

BIG COTTONWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT 2021



INCOME

- \$5000 from the Town of Brighton for administrative and program purposes.
- \$2,827 from the Revel Marathon to the Brighton Institute. (Thanks to Laura Bossard for chairing the Marathon Aid station!)
- \$3000 from ZAP to the Brighton Institute to fund 3 original songs by Clive Romney. (Thanks to Carolyn Keigley, Robert and Virginia Baird, our ZAP Champs!).
- \$5000 from the Utah Department of Heritage and Arts to help fund Brighton Days.

FUNDED PROJECTS

- \$1000 to the Wasatch Graffiti Busters this year who removed over 800 tags in Big Cottonwood Canyon.
- \$2500 to the Cottonwood Canyons Foundation to Adopt the Butler Fork Trail.
- \$3000 to the Utah Geological Association for a project to replace 3 geology signs in the canyon (Remnants of an Ancient Sea-Mile Post 2.3/ Storm Mountain Quartzites-MP2.8 / and Mississippian Marble-MP7.2) in the spring of 2022.
- Two new bridges for the Willow Heights Trail were completed as part of a 2019 \$20,000 donation from BCCA. (Thanks John Knoblock, Kurt Nichols, Rob White, Bart Reuling, Bryan Luftglass).

SERVICE PROJECTS

- **3rd of July Breakfast and Parade.** 450 people were served breakfast, with many more in the parade (Thanks Kim Doyle, Carolyn Keigley, Kathy Anderson, Doug Fry, Todd Nerney, Renae Olson, Randy Doyle, Dan Knopp, Kara John, Jeff and Laura Bossard, UFA and UPD!)
- **Chipper Days.** 60 families participated, 680 hours contributed, for an in-kind value of \$18,496 (680 hrs x \$27.20/volunteer hour) toward next year's project.
- **Brighton Days.** Sponsored by Brighton Institute on July 23 and 24, featuring natural and cultural history booths, pioneer dancing, movie night at Solitude, and a concert of original songs by Clive Romney.
- **Historical Society.** Met this year to gather materials and organize the collection (Thanks to Jolene Despain, chair, and members Brooke Derr, Steve Jorgensen, Doug Fry, Keith Stebbings, Kara John, Barbara Cameron.)
- **Adopt-A-Highway** The 34th year of this popular project was coordinated by Tom Loken.
- **Fuels Reduction Project.** 63 families (and counting) were enlisted for the Fuels Reduction Project being run by UFA. Crew members visit with homeowners to decide which trees need attention, and then they perform the work on-site.
- **Ice Cream and Candidates.** A community event to introduce the candidates for office, including Mayor Knoop (unopposed), Carolyn Keigley, Keith Zuspan, and Eli Lovett.

POLICY SUGGESTIONS

UDOT Transportation Study. This Little Cottonwood study will be finalized in early 2021. Suggestions:

- Implement a variable toll at the mouth of LCC and BCC to provide an incremental approach that promotes use of public transit on busy days.
- Residents, property owners, and commercial vehicles should not be subject to canyon tolls.
- Provide a toll refund or validation for business customers in both canyons, subject to minimum purchase requirements established by canyon business owners.
- Ensure that the design for the gravel pit parking garage is sized for needed parking in both Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons.
- Consider using timed reservations to enter the canyons to space out arrival times for cars.

Municipal Priority Suggestions:

- Bury electric lines in the canyon
- Expand Fuel Mitigation projects
- Cardiff Restroom-new water pump system
- Mill B Restroom-new water pump system
- Mill B Parking Lot- plow to keep the trailhead open in winter
- Support USFS Trails Master Plan for Natural Surface Trails
- Trail upgrade from Solitude to Fire Station
- Twin Lakes Dam Trail upgrade
- Broads Fork Trail upgrade

REPRESENTATION

- **CWC Stakeholders Council.** Thanks to Don Despain, John Knoblock, Randy Doyle, Amber Broadaway, Kirk Nichols, Barbara Cameron for attending. Dan Knopp is one of the CWC Commissioners.
- **Association of Community Councils.** Doug Fry and Barbara Cameron attend the monthly ACCT meetings.
- **League of Unincorporated Community Councils.** LUCC was formed in 2018 to represent the lower canyon on the Municipal Services District (MSD). Barbara Cameron attended monthly meetings.

MEETINGS

- Cheryl Lenzer is our new UPD Liaison. A huge thanks to Lee Arnold for his 7 years of outstanding service!
- BCCA supported a CWC-funded Beaver Dam Analog Project initiated by Lise Brunhart to begin in 2022.
- BCCA conducted a *Bus Discuss* session to find out about current and future plans for bus transit in BCC.
- BCCA conducted a Wildfire Emergency Table Top Simulation under the direction of Brighton's new Emergency Manager, Jane Martain, and the MSD Emergency Director, Jim Woodward.
- BCCA Elections. The following people were elected for a two-year term: Kathy Anderson, Don Despain, Doug Fry (all from Brighton); Bart Reuling (Cardiff); Kirk Nichols (Evergreen/Lady of the Lakes); Carolyn Keigley (Forest Glen); Brooke Derr (Maxfield); John Knoblock, Lisa Sommer (Solitude Village)

OTHER

- The Utah Legislature granted Brighton its own planning authority effective May 5, 2021. The Town Council appointed 5 Planning Commissioners: Donna Conway, Don Despain, Ulrich Brunhart, Tom Ward, Ben Machelis. John Carpenter and Phil Lanouette serve as alternates. Nate Rockwood and Barbara Cameron will join them on the Brighton General Plan Steering Committee.
- Cheers to the Town of Brighton for contributing substantial funding for long-time Municipal Priority Projects (see above), including Fuel Mitigation (\$20,000/year for 5 years to Utah Forests, Fire and State Lands) and a Trails Master Plan (\$80,000 to the USFS).
- Vehicle Traffic: Memorial Day - 4,225; July 3 - 8,118; July 4 - 8,865; July 5 - 9,206; October 24 - 10,000.
- Current BCCA Finances. Checking \$637.03 Savings \$39,384.
- Meetings are the 2nd Monday of the month at 7 pm, on Zoom. Brighton Institute Meetings are the 2nd Monday of the month at 6 pm, on Zoom (except no meetings in July and December for both).
- Website: <http://www.bigcottonwood.org/>