

GEM Committee Minutes for July 6, 2006

1. We were pleased to welcome John Klisch as a new member. Members present were: Bob Dyer, Lowell Peterson, Jeff Sunderland, Mike Loud, Steve Clarke, Stephanie Loud, Sharon Vause, Cindy Beger, Bob Smith, Steve Roberts, Rick Kearl, Debbi Kearl.
2. The committee recognizes and thanks Benjamin Bishop for his participation in the committee during the last year. Benjamin has left Kier Corp. and feels he no longer has a legitimate call to be a member of GEM.
3. Minutes of the June 1 meeting were read and approved.
4. No one volunteered to be nominated as secretary, the election was deferred to a future meeting.
5. The list of subcommittee members (draft) was reviewed. No corrections were offered. Those who have not affiliated with a subcommittee are invited to do so.
6. Steve Clarke extended an offer by Kim Wheatley to meet with the Parks and Transportation subcommittees to assist them in developing a Vision and objectives plan. Steve feels this would be most valuable. Subcommittee chairmen agreed to contact Kim (745-6316).
7. Subcommittee Reports:
 - a. Transportation- Bob Dyer indicated the committee has been actively collecting UDOT and County plans. He asked Steve Clarke to help obtain the map from the County which shows commercial nodes in the Valley. Cindy Beger indicated that a planned meeting with UTA to discuss the Pinnacle Group commitment to shuttle service was cancelled.
 - b. Jeff Sunderland reported on the progress of the Parks group, starting with congratulations for wonderful 4th of July activities in each case. The group will focus on understanding land requirements and methods of obtaining the land as well as a plan for park management. Jeff will schedule a meeting with County Planning staff.
 - c. John Klisch introduced himself and briefly discussed his background and his role in getting the Pathways Ordinance adopted, which was substantial. Subsequently he accepted the role of Chairman of the Impact Fees subcommittee.
 - d. Lowell Peterson indicated the group should make an appointment with the Democratic challenger to Ken Bischoff and introduce the Recreation Plan Element. Steve Clarke will follow up on this.
8. Other Items:

- a. Lowell Peterson suggested the Parks group consider asking developers to make a contribution to buying park land. Such a request would need to be a joint agreement. Parks agreed to consider the idea fully.
9. The next meeting will be on **August 3 at 5 P.M.** in the Huntsville Library Auditorium
10. The meeting was adjourned to subcommittee meetings.