



CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

August 08, 2023 at 6:00 PM
0110 Whispering Pines Circle, Blue River, CO

AGENDA

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I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes from July 11, 2023

III. NEW BUSINESS

B. Incentive Program Development

C. Town Celebration

IV. ADJOURN

NEXT MEETING -



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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 -

Section II, Item A.



Town of Blue River

Blue River Incentive Programs

Program Budget: \$20,000

Program Suggestions:

- Bear Resistant Cans
- Wildfire Defensible Space
- Dark Sky Lighting

Program Information

- Bear Resistant Cans
 - Program: Provide \$50 incentive rebate for anyone purchasing a bear resistant can.
 - Application is on the website and information in all news letters.
 - Suggested Budget: \$1,000 to provide 20 grants per year.
- Wildfire Defensible Space
 - Program suggestions:
 - Defensible building materials “hardening” of the home.
 - Drip line around the entire structure
 - Short grass within 30’
 - Minimum of 6” of noncombustible siding where the home hits the ground or any other horizontal surface like decks or walkways
 - Minimum storage under decks
 - Fire wise landscaping.
 - Zone 1 and/or 2 defensible space.
 - Suggested Budget: \$12,000
- Dark Sky Lighting
 - Program suggestions:
 - Free light bulb exchange
 - Free timers or reimbursement incentives up to “\$X”
 - Free light shield or reimbursement incentives
 - Suggested Budget: \$6,0000

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