

GEM Committee Minutes – March 4, 2009

1. Attendance: Ross Mertlich, Julie Mertlich, Cindy Beger, Steve Clarke, Art Roscoe, Kim Wheatley, Shanna Francis, Tim Maycock, Jennifer Graham, and Kent Lyons. Visitors: Nancy Nightengale, Alexis Owen. Excused: a number of members were unable to attend.
2. Announcements:
 - a. Welcome Kent Lyons, new General Manager of Snowbasin Resort as a new Committee member.
 - b. Denzel Rowland will remain a member of the Committee as a Valley resident.
 - c. Welcome Alexis Owen, an Eden resident.
 - d. March 19, 5 pm, Joint Planning Commission, Commission meeting. Tagge Flint, Weber Basin GM will discuss Ogden Valley water issues and direction. All invited.
 - e. March 24, 5 pm, Planning Commission meeting.
 - f. April 2, 5 pm, Planning Commission work meeting. Subject: ordinance modifications.
3. A GEM Progress Report was presented by Steve Clarke as follows:
 - a. Completed Projects
 - i. TDR Landowner meeting
 - ii. Public Education on the Recreation Element of the General Plan
 - iii. Support in drafting the Sensitive Lands, Resort Zone, and TDR ordinances
 - iv. Support for the Sensitive Lands public hearing process
 - v. Encouragement and support to implement impact fees in the County
 - vi. Recommendation for Sewer in Ogden Valley
 - vii. Report and Recommendation on Parks and Recreation in Ogden Valley
 - viii. Stakeholders for the USU Alternative Futures study of Ogden Valley
 - b. Unfinished Projects
 - i. TDR Ordinance
 - ii. Resort Zone Ordinance
 - iii. Sewer Consideration
 - iv. Parks and Recreation Consideration
 - v. Alternative Futures Consideration (report expected in May)
 - c. Steve reported that input so far on a “next project” for the Committee leans strongly toward working with the County to move the TDR and Resort Zone ordinances to public hearing and adoption as well as continuing to encourage consideration of the other recommendations. Every member of the Committee is encouraged to make their feelings on this decision known by note to Steve Clarke.
4. Ross Mertlich presented Steve Clarke a very nice plaque in appreciation of his work on the Parks and Recreation Report and Recommendation. (ed. Note: I am appreciative and moved by this expression of thanks, yet feeling a bit embarrassed, as clearly every member of the work group was essential to the success of the project. I thank YOU.) Steve thanked Ross and the Committee members for being so thoughtful. Shanna Francis took pictures of the group.
5. For the remainder of the meeting we shared good food and conversation.
6. Next GEM Committee meeting: Wednesday April 1, 5:00 PM, Huntsville Library. We expect Kent Jorgensen, UTA will join in a discussion of public transportation issues in Ogden Valley.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM.