

GEM Committee Minutes – September 2, 2009

1. Attendance: Terry Davis, Kathy Allen, Kim Wheatley, Laura Warburton, Jim Ormsbee, Jennifer Graham, Paul Riley, Kent Lyons, Richard Sorensen, Sharon Holmstrom, Steve Clarke.
2. Minutes of the May 6th meeting were approved as written.
3. Announcements:
 - a. We celebrate the adoption of the Resort Zone Ordinance.
 - b. The Contractor Equipment Storage issue will be on the September 22 Planning Commission agenda. The staff report is on the Planning Commission home page.
 - c. Modifications to the sign ordinance will be discussed in a future Planning Commission meeting (planned for the Oct meeting).
 - d. Curtis Christensen reports that the County is applying for funding from the State to conduct a sewer study for the North Fork of the Ogden River drainage.
 - e. At the suggestion of Helene Liebman, Steve Clarke provided a review of the GEM Committee/Weber County discussion and planning regarding open space in Ogden Valley to Caitlin Gouchner of the Ogden City Council.
 - f. Kim Wheatley has determined that UDOT plans to spend \$6.2M on Hwy 158 between the dam and the 4-way stop, primarily on the “Y” intersection. He suggested we work with UDOT on accommodating the North Arm Trailhead crosswalk. **Kim will write a letter; Steve Clarke will discuss the matter with Jeff Holt, a UDOT advisor.**
4. Steve recognized Jennifer Graham for her efforts to keep the Parks and Recreation recommendation in front of Commissioner Bischoff. Steve Clarke reported his recent meeting with Commissioner Bischoff in which the Commissioner committed to name a person to lead the Ogden Valley Parks and Recreation Planning Team. He named Jennifer. Jennifer led the Committee through her current thoughts on direction for the Planning Team. She sees the group as a board formed by the Commission (similar to the Fair Park Board). She envisions calling it a team. **She will work with John Bond, who has a Tax Review group which might be similar, to formulate suggested By-Laws and ordinance adoption language.** She would like the group to be approximately 12 in number, with the task of representing the 30 or more groups with an interest in the plan. Jennifer sees the Team electing its own officers, where she would function as the County liaison. She sees the group as a working group, not an advisory group. **When the time is right we agreed to help her advertise the new group. Kent Lyons will get by-laws from a similar team organized in the Ketchum area.**
5. GEM’s next project was discussed. Kim Wheatley observed that if the County position on the sequence of work to develop the TDR ordinance is as we suspect, we should just get on with it. We believe the County wishes to do adjustments to the General Plan first, followed by development of the full TDR ordinance and modifications to the Cluster Ordinance. **Steve Clarke has proposed that the Committee meet with the Commissioners and Planning Director**

to discuss the plan.

Richard Webb suggested “We should discuss our ability to raise enough money to do some independent studies (versus those done by conflicted parties) germane to Valley growth i.e., traffic, air pollution, and water availability). After discussion the Committee felt the current practice of the County to depend on developer arranged and funded studies in these areas is a substantial problem. The County might better collect money from developers and contract for the study. **No action plan was outlined.**

6. The next meeting will be held **Wednesday October 7, at 5 pm in the Huntsville Library**. There have been several members requesting a new date other than the 1st Wednesday. **Suggestions are welcome.**

Steve Clarke

(Corrections are welcome)