

La Plata County Progressive Women In Action/Democratic Women

Jan 11, 2017 MEETING NOTES

Durango Public Library

(some names will need to be spell-checked)

Patty Dione – Facilitator

- Overview of How We Got Here – started with 48 members, now over 100!
- Indivisible Guide – based on Tea Party
- Victories: Ethics Count-constituent phone calls delayed votes on changes to Ethics Rules
- Shauna's Announcement

NEED FACEBOOK PAGE: will save Admin Time, protect members from too many emails

Will still get 2 types of emails, Agendas and Calls to Action

Facebook Committee Volunteers: (names will need to be spell-checked)

Mona Wood Patterson

Carol Solini

Lisa H Lavinka, T. (505) 907-7720, email: lisahlavinka@gmail.com

Pat Roach T. (970) 749-7027, email: pat.roach@gmail.com

Elected Officials Present:

Julie Westendorf, La Plata County Commissioner

Melissa Youssef, running for City Council: announced her campaign at noon today

Encourage Dialog, has blog. Infrastructure, Financial transparency, Grow our way.

Letters to Editor, Durango Herald:

Sherri Walnut, Debbie Meyers

Women's March on Washington – also in Durango, Jan 21st at 12 noon, meet at train station

Rachel, Melissa & Kathy: theme-“Standing on the Side of Love & Compassion”, can bring signs but No political vitriol. Can state your favorite issues, ie Climate Change.

Safety Volunteers needed, contact Melissa Stacy, mjstacy@india@yahoo.com.

Meet with City for training, wear orange vests, job is to stop traffic, keep marchers safe

Will be marching up Main Ave to Buckley Park, hear speech by Michael Rendon

Knitting pink hats. Marches also in Santa Fe, Denver and L.A.

Tied into “Respond” Event – all day (with break for the March) free workshops at Smiley Bldg

Has Facebook page, also website, 13 different workshops. No child care.

Bring snacks, can have lunch at Smiley Café.

1:30 pm Michael Rendon – Most Effective Ways to Make Yourself Heard

Local participation best-contact representatives on your ballot

Our type of group is forming nation-wide, will contact their own legislators

Saying “No” to policies is different than opposing Trump

Transform suffering into a positive, creative force. Channel your Energy.

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Debbie Meyers' Powerpoint Presentation:

- Need to be issues oriented and action oriented
- Collaborative, support community efforts, incl other groups
- Don't reinvent the wheel
- Liason with LPC Democrats, but no party labels
- Indivisible Guide, approx 2,000 groups in U.S. now
- Different Groups meet different needs

Indivisible Guide:

- Monitor Congress, MOC = Member of Congress
- Issues/Action-Roberta Eickman is giving info about our group to newcomers via Durango's "Welcome Wagon" group
- Communication Tree
- Liason to other Local Organizations
- Support Progressive Candidates
- Support Each Other (in smaller groups, on Facebook, and at Social Events)

Social Kick-Off by "Our First 100 Days" Susan Atkinson

Fri, Jan 13th, Henry Strater Theatre, 7-10 pm

- Our First 100 Days has a calendar of local events on their website

Monitors (of Fed, State and Local legislators) – sign up sheet on table

Kathleen Parker, Ann Mark

Need reputable sources of information

Go to MOC's website- shows which bills they already sponsored,

What bills coming to vote, what they're sponsoring

Votesmart.org

Different Levels of Involvement, according to your own time and interests

Can liason to groups you're already in

Areas of Interest Committees report monthly to whole group, Sign up today for group of your top Area of interest

Terminology – Gun SAFETY, not Gun Control

Lauren Berntich, T. (928) 699-0183, lauren@greatoldbroads.org **Google Form to manage all this**

Keeps up to date list of Interest Groups

Durango Herald Contact: Liz Borgard, T. (928) 530-2275, husband works for Herald

Anita Cohen: Threat to Democracy/Free Press, Campaign Finance, Other Issues

Bonnie: Big Picture person, Pres. Obama "take the long game" need good voter turnout in 2018

Redistricting Nationally and State-wide, drive Candidates to the middle (not extremes)

Get year round local office

To Track MOCs: govtrack.com, congress.gov

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Soup & Soul Dinner: Mon, Jan 16th at 5:30 pm, Manna Soup Kitchen, cost \$15

Potluck: last name A-M, bring soup/stew, M-R bring salad/Side dish, R-Z bring desert
Democratic Party Annual Fundraiser

Sending 9 young people from Durango to Wash DC Women's March

Suzanne Ams working with Ana Moran, they need funding for transportation
Have housing once they get there.

