

The Community Voice of Dove Creek Minutes
Monday, December 28, 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, Chelsea Garchar, Cecil Martin, Lindsay Murdock, Shauna Snyder and Ellen Warren.

All present joined by Zoom or Uber call.

Absent: Robbie Nelson

Evaluators: Ashley Wilson

Guests: Rick Gersh

Agenda Approval:

Motion to Accept Amended Agenda: Anita Fernandez **Second:** Lindsay

Anita Fernandez made a motion to accept the agenda with the additions. Lindsay Murdock seconded the motion. All presented voted in favor.

Approval of Minutes

Ellen Warren made a motion to accept the minutes. Anita Fernandez seconded the motion. All present voted in favor.

Summer Bike and Tour Routes

The concept and bike tour routes were presented to the Town Board by Rick Gersch. The Town Board were in favor of partnering and the routes. Rick Gersch reported that the Town Board was 100% behind the event to enhance the businesses.

The Resident Team and Rick Gersch feel that it is time to meet with the people that are going to be involved and affected with the bike race/tour. The Resident Team and Rick Gersch feel that it is time to start meeting and getting a solid idea of what TCV wants to do. The next step would be to go to the County Commissioners to get their support. Anita Fernandez suggested that we work back with the numbers to determine who would benefit from the event and to start coordinating with anyone who has organized something like this.

Ellen Warren suggested that there are so many people in the county that have side-by-sides to start with that type of event. Rick Gersch said that we would need a variance and if the roads are used, tours could be done very easily. A competition could not be held without BLM permit. There is a real interest with community members who ride side-by-sides. Shauna Snyder agreed

with looking at side-by-sides. Chelsea Garcher said that she felt it was a good idea as long as the variances could be obtained.

Discussion was held about the date. Rick Gersch said that it is not a bad thing to have an event on the same day as others. Ronda Lancaster will look at dates of other events and bring back to the Resident Team. The Ironhorse in Durango is held on Memorial Day. Shauna Snyder will check on porta potties with Monticello business. Rick Gersch said that Michael Green, attorney for the Town of Dove Creek, is interested in being involved. Michael Green has experience in organizing events of this type. It would be good to invite Michael Green to a meeting soon.

Discussion was held concerning the approval of the County Commissioners. The best route would be strictly in Dolores County.

Rick Gersch pointed out that if anything applied on the checklist from the BLM would need to have a permit. Tour could be done in a matter of days without permit from BLM. Rick presented routes that could be competition routes as well as routes that would not be competition. John Whitehead from BLM has issues with competition during spill year.

Ellen Warren asked if the Commissioners had been notified. Rick Gersch and Ronda Lancaster stated that they had not spoken with the Commissioners because there needed to be something a little more concrete. The Sheriff and EMS would also need to be notified and consulted. Rick Gersch will take to the Town of Dove Creek Board on Thursday, December 17. Could use the Community Voice agenda spot.

Town Board Meeting

Ellen Warren reported on the Town Board Meeting. Ellen Warren asked about the burn pile and got no commitment from the Town Board. Ellen Warren feels like it is a stand-off with the Town Staff. The Town Board reported that they are not have any luck with the code enforcement officer through the Sheriff's office. The Town Board will hire someone to fill that position in the Spring.

Christmas Lighting

Ronda Lancaster reported that her and Sam had traveled the streets of Dove Creek and the roads of Dolores County. There were some very nice homes lit for the holidays.

The residential lighting winners were:
Bill McCleary and Jonna Smith – 128 East Street
J.E. and Marge Wilson – 800 Dove Street
Tim and Kellie Halper – 6922 C.R. 7.

Non-residential winners:

Xi Delta Tau Sorority for Triangle Park
ROCK Program 128 E. Highway 491
Main Supply 202 Main Street

Baskets will be presented to the residential winners and Main Supply. A donation will be made to Xi Delta Tau Sorority and ROCK.

Critical Thinking

Ellen Warren did not have anything for critical thinking.

Chelsea Garchar said she was glad to be back. It has been a health rollercoaster with Levi, her dad and mom and a niece. Her family also had COVID-19 but have recovered.

Lindsay Murdock, Shauna Snyder and Anita Fernandez did not have anything.

Cecil Martin asked about the reason Rocky Mountain Health is not providing medical insurance in Dolores County. Cecil Martin wondered if a letter could be written to Ned at TCT or RMH to find out why and what needed to be done to be able to have RMH for Dolores County.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Shauna Snyder Second: Lindsay Murdock

All present voted in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:00 pm