to wildland fires
 2. Ensure high-quality staffing
 - Maintain and Expand Healthcare Services
 1. Bring in skilled nursing services
 2. Increase behavioral health services
 - Support and Enhance Education
 1. Maintain staff members
 2. Increase sports field capacity
 - Work to Become a Sustainable and Resilient Community
 1. Introduce sustainability measures into the community
 - Improve and Maintain Transportation Infrastructure
 1. Increase service by 30-50% in the next three years
 2. Reduce carbon emissions by 1/3 by 2030
 - Improve and Maintain Water and Sewer Infrastructure
 1. Increase water wells
 2. Succession planning
 - Preserve and Enhance Public Access to Public Lands and Waterways

- 1. Improve ecological health and access along the Gallatin River corridor
 - Protect and Enhance our Water Resources
 - 1. Address impaired streams in the community
 - 2. Ensure adequate drinking water supply for community, especially in times of drought
 - Protect Wildlife Habitat and Natural Resources
 - 1. Need to meet with partners to get initiatives
- **DB** discussed next steps
 - Meeting frequency: Group to meet monthly, meeting frequency can always be re-evaluated.
 - Next meeting: Thursday, October 28th at 1pm, location TBD.
 - Notes and recordings will continue to be shared publicly.