



MARCH BCCA MEETING

DATE: Monday, March 10, 2025

TIME: 7 pm

PLACE: Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86508034065>

Meeting ID: 865 0803 4065 Phone: +1 253 215 8782

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- March 21 Meet the Author ▪ 5:30 pm ▪ BCC Fire Station ▪ Silver Fork resident Linda Andrus will talk about her world-wide medical adventures and her work as a traveling nurse during Covid. Her new book titled *Breathe* is an astonishing account of the dedication of many medical people in the last few years. Available on Amazon: [Amazon.com : Breathe by Linda Andrus](https://www.amazon.com/Breathe-by-Linda-Andrus)
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MINUTES January 13, 2025 (see page 2)

FINANCIALS Checking \$544.73 Savings \$30,824.74

UPD REPORT Detective Anna Walker

BUSINESS

- Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling Department - James Kelsey
- Resort Updates – Kim Doyle, Nick Sieckowski
- Town of Brighton Update – Lise Brunhart, Carolyn Keigley
- Micro Transit Ideas (see suggestions from Sarah Langridge below the Minutes)



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ATTENDANCE Don Despain, Carolyn Keigley, Lise Brunhart, Donna Conway, Karin Peterson, Paul Kuhn, Nick Seikowski, Tom Loken, Tom Ward, Anna Walker, Steve Pantuso, Chuck Konopa, Kara John, Abraham Vanderspeck, Peg Kramer, John Knoblock, Angus Robertson, Kathy Anderson, Kirk Nichols, Chad Smith, Keith Zuspan, Barbara Cameron

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- February 15 Solitude's Torchlight Parade & Fireworks Show ▪ Alphorn Concert (3 pm Village Square) ▪ Magic Show & Lasagna Dinner (4:15 pm Last Chance Lodge) ▪ Avalanche Dog Demo (4:40 pm outside Last Chance) ▪ Torchlight Parade & Fireworks start at 6:45
- February 19 Brighton Ski with an Arborist ▪ Join a Tree Tour to explore native species, habitats, and conservation efforts ▪ 11 am- 12:30 pm ▪ Meet at bottom of Snake Creek Lift ▪ Free, but lift ticket required.
- February 21 Ski Waxing Clinic ▪ Join Nordic ski enthusiasts for a demonstration of the latest waxing techniques ▪ 3:30 pm ▪ Solitude Nordic Center at the Brighton Loop ▪ Free ▪ No sign-ups needed ▪ Participants do not bring equipment-only passion, pencil and paper.
- March 2 Stargazing Party at Brighton ▪ Join NASA Solar System Ambassador, Jason Trump for a brief lecture about the night sky, then take a free trip on the Milly lift to the top for a closer look at the constellations. ▪ Meet at Milly Chalet for hot chocolate and cookies ▪ 6:30-8:30 pm ▪ Registration required: [Register HERE!](#)
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- Help Silver Fork's SkiMo team get to Switzerland for the World Championships.
Click here for more info: [World Championship Fundraiser — Silverfork Skimo](#)

MINUTES January 13, 2025 Minutes were approved with one correction; that is, original STR applications must have a letter of availability from their water company and the sewer company. After the original application, they will not need these letters.

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UPD REPORT

Detective Anna Walker reported that Friday and Saturday were rough days for Brighton.

- 1) The violent crimes unit worked with the UPD to apprehend the subject. Many agencies collaborated, including the Swat team and the bomb team, which worked with other high-level units. The response was tremendous.
- 2) A traffic accident added to the event and the canyon never recovered. John asked about the slide-offs- are they vehicles with stickers? There are statistics, and Officer Walker will compile them. The top part of the canyon gets more snow than the bottom, which causes a problem when the restriction lights are not turned on. This is a compounding issue. Cooperation between agencies is imperative. The UPD cannot turn cars around if the sign is not on.
- 3) Barbara also suggested the sheriff work on the issue of the snowmobiles up on Guardsman Pass. UPD can be contacted about snowmobile problems. Carolyn asked if she and Anna could have a more extended conversation about funding to aid in enforcement. Anna asked that we take pictures of snowmobilers and others in violation. Kirk suggested that Utah State Park trucks could also assist in enforcing the watershed laws and rules. Chad Smith asked about the bill that had passed to turn on lights when a storm was anticipated. Can we contact anyone to help with this matter? The answer is more officers to help with the enforcement.
- 4) There were 311 calls for service in the town of Brighton, including many slide-offs and stranded cars.

