

**Anaconda-Deer Lodge County**  
**Commission Work Session Minutes**  
**6:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 10, 2016**  
**Courthouse Courtroom**

Present: Commission Chair Hart, Commissioner Mulvey, Commissioner Lux-Burt, Commission Vice-Chair Vermeire, Commissioner Smith, CEO Ternes Daniels, County Attorney Krakowka

Others Present: Julie K. Pooley, Clerk of Commission and Kathie Miller, Anaconda Leader

Commission Chair Hart called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and explained the Commission Rules of Procedure.

### **Update on Accelerate Anaconda Projects**

Adam Vauthier gave a presentation to the Commission about Accelerate Anaconda. They meet every Monday at 3:00 p.m. in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room at the Community Service Center.

Accelerate Anaconda is a grassroots group of community volunteers approaching economic development through the active pursuit of projects that encourage a sense of place and community. Anaconda Local Development Corporation serves as the fiscal agent.

A detailed list of projects can be found on Anaconda Local Development's website and the presentation is attached to the minutes <http://anacondadevelopment.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Accelerate-Commission-2016.pdf>.

Mr. Vauthier noted the next event is scheduled for June 9<sup>th</sup> and Accelerate Anaconda will be hosting a Harvard Professor of Architecture.

CEO Ternes Daniels thanked Anaconda Local Development and Accelerate Anaconda. She has participated in a few of their events, notably the Parklet project last summer. She believes all of the projects are going to enhance the community tremendously.

Commissioner Lux-Burt has been involved in many of Accelerate Anaconda's activities and she thinks it is really exciting to see so many young people, business owners and community members thinking outside of the box to get things done.

Jim Davison, Executive Director of Anaconda Local Development informed the Commission that many of the projects will require grant funding. He announced that the next Accelerate Anaconda event is scheduled for June 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **Request to Set a Date for the First CDBG Public Hearing**

Jim Davison informed the Commission that CDBG requires an annual hearing to discuss potential projects that may require CDBG funding. In addition, he informed the Commission the deadline for planning grants is July 1<sup>st</sup> and there are three or four projects to consider. He noted the Growth Policy is five years old and it needs to be updated as it is required for some of the grants. The Department of Transportation would like the County to put a transportation plan together to address public transportation, roads, parking, bikeways, and pedestrian trails.

A housing plan is also needed. All of these plans are necessary in order to get funding. He requested the CDBG hearing be held as soon as possible in order to set priorities for grant funding.

CEO Ternes Daniels emphasized that CDBG has been very good to our community and noted the West Valley Sewer project as an example. She suggested June 14<sup>th</sup> for a public hearing date and noted that CDBG requires a second public hearing once a project is determined. Julie Pooley, Clerk of Commission commented that CDBG may not require a 15-day notice for the public hearing. She will contact them in the morning to verify the notice requirement.

Commissioner Lux-Burt would prefer to have the hearing as soon as possible.

Commissioner Hart is amenable to having the hearing as soon as it can get on the agenda.

**Agreement for Consultant Services between Anaconda-Deer Lodge County and Beard Environmental and Technical Assistance (BETA), LLC for NRD Funding Administration for 2016 Improvements**

CEO Ternes Daniels informed the Commission this agreement will provide funding administration for the NRD Groundwater Allocation program. The County has \$2 million left to use. The agreement will not exceed \$7,495.50.

Commissioner Lux-Burt noted that Mr. Beard's rate has increased to \$78 per hour. However, he does an excellent job and the rate is darn cheap for professional engineering services.

Item placed on the agenda.

**Task Order No. 17-07-6-11-016-0, Public Health Preparedness Grant (PHEP) for Fiscal Year 2016-2017**

Katherine Basirico, Public Health Director, informed the Commission this Task Order is for the Public Health Preparedness Grant in the amount of \$30,264. The amount is lower than last year because extra funding for Ebola preparedness is not included. The purpose of the grant is to help the community prepare for an emergency. The deliverables have been updated to be in line with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

Item placed on the agenda.

