



## **CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**July 11, 2023 at 6:00 PM  
0110 Whispering Pines Circle, Blue River, CO**

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### **MINUTES**

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**The public is welcome to attend the meeting either in person or via Zoom.**

**The Zoom link is available on the Town website:**

**<https://townofblueriver.colorado.gov/citizen-advisory-committee>**

**Please note that seating at Town Hall is limited.**

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL**

PRESENT

Trustee Liaison Kelly Finley

Vice Chair Trevor Kraus

Steve Kucera

Bruce Queen

Jodie Wiley

Chair Charlie Brittz

Also present: Town Manager Michelle Eddy

Public: Martie Semmer, Blue Grouse Trail

#### **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Minutes from April 11, 2023

Motion made by Kucera, Seconded by Queen to approve the minutes of April 11, 2023. Motion passed unanimously.

Voting Yea: Vice Chair Kraus, Kucera, Queen, Wiley, Chair Brittz

#### **III. NEW BUSINESS**

B. Review the results of the dark sky survey and provide recommendations to the Board of Trustees.

The Committee reviewed the survey results. Noted that the regulations would apply to Town owned as well as private homes. Discussion on regulations and whether or not to add additional regulations. Discussion to provide incentives to residents to change out their lighting on a voluntary basis. Discussion of a challenge of enforcement; safety and an issue of mandates. Suggestion to create an incentive program and education. Suggestion to include in short-term rental licensing. Discussion that it is a good idea but in practice it doesn't make sense. It was noted that the designation is centered as a tourist attraction and Blue River is not a tourist attraction. Discussion that it may be achieved on a voluntary basis and through education.

Discussion for the recommendation to provide education & incentives and ask the Trustees to allow the Committee to develop the program and incentives. The Committee does not recommend mandates. The Committee would like to develop an education program, how to reach the visitor population and provide incentives. The Committee noted they support the concept in principle and prefer an educational approach and to provide incentives including lighting, bulbs, motion detection, timers and installation. The Committee does not support the pursuit of a designation due to the concern of the bureaucracy, enforcement and mandates.

C. Develop Incentive programs.

Manager Eddy provided a brief overview of the potential incentive programs and asked for input and thoughts to present to the Board of Trustees. Suggestion to make one application to choose from a list of programs with levels of incentive based on the applications. If approved the Committee will develop the program at the August meeting.

D. Review Calendar of Events

Manager Eddy reviewed the upcoming Calendar of Events. She asked for input on the August Lessons in the Park. Discussion to encourage residents to go to the park or other locations to view the sky on August 13th for the meteor shower.

#### **IV. ADJOURN**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING -**