



## JANUARY BCCA EMERGENCY TEAMS ANNUAL FIREWISE MEETING

**DATE:** Monday, January 13, 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

**Central Wasatch Symposium** ■ January 9-10 ■ Millcreek City Hall ■ To register and for more information, follow this link: <https://cwc.utah.gov/central-wasatch-symposium/>.

**MINUTES** November 11, 2024 (see page 2)

**FINANCIALS** Checking \$544.73 Savings \$30,824.74 (\$730 in interest earnings this year)  
Proposed Budget Request to Town of Brighton - \$8,700 (see Request on p. 6)

**UPD REPORT** Detective Anna Walker

### BUSINESS

- Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan-Brian Buckhout
- Firewise Community Status: [BRIGHTON COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PREVENTION PLAN](#)
- Town of Brighton Update – Jane Martain, Lise Brunhart, Carolyn Keigley
- Resort Updates – Kim Doyle, Nick Sieckowski
- Facilitator for weekly AA Meetings
- Budget Request
- Public & Council Comments
- Other

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<https://www.smart911.com/smart911/registration/registrationLanding.action>



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### ATTENDANCE

Paul Kuhn, Kirk Nichols, Jim Keener, Kathy Anderson, Lise Brunhart, Carolyn Keigley, Anna Walker, Don Despain, Nick Sieckowski, Steve, Jane Martain, Tom Loken, Mary Ziegler, Angus Robertson, Bruce Warren, Nichole Sims, Jenna Malone, Barbara Cameron

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BCC Environmental Study Open House** ▪ Wednesday, November 13 ▪ 6:00-8:00 pm ▪ Butler Elementary School, 7000 South 2700 East.

**BCC Environmental Study Virtual Open House** ▪ Thursday, November 14 ▪ 6-7 pm ▪ Register Here: [BCC Study Zoom Registration](#)

**Solitude's DJ & Donuts Opening Day Party** ▪ Friday, November 22, 2024 ▪ Solitude's Last Chance Lodge ▪ 8 am – 4 pm

**Paul Nell's Celebration of Life** ▪ Saturday, November 23 ▪ 4 pm ▪ Silver Fork Lodge

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**MINUTES** October 14, 2024 Minutes were approved as submitted.

**FINANCIALS** Checking \$544.73 Savings \$30,784.81

Proposed Budget Request to Town of Brighton is \$6,000

(\$2500 for Adopt-A-Trail, \$3000 for 4<sup>th</sup> of July, \$500 Administrative Expenses)

See 2025 Budget Request & Annual Report attached to these Minutes

**UPD REPORT** Anna Walker. During the month of October 2024, there were 162 calls for or acts of police services in the Big Cottonwood Canyon. 90 of them occurred in the Town of Brighton and 72 in the other portions of the canyon. Most notably, there were 41 citizen/vehicle assistance calls, 14 traffic accidents, 14 parking complaints, and nine complaints of reckless drivers. There were 13 complaints of watershed violations, four welfare checks requested, and one report of a missing person. There were five reports of trespassers and 14 reports of a suspicious persons or vehicles. Tragically, there two deaths within our Canyon, during the month of October.

We are preparing for upcoming winter weather and encourage you to communicate with us if there are areas of concern regarding parking. Please continue to reach out and notify us of suspicious

individuals or circumstances – citizens being aware of their surroundings has been exceptionally helpful in solving and preventing crimes.

Cottonwood Heights Police will be enforcing the traffic and tire restrictions at the mouth of the canyon, so please contact them for concerns and issues regarding that matter. The UDOT app [application] is a great resource for information regarding the weather and traffic conditions of the roads in the canyon – it makes traffic cameras available to view as well as notifications of accidents and traffic events/closures.

