

## Minutes of the GEM Committee June 5, 2008

1. Attendance: No list of attendance was taken.
2. Kim Wheatley conducted the meeting. At the last minute Steve Clarke felt he needed to get his dying Golden Retriever, Maggie, to the vet. He asks your understanding for his absence and expresses appreciation to Kim. It turned out Maggie was dying of a great amount of fluid around the heart. The Dr. believed the condition was likely the result of a tumor in the heart that was bleeding into the pericardium, causing the heart to loose function. Anyway, Steve is recovering day by day from a “hole in his heart” now.
3. Minutes of the May meeting were not read.
4. Powder Mountain update – Kim told the group what he knew; that negotiations with the county failed. That a citizen of the new town has engaged legal counsel to set out the legal reasons the town should not be formed. (Since the meeting there was an article in the Standard which indicated the petition for incorporation is on hold while negotiations between the petitioners, Cache County, and Weber County are held.)
5. Kim conducted a discussion on the proposed management and funding plan. He was appreciative of the group’s participation. Areas of concern were:
  - a. The order of the document makes it appear the county will not have to be involved from the general fund. Recommend moving the district concept to second place.
  - b. Whether the plan should be to provide facilities oriented almost exclusively to residents or to have a significant focus on tourists/Wasatch Front users. The sentiment seems to be that we are trying to do both. We want the valley to be attractive to tourists, but think tourism dollars should pay for it. We want some facilities that are primarily for the benefit of OV residents, facilities that contribute to our sense of community; we think the district should primarily pay for it (with traditional help from the county).
  - c. Whether the new district could have access to impact fees or whether they would be controlled by the County. Steve Clarke will contact Bonnie Park to see how impact fees are handled in the Basin Recreation District.
  - d. Following the meeting a concern was raised as to whether the County could provide maintenance for local parks or whether maintenance should be contracted for in other ways. The discussion was inconclusive. Some communities we visited contract with the county, some with private contractors, and some have the district do it. However, it was also noted that different solutions seem to work better at different levels of facility development and community build-out (population).

6. Open House planning was not discussed, but will be addressed in upcoming meetings with the Sub-Committee chairs.
7. The Snyderville Basin/Park City Visit was discussed. There was consensus that the visit was very valuable, adding a sense of reality we would not have otherwise, at the same time raising expectations that a new District would be very valuable and should be put in place quickly. Steve Clarke has sent thank you notes to all those who hosted us on the tour.
8. The Alternative Futures Project report was not discussed.
9. Steve Clarke will schedule a meeting for the Sub-Committee chairs.
- 10. The next GEM Committee meeting will be July 10, at 5 pm in the Huntsville Library. (Note: this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday to free up folks for their 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday.)**