

## GEM Committee Minutes – March 6, 2007

1. Attendance: Ross Mertlich, Steffanie Loud, Roland Bringhurst, Jennifer Graham, Nate Pierce, Richard Webb, Sharon Holmstrom, Denzel Rowland, Eric Householder, Paul Riley, Scott Blank, Lowell Peterson, Steve Ransom, Terry Davis, Paul DeLong, Jim Ormsbee, Buck Froerer, Pam Kramer, Kathy Allen, Steve Clarke. Excused: Ken Camello, Jamie Lythgoe, Sharon Vause, Shanna Francis, Steve Burr, Art Roscoe, and Jack Wright.
2. Minutes of the February 7<sup>th</sup> meeting were read and approved.
3. Steve Clarke gave an update on the ordinances:
  - a. The Resort Zone ordinance continues in work sessions with the Planning Commission. (In the March 10<sup>th</sup> session the Stakeholders presented maximum density considerations worked out with Snowbasin.)
  - b. The TDR (to be known as Density in Motion Ordinance) will be next on the agenda of the Planning Commission in their work sessions.
4. The Powder Mountain Incorporation status was discussed. The Commissioners have tabled the petition pending discussion with the petitioners.
5. The Subcommittee chairmen offered comments regarding the Progress Report presented to the County Commissioners on March 4<sup>th</sup>. (A summary report was emailed to the GEM Committee following the meeting.) Suggestions are to include the Planning Staff and Planning Commission in our future progress reports. To begin, Planning Staff will be copied on our meeting minutes each time and the Planning Commission will be blind copied.
6. The possibility of field trips as suggested by Art Roscoe designed for our education and to improve our confidence in our recommendations was discussed. Sharon Holmstrom suggested we invite representatives to present to us in our meetings. The Subcommittees discussed the matter and recommendations were to visit sites in the area, invite guests, and continue to use the Internet to gather information. Steve Clarke will ask Art Roscoe to continue to build a field trip and information gathering plan. Sharon Holmstrom committed to getting information on the Jackson Hole Foundation.
7. We discussed the generous offer of Professor Richard Toth (USU) to consider a project for 1 or 2 graduate students to work on alternate plan outcomes in Ogden Valley. (For example see [www.cachevalley2030.info](http://www.cachevalley2030.info)) We concluded that Steve Clarke will provide much more detail on what we have done and to invite them to offer ideas as opposed to our suggesting projects.
8. We discussed the “next objective for the committee” in preparing the recommendation. The most important issue is beginning to gain confidence in funding mechanisms. Steve Clarke will talk with Kim Wheatley about this need and encourage more focus in the management and funding area. We agreed that our meeting next month will be a progress review for each other by the subcommittee chairs, much as was presented to the Commissioners. Buck Froerer agreed to support the Subcommittees in better coordination with the Weber School District, as suggested by the Commissioners. Buck and Kathy Allen agreed to review the master plan for the new elementary school. We agreed to work on the overlap between subcommittees in our next **Subcommittee Chairmen meeting, scheduled for March 27<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM.**

9. The Subcommittees met for 30 minutes and then reported as reflected above.
10. The next meeting for the GEM Committee will be **Thursday April 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 5 PM in the Huntsville Library.
11. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:40 PM.