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Silver Bow Creek / Butte Area

Butte USA Café

Bulletin #8 **November 10, 2010**

Are You Interested?

Attend the Next Meeting
Tuesday November 23, 2010
7:00 pm —9:00 pm
Conference room below
Denny's (near Holiday Inn.)

Possible topics include:

Discussing the outcome of the prioritization workshop described on the other side;

Incorporating as a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization in order to receive funding for a staff position and projects;

Reconsidering the group's by-laws;

Agreeing on comments regarding NRD Long-Range Guidance Plan and funding;

Setting a schedule for recruiting new members.

Butte Restoration Alliance

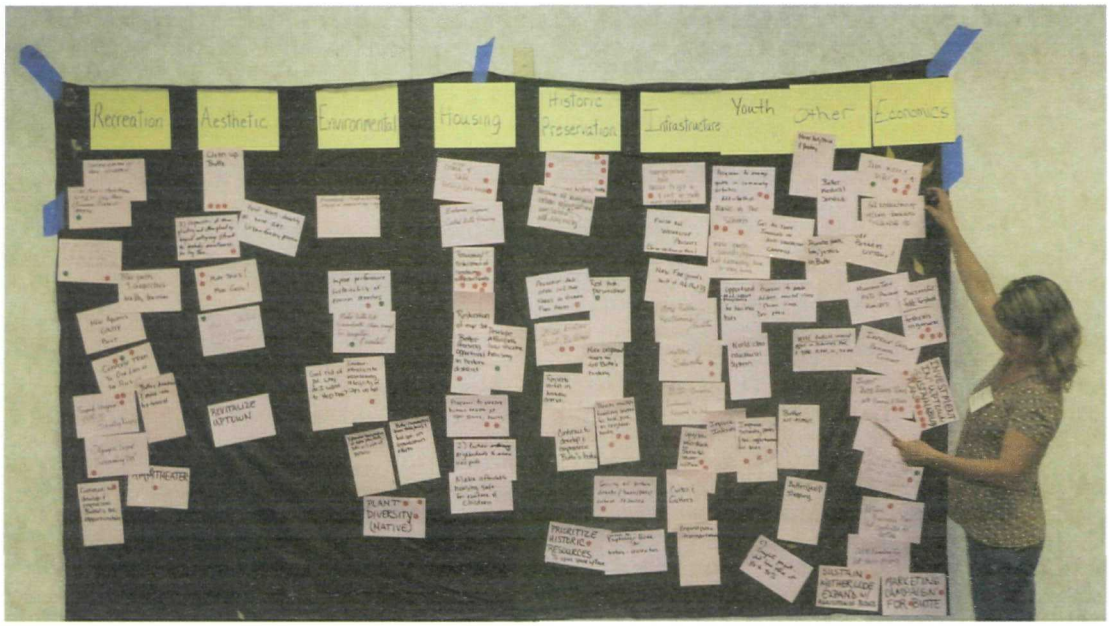
The Butte Restoration Alliance (Alliance) formed in the fall of 2006 as a diverse, independent and active group representing a cross-section of the community. The group started with seed money from EPA and now relies almost entirely on volunteer support from its dedicated community members. Most of these members represent at least one other Butte community organization; some are involved in several. Through these members and constituent groups, the Alliance can maximize community input into restoration issues and activities.

Acknowledging the vision, principles and objectives of other community planning processes, the Alliance may:

- Review current and future restoration and redevelopment projects;
- Facilitate events to reach out and provide information to the public;
- Solicit ideas on projects from the broader public;
- Evaluate projects and priorities relative to funding and public input and support;
- Recommend action to Butte's Council of Commissioners.

Butte Restoration Alliance Guiding Principles

- **Historic & Cultural Preservation:** We believe that Butte has a unique history and culture that should be valued and preserved.
- **Environmental Responsibility:** We believe that environmental responsibility must be a part of remediation, restoration and redevelopment projects.
- **Sustainability:** We believe that all projects must be sustainable with resources identified to maintain them into the future.
- **Accessibility:** We believe that projects should be accessible and available to the wide spectrum and diversity of Butte citizens.
- **Community:** We believe community consensus builds connectedness and "community". We believe in Butte's community spirit and sense of independence. Involvement in remediation, restoration and redevelopment projects can further encourage that spirit.



Identified Areas of Interest at the Sept. 28 workshop:

- Recreation
- Aesthetics
- Environment
- Housing
- Historic Preservation
- Infrastructure
- Youth
- Economics
- Other

Twenty four members of the Butte Restoration Alliance gathered recently for a workshop—Butte USA Café—to prioritize among their many interests and issues and focus on several of them during the evening. The goal of the BRA has always been to provide recommendations and facilitate action for a safe and desirable community. During the September workshop the group focused on "What actions, projects or improvements—if accomplished—would make Butte a better place to live or visit?" The technique helped the group to generate ideas on getting started by looking at barriers and challenges and actions to address them. Many common goals were identified within the Alliance. Focus areas during the evening were:

Coordinating Historical Attractions
Parks and Recreation
Superfund, including Parrot Tailings

Do you Need More Information?

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency **www.epa.gov/region8/superfund/mt/sbcbutte**

- Sara Sparks, Remedial Project Manager, 782-7415
- Wendy Thomi, Community Involvement Coordinator, 406-457-5037
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Montana Department of Environmental Quality

- Joe Griffin, Project Officer, 560-6060

Butte Restoration Alliance

- Suzzann Nordwick, Executive Committee Chair, 565-1537

New member applications are available on the Alliance website

www.butterestorationalliance.org