**Reconciling Change Order for the 2015 Waterlines Project**

Sarah Jones with Copper Environmental informed the Commission the purpose of this Change Order is to correct the final contract value. The original contract amount was \$1,348,873. The final contract amount was \$1,447,781; a change of \$98,908. Although the repaving on Haggin was completed with NRD funds and the alignment on Tamarack and Haggin was done efficiently, smaller items and turf restoration increased costs.

CEO Ternes Daniels thanked Wayne Wendt, Paul Puccinelli and NRD with regard to repaving Haggin. She noted the County got a real benefit with the NRD dollars.

Sarah Jones added that the contractor will be adding some more asphalt on the corner of Tamarack and Haggin as people are cutting the corner which tends to degrade the asphalt.

Item placed on the agenda.

**Award of RFQ for the West Valley Park Project (one RFQ received from WWC Engineering)**

Only one firm (WWC) submitted an RFQ for this project. CEO Ternes Daniels stated that WWC has been instrumental in the County's park development. WWC was responsible for Beaverdam Park and improvements to Washoe Park and Hefner's Dam. West Valley residents will participate in the planning of the park. CEO Ternes Daniels noted that Kathie Miller had an article in the Leader regarding the park, which stated there was \$1 million left in the appropriations that Senator Baucus secured. However, that is incorrect and there is only \$300,000 left. With this money, CEO Ternes Daniels believes the park can be spruced up for the West Valley residents and it will be something they can be proud of.

Commissioner Lux-Burt thinks WWC does a very good job. However, she does not think some of the things they included in the RFQ are necessary. The fences are in place to keep dirt bikes out and she would like to see those remain in place. She does not believe the park needs a parking lot. Commissioner Lux-Burt hopes WWC listens to the input of the residents. In addition, she would like to see grass and trees at the park.

Commissioner Hart thinks the park will be something the West Valley will be proud of, and it will be an asset for that community.

Item placed on the agenda.

**Call for Bids for a 2011 or Newer Skid Steer Loader with Bucket and Plow for the Wastewater Treatment Plant**

CEO Ternes Daniels informed the Commission this piece of equipment was budgeted during last year's budget session.

Item placed on the agenda.

**Special Event Permit for 2016 Alive After 5 at Durston Park**

CEO Ternes Daniels reviewed the dates for this year's event. Alive After 5 will run from June 10<sup>th</sup> through August 26<sup>th</sup> at Durston Park. Anaconda Local Development is assisting with insurance, and the County is listed as the additional insured.

County Attorney Krakowka believes Alive After 5 is a fun event and his kids love going. It seems to draw 100 to 200 people every week.

Item placed on the agenda.

**Special Event Permit for the 2016 Relay for Life at Kennedy Common**

Relay for Life will take place on June 18<sup>th</sup> from noon to midnight at Kennedy Common. CEO Ternes Daniels noted that insurance is in order.

Item placed on the agenda.

**Special Event Permit for the Anaconda Community Intervention's Community Carnival at Kennedy Common**

The Community Carnival will take place at Kennedy Common on June 10<sup>th</sup> from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., and the insurance is in order. CEO Ternes Daniels is excited to see so much activity in our parks.

Commissioner Lux-Burt knows that Heidi Nielsen and Kitty Basirico have worked very hard to put this together. She believes this will be a fun event, and it is a good way to get information out.

#### **Special Event Permit for the Smack the Stack Fast Pitch Softball Tournament**

The tournament will be held June 17<sup>th</sup> through 19<sup>th</sup> at Charlotte Yeoman. Insurance is in order and CEO Ternes Daniels noted this annual tournament has been going on for some time.

Commissioner Lux-Burt noticed the insurance states in c/o Bill Hill and requested that his name be removed.

Item placed on the agenda.

#### **Appointment/Reappointment of a Commissioner to the Greenway Service District Board for a three-year term**

Commissioner Hart informed the Commission that Commissioner Smith is still willing to serve on this board.

