



# Liberty News

Newsletter of the  
Libertarian Party of Boulder County

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This newsletter will be written by the board until we can find an editor willing to take on the task. Therefore, it will be smaller than what you may be used to. We will email it and send out paper only when requested. -Eva

## From the Chair:

### Campaigning, Commitments, and the Election Year Letdown

Eva Kosinski

As those of us know who have been candidates for office, it's tough to get on with things after you watch someone you are sure is not going to put us on the right path as a representative has been elected, and you, and nearly all the other Libertarians who ran, have to wait again to find someone who can get elected and help to change all the things we know need to be changed. It's the post-election blues. While clearly, whoever the major party "loser" candidate was, they also must feel some of this, they usually have a larger structure underlying their efforts. Rarely do they have to go out alone to canvass neighborhoods, or talk to people, or even plan their own campaigns (bizarre as it seems), and they may opt (or the party may opt) for keeping the campaign money for a new campaign in some future year.

So how do we deal with all these doldrums that hit just before the holidays? It's different for everyone. Some folks just forget they ever ran and go on with their projects, others back off doing anything in the political arena for months or even years. I don't think most of us fully realize just how much effort, both in time and psyche, get invested into campaigns. So as we move forward to start planning for 2007 activities and events, I'll keep that in mind. Candidates, however, were in a position to take a reading from the folks they talked to about what issues are going to be the hot ones for the coming year. If we have elected folks who are going to drop the ball on these issues (we the electorate that is), we should be tracking their progress or non-progress, so we can see what action the LPBC can take to further getting the right things done, by gathering information for the next.

Development and transit are two large hotbutton issues right now, as is the issue with CMEX up in Lyons, where citizens are getting hammered with environmental problems that the County Commissioners refuse to take any responsibility for, and seem unwilling to protect Boulder County voters there. As we've gone about trying to get support for candidates, and heard from the community; now we need to transfer that knowledge into programs and efforts during 2007. If you have ideas, please get them to the board members before our next meeting when we take up the discussion of plans for this coming year. Our next meeting is Wed, 12/13/06, (6:30 food, 7:00 mtg) at the DOUBLE HAPPY on Main St. in Louisville.

DRAFT MINUTES  
 LPBC MEETING  
 WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2006  
 (to be approved at December 13 meeting)

Libertarian Party of Boulder County  
 November Minutes

Attendees: Greg Woods, Eva Kosinski, Krisren Hoyer, Derik Lane, Randy Luallin

Meeting started at 7:33 p.m. on November 8<sup>th</sup> at Double Happy Restaurant Louisville, CO

Published Agenda was approved 4-0  
 Minutes from October meeting accepted 4-0

Board Reports:

Secretary: Next meeting to be at Double Happy restaurant on December 13<sup>th</sup>.

Treasurer: 1 membership renewal  
 2 new memberships  
 Bank Balance \$713.95

Outreach: Colorado Daily and Yourhub.com  
 The candidate forum that was organized in October went very well. It gave candidates a chance to be seen and heard. Advertising was

an issue and more effort will be taken for future candidate forums. A goal of one outreach booth per month is going to be attempted this coming year (2007). Volunteers will be needed. Looking into high school programs that allow for outside speakers, so we may present libertarian ideals and answer questions from the students.

Chair: Report submitted in writing.

Greg has looked into creating a PayPal account for the LPBC. The cost would be 2.9% + .30 cents per transaction. A motion was made to table further action until a replacement webmaster can be located, passed 4-0.

Eva has sent out some e-mails to people who may be interested.

A motion was made to table further discussion about standing committees until a person can be located to do membership, passed 5-0.

Discussion was made about the possibility of sending post cards to registered Libertarians on the Colorado University campus, to invite them to our meetings.

A motion to end the meeting was made and passed 5-0. Meeting closed at 9:06 p.m.

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If you've ever been interested in joining the board, your help is sorely needed. We need assistance in several major areas, particularly in publicity, website management, and fundraising. If you are not able to handle a complete board position, and would like to handle just a single task, just let us know. There's plenty of work to go around. -Eva

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## BEYOND CANDIDATES: SOME POSITIVE ELECTION RESULTS

Eva Kosinski

<http://www.co.boulder.co.us/clerk/elect/2006%20General/results.html#c-104>

For the moment (until the Secretary of State posts the "final" results of Dec. 1, but the newsletter needs to get out the door sooner than that); info here is from the County Clerk's office in Boulder, so it does not correctly reflect vote totals for candidates and issues beyond the County.