## **BUSINESS**

**Town of Brighton Update.** Lise Brunhart reported that the STR cap of 15% (30 homes) has been reached in Silver Fork. Recently a homeowner requested a comparison of water company and emergency management records to indicate how many homes there are in Silver Fork. The comparison confirmed that there are 206 homes with a Certificate of Occupancy. So, 30 homes is the current maximum number of STRs permitted in Silver Fork.

The Neighborhood Nodes Virtual Open House took place on October 24, with almost 30 people in attendance. There has been some confusion about the provenance, goals, and findings of this study. Lise said that this study was recommended by the Planning Commission to the Town of Brighton because there was a State grant available for town planning. The Town of Brighton got the grant and engaged Arcadis Consultants (Jordan Swain – [Jordan.swain@arcadis.com](mailto:Jordan.swain@arcadis.com)) to do a town planning study. They presented the results for public comment, including proposals for a Town Hall, traffic management, and a neighborhood trail connecting Cardiff to Brighton. They will present the final plan to the Town Council in March. Still, there is a lot of confusion about the plan. Therefore, BCCA members would support a Brighton Institute meeting for January 23, 2025, at 6 pm at the Fire Station, that will invite all community members to discuss this plan. Planning Commission members will be invited and the Arcadis Consulting Group will also be invited.

Carolyn Keigley invited everyone to the Celebration of Life for Snowplow Master, Paul Nell at the Silver Fork Lodge on November 23 at 4 pm. She noted that the snowplow service in Brighton and Forest Glen will continue to be managed by Paul Nell's sons, Brodie and Elijah. They have been getting support from Don Despain and Dan Knopp.

Jane Martain announced that she will submit the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan to the Town Council in December. Brian Buckhout, the MSD Emergency Manager, noted that Brighton has the best Emergency Communications Plan in the County. Thanks to everyone for your support.

**Resort Updates.** – Nick Sieckowski reported that Solitude will officially open on November 15 with the DJ & Donuts Celebration at the Last Chance Lodge (8 am-4 pm). The Village will officially open on November 23, although the General Store and Stonehaus Pizza & Creamery is always open year-round. There will also be a Thanksgiving Scavenger Hunt on the mountain, and a St. Bernard's Thanksgiving Dinner (by reservation). The Annual Turkey Trot Trail Run will begin at 8 am on Thanksgiving Day at the Moonbeam Lodge up to Church Road and back to Moonbeam. It's a 5K run and requires a reservation from the Solitude website. The Nordic Center's opening is TBD.

Kim Doyle was meeting with Boyne officials, but sent this information: Brighton will open on November 14 with the Majestic and Explorer lifts. Crest will be open shortly after. A gourmet

Thanksgiving Buffet is planned for the Milly (by reservation). Brighton is also collaborating with the Turkey Trot Trail Run on Thanksgiving Day, although the course is at Solitude.

## **BCCA ELECTIONS**

### **Slate of Candidates**

Forest Glen A-Jeanette Sawaya

Giles Flat-Peg Kramer & Angus Robertson

Mt. Haven-Charles Konopa

Mill D North-Jerry Snow

Silver Fork-Tom Loken, Jane Martain, Lise Brunhart, Barbara Cameron

Lise Brunhart nominated Jenna Malone to serve on the Council also. When Barbara contacted her, Jenna said she would be delighted to serve. The Slate was elected by acclamation, including Jenna. (Thanks to all who have stepped up to be a part of BCCA!)

## **PUBLIC & COUNCIL COMMENTS**

### **SenaWave/RMP Project**

Kirk Nichols asked how to get in touch with SenaWave to begin a plan for undergrounding conduit in Evergreen and Lady of the Lake. Other communities have had the same question. Paul Kuhn (Pinetree) attended the BIG BEAD Seminar on October 24 to find out how the Town of Brighton could help SenaWave, RMP, and CenturyLink collaborate more efficiently in the Town. Here is a link to the seminar PowerPoint: [BIG BEAD Training](#)

The BEAD program, funded by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), is a nationwide initiative designed to expand high-speed internet access by supporting infrastructure deployment and broadband adoption programs.