Commissioner Smith would like to stay on the board. He stated Greenway is a great project and when it is complete, it will be used by the public.

CEO Ternes Daniels is happy Commissioner Smith is on the board. She explained the trail will go from Butte to Warm Springs.

Item placed on the agenda.

#### **Appointment/Reappointment of a Member to the Historic Resources Board for a three-year term**

CEO Ternes Daniels informed the Commission that Milo Manning has requested reappointment. He knows this town and knows his stuff and has major historic knowledge.

Item placed on the agenda.

#### **Appointment/Reappointment of a Member to the Cemetery Board**

Tina McKenney has requested reappointment and CEO Ternes Daniels informed the Commission she certainly supports her request.

Item placed on the agenda.

#### **Miscellaneous**

Commissioner Hart asked CEO Ternes Daniels about the condition of the grass at Kennedy Common. When it was previously discussed, he thought it had to do with the condition of the ground beneath the grass. He suggested having someone come out and take a look at it in order to determine the problem. CEO Ternes Daniels will speak with John Leo Sladich.

CEO Ternes Daniels presented Change Order No. 2 for the Bathrooms Renovation Project in the amount of \$3,550. The change order addresses issues with demolition at Legion Field, the playground bathrooms and Benny Goodman Park. She requested this item be placed on the agenda.

Item placed on the agenda.

County Attorney Krakowka spoke with a concerned parent regarding the duck pond at Washoe Park. The parent is concerned about a child falling into the pond and wondered if a barrier can be attached to the cement and placed around the pond.

**Public Comment – *This is the time for members of the public to comment on items NOT appearing on this agenda.***

Sarah Jones, Copper Environmental – Ms. Jones informed the Commission it cost \$93,205 to repave Haggin Street; \$19,775 less than expected.

Rose Nyman – Ms. Nyman noticed Parks and Recreation staff hand-raking at Kennedy Common and wondered why they did not power-rake and aerate the Common. She also noticed three young ladies cleaning up weeds around the outside of the public parking lot on 3<sup>rd</sup>. However, there are many more weeds inside the lot and asked why those were not taken care of.

Ms. Nyman informed the Commission that May 15<sup>th</sup> is Fallen Officers Day. She read the names of Anaconda's fallen officers:

Patrick Dougherty, last watch 3-6-1905  
Died from internal injuries breaking up a street fight

Albert Oldhaber, Deputy Sheriff, last watch 6-6-1939  
Gunshot at Sladich Bar

Edwin "Ed" Stuart, Assistant Chief of Police, last watch 6-6-1939  
Gunshot at Sladich Bar

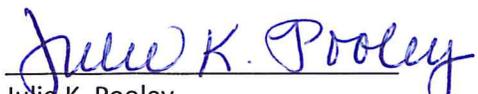
Lt. Timothy "Sox" Sullivan, last watch 2-10-1985  
Gunshot due to domestic violence response

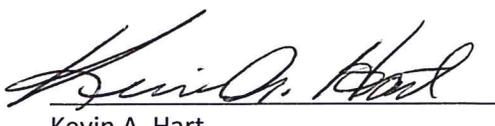
**ADLC Public Meeting Dates**

Commission Chair Hart read the ADLC Public Meeting Dates.

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Lux-Burt moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

  
Julie K. Pooley  
Clerk of the Commission

  
Kevin A. Hart  
Commission Chair



# **ACCELERATE** ANACONDA

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## **TIF District**

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Accelerate teamed up with the local government to successfully establish a downtown TIF District during the 2014/15 year, and is actively assisting the County structure and establish the TIF board.

The TIF will have about \$50,000 established in its first year to plan future projects.

## Accelerate Anaconda Series

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The Accelerate team initiated the Accelerate Anaconda Series to provide a venue for local business socials. Hosting quarterly business socials, encouraged stronger partnerships within the business community through educational and inspirational experiences and conversations.



