

GEM Committee minutes – January 6, 2010

1. Attendance: Laura Warburton, Kent Lyons, Steve Ransom, Kathy Allen, Kim Wheatley, Ron Gleason, Richard Webb, Steve Clarke. (A number of members asked to be excused)
2. Minutes of the October 7th meeting were read and approved.
3. Steve Clarke reviewed announcements:
 - a. Powder Mountain Town – Darla and Dan Van Zeben continues to pursue the effort to contact key legislators, committing them to support the House and Senate Bills to disincorporate. They are bill numbers HB 218 and SB 34. The legal case seems to be proceeding. GEM wrote a letter to the developers explaining our desire to help them identify the benefits of using the Resort Zone Ordinance if they decide to pursue that, otherwise our ability to help in traditional negotiations with the County is limited.
 - b. Sign Ordinance update – the proposed amendments were adopted with direction to pursue discussion of internally lighted signs with the Planning Commission.
 - c. The proposed closing of the Wolf Creek Trail to the County land in the winter was denied by the Commission and PM is to work with the County Engineer on a plan to restore the vegetation. The Committee noted that penalties for failing to get permits needed to disturb that much land are not clear and that a County policy is needed with education and enforcement.
 - d. (The approval of a transportation plan map as the Transportation Element (a concession to those of us who protested calling it the Transportation Master Plan Map) was not discussed by error. It is clear more work is needed to pursue a public process for development of a transportation master plan that protects critical wildlife areas and historic farms.)
 - e. With the loss of Art Roscoe it is necessary for us to elect a new Vice Chair. The Committee concluded that it is time for us to formalize our organizational procedures. (After the meeting Laura Warburton did some research on Associations, Not-for-Profits, and Non-Profits and is recommending we organize “as if” we were going to be a 501(C)3 without filing state or IRS paperwork. E.g. develop a mission statement, by-laws that specify our organization, a board, officer succession, etc.) We agreed this topic would be taken up in our next meeting.
 - f. Steve Clarke announced the formation of the Community Foundation of Ogden Valley, which was a GEM Committee recommendation of the Recreation Study. This now enables philanthropy more effectively for recreation needs in Ogden Valley.
4. County Recreation Planning Team – Steve Clarke relayed Jennifer Graham’s report that the by-laws for the team were approved by County legal with one suggestion which has been accepted by Jennifer and Commissioner Bischoff. The next step is to have the full Commission adopt the by-laws followed by education of the many interested parties and solicitation of candidates to

fill board positions. GEM will have a role in this process.

5. Richard Webb suggested a review to identify and create updates for the Recreation Recommendations. There was agreement but no action was taken.
6. Richard Webb presented a review of Ogden Nordic's recommendations for 4 new trail segments which seemed modest in impact and positive in that they connected existing trail loops. After some study the Committee recommended we send a letter to the Commissioners recommending support for these new trail segments. (Subsequent to the meeting Richard drafted the letter; Steve sent it to the Commissioners for the Committee.)
7. We discussed the importance of the Planning Commission Work Meetings and agreed we should make an effort to see that we cover each of them as a Committee. The following plan was agreed to:
 - a. January 7th – Steve Clarke
 - b. February 4th – Richard Webb, Kent Lyons
 - c. March 4th – Kim Wheatley, Steve Ransom, Kent LyonsThis is with the understanding that all available will attend, these assignments ensure at least minimum coverage.
(In the January 7th meeting a recommendation was made to change the schedule of the Work Meetings to the 1st Tuesday, which will be voted on in the regular January meeting on the 26th. We also learned that in the Feb. work meeting Rob Scott will present the County staff list of priorities for 2010.)
8. Steve Clarke agreed to determine the policy for posting the agenda and packet for PC work meetings on the internet. He learned the policy is that they be posted 1 week before the meeting and we should call them if it is not available or links have not been established to the packet.
9. The Committee briefly discussed 2010 GEM Committee priorities and we agreed it would be a focus of the February meeting.
10. Time did not allow discussion of Contractor Equipment Storage or follow-up on stimulation of data collection for traffic and air pollution coincident with the 2010 census.
11. The next meeting will be held Wednesday February 3rd, at 5 pm in the Huntsville Library conference room.
12. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:30 pm.