

## GEM Committee Minutes – April 3, 2008

1. Attendance: The Committee welcomed Richard Sorensen (representing Huntsville), and Nick Breeze (representing Ogden Canyon) as new members, and welcomed Jack Wright back after a time away from meetings.  
Sharon Holmstrom, Kim Wheatley, Richard Webb, Denzel Rowland, Paul DeLong, Nick Breeze, Ross Mertlich, Julie Mertlich, Jack Wright, Scott Blank, Steve Ransom, Eric Householder, Paul Riley, Mike Loud, Stephanie Loud, Richard Sorensen, Kathy Allen, and Steve Clarke were in attendance.
2. Minutes of the March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting were not read, but accepted as written.
3. Steve Clarke reported that the TDR ordinance is being worked by Stakeholder representatives and the County staff prior to going to the Planning Commission. There will be a Planning Commission work meeting April 14<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm to “finish” the Resort Zone Ordinance in preparation for public hearing.
4. Steve Clarke reported that Robert (Rob) O. Scott has been named the new Director of Planning for the County. Jim Gentry, who has been acting in that capacity, will continue as a Sr. Planner. Mr. Scott was the Community Development Director for Ogden City for 18 years before going to Medford, Oregon in the same capacity. He has accepted our invitation to be briefed on the planning issues in Ogden Valley and be introduced to the goals of the GEM Committee. We agreed that Steve Clarke would organize about 6 – 8 members to host Mr. Scott for a briefing and tour to last about 2/3 of a day.
5. The majority of the meeting was a review of the Committee’s progress in the same format used with the Commissioners last month. It permitted all members to get a view of the progress of the full committee.
  - a. Intro – Steve Clarke. Richard Webb asked how we would treat issues like water availability, air pollution, and traffic. Kim Wheatley responded that the GEM Committee is exerting a large amount of energy to address these issues, however they are not a major part of this report.
  - b. Public Lands – Steve Clarke covered for Terry Davis, who was attending a family event. Feedback included: The latest 2 cycle motors pollute less than 4 cycle motors: Causey does permit electric and small outboard motors: No mention or consideration has been given to use of RVs in the plan. At a minimum there should be 2 dump stations and parking facilities should be reviewed to provide for RVs.
  - c. Community Recreation Facilities – Ross Mertlich
  - d. Tourism – Steve Clarke covered for Jim Ormsbee, who was sick.
  - e. Private Recreation Facilities – Paul Riley
  - f. Management and Funding – Kim Wheatley presented the guiding principles that will govern our recommendation. It was a more comprehensive view of management and

funding than the Committee had seen and was well received. Kim will make the work of the subcommittee available to all members shortly.

6. Sharon Holmstrom reported on her visit to the Jackson Hole Foundation. She interviewed the management and found the group has two focus activities:
  - a. Management of a substantial investment fund, where a small fee is returned to the Foundation, and
  - b. An annual program to support the various non-profit groups in town. This group identifies a "Challenge Donor" who agrees to match 3 for 1 local donations during a 3 month time period to the non-profits. The 3 month event is begun with a fair in the park to let the various non-profits make their case to the town and then capped off with Old Bill's Fun Run and community party. The Foundation can be researched at [www.cof.org](http://www.cof.org).
7. The Committee agreed on the following plan to complete the recommendation, with a goal of June.
  - a. Document an analysis of demand for recreation facilities. Steve Clarke has prepared a draft which has gone to the subcommittee chairs. After comment he will publish it to the Committee for review and comment.
  - b. Site Visits. Subcommittee chairmen are to identify a few visits they feel will be productive and then a comprehensive calendar will be published so all interested can attend. These visits are to focus on reviewing the facilities provided, use, and the management and funding of the facility. (Note: after the meeting Steve Clarke agreed with Art Roscoe to see if Miles Rademan, Director of Community Development for Park City, would present to us the experience of Park City/Snyderville Basin Parks and Recreation/Summit County in our May meeting)
  - c. Financial/Management Model. Kim Wheatley's subcommittee is working on this, which will evolve as we learn more in site visits.
  - d. Produce a Draft Recommendation – Subcommittee chairs will produce or assign for production, summaries for their areas which will be submitted to Steve Clarke for compiling into the report with minimum editing.
  - e. Hold a Public Open House. We will use newspaper articles, Blog posts, and available websites to advertise the Committee's work and solicit feedback. Our goal is to get as much feedback from the community as possible.
  - f. Test the recommendation with the Commissioners in a public meeting.
  - g. Test the recommendation with Ogden City, Davis County, and the various State groups.
  - h. Produce a finalized recommendation.
  - i. Present the Recommendation to the County Commission.
8. The next meeting of the GEM Committee will be held **May 1 at 5 PM** in the Huntsville Library.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.