

GEM Committee Minutes – June 2, 2010

1. Attendance: Jennifer Graham, Kim Wheatley, Eric Householder, Laura Warburton, Paul Riley, Jim Ormsbee, Larry Zini, Sharon Zini, Julie Mertlich, Ross Mertlich, Sharon Vause, Shanna Francis, Richard Webb, Sharon Holmstrom, Dave Nielsen, Frank Cumberland, Kent Lyons, Jim Halay, Jim Truett.
2. Minutes of the May meeting were approved as distributed.
3. The following announcements were discussed:
 - a. Residential Facility in FV-3 zone requires ordinance modifications. Several members commented on upcoming meetings with petitioners, the nature of the students, the fears valley residents feel, etc. The Ogden Valley Planning Commission is planning a field trip to the Oakley facility.
 - b. The County Commission approved the Powder Mountain MOU. Members of the Committee who have been involved in the lobby pointed out the need to continue to contribute to development of the Development Agreement.
4. The nominating committee did not have a report. Jim Ormsbee was approved as the Chair of the nominating committee and encouraged to take the lead in scheduling meetings and coming to recommendations.
5. Drew Johnson, a candidate for Commission Seat A now held by Jan Zogmaister, was introduced to the GEM Committee, stated his platform was based on improving open communication with County residents, and conducted a Q&A. As a Powderville resident Drew feels strongly that the Commission should have taken a more proactive role in challenging the incorporation and should listen more to citizens. He feels tax money should be squeezed more in the budget process to produce a balanced budget.

Steve Clarke will schedule a meeting for the Committee to meet Jan Zogmaister, the last remaining Commission candidate.
6. Changes in the implementation of the Ogden Valley Recreation Planning Committee were discussed. The Committee is proposed to be a sub-committee of the GEM Committee for a year or so, at which time the Committee sees strong reasons to have it be led by the County. The Recreation Planning Committee steering committee felt strongly that we should clear the air

with the County Commissioners to see what they feel about the Recreation Planning Committee. No one wants to do a lot of work if the Commissioners don't take action. Steve Clarke has scheduled meetings with the Commissioners Monday June 7th. Steering committee members are invited to join. Paul DeLong was nominated to be the Recreation Planning Committee Chairman. After a flattering discussion the nomination was seconded and approved unanimously.

7. Other items:

- a. The term "expansion of recreation opportunity" was used by Commissioner Zogmaister during the public hearing as a justification to approve the plans. The Committee feels it is important to clarify in writing the meaning of this term which appears in the General Plan. Steve Clarke will draft a letter to accomplish this.
- b. Paul Riley indicated Darwin Sorensen (USU) has moved forward substantially in reviewing water quality in Pineview Reservoir and is willing to provide the Committee an update. The Committee is enthusiastic about scheduling an update. Paul will provide Darwin's phone number; Steve will schedule the update with him.

8. The next meeting is planned for Wednesday July 7th at 5 pm in the Huntsville Library.

9. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:30 pm.