



BCCA MEETING AGENDA

DATE: Monday, March 13, 2023
TIME: 7 pm
PLACE: Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86508034065>
Meeting ID: 865 0803 4065
Phone Connection: +1-253-215-8782

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARCH 21 | Open Mic Night ▪ Thirsty Squirrel at Solitude Mountain Resort ▪ 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm ▪ Sign-Up 5:00 pm to 5:30 pm

MARCH 23 | Beavers in Brighton ▪ Nicole Smeeding & Lise Brunhart ▪ Brighton Fire Station ▪ 6:00 pm

APRIL 6 | Intro to Fungi ▪ Katie Lawson ▪ Last Chance Lodge at Solitude Mountain Resort ▪ 6:30 pm ▪ Fungi are all around us playing important ecological roles to ensure the health of our forest ecosystems. We'll take a look at fungal biology, the jobs that fungi perform in our forests, and some common mushrooms that you might see in the Wasatch. Learning about fungi is a great way to broaden your understanding of nature and increase your appreciation for the mountains. www.fungalfocusutah.com

MAY 11 | Self Defense Class ▪ 6:30 pm ▪ Big Cottonwood Fire Station

JUNE 17 (Saturday) | Mushroom Cultivation ▪ Katie Lawson ▪ 1 pm ▪ Big Cottonwood Fire Station ▪ There are many ways to work with fungi, and they all begin with knowing how to grow and care for mushrooms. We'll learn how to inoculate and grow oyster mushrooms. We'll talk about tricks for being successful in our climate, and what you can do with this skillset once you have it. Each registered attendee will leave with an oyster mushroom grow kit to take home. Class Size: 5-15 students. Cost/student \$40.

MINUTES

- February 13, 2023 (see below)

FINANCIALS

- Checking \$529.68 Savings \$30,889.67

UPD ▪ Detective Cheryl Lenzer

BUSINESS

- UDOT Update on I-80 and I 215 Rebecka Stromness, Molly Betebenner
- Brighton Institute News
- Town of Brighton News
- Resort News

HELPFUL LINKS

- [BCCA WEBSITE](#)
- [THE BRIGHTON INSTITUTE WEBSITE](#)
- [TOWN OF BRIGHTON WEBSITE](#)
- TOWN NEWSLETTER LINK: [MARCH](#)

- CANYON PATROL NON-EMERGENCY UPDATED NUMBER 801.840.4000



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ATTENDANCE

Cheryl Lenzer, Carolyn Keigley, Don Despain, Tom Loken, Jeanette Sawaya, Kathy Anderson, Donna Conway, Jane Martain, Renae Olsen, Karin Peterson, Kirk Nichols, Angus Robertson, Peg Kramer, Mike Doyle, Chad Smith, Paul Kuhn, Kirk Nichols, Carolyn Keigley, Ulrich Brunhart, Lise Brunhart, Jenna Malone, Kara John, Laura Bossard, Onnalea Martin, Nick Pensari, ebogan, Keith Chalmer, Brian Reynolds, Helen Hooper, Nicole Smeeding, Kelly Lether, Mark Disman, George Vargyas, Renae Olsen, Randy Doyle, Sim Gill

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Open Mike Night ▪ Every 3rd Tuesday ▪ February 21 ▪ March 21 ▪ Thirsty Squirrel

MINUTES

The minutes of January 9, 2023 were approved as submitted.

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UPD-Cheryl Lenzer

January was another busy month. 622 calls came in for all of Big Cottonwood and 555 of those were in the Town of Brighton. Once again the majority of them were for calls of service. We had one DUI, one Disorderly Conduct, two Dogs in a Watershed, four SAR's, several traffic accidents and hits and runs. We also generated eight vehicle impound reports. Up to date there were a total of 504 civil parking notices written. Several officers have been working extra Traffic Enforcement shifts in the Town of Brighton.