REPORTS

Town of Brighton Update

Lise Brunhart reported that the Town Council voted to retain a couple of lobbyists at the legislature. RJ Consulting will be very helpful for our town. The Town will provide funding for the Cottonwood Canyon Naturalist at Silver Lake, fuel mitigation and weed pulls. We will be hiring rangers to assist with hiking and traveling information, emergency assistance and parking at Silver Lake. Cardiff Canyon Owners Association has opened the road to back-country skiers. The USFS has a new District Ranger, Adam Shaw. The Town of Brighton will consider purchasing the Brighton Manor property. Please show up at the Council meeting to comment about the purchase.

Carolyn Keigley- One of our community members had a metaphor about the weekend traffic. Swiss Cheese Layer. Somehow all the Swiss Cheese holes lined up and chaos flew right through all the stop gaps last weekend. Thanks for that analogy.

Resort Updates

Kim Doyle - Barbara announced a Hunt & Hearth dinner at the Wasatch Mountain Lodge beginning at 5 pm on March 22, 2025. Food will be served from the Milly Chalet and cooked outdoors on an open fire at the Lodge. Check for details on the Brighton web site. Night skiing will be available this Sunday.

Nick Sieckowski- Many people are visiting the resort. Excellent ski conditions, and all of the terrain is open. All food areas as well. Solitude has a great weekend ahead of them. Check out the details of the Torch Light Parade, fireworks and more. More snow is coming, and it is welcome! Over the next month, a new bar will be in Last Chance. Snow and Flow, yoga at the Nordic Center and many more events. Solitude hosts a weekly Alcoholics Anonymous meeting every Monday at 5:30 at the Inn in the lower level. This Thursday, they are hosting a Round House Round-Up. They will stay open for food and drinks. Barbara added Ski with a Geologist on Thursdays and Ski with a Ranger on Fridays. You need to sign up for Ski with a Geologist, reservations are required. Snowshoe tours are happening at the Nordic Center and Spruces as well. The Cottonwood Canyons Foundation has posted many wonderful historical signs on the snowshoe trail at Solitude and Spruces.

BUSINESS

CWNCRA

The Central Wasatch National Conservation & Recreation Area discussion agreed that the BCCA position should be changed. BCCA members should review how the Bill will affect private property, ski resorts and all recreational areas. Generally, BCCA supports the NCRA, but it should be implemented after canyon infrastructure is improved. Cooperation and communication isare the keys to success. Here are the changes in the BCCA position:

BCCA POSITION ON THE CENTRAL WASATCH NATIONAL CONSERVATION AND RECREATION ACT (CWNCRA)

The CWNCRA should be approved AFTER there is adequate infrastructure to handle the annual 1.7 million visitors.

- The NCRA is likely to attract more visitors before there is adequate infrastructure to support even the current number of visitors.
- The NCRA could limit or complicate efforts to provide transportation, restrooms, and trailhead improvements.
- The NCRA may not bring adequate funding to provide maintenance of current public recreation facilities and trails.

~~A winter emergency egress is needed in Big Cottonwood as a matter of basic public safety. The NCRA could provide that protection by adding it to the NCRA draft.~~

This is a difficult request of the NCRA legislation. Instead, we must accept that Shelter-In-Place is our only option. Updated emergency planning should include covered shelter and provisions for many visitors/residents.

A Right-of-Way agreement between the US Forest Service and UDOT to allow for maintenance of transportation issues in the Highway 190 corridor should be included in the NCRA draft.

