

## JJAB Minutes

Wednesday, April 21, 2010  
Los Alamos School Board Room  
651 Trinity Drive, Los Alamos  
6:15 PM

**Present:** Alan Kirk, Morrie Pongratz, Rex Kilburn, Georgina Williams, Darla Dover, Vincent Chiravalle, Michaelangelo Lobato, Linda Anderman, Janine Tulenko, Vicki Nelms, Wayne Torpy, Jody Benson, Jeannette Wallace, Randy Smith, Barbara Marcille, Tommie Rodriguez, Megan Pfeffer

**Others:** Rick Bohn, Peter Sheehey, Sharon Stover, Debbie Gill, Richard Lindahl, Jenn Bartram, Linda Daly, Susan Mack, Gene Schmidt, Bernadette Lauritzen, Allison Bennett, David Foster, Irene Powell

**1. Welcome** – Chair Alan Kirk welcomed members and visitors at 6:15 PM.

**2. Introductions** – Introductions were made by members and visitors.

**3. Los Alamos County Capital Improvement Program** – Chair Kirk introduced Rick Bohn, Los Alamos County Community Development Department (CDD) Director, commenting that there is an expressed “dire need” for a teen multi-purpose facility. A Teen Center should be open during the day, in the afternoon, in the evening and weekends. Alan serves on several committees and repeatedly, the need for a Teen Center is discussed. In gathering information to prepare for JJAB Teen Center advocacy, the Board needs to be aware of the Los Alamos County Capital Improvement Program Project Development System (CIP).

Bohn described the CIP: A CIP is any County physical asset with a useful life of three years or more and a total project cost of more than \$50,000. Two years ago the County Council approved a series of improvements to the existing CIP process. The CDD developed a Project Proposal Manual and a Project Development System in order to make decision making run smoothly. The CIP Program works to implement a system for decision-making to determine what CIP projects should be built or upgraded. The Program has phases:

**Phase 0-** involves (1) staff analysis of capital project replacements needs and (2) yearly long-range financial plan analysis and CIP re-assessment. The Public needs to be very involved in this phase.

**Phase 1-** This step in the project selection and planning involves project proposal submissions. The open application period begins May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010. A formal application must be filled out and be discussed with staff, Council, the public and other advisory boards. The application includes needs assessment, scope concept, site or site alternatives, examples of similar benchmark projects and a request for initial study budget and study schedule. The CDD will help JJAB fill out an application. There is a three month period to fill out the application.

**Phase 1 – CIP Committee Evaluation** – A *CIP Evaluation and Oversight Committee* of citizens and senior County staff members review all applications, hold a public hearing process regarding the applications and make recommendations to the County Administrator on project approvals. There is a criteria involved in the evaluation. All meetings are open to the public and meeting minutes are posted on the County's web page. Bohn stressed the

importance of citizen involvement in the CIP process. The County Administrator prioritizes the submissions and makes recommendations to Council. Rick commented that the Committee is looking for volunteers from the public. A project receiving preliminary approval receives a CIP allocation of funds to conduct a feasibility study for the project. Council makes the final decision on which project applications are funded.

**Phase 2** – Involves the project investigation and schematic design.

Rick will send emails concerning the CIP process to any community member who has interest. JJAB coordinator will send Rick email addresses.

Comments: David Foster, a parent and community member, commented that the community may just need program development for teens that can be implemented in empty real estate rather than waiting for a teen center to be built. He made the suggestion that a Teen Center program review run parallel to the Teen Center CIP application development.

Randy Smith commented that there is a huge challenge with the annual operating money needed for such programs.

Alan commented that “we can work out a really good plan” and we need to get the kids involved. He thanked Rick for his presentation.

**4. Approval of Minutes** – Minutes of March 17, 2010 meeting approved. Randy Smith motioned, Morrie Pongratz seconded.

## **5. Reports from Agencies**

**YMCA** – Linda Daly reported that the **Youth Mobilizers** (YM) are finishing up their drug and library surveys. They will report to the JJAB on their findings at the May JJAB meeting. YM has also initiated a “Time with a Topper” program with Middle School Principal Garry Washburn. The program is similar to the high school Side Kick program. YM and Linda met with the MainStreet Arts and Cultural District Forums and discussed plans for Teen Activities and the need for an activity center. Linda and JJAB Coordinator met with a group interested in developing a teen activity center. Safe After Prom – 131 kids signed into the Movie theater; 55 kids attended the United Church. One movie was packed and one movie was 80% full which was comparable to last year. Jenn Bartram reported that **JUNTOS** held a Steering Committee meeting on Monday April 12 at the Espanola Valley High School. Twenty six people attended. Plans are being developed for the July 24 – 25 Annual Summit at the Northern New Mexico College campus in El Rito. Jenn hopes for 29 – 30 kids to be involved with the Summit. Bernadette Lauritzen reported that the **LAYL** Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 24. Graduation is on Sunday, April 25.