The State of Utah was awarded \$317,399,742 in BEAD funding, aimed at connecting all unserved and underserved locations with reliable and affordable broadband. The Pre-application is a critical phase in determining eligibility for BEAD funding and the application must be submitted by December 23, 2024.

BCCA has urged the MSD to collaborate with SenaWave, RMP, and Talisha Bryan of Jackson Brothers Construction (the contractors that are burying the electric lines) to set up a meeting to decide what can be done to find funding for a wider trench to bury both the electric and communications conduit. CenturyLink needs to participate, but their contact person has not been found yet. We will ask the Town Council if they could help with this situation.

### **Big Cottonwood Environmental Impact Study**

UDOT is providing \$80M to study and implement transportation solutions in Big Cottonwood Canyon. Kirk Nichols urged Council members to submit their comments in writing, even if they attend the in-person meeting on November 13 from 6-8 pm at Butler Elementary School. Discussion concerns included:

### **Mobility Hub at the Mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon for 1500 cars (Gravel Pit Mobility Hub).**

- There must be a traffic study conducted to analyze the impact of staging bus transportation for both Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons at the proposed Mobility Hub parking structure in Cottonwood Heights.

- Staging bus transportation for both Cottonwood Canyons at the proposed Mobility Hub parking structure will adversely impact Cottonwood Heights, and complicate transit into Big Cottonwood.
- Bus transportation should be staged at designated nodes throughout the valley, not just at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon.
- The Mobility Hub should be integrated with amenities such as restrooms, dining, and shops.

### **Canyon Bus Stops**

- There is support for resort bus stops at Brighton and Solitude that include enclosed buildings with seating, restrooms, water, and lockers.
- There is support for upgrades of mid-canyon bus stops at Mill B, Cardiff, and Spruces, including bus pull-outs with ADA loading, seating, potable water, and restrooms.

### **Public Transit**

A bus route from the University of Utah area to both Cottonwood Canyons is needed. Public transit is needed year-round because the traffic and parking at Mill B is very dangerous.

### **Tolling-Both Sides of the Question**

#### ***Pro-Tolling.***

- Canyon Property Owners and their families should be exempt from tolls.
- The tolls would help UDOT maintain the road because all toll revenue must be spent in the corridor where it is generated.
- All visitors who enter the canyon should contribute to the upkeep and maintenance, no favoring certain user groups.
- Tolling should be at the mouth of the canyon for everyone.
- Tolling should be at the Solitude lower entry to exclude most residents and non-resort users.

#### ***No-Tolling.***

- Tolls present a barrier that discriminates against diversity of recreation users.
- Toll revenue will go to UDOT, not the Forest Service which is often underfunded.
- The Forest Service already charges fees at Silver Lake, Spruces, Cardiff, Mill B and all the picnic grounds. People will not appreciate an additional road toll.
- Service vehicles and friends of canyon residents will have to pay a toll.
- Canyon homeowners, their families, delivery/utility vehicles should not be required to pay a toll.

### **Reservations & Parking Limits**

- This may be the only reliable approach to reducing vehicle traffic in the canyon because it would encourage people to ride public transit.

### **Cottonwood Canyons Foundation**

Angus Robertson reported that the Cottonwood Canyons Foundation hosted a dinner for about 100 people to celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on November 7. CCF is one of our best collaborators, as we have worked with them on the Wasatch Wildflower Festival, weed pulls, trail maintenance, and many residents have served as snowshoe, ski-with-a-ranger and wildflower guides. They have graciously given the Town, Brighton Institute, and BCCA credit in their recent Annual Report.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm. There is no December meeting. Next meeting is January 13, 2025.

