

GEM Committee Minutes – October 6, 2008

1. Attendance: Paul DeLong, Scott Blank, Jim Ormsbee, Steve Clarke, Nate Pierce, Ross Mertlich, Sharon Holmstrom, Richard Webb, Kim Wheatley, Richard Sorensen, Ron Gleason, Eric Householder, Denzel Rowland, Art Roscoe, Lowell Peterson.
2. Minutes of the September 3rd meeting were adopted as written.
3. Steve Clarke reported that as of this date no decision has been reached in the lawsuit between Powder Mountain and Weber County. In addition residents of the area have filed another lawsuit which asks for the incorporation to occur under the current (new) law.
4. Nate Pierce and Steve Clarke reported on the joint Planning Commission/Commission work sessions which are trying to establish policies for use in drafting the Resort Zone and TDR ordinances, as well as other land use issues. The Commissions expect to complete this work in about 2 more months.
5. The group commented on the October 1 draft Report and Recommendations. Of most concern were three things:
 - a. The vision statement seemed overly commercially oriented – new wording has since been offered.
 - b. The Committee concluded that the recommendation to increase camping sites should be removed from the report.
 - c. The recommendation that Ogden City, Davis County, and the State of Utah provide financial support will be modified to simply request “support”.
 - d. There were several additional modest modifications requested, all of which will be in the next draft.
6. Ron Gleason led a review of the draft presentation which was well received. Ron made many of the suggested changes and will create a new draft for use in the Partner Reviews.
7. Timing of the Stakeholder Meetings was discussed and assignments were made for scheduling:
 - a. OVBA – Jim Ormsbee: scheduled **October 15th, noon**, at Harley and Bucks.
 - b. Huntsville Town Council – Richard Sorensen, **November 6th, 7 pm**, at the Town Hall.
 - c. GOAL and the Ogden/Weber Convention Bureau – Art Roscoe, date to be set by us.
 - d. Liberty Park District – Ross Mertlich
 - e. Eden Park District – Steve Clarke/Sharon Vause
 - f. Ski Utah – Denzel Rowland
 - g. Weber County Parks and Recreation – Jennifer Graham
 - h. Planning Commission and Staff – Steve Clarke

- i. County Commission – Steve Clarke
 - j. Weber School District – Buck Froerer
 - k. Forest Service – Rick Vallejos
 - l. Utah DWR – Pam Kramer
 - m. Utah DPR – Roland Bringhurst
 - n. Evan Curtis (GOPB) is trying to determine whether any additional stakeholders from the State of Utah would be appropriate reviewers.
8. We concluded that attendance at each review will be by subcommittee chairmen or their representatives, along with Steve Clarke, Art Roscoe, Ron Gleason, and any other committee members who wish to attend.
9. Subsequent to the meeting, and after meeting with an important stakeholder, Art Roscoe provided feedback that the group preferred to be known as a “partner” organization, not a stakeholder. **It is suggested that we start referring to the reviews of the draft as Partner Reviews instead of Stakeholder Reviews.**
10. The **next meeting** will be held **Wednesday November 5**, at 5 pm in the Huntsville Library
11. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:30 pm.