The website lists all the vote counts for candidates and ballot issues, and while looking at the election results for candidates can be a depressing exercise (Norm Olsen, 2.1%, Dawn Winkler/Richard Randall 1.7%, Dwight Harding 4.5%, Dan Ong, 4.7%, Rand Fanshier 14.8%, Randy Luallin 22.8%, Bo shaffer 19.1%), some of the ballot issues for which we voiced strong opposition went down.

### COUNTY ISSUE 1A - TRANSIT AND TRAILS

In which voters were asked to provide added funds for RTD transit (already funded in part by FasTracks and other taxes over the years, for which Boulder County has gotten precious little) and additional trails (the trails portion would never sunset). LPBC was asked to provide Cons for these issues, and apparently, they stuck in the minds of the voters better than the Pros did. We found arguments that resonated with the voters, and this ballot issue failed.

YES	48418	43.3%
NO	63439	56.7%

### BALLOT ISSUE 2A - CITY OF LOUISVILLE

Louisville's City Council requested a Use tax, above and beyond it's already hefty sales tax, to be used to offset City budget problems. While it did not apply to everyday items purchased by the citizens, it would have had a huge impact on builders and developers. That made it attractive to the anti-growth portion of the population, but in the end, the argument that the deficit came from faulty spending may have won the day.

YES	4090	48.8%
NO	4292	51.2%

As the "final counts" come in from the Secretary of State we'll get a better idea of where we succeeded and where we did not, but we need to emphasize what we learned in the process rather than focus on the wins or losses. We heard a lot from the voters. Let's use that to plan our efforts to bring them to a clearer understanding of the Libertarian message.

## STUPIDSLAB BUMBLES ON

Eva Kosinski

The further adventures of the Prairie Falcon Parkway, the project "formerly-known-as-Superslab":

Turns out that a portion of land planned for the toll road would have to cross almost 10 miles of Stewardship Trust Lands, given to Colorado by the US Govt. when it became a state originally earmarked for education but required to hold lands in trust to protect their natural state. Lands can be "mined" to provide funds for education, but may not be changed. Apparently this stretch of land is right down the middle of the 107,000 acres in south El Paso and north Pueblo county designated "long-term stewardship trust" in Amendment 16 which passed in 1996. That designation says that the State Land Board cannot approve a use for Stewardship Trust Lands that does not protect the natural state of these open space areas.

Now we'll see what happens when the project attempts to proceed. While technically, a private toll road is something Libertarians would like to see, the intent to use government power to build this one (including an attempt to legislate powers for private operators to practice eminent domain on owners of land they covet) makes it a questionable effort closer to corporate welfare than free market mechanisms. Fortunately, that bill did not pass, although there is no guarantee another try won't be made.

To track the Superslab "progress", check out <http://www.stupidslab.com> for details and to get on their mailing list.

IN THE OLD DAYS, IT WAS NOT CALLED THE HOLIDAY SEASON; THE CHRISTIANS CALLED IT 'CHRISTMAS' AND WENT TO CHURCH; THE JEWS CALLED IT 'HANUKKA' AND WENT TO SYNAGOGUE; THE ATHEISTS WENT TO PARTIES AND DRANK. PEOPLE PASSING EACH OTHER ON THE STREET WOULD SAY 'MERRY CHRISTMAS!' OR 'HAPPY HANUKKA!' OR (TO THE ATHEISTS) 'LOOK OUT FOR THE WALL!'"

- - - Dave Barry "Christmas Shopping: A Survivor's Guide"

**DECEMBER 2006 MEETING:**

**December 13, 2006**

**Double Happy Restaurant**

**740 Main St. Louisville**

**6:30 if you want to eat**

**7:00 pm meeting begins**

Tentative Agenda:

Approval of Agenda (with any additions)

Approval of Minutes (with any corrections)

Board Reports

Treasurer

Outreach

Thoughts for 2007 events

Chair

Committee or Member Reports

Membership

Website Transfer of Responsibility

Unfinished Business:

Discussion of PayPal for online memberships  
and donations

New Business:

Feedback from Candidates: What are folks most worried  
about?

Locating board meetings for 2007

Event Planning for 2007

If you have anything to add to the agenda, please contact  
[chair@lpboulder.org](mailto:chair@lpboulder.org) or call Eva at 303-666-5872 or 303-817-  
9653

**AT THE POLE**



THAT Christmas Wish is going to take some doing!