Kirk Nichols expressed grave concern about Senator Mike Lee's Bill proposal to make federal lands (mostly BLM lands) available to the States for development. He said it is imperative that we push for this additional protection before the National Forests could be sold off for development.

Tom Ward urged our Emergency Managers to conduct a Tabletop discussion about what happened to traffic last weekend, and how it could be improved if it happens again. He stressed that we only have the option of Shelter-In-Place when disasters occur, and we had better make the best of what we have. He felt that our Emergency Handbook needs an update to include Shelter in Place locations with covered accommodation and provision for visitors.

It was reported that Cottonwood Heights police officers are not aware of the yellow Resident Passes. They were not allowing residents to access the road during the weekend chaos.

Barbara reported on the *SB236-State Parks Amendments* introduced by Senator Kathleen Riebe. It is an effort to invite the Utah Department of Recreation to partner with the Forest Service to provide funding and manpower for the Cottonwood Canyons. It has been tabled in committee and probably won't be passed this session. It's meant to open a discussion about how to get increased funding for maintenance and operations in the Cottonwood Canyons.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38pm.

Reverse 911 Registration: Be sure to register your cell phone to receive reverse notifications at: <https://www.smart911.com/smart911/registration/registrationLanding.action>

MICRO TRANSIT IN UPPER BIG COTTONWOOD CANYON

~ From Sarah Langridge

I would like to present to the Town of Brighton some ideas to help alleviate traffic and parking issues in the upper canyon, and problems with cars at short term rentals. My suggestion is that the Town of Brighton help fund a free micro transit system in Big Cottonwood. It could be offered from 8:30 am-11 am and then again 2:30pm-5pm daily. Some of our neighbors have implemented these ideas and feel we can learn from them.

Little Cottonwood

Alta Shuttle

They have two day time shuttles and one night shuttle (6-10pm) . They run on a demand basis with a call to the shuttle driver. The driver then tells them how long they might be. Pick up points can be anywhere between Alta and Snowbird at any rental property, near a private residence, or HOA. The service is via a contract with Alta shuttles. Each vehicle seats 12-15 people; skis are loaded on the exterior.

Funding: HOAs, Ski resorts, businesses, rental properties. Annual ridership is about 50,000 people Mid Dec to mid April. Annual cost \$250,000.

Problems: There can be long waits due to traffic and snow. Some suggest a van that circulates continually on a time frame would be better.

More Information: <http://TownofAlta.utah.gov> or phone Molly Austin at the town of Alta 801 742 3533

Park City

Park City ran a similar micro transit service through High Valley Transit, but it was discontinued last year. Park City had 29,681 rides in the city limits between November 2023 and March 9th 2024. 4.5 customers per hour. 180 people used the system more than 50 times. Apparently 15 mins is considered a fair wait time but customers were waiting 27 mins with the micro transit in Park City and that led to unhappy

people. High Valley Transit contact: 435 246 1538. This was a far larger program than the one provided in LCC and I think was in the range of \$1.5M annually.

Suggestions for BCC

This will keep cars OFF the road and ease parking congestion. Residents will love this. UTA will benefit from this as it could eliminate stops in the upper canyon, allowing them to focus on taking fully loaded buses to the base more quickly. This efficiency could make UTA a strong candidate for grant funding as it would save them money.

I would suggest contracting with an airport shuttle system that wants to expand. Their incentive would also be that they would have increased short-term rental rides from the airport as visitors wouldn't need to hire a car. Visitors in upper Silver Fork could ski down to meet at a pick-up point and probably ski home at the end of the day too.

Three vans all the time (maybe 4 during peak hours). I also suggest an app that shows the location of each shuttle (Park City bus system uses 'My stop ' and High Valley transit has their own app) Suggested hours might be 8:30am-11am and 2:30 pm-5pm.

Funding: Lodging resort tax, Solitude resort, Brighton resort, Businesses (Silver Fork Lodge), UTA grant, Visit Salt Lake grant, Other type of grant?

I suggest regular mini vans rather than a larger expensive sprinter type van. Electric would be great and may be eligible for a grant?

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