

GEM Committee Minutes
April 13, 2006, Huntsville Library; 3:00pm

Members present: Steve Clarke, Helene Liebman, Kim Wheatley, Dave Rasmussen, Sharon Holmstrom, Marsha Rasmussen, Cindy Beger, Jeff Burton, Brian Carver, Steve Roberts, Benjamin Bishop, Shanna Francis, Paul DeLong

1. Helene Liebman read the minutes from the March 9 meeting, and they were approved as read.

2. Discussion on the Landowners' Meeting

Those present felt that the meeting accomplished its goal; most large landowners are not against TDRs; many have a "wait and see" attitude. Steve Clarke contacted eight attendees after the meeting; all said that they would contact the commissioners to give their input.

3. Recreation Element Planning Meeting

Steve Clarke reported that seventeen people signed up for this meeting. The meeting was scheduled for May 25 at 7:00pm in the Library. The Bio-West powerpoint presentation will be used. Copies of the study are available in the Library. Kim Wheatley will make copies of the study on CD's and bring with them to the next GEM Committee meeting.

4. Update on Status of Stakeholder Committee (which will work on TDR Ordinance, Resort Zone Ordinance, and Sensitive Lands Ordinance)

Kevin Hamilton is looking for wide representation on this committee; similar to composition of original stakeholders' committee, with more landowners and homeowners. They will try to do all of the work in six to eight meetings, plus about 4 public meetings. The goal is to have completed ordinances before Commissioner Cain leaves office in December 2006.

Kim thinks it is likely that he will be assigned to the Stakeholder Committee (SC). He proposes that he resign as vice chair of GEM and devote his time to the SC. He also suggests that GEM vote in new officers since he will be away for the remainder of the year and since current officers have served just under one year.

5. Discussion of GEM Committee Objectives for Next Months

Impact Fee Study--consulting contract has been renewed/extended; expect one year to complete. Likely will be a political hot potato.

Election Cycle--a series of forums to introduce community to candidates for Commissioner. Educate candidates as well.

Transportation--GEM Committee needs a UDOT representative. There is a UDOT planner who lives in Ogden Valley (Rex Harris?). Someone with access to traffic counts; UDOT projections; etc. Also, Bob Dyer, who works for Wolf Creek, is retired from Washington DOT.

Steve Roberts moved that the GEM Committee focus on four issues over the next few months: Impact Fees, Park Expansion, Transportation; and Political Outreach. Cindy Beger seconded. It was mentioned that GEM could consider 4 subcommittees. The motion passed.

Kim Wheatley moved that GEM members who are assigned to SC be relieved of GEM meetings while they are serving on SC. Steve Roberts seconded. It passed.

6. Other Items

After discussion of qualifications of new officers, it was decided that Chair and Vice Chair positions be occupied for two years; Secretary for one year. Steve Clarke will remain as Chair. Kim Wheatley will be relieved as Vice Chair as he is likely to serve on SC. At next GEM Committee meeting, new individuals for Vice Chair and Secretary will be elected.

Shanna Francis will arrange a briefing by the Forest Service on their new travel management plan.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 25 at 3:00pm.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50pm.