



FEBRUARY 2026 BCCA MEETING

DATE: Monday, February 9, 2026

TIME: 7 pm

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Contact Tom Fendler to help get a Town Hall Meeting for US House Rep Mike Kennedy.
Tom's contact info: (801) 230-6646 tom.fendler@gmail.com

MINUTES January 12, 2026 (see below)

FINANCIALS Checking \$483.85 Savings \$30,841.36

UPD REPORT Detective Anna Walker

BUSINESS

- Meet Ed Buschard, new owner of Silver Fork Lodge!
- Update on UDOT's BCC Road Project - Dale Keep with Sundt Construction
- Resort Updates – Kim Doyle, Nick Sieckowski
- Town of Brighton Update-Lise Brunhart, Carolyn Keigley
- Emergency Planning Update-Jane Martain
- Brighton Institute Update-Laura Bossard
- Budget Request/Annual Report-Barbara Cameron



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ATTENDANCE Kathy Anderson, Lise Brunhart, Don Despain, Tom Loken, Carolyn Keigley, Jeanette Sawaya, Anna Walker, Angus Robertson, Steve Pantuso, Sheryl Facktor, Lisa Sommer, Kirk Nichols, Daniel Schlehuber, Peg Kramer, Jenna Malone, John Knoblock, Dena Hull, Kara John, Jim Keener, Pam Pala, Kelly Lether, Joan Hadley, Nick Seikowski, Jane Martain, Barbara Cameron

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Scotty John will be sworn in on the 6th of January at 6 pm at the Silver Fork Lodge, along with council members Keith Zupan and Carolyn Keigley. Everyone is welcome to join in.
- Thanks to Joe Busby, Tom & Sally Loken for keeping the Silver Fork Mailbox area clean
- Nov. 19 & 20 is the very popular Utah Water Shed Symposium at the Cultural Events Center.
- House Bill 48 will affect all homeowners in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI). That includes all of Brighton. The Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands is presenting information about it at three statewide online meetings. In case you missed it, here's the YouTube Link: [HB 48 Public Meeting - Salt Lake City 11/6/2025 - YouTube](#)
- Sign up for UDOT's Snow Sticker Inspection [UDOT Canyons Sticker Program](#)

MINUTES

November 11, 2025 Minutes were approved as submitted.

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We will be getting funds from the town. We have no expenses until the 4th of July. Think about what we could use the funds for.

UPD REPORT Detective Anna Walker reported that in the Month of December, 243 calls of service. Traffic flow is an issue, and they are addressing it. They are trying to improve the downhill traffic. Also, there are many concerns about Brighton and Forest Glen residents accessing their homes in the afternoon. Have residents included in the bus bypass lane. Traffic flow and parking are a concern and Barbara will pass on feedback to Kim and Mike.

BUSINESS

● Resort Updates –Nick Sieckowski reported that conditions at Solitude Resort are looking good and that the team is pleased with the snow. The most recent storm allowed Honeycomb to open, and the colder temperatures are a welcome change. Community Day at the Nordic Center was a success, and the Village is now completely open.

Nick also highlighted the upcoming community event, Fire and Ice, and encouraged everyone to check the website for details—especially the meet-and-greet with the Cats and Dogs. He noted the live music at the Thirsty Squirrel and commended the parking staff for their excellent work. Parking operations have improved through checking reservations as vehicles enter the lot and better overall lot management. Staff are also distributing UDOT stickers.

● Town of Brighton Update-Lise Brunhart

New council members were welcomed. Scotty John announced that he is dedicated to addressing our transportation issues. Discussion included House Bill 48 and WUI, with a special team assigned to report to the legislature. Brighton will be presenting its statement.

Thanks were extended to everyone who attended the CWC symposium, and community members are encouraged to join the CWC.

If there are new residents in your neighborhoods, please encourage them to share their names with Jane so they can be added to the emergency contact list.

● Brighton Institute Update-Don Despain/Laura Bossard

The Institute has been working on its website. We do not have many events planned during the winter;, more to come in the spring and summer.

● HB 48 Legislative Update-Daniel Schlehuber

Barbara presented the letter Daniel wrote to the legislature and shared his comments on House Bill 48, noting that it is a statewide bill. He pointed out that the bill does not include truth in taxation, raising the question of what actions can be taken. Writing letters to legislators was emphasized as an important step. As the bill currently stands, it does not change insurance requirements, although insurers will be required to use the state map. Daniel suggested that insurance agencies be given flexibility and stressed the need for a better law that protects all parties.

