

The Community Voice of Dove Creek Minutes
Monday, November 9, 2020- 5:30 PM
In-Person, Zoom and Uber Call

Roles: Chair Ellen Warren, Co-Vice Chair Robbie Nelson and Chelsea Garchar, Treasurer Shauna Snyder, Secretary Lindsay Murdock

Staff: Ronda Lancaster, Community Coordinator

Evaluators: Ashley Wilson, Mozhdeh Bruss

Present: Anita Fernandez, Lindsay Murdock, Cecil Martin, Robbie Nelson and Ellen Warren.
All present joined by Zoom or Uber call.

Absent: Chelsea Garchar, Shauna Snyder

Evaluators:

Guests: Rick Gersch

Agenda Approval:

Motion to Accept Amended Agenda: Lindsay Murdock **Second:** Robbie Nelson

Lindsay Murdock made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Robbie Nelson seconded the motion. All presented voted in favor.

Minute Approval

Motion to accept minutes from November 2, 2020

Motion: Robbie Nelson **Second:** Anita Fernandez

All present voted in favor to accept the minutes from November 2, 2020 as written.

Meeting with Bureau of Land Management/Forest Service

Rick Gersch gave a report on his meeting with BLM/FS. Rick reported that if there were not more than 20 participants and that no prize was offered, we could get by with just a letter. If we want to have a competition and/or use the river, it will take about 6 months to get a permit. BLM would not go for the route that was mapped out. We will need an alternate route without cross country travel. We could utilize the county roads but if we wanted to use the canyonlands, we would need a permit. Ellen Warren asked that since a route had been used before would a historical route help? Ellen said we could do both. Robbie suggested that we have plenty of time to get permit if we start now. Ellen said we need to be the fly in the ointment with the BLM/FS.

Rick said that the next time we go to the BLM/FS we need to be able to tell them what kind of event we want to have. There was a suggestion of getting together with local businesses to see what they would like to sponsor. Ellen suggested that we put together a survey of what the businesses would like. Number 1-5 of ideas. Blank space for other ideas. Rick suggested that we have a plan of whether we showcase ag, area's heritage, something for people to get behind.

There are a lot of possibilities. It is important to have the businesses involved. Robbie Nelson asked how we would collect the information. Ellen suggested the newspaper, post office, door-to-door and in person with the businesses. Could do word of mouth, gather information, get information back. Make sure the information comes back to the office.

A zoom meeting with interested individuals and businesses could be held. Cecil said he could survey. Need to give them awhile and then go back by to pick them up. Robbie Nelson said we could email something out with ideas. There could be some creative ways into the community. Ellen Warren said that she was excited about the map. We need to think out of the box to showcase the community. We should try to get things together by next week. Ellen suggested a promotional with bold font at the top asking for input. Explain that it is in the beginning stages looking to promote trails and country we have. We need the community to come together.

Rick said he had a penciled in route coming from Arizona. Would be necessary to work with the communities. Would be good to put together an outline of what we need to do.

Cecil said that the better we treat the TAT will get a lot of advertisement. We need to treat the visitors right while they are here. Could we get Linda Funk to write something up for the newspaper. We need to be highlighting things that are unique about the area.

Starting a 501(c)3

Robbie reported on research on starting the 501(c)3 and that the naming of it is the first step. Robbie had read that the name is best remembered if all words start with the same letter or sound. Goal would be to support Dove Creek and Dolores County. Should still approach with equity and what The Community Voice. Everyone will be thinking about a name. Ronda will find out if we can use The Community Voice.

Critical Thinking

Anita Fernandez reported that she had not had any on-line tutoring. She really didn't have anything else.

Robbie Nelson just had the thought that we are all here for the same purpose. We all need to keep that in mind with what is going on with election.

Ellen Warren wrote up addresses and names of new community members for welcome baskets.

Lindsay Murdock reported that Gaige had an ultrasound. The Drs. are trying to rule out cancer. If still don't know what is going on, the next step will be a specialist and then taking specimens of the glands. Gaige is starting to feel very sore. Family is taking it one day at a time.

One last thought on trail that if there is no prize, people might just pass it by. It was suggested that there be a benefit, possibly for Theresa Barry's husband. Eddie Barry is facing some very serious medical issues.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Lindsay Murdock Second: Ellen Warren

All present voted in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:00 pm