During the past two years the business community heard from national transportation expert, Mark Fenton, state MEDA leaders, and community expert, Karen McNenny.

June 9th we will be hosting a harvard professor of Architecture as our guest speaker.

## Main Street Program

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The Anaconda Main Street program has become compliant through Accelerate over the last two years, and is again a recipient of Main Street Funds

- Funding and Completion of the Downtown Master Plan
- Restructuring of the Alive After Five
- Provision of technical assistance to the Anaconda Chamber of Commerce.
- Continued assistance to the BAAT Team on the Discover Anaconda Maps
- Continued oversight of the Downtown Master Plan implementation

# Downtown Transportation / Walkability

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- Working to finalize an ordinance that creates an ADA acceptable and MDT Right of Way approved Commercial Business District use of street furniture.
- Working to secure funds for a community wide transportation plan to begin the process of rehabilitating some of our dilapidated sidewalks and streets.
- Have intentions for some upcoming demonstrations on parking models to increase available Commercial Business District Parking.



# Business Education and Outreach

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- Accelerate has facilitated multiple workshops, including Quickbooks, Accounting 101, and Photoshop, and business transitions.
- Accelerate ran a series of 1 to 1 workshops for business on harnessing their social media tools.
- Accelerate managed a campaign to keep stores open until 7PM on Tuesday.

# Pop Up Shop Programs

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- Accelerate has successfully closed out the RBEG grant funding our Popup Shop program, which saw some major successes
- 9 previously home-based small businesses in the heart of historic downtown Anaconda as well as
- Creation of 17 part time and 6 full time jobs.
- To date 7 of the 9 still remain open.

# Broadband

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- Accelerate successfully started the momentum with the Anaconda School District to begin looking at E Rate funds to build a fiber ring in Deer Lodge County to provide 2GB + Redundant Internet Services.
- The school board is looking at approval of proposals.
- Accelerate is working to find matching funds to make it a reality by next year partnering with SD10 and Fat Beam

# Residential Living

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- Accelerate continues to meet regularly with county staff to work towards a means to start abating some of the many blighted properties in the community.
- Accelerate is actively pursuing funding opportunities to complete a comprehensive housing study to enable ADLC to become eligible for much of the federal and state funds available to work on our residential blight.

# Play Me I'm Yours

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- Accelerate continues to find pianos and artists to brighten our downtown with beautiful pianos and music.



# Bike Racks

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- Accelerate & ALDC have teamed up with the Trail Society, Eagles, and Kiwanis to acquire funding for bike racks in the central business district.
- Plans for implementation are in the works pending the passage of the Central Business District Furniture Ordinance.



# TIG Welding Lab

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- Accelerate & ALDC teamed up with the Job Corps and Montana Department of Commerce to bring a premiere welding program to the Anaconda Job Corps.
- The launch is set for early June with Classes starting in July.



# Attraction Packets

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- Accelerate, ALDC, Arrowhead Foundation, and the TIFID have partnered to create one stop packets defining the items a business would consider in moving to ADLC.
- Accelerate has completed the retail version and is working on the Industrial and Restaurant focused versions.



# Recreation Station

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- Accelerate, ADLC, ALDC, and Anaconda Trail Society are teaming up to design and implement a Recreation Station in ADLC.
- These stations provide lockers, showers, power for hikers, bikers and other recreationalist, and are a major draw for tourism.

# Paint the Town

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- Accelerate, ALDC and the Downtown TIF are working to paint some first story buildings facades this summer the applications was recently announced.
- ALDC continues to work with local businesses to provide loan opportunities for business for facades.

# Parklet

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- Accelerate, ALDC, and Community Foundation teamed up to continue the demonstration project the BAAT team did to do a downtown Parklet.
- The financing of the project with the help of Anaconda Community Foundation is almost complete.
- The team is hoping for implementation this summer. With a revolving loan program to provide them to multiple businesses over time.

