

# Salida Business Alliance Minutes

5.6.21

## Attendance

Allie Stevens	Monarch Mountain	Jeanne Herrick-Stare	Salida Sunrise Rotary
Adriane Kuhn	Little Red Tricycle	Drew Nelson	City of Salida
Jane Templeton	Salida City Council	Russ Johnson	Salida PD
Angel Rowel	Discovery Pass	Katy Gether	Mixing Bowl
Nicole Balaun	Su Casa! Furniture		

Start Time: 8:38

Working on technology – part on zoom part in person (Attendance for in person only)

- Angel: We're going to get started in just a minute. Okay, just bear with us on the technology. Welcome to the May SBA meeting! Thanks for being here. Today is a general meeting, Chief Johnson is here and other members.
- Drew: Hi everyone, I'm the city administrator. It's been a busy couple of days for law enforcement, we want to walk through the draft climate action plan. It is located on the website. I'd like to turn it over to Jane to go over that
- Jane: Thanks for being here. The sustainability committee was composed of citizens, Drew and myself. We used as our model the action plan from Aspen. The full plan is online, it's not short. We put everything in one of five categories so you can focus your interests. Our greenhouse gas inventory in 2018 found that transportation was our biggest contributor. The city is 100% solar powered. We now need to turn to citizens. We would love to have more community input.
- Drew: There are other goals the state has put out, which is an elimination of greenhouse gasses by 2050. Technology does not exist for 20% of the gasses, but we feel optimistic it will soon.
- Jane: Residential numbers are based on energy use. I just read an article in the guardian about how quickly technology is evolving for clean energy.
- Drew: Every few years we will have to do a greenhouse survey to update this plan. We have a lot of homes being built that aren't fully electric. So, we'll have to recalibrate and see where we're at.
- Adriane: What's being done about recycling and how can the city help with space in the alleys?
- Katy: To add to that the dumpsters are very expensive.
- Drew: We are in an extreme state of flux with recycling. I don't see a return of the drop sites because many people were not appropriately recycling. All three trash haulers are going to accept recycling. The challenge in that is that our model is broken. There is some interest in purchasing Angel of Shavano's assets, but it wasn't working. The one good thing is that waste management is interested in having a transfer station locally. They are hard to get, but it's a possibility. State statute requires that there is a franchise agreement for dumpsters. We don't have that here in Salida, the city is looking at bigger solution and individual issues which should go to the trash haulers. There will be a cost that comes with it. There will be an increase in waste at the landfill.
- Merrell: We've added recycling and it doubled our cost would like to see some kind of subsidy from the city.
- Katy: I work with Salida trails and open spaces. We're looking more and more at car emissions. There is a transportation advisory board, and it would be interesting to speak with them about this. Maybe we need more shuttles.
- Jane: We want to encourage our local dealerships to sell electric vehicles, which is the future.
- Drew: There is construction across from Safeway. Rivian is putting in electric chargers. They're trucks. There will be 4 level 3 and 4 level 2. Level 3's will be Rivian specific. These are the first in the nation.
- Lori: We have people coming to the chamber asking about where recycling goes, can you send info?
- Drew: That needs to come from the providers, but I can help facilitate.
- Russ: F-street is closing soon; two-hour parking will be enforced. We're seeing an increase in homelessness and mental health issues. Do you have any questions?
- Katy: An observation: I think the caboose has become a gathering place.
- Russ: It does seem to be a popular spot. They actually have a community where they organize who can be where. Our goal is to connect them with resources because they are not doing anything illegal. We try to keep them moving. They get a 72-hour warning to vacate. We move them from one place to the next.

Jeanne: The other day at Safeway there was a lady who was pretty loud. 2 cops came and a community service car came. How are you bringing in providers in response to incidents? I was heartened to read about the community service care

Russ: It comes down to how we are dispatched for a call. If its violent a cop will go. If it is non-violent, it won't always be a cop. In that incident she was highly intoxicated. Once we got her out of the building, we set them up with a program at Sol Vista. If they committed a crime, they would go to jail. The community service car seems to be working well. Call volumes have increased and we are adding more positions. Over the next 5-10 years I would imagine we will see more of the community service vehicles. It is the individuals for code enforcements. They free up our officers to be more effective. Our community service officers do not respond to urgent calls so they can do parking and calls in the same day. We are gradually increasing our staff. We had a position posted for a long time and no one applied. The city is funding some of the training. The require folks going to the academy to sign on for 3 years if we pay for their training.

Drew: I did want to discuss F Street Plaza. Are we not going to allow food vending vehicles. The restaurant community was not into that. You can do it on private property, not into the plaza. Think creatively and talk to me as I can approve your permits. This week for permits, logistics wise we can help out. Concrete blocks will be painted. Closing the street Monday before Memorial Day, May 24<sup>th</sup>. Ada, and a center pathway was an issue. We're going to try to maintain 6 ft in the middle. We also want emergency service access. We purchased ADA ramps and will stage those strategically. We're going to suggest people walk their wheels though the plaza.

Adriene: What are we going to do about my block? We need something, I haven't heard any action.

Angel: We can work on signage to point folks that way. He should be telling me what he's going to do about it.

Jane: I brought this up at the city council meeting. And they said because F street is closed, they have to park farther away and putting in more foot traffic.

Adriene: I got less traffic.

Jane: We have to get people used to it. We can work together on signage.

Angel: I think our primary ask should be signage. And parking will be enforced so those spots will hopefully open up. I'm speaking for the shop on either side on me.

Adriane: We just get the feeling that they are asking us to pay for the signage.

Angel: Does anyone want to give a business update?

Michael: Request for artist went out yesterday.

Angel: The recycling event was super successful! Huge team effort. The Chamber is doing its golf scramble. Entertaining groups of 2 if you don't have 4. We are remodeling the billboards. Sorry we went late!

End: 9:43