Volunteer Help Needed:

Shauna needs help to Follow Up on MOCs.

Script Writers for Calls to Action- each Issue Committee picks own Script Writer

Suzanne Atkinson gives Free Talk "How to Write Letters" at Durango Joes on College Dr.,
6-7 pm Thurs, Jan 12th.

Doreen Hunter, good writer T. 259-3379

Need Public Relations chairperson

Evening Meeting - will be starting soon, will be in addition to this lunch meeting

"Women's Group with a Few Good Men" - we'll help men start their own Men's Group

Julie Dugherty - will be the Coordinator for all the Issues Committees

Next meeting - "1 month from now" at Public Library

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Hunter

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of Context Architecture, Inc., was held at the office of the Corporation, 1911 Main Ave., Suite #200, on Monday, July 16, 2012 at 2 pm.

The following directors were present and participating at the meeting:

Carolyn Ann Hunter, President

Carolyn Ann Hunter, Vice-President
Carolyn Ann Hunter, Secretary, and
Carolyn Ann Hunter, Treasurer, being all the directors of the Corporation.

The Secretary put forth and read a waiver of notice of the meeting signed by all the directors, and accordingly, filed a copy of the waiver with the minutes of the meeting.

The President (Chairperson of the meeting) stated that a quorum of the directors was present, and that the meeting, having been duly convened, could transact business.

On the motion duly made and seconded, and after due deliberation, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolution #1: Carolyn Hunter to pursue 'Part-Time, Temporary Class II Planner' position with the La Plata County Planning Department

Gary Suiter, Interim Planning Director for La Plata County, first contacted Carolyn Hunter in April about this opening, but Carolyn declined due to Context Architecture's full project load (7 active projects) at that time. Gary Suiter called Carolyn once more on July 11th. This time, due to most of the 7 projects either completing construction or going on hold, and no new projects coming in despite various marketing efforts, Carolyn expressed interest in this position, which is 15 – 20 hours/week. Carolyn Hunter worked for La Plata County in the Class II Planner position from 1993-1995, and knows that the hours/week needed by the Planning Department for this work will vary. Gary Suiter advised Carolyn that this position was not announced or advertised publicly, so it is reasonable to believe that if Carolyn applies for it, she will get hired.

Since this new position would reduce the time and energy Carolyn Hunter can devote to Context Architecture activities, Carolyn also discussed this idea with Larry Holcomb, who shares his office space with Context Architecture (see 2010 Annual Minutes). Larry has agreed to help with any new projects which may arise, also Gunnar Anderson, Carolyn's co-worker from IndaCAD has offered to help in the same (contract labor) way.

Therefore, it is resolved that Carolyn Hunter will pursue this part-time temporary position. The advantages to Context Architecture are as follows:

1) exposure to the general public (although Carolyn will not advertise Context Architecture in this position, still many new contacts will be made)

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2) Because Carolyn Hunter's time spent for Context Architecture's activities will be reduced, paychecks to Carolyn Hunter can also be reduced – see Resolution #2 below. This will help Context Architecture's cash flow during what is anticipated to be a relatively slow economy prior to the November 2012 elections (and perhaps beyond?).

It is NOT intended that Context Architecture is 'going out of business', therefore all normal expenses related to the business, such as office rent and professional liability insurance, will still be paid at their full amount. Because the County Planning position is a temporary one, it could end at any time and with very little notice.

Shari Tickle, Bookkeeper, has advised that since the County already takes taxes out of the paychecks, Carolyn Hunter should deposit the County paychecks directly to her personal account.

Resolution #2: Determining the fair amount to reduce Carolyn Hunter's paychecks, given the possible varying work load required by the 'Part-Time, Temporary Class II Planner' position with the La Plata County Planning Department:

In February 2008, when Context Architecture had to suspend Carolyn Hunter's paychecks, CAI had been paying Carolyn Hunter a gross paycheck of \$4,000/month. Therefore, it was resolved to pro-rate this paycheck based on the monthly average of the number of hours/week that Carolyn is still working for Context Architecture, for example, if 25 hours/week are worked at CAI, the monthly paycheck would be $25/40 \times \$4,000$, meaning \$2,500 gross per month. If 15 hours/week are worked at CAI, the gross paycheck would be \$1,500.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Signed,

Carolyn Ann Hunter, AIA, LEED-AP