I appreciate all of the input from citizens around the town. I have received a number of emails with very valid concerns and ideas for improvement. I wish I had the magic formula to fix everything. We at UPD don't have the formula to fix it. We are simply the enforcement part of the laws that are passed by the state legislature and local communities. Within those laws and ordinances there are things we can do, but often we are asked to do much more than we have the staff or the constitutional grounds or laws to do. We can't fix the issues that are currently going on and are brought to a very bright light by this fantastic snow season. We can only offer up a possible solution. The Town of Alta has, for three years, a working model for their road side and resort parking that could work in the Town of Brighton. They use a reservation system for the lots and the roadside parking on the weekends, during the holiday season, MLK and President's Day. I have it on good authority their busiest Saturday ski day looks like a normal ski day. Their customer experience from the parking to time on the slopes is overall a great experience. A third party entity handles the reservations, use a license plate reader to check for reservations and issues notices themselves when someone is in violation of not having a reservation. Any illegal parking such as parking in the roadway or in a sign violation is handled by the Marshals. Backcountry skiers in the Town of Alta can also get a reservation for parking to access those areas not on the resorts. Snowbird next year is going to a reservation system as well, they are not quite sure how to incorporate the roadside parking they sometimes have when the conditions are

right. We would like to stress that all the resorts need to be on a reservation system in order to manage the parking in both canyons. This is a goal that can be achieved in the short term to help elevate the overcrowding, it will cause heartache to get everyone on board, but in the long run it is worth it as the Town of Alta will attest.

Salt Lake County Attorney. Sim Gill introduced himself and said he has been a public prosecutor for 27 years, first serving Salt Lake City, and now Salt Lake County. Forty percent of all crime in the State of Utah is prosecuted out of his office. They screen about 16,000 cases and prosecute about 14,000 cases each year with a staff of 330 employees. He started the Mental Health Justice division and the first Veterans Court. His department is reaching out to all community councils to let them know about what the County Attorney could do for them. Nick Pensari (385-468-7743 – npensari@slco.org) and Keith Chalmers (801-369-0528 – kchalmers@slco.org) are liaison contacts. Please feel free to contact them with questions or concerns. Carolyn Keigley brought up the eternal concern about illegal mufflers noise in the canyons. Sim said he would contact the Health Department about it. He is available every Friday afternoon for members of the public to come in and chat.

BUSINESS

Beavers in Big Cottonwood. Nicole Smeeding presented an update about her situational assessment of beavers in Big Cottonwood Canyon. Beavers are a keystone species that can help restore waterways and watersheds and prevent catastrophic damage from wildfires. Sometimes they can be pests, however, so it is wise to have an action plan focused on how humans can live in harmony with beavers. The Plan must be dependable, indicate what help is available, and provide consistent monitoring. Such resources as pond levelers and Sand Paint ([Tree Protection | Beaver Institute, Inc.](#)) are helpful. Currently there are 2 beaver dams near the Brighton Circle, and one at Cardiff. It might be possible to have as many as 28 beaver dams in carefully specified areas. Historically there have been as many as 500 dams in Big Cottonwood. The most help right now would be a public outreach program for homeowners and visitors in Brighton to show the benefits and coping strategies for living with beaver. She agreed to present a program at the Brighton Institute.

BCCA Budget. Barbara will submit a Budget Request to the Town of Brighton for \$8,300, as follows:

Adopt-A-Trail	\$2500
CWC Dashboard	\$2500
4 th of July	\$2800
Admin Costs	\$ 500
Total	\$8300

Town of Brighton Update. Jenna reported that the CWC’s Big Cottonwood Mobility Action Plan survey was just completed and we will hear their report in the coming weeks. Brighton is continuing to interview for a Community Service and Support Officer, focusing on applicants with a law enforcement background. The Town Council Meeting will discuss Short-Term Rentals and the traffic situation. Carolyn reported on a Bill at the Legislature that might eliminate the UPD. She will keep us up to date, and asks anyone who can to write a letter to legislators in opposition if the bill is not amended. This would promote inefficient policing, and be very bad for the Metros financially.

Resort News. Mike Doyle reported that they are in talks with a parking reservation management company. His concern is that this might put more parking on the road. USFS would need to provide assistance with preventing overflow parking to stack up on the highway. Brighton Resort just finished

the Discover Utah program that encourages disadvantaged community members to participate in winter sports. The resort is planning some springtime ski competitions in cooperation with Ski Utah. There will be lots of weddings at the Milly this summer, and possibly a small concert series.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 pm.

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