Resources: ▪ [Dispose of a Mattress](#) ▪ [Reserve a Trash Trailer](#) ▪ [Landfill Voucher](#)

**2025 Budget Request to Town of Brighton  
from  
Big Cottonwood Community Council**

<b>Adopt-A-Trail</b>	<b>\$2500.00</b>
Cottonwood Canyons Foundation sponsors an annual Adopt-A-Trail Program which maintains popular local trails. BCCA would like to support the Butler Fork Trail again in 2024. (\$2500 spent in 2024)	
<b>4<sup>th</sup> of July Event</b>	<b>\$3000.00</b>
Big Cottonwood Community Council sponsors the July 4 <sup>th</sup> celebration in Brighton, which includes a breakfast for approximately 700 people and a parade. Hundreds more come to the parade. BCCA offers a free breakfast to breakfast volunteers, UFA, UPD. Also we would like to offer \$300 to the SkiMo team to help with table and chair set-up. (\$3958 spent in 2024 which included an investment in signage that will be reused in the coming years)	
<b>Administrative Costs</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>
Costs include ACCT and Utah Neighborhood dues (\$40), business license (\$10), Zoom (\$130), Website (\$180)	
<b>Insurance Costs</b>	<b>\$2700.00</b>
BCCA and all other community Councils have always had D&O and Event Liability insurance through Beehive Insurance. It was funded as a block grant for community councils by SL County. The SL County Council is now requiring that the MSD show the actual amount for each community council as a line item in the town budget and the MSD budget. This is new this year.	
<b>TOTAL REQUEST</b>	<b>\$8,700.00</b>

Thank you for your support of Big Cottonwood Canyon Community Council  
See the BCCA Annual Report below.

# Big Cottonwood Community Council

## Annual Report 2024



### INCOME

- \$5,000 from the Town of Brighton for administrative and project purposes.

### FUNDED PROJECTS

- \$2,500 to the Cottonwood Canyons Foundation to Adopt the Butler Fork Trail.
- \$3,958.55 for 4<sup>th</sup> of July Expenses
- \$360.00 Administrative Expenses
- TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$6,818.55

### SERVICE PROJECTS

- **4th of July Breakfast and Parade.** Cost \$3,958.55. 450 people were served breakfast, with many more in the parade (Thanks Kim Doyle, Carolyn Keigley, Bryan Luftglass, Kathy Anderson, Sarah Cookler, Mike Doyle, Dan Knopp, Kara John, Lisa Sommer, Jane Martain, UFA and UPD!)
- **Chipper Days.** 110 families signed up for Chipper Days, representing 1,550 hours contributed by local homeowners for a value of \$42,625. That amount will be used as in-kind match for next year's grant (1,550 hrs. x \$27.50 volunteer hour value). Thanks to Jane Martain for wrangling this project.
- **Adopt-A-Highway** The 37<sup>th</sup> year of this project was coordinated by Tom Loken.
- **Fuels Reduction Project.** 105 families are enlisted for the Fuels Reduction Project being run by UFA. Crew members visit with homeowners to decide which trees and brush need attention, and then they perform the work on-site. 37 properties were completed in 2022, 11 properties in 2023, 12 properties in 2024. 45 properties remain. All of the families commented about the outstanding work done by UFA.
- **Firewise Community.** Hosted an Annual Firewise Community meeting in May. It was a Chili Supper at the Fire Station with UFA and State officials as speakers. Posted 2 Firewise Community signs along the highway.

### 2025 GOALS & SUGGESTIONS

- Continue Fuel Mitigation projects (Chipper Days and Fuel Reduction Project).
- Advocate for buried electric lines in canyon communities.
- Promote improved fiber and internet connections.
- Encourage the installation of improved restrooms at Cardiff Fork.
- Continue to support USFS Trails Master Plan for Natural Surface Trails in the canyon.

### OTHER

- Current BCCA Finances. Checking \$544.73; Savings \$30,824.74.
- Meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 7 pm, on Zoom.
- Website: <http://www.bigcottonwood.org/>