The discussion also focused on homeowner responsibility and mitigation. Residents were encouraged to consider hardscaping their homes, particularly maintaining a five-foot zone around homes with only rock and dirt. It was proposed that Barbara's bullet points be sent to the legislature. More information is needed on how fires burn around homes, especially since 85% of wildfires are human-caused. The installation of underground power lines was noted as a positive step in the right direction. Ultimately, improving hardscaping around our homes is a shared responsibility—what happens in one community in the canyon affects everyone in the canyon. UFA does not have the manpower to conduct all the fuel reduction required in Brighton under HB48. The Town could help by designing a program to reimburse families for fuel reduction work. We have 75 families on the waiting list. This proposal includes vacant lots, many of which need improvements. We need to discuss best practices. A shared cost between owners and the town.

There is a need for increased public education about wildfires. We must improve education on fire behavior and on the steps homeowners can take to better protect their properties. None of our neighborhoods has sufficient water capacity to fight a forest fire.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20. See everyone next month.



**2026 Budget Request to Town of Brighton
from
Big Cottonwood Community Council**

	Amount Requested for 2026	Amount Spent in 2025
Adopt-A-Trail	\$2500.00	\$2500.00
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.		
4th of July Event	\$3800.00	\$3534.71
Big Cottonwood Community Council sponsors the July 4 th 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.		
Administrative Costs		
Costs include ACCT and Utah Neighborhood dues (\$40), business license (\$10), Zoom (\$175), Website (\$180), Community Threads Project (\$200)	\$ 400.00	\$ 605.00
Insurance Costs		
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. Since 2025, 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 last year.	\$1400.00	\$1346.89
TOTAL REQUEST	\$8,000.00	\$7986.60

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

Big Cottonwood Community Council

Annual Report 2025



INCOME

- \$8,700.00 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.
- \$3,534.71 for 4th of July Expenses
- \$ 405.00 Administrative Expenses
- TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$7,986.60

SERVICE PROJECTS

- **4th of July Breakfast and Parade.** Cost \$3,534.71. 450 people were served breakfast, with many more in the parade (Thanks Kim Doyle, Carolyn Keigley, Bryan Luftglass, Kathy Anderson, Mike Doyle, Dan Knopp, Kara John, Lisa Sommer, Jane Martain, UFA and UPD!)
- **Chipper Days.** 73 families signed up for Chipper Days, representing 1,225 hours contributed by local homeowners, plus \$14,150 in cash payments to private contractors. That amount will be used as in-kind match for next year's grant (\$27.50 is the volunteer hour value). Thanks to Jane Martain for wrangling this project.
- **Adopt-A-Highway** The 38th year of this project was coordinated by Tom Loken.
- **Fuels Reduction Project.** 115 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. 24 properties were completed in 2022, 11 properties in 2023, 9 properties in 2024. 85 properties remain. All families commented about the outstanding work done by UFA.
- **Position Statements.** BCCA Board submitted position statements for UDOT's Big Cottonwood Environmental Assessment and Solitude's proposed parking lot. Members were encouraged to submit their own comments too.
- **Alcoholics Anonymous.** BCCA and Solitude collaborated to sponsor weekly AA meetings at the Inn at Solitude.

2025 GOALS & SUGGESTIONS

- Continue Chipper Days.
- Revise the Fuel Mitigation project by asking the Town to set up a reimbursement program (see below)
- Encourage the installation of improved sanitary sewer restrooms at Cardiff Fork.
- Continue to support USFS Trails Master Plan for Natural Surface Trails in the canyon.

FUELS REDUCTION PROPOSAL

- Property owners may engage commercial Defensible Space Contractors to provide written suggestions for complying with Defensible Space guidelines while on-site with the owner.
- After the consultation, the Defensible Space Contractor will spend up to two hours (or more if property owner desires) reducing hazardous fuel while the homeowner supervises and assists if appropriate.
- Property owners acknowledge that this does not guarantee property will be free from damage in a fire.
- Property owners will pay the Defensible Space Contractor, then submit an invoice to the Town of Brighton for reimbursement for 2 hours of hazardous fuel reduction. The homeowner is responsible for amounts over 2 hrs.
- Based on a cost of \$155/hour for a 3-man crew, each property would cost \$310.
- If the Town provided a Fund of \$15,500, fifty properties could be completed this year. For several years the Town has provided UFA \$20,000 for the Fuels Reduction project, with only 9-12 properties treated. This proposal would be a more efficient use of that money.
- The work must be completed by July 23, 2026, so that Chipper Days can provide chipping services for the slash generated by the Defensible Space Contractor.

OTHER

- Current BCCA Finances. Checking \$480.85; Savings \$30,836.20.
- Meetings are the 2nd Monday of the month at 7 pm, on Zoom.
- Website: <http://www.bigcottonwood.org/>