

Neighborhood Shelter Action Group (NSAG)

03/10/15 - Meeting Notes

6pm - 7pm

Attendees

Greg Harms – BSH Executive Director
Mark Goosman – BSH Board Member
Jeff Hoffmeyer – Dakota Ridge & BSH Board Member

Gail Promboin – Northbriar Neighborhood
Ronnie Pelusio – Holiday Neighborhood

Guests

Rene Brodeur – 1000 Rosewood Neighborhood

1. Greg – Opened the meeting with an introduction of Rene Brodeur. As part of our focus to expand neighborhood representation, Rene will represent the 1000 Rosewood neighborhood. Rene is both a former Program Director of the Boulder Shelter and a current Director of Resident Services for Boulder Housing Partners. He provides a good mix of knowledge regarding homeless issues and North Boulder concerns.
2. Rene – Provided his initial impressions of the impact of the homeless population in the Rosewood 1000 neighborhood. In his 18 months of residence, he has heard some late night partying noise and some loud discussions but nothing of concern. His general impression was that his neighborhood was not really engaged with homeless issues.
3. Greg – Dan Bergh is no longer the Outreach officer for the Boulder County Police Department. He has been replaced by Officer David Kaufman.
4. Greg – Greg and the new Boulder Outreach Officer met with several of the north Boulder business near the Rosewood underpass to talk about concerns and steps that could be taken with individuals who were creating a problem.
5. Greg – The Shelter will end emergency sheltering for the season on April 30. Transitional sheltering, consisting of up to 60 residents will continue through the summer.
6. Jeff H. – Jeff talked about the status of the joint meetings of the Boulder Shelter, Bridge House, and BOHO. Steps have been made to improve efficiencies in reporting. They are currently looking at how programs can be aligned.

The presidents of the three boards authored a recent op-ed letter to the Boulder Daily Camera to highlight concerns over proposed RTD rate hikes and the negative effects such an increase would have on the homeless community. This was very positive milestone for the joint committee and the united support for the homeless population.

7. Greg – Greg provided a very high level description of the work being done on the 5 year Strategic Plan for the Shelter. Any changes to the Management Plan as a result of this Strategic Plan would be discussed at a future meeting of this NSAG.
8. Greg – The fence around the courtyard on the west side of the shelter needs to be replaced due to age and an auto altercation. This was a heads up in case people notice the work being done.
9. All – There was a general discussion of the status of the Armory Redevelopment. Given open zoning requests, there is no concrete plan but there was concern over the proposed exemptions from height restrictions. There was also some concern as to whether the current focus on the artistic community would give way to financial pressures.
10. All – What happens to people who are turned away from the Shelter on cold nights? Ronnie - What should someone do when they see someone at risk? Greg explained the turnaway process and additional resources available when someone is turned away. The emergence of BOHO in recent years has provided safe shelter not previously available.
11. The next meeting of the Neighborhood Shelter Action Group (NSAG) will be April 14.