

# St. Vrain Community Council

## Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2011, 8:30-10am

Longmont Police Dept. Safety & Justice Center  
225 Kimbark Ave. Longmont, CO

*SVCC Mission: "Non-profit organizations collaborating and advocating to enrich the St. Vrain Community."*

Attendance: Pat Carson (A Woman's Work), Robin Bohannon (Boulder County), Laura Hochman (Boulder County Public Health GENESIS), Cammie Edson (Boulder County Public Health GENESISTER), Ana Hopperstad (Boulder County AIDS Project), Frank O'Cana (Boulder County AIDS Project), Danielle Watters (Boulder Valley Women's Health Center), Maggie Shearon (Care Connect), Diane Groff (Center for People With Disabilities), Karen Roney (City of Longmont), Christina Pacheco (City of Longmont), Gerry Bristow (Community Food Share), Bob Norris (El Comite de Longmont & Hispanic Education Foundation), Kelli Rucker (Foothills United Way), Michele McCracken (H.O.P.E.), Eliberto Mendoza (Intercambio de Comunidades), Jill Babcock (The Inn Between), Eric Hozempa (Longmont Community Foundation), Kathy Webb (Longmont Housing Authority & Longmont Housing Development), Margie Aguirre-Moreno (OUR Center), Ruby Gonzales (OUR Center), Coreen Schmidt (St. Vrain Family Center), Rose Ybaben-Burciaga (Safe Shelter of St. Vrain Valley), Laura Page (Special Transit), Deb Witzel (LCJP/Teaching Peace), Marc Cowell (Tiny Tim Center), Marsha Caplan (Voices for Children – CASA), Sue McCullough (Volunteer Connection of Boulder County), Meg Preo (Volunteer Connection of Boulder County), Carla O'Boyle (Community Member), Amy LaRue (Planned Parenthood), Tonia Elliott (Boulder County Adult Protection Services)

Facilitation: Sue McCullough

Minutes: Maggie Shearon

### SVCC Business:

1) Welcome and Happy New Year!

2) Approved November Minutes

Motion to approve: Carla O'Boyle

Second: Karen Roney

3) Treasurer's Report

Balance: 9,429.92

2010 Year-end financial report will be emailed to members

4) Membership: Sue welcomed new members and guests. Please pay annual SVCC dues to Margie Aguirre-Moreno, Treasurer, or mail to P.O. Box 2261, Longmont, CO 80502, by 1/31.

5) Clarification of SVCC Funding Requests: Deb Witzel stated that SVCC was not a funding organization. When community issues arise that may impact the whole nonprofit

community, for Example Proposition 1A(2010) or Rhythm of the River, the Council may consider making a contribution to that project. The Executive Committee will revise the relevant form to clarify this process and send to membership.

6) Slate of Officers: Sue proposed the following SVCC officers for 2011:  
President: Sue McCullough, Vice President: Deb Witzel, Treasurer Margie Aguirre-Moreno; Secretary: Maggie Shearon and Members at Large: Christina Pacheco and Carla Boyle.

Bob Norris motioned to accept the slate, council voted and the slate was approved.

**Agency Information Sharing:**

**Several agencies announced events: Please visit agency website for complete details.**

**Voices for Children: Golf Tournament, May 21**

**Women's Work: upcoming orientation for agencies requesting funding**

**El Comite: Benefit Dinner Feb 26; New Series of Learning sessions**

**BCAP: Dining Out Days, Book Sale Feb 26, Volunteer Training in March, Peer Support Series and Atlas program**

**Youth Community Service Projects through City of Longmont**

**Circles Summit for Business March 10**

**Special Transit: invitation to tour new facility**

**Intercambio: Volunteer Training Feb. 21 & 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Tiny Tim: Annual Auction and availability of new tuition assistance program**

**Genesisster Program: need a van or van transportation to support project**

**Healthy Youth Alliance: Strategic Planning sessions March 19**

**Longmont Community Justice Partnership: Open House Celebration in honor of Beverly Title on Feb. 14. Volunteer orientation: Feb 12**

**Nonprofit Cultivation Center: Open house Feb. 3.**

**Presentations:**

Deb Witzel represents the SVCC on the steering committee of the **Boulder County Human Services Strategic Plan**. Deb states that based on feedback she has received in the community it is essential that nonprofits have a stronger voice in both the planning and implementation of the BCHSSP. To facilitate this discussion, Deb introduced Robin Bohannon. Robin distributed an outline of the current strategic plan, reviewed its main elements and invited comment on ways to increase the nonprofit voice on the Steering Committee. Robin highlighted 2 key issues: Integrated and Coordinated Delivery of Services and the partnership with Foothills United Way in the formation of the Nonprofit Cultivation Center. Bob Norris and other SVCC members offered several suggestions, including the need to make the steering committee more inclusive of underserved communities, including the Latino Community. Robin responded that she would send out some type of survey or questionnaire that would invite some steering committee participation.

SVCC Member Agency Presentations:

**Coreen Schmidt, St. Vrain Family Center.** Coreen presented information about the services and growth of the program that offers supervised child custody exchange and supervised visitation services to families involved in high conflict or court mandated custody related issues.

Founded in 1998 the Center has expanded to 3 sites: Boulder, Longmont and Lafayette and provides a safe nurturing environment for over 1100 exchanges this past year. In addition to the exchange and visitation program the St. Vrain Family Center offers Boot Camp for young fathers and parenting education programs.

**Laura Page, Special Transit.** Special Transit has been serving Boulder County since 1979. Their goal is to provide door through door transportation to older adults and people with disabilities. The program recently moved to a new larger facility in Boulder: 255 N. 63<sup>rd</sup> St. Boulder and Laura invited the group to visit their new facilities. Special Transit also offers a Family and Friends mileage reimbursement program, Easy Rider bus orientation program and refers to other nonprofit programs including CareConnect and the American Cancer Society to help ensure that older adults and people with disabilities have reliable transportation.

**Next Meeting is February 22 – 8:30 to 10:00 am - LOCATION: Longmont Police Dept Safety and Justice Center.**