**Family Strengths Network** – Susan reported that Girls Circle sessions are held for Middle and High School groups. Scott Johnson continues to offer Envision Your Future for boys at FSN. Michelangelo Lobato is offering EVF at the Youth Center in White Rock. Bernadette Lauritzen reported on the SPARKS presentation planned for May 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM. In the UNM-LA Lecture Hall. Register at [www.AssetsInAction.info](http://www.AssetsInAction.info) or on the JJAB web site.

**Los Alamos Family Council** – Michelangelo Lobato reported that the Community Health Council (CHC) has lost funding. All CHCs have been cut state wide.

**Los Alamos Commerce and Development Corporation-** Bernadette Lauritzen passed out copies of the *Essence* which featured an article on family focused events happening around town this spring. The Bradbury Science Museum, PEEC, Mesa Public Library, JJAB, the Historical Museum and the Chamber of Commerce and Assets will host “some wet and wild scavenger hunts” in Los Alamos and White Rock. Contact Bernadette for more information.

**6. Truancy** – Rex Kilburn, Middle School Assistant Principal, reported that the biggest problem is implementing the “next steps” in the truancy policy procedure. It is a “bit of a struggle” to proceed to “next steps” in the truancy policy after kids meet with Marsha Mundt. It is difficult for Donna Grim and/or Rex to proceed to the next level as “some parents don't appreciate next step.”

**7. Budget Issues:** Alan reported that JJAB has received \$250,000 of Agency budget requests. JJAB has \$200,000 for the next fiscal year. The JJAB budget committee will meet and give all agencies feedback on their requests. Some requests may be reduced. JJAB is trying to make budget issues “painless”.

**8. CYFD Grant & Prevention Program Update** – Sharon reports that Jeannette Wallace was instrumental in 'protecting' JJAC funds. We all appreciate Jeannette's work very much. Sharon reports, “Overall, funding for CYFD, specifically the JJAC programs, did not get hurt as much as so many of the other state programs”. Sharon attended the JJAC meeting in Albuquerque on March 31 and presented a slide handout on the JJAB evaluation program. Sharon has also coordinated a meeting with Ron Lucero from the Public Education Department in Albuquerque. Lucero and Bob Cleavall are coming to Los Alamos to visit with school personnel regarding truancy on Tuesday, April 27 at 9:30 am in the Hearing Room in the Municipal Court complex.

Tommie Rodriguez put JJAB in contact with the Santa Fe Mountain (SFM) program which provides experiential and adventure-based programs for children, youth, families and groups. SFM has funding from CYFD for girls who have been referred through the system. Cheryl Pongratz (LAFC) is working with Jason Byrd, Teen Court Case Manager, and he is contacting eligible girls for the program. It is all at no cost to our community. Thank you Tommie.

**9. Annual Meeting Office Nomination and Election** -Wayne Torpy nominated Alan Kirk for Chair. Michelangelo Lobato seconded. Jeannette Wallace moved to close nominations, Michelangelo Lobato seconded.

Barb Marcille nominated Morrie Pongratz for Vice chair, Vickie Nelms seconded. Jeannette Wallace nominated to close the nominations, Janine Tulenko seconded. Vote: Unanimous approval of Alan Kirk as Chair and Morrie Pongratz as Vice Chair.

**10. Board Areas of Interest** – All agencies are reminded to contact JJAB Coordinator when planning to apply for any grant. No grant proposal involving JJAB should be submitted without JJAB Chair approval. Coordinator will send out information on the SPARKS Public Education program.

**10. Next Meeting Date** – The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 19, 2010 at 6:15 PM at Community Building unless otherwise notified.

**11. Adjourn** – Chair Kirk adjourned the meeting at 7:30 PM.

