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**PARKS, TRAILS, OPEN SPACE MEETING #5**  
**AGENDA AND MEETING OBJECTIVES**  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup>**  
**5:30 – 7:30 PM**  
**RIDGWAY TOWN HALL**

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**TO:** PARKS, TRAILS AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE / PUBLIC PARTICIPANTS  
**FROM:** JEN COATES  
**SUBJECT:** MEETING #5: AGENDA AND OBJECTIVES  
**DATE:** OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2011  
**EST TIME:** 2 HOURS

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Committee Members: Stephanie Wallin, Randy Charrette, Bryan Sampson, Kimah McCarty, Doug Canright, Sara Ballantyne, Eric Johnson, Rich Durnan, Rick Weaver, Jen Coates

- I. Review of September 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting
  - a. *Feedback on priority amenities and facilities*
  - b. *Review of Goal 2 Objectives*
  
- II. Review Draft Map
  - a. *GPS of Weaver Trails (Doug and Rick)*
  - b. *Ouray County Subdivisions and Trail Options (Bryan)*
  - c. *CDOT and Hwy 550 Access to Angel Ridge/ 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance HS (Bryan)*
  
- III. Goals 3 and 4: Objectives (action plan)
  
- IV. Next Meeting –  
*November 8<sup>th</sup>: Finalize Plan; Discussion of permanent Parks, Trails, OS Committee*
  
- V. Adjourn – 7:30 PM

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**PARKS, TRAILS, OPEN SPACE MEETING #4**  
**MEETING NOTES**  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>**  
**5:30 – 7:30 PM**  
**RIDGWAY TOWN HALL**

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**TO:** PARKS, TRAILS AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE / PUBLIC PARTICIPANTS  
**FROM:** JEN COATES  
**SUBJECT:** MEETING #4: NOTES  
**DATE:** SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2011  
**EST TIME:** 2 HOURS

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Committee Members: Stephanie Wallin, Randy Charrette, Bryan Sampson, Kimah McCarty, Doug Canright, Sara Ballantyne, Eric Johnson, Rich Durnan, Rick Weaver, Paul Donegan, Jen Coates

Attending: Stephanie Wallin, Rick Weaver, Rich Durnan, Eric Johnson, Doug Canright and Jen Coates

- I. Report from Concert Committee on Stage Construction and Placement or Location in Hartwell Park – Rich Durnan
  - general discussion about the need to maintain a parks committee after the PTOS component is completed.
  - Rich/Concert Committee report
    - should the concert committee be formalized or be made a subcommittee of the PTOS committee?
    - members moving forward with plans for a permanent stage in Hartwell Park and four locations are being considered:
      1. just west of town hall
      2. south of picnic pavilion and bathrooms
      3. east of the True Grit along Lena
      4. on the east side of the park after the Railroad realignment
    - the committee currently has \$6K on hand for construction and is working on fundraisers for the fall and next spring.
    - tax credits may be available for donations for stage construction

At this time the PTOS committee relocated to the park to look at and discuss the four locations. It was agreed that site number one was the best choice as this was convenient to the town hall facilities utilized by performers, the embankments adjacent to the post office could be used as seating and the playground and other portions of the south half of the park would not be impacted. The committee also felt that the possible impacts of the setting sun could be dealt with in the stage design.

- II. Review of August Meeting
  - a. *Dog Park and Decker Property/ Access (Jen)*
    - discussion of potential dog park on Decker parcel
    - timing of land transfer
    - need for access along north side for boat launching
  - b. *GPS of Weaver Trails (Doug and Rick)*
    - existing River Sage trails
    - per Rich new trail almost complete
    - Doug and Rick to follow-up on GPS documentation
  
- III. Goal 2: Objectives (action plan)
  - discussion of objective #2. How would "standards be applied to existing facilities and amenities"?
  - committee in agreement with other objectives as proposed
  
- IV. Next Meeting – October 11<sup>th</sup>: Goal 3 Objectives, or...
  - look at priorities from 2007 draft plan prior to this meeting
  - Goals 3 and 4 objectives will be discussed.
  
- V. Adjourn – 7:30 PM

**GOAL 2. Identify sustainable mechanisms and opportunities for developing, constructing, acquiring, and maintaining desired parks, trails, and open spaces.**

Objectives and Action Items

1. Establish and define sustainable development standards and design guidelines for new development incorporating low-maintenance obligations, low-water irrigation systems, noxious weed management, tree and native plant preservation, and other good stewardship and conservation oriented standards, such that development clearly understands the requirements and benefits of developing parks, trails, and open spaces. Development standards should be codified, and guidelines made readily available to inform the process.
2. Work to apply new development standards to existing facilities and amenities (eg: installation of low-water irrigation systems in areas currently requiring hand-watering), to the extent feasible and possible with existing resources.
3. Establish an equitable basis for dedicating parks, trails, and open spaces associated with new and proposed development including annexations and subdivisions, with “payment in lieu” and land donation options for dedicated parks, trails, and open spaces that considers land values and park land development costs.
4. Provide for and encourage increased development density including compact, mixed uses when the development allows for the dedication of open space(s) that preserves sensitive areas, view and wildlife corridors, riparian areas and wetlands, river corridor, natural filtration and storm water drainage areas, and active consideration of other community-valued natural resources.
5. Preserve open spaces by investing in the rural economy through the identification and support of local agriculture and farming operations, including appropriate, context-sensitive land uses at the perimeter of the municipal boundary.
6. Utilize the following results of the 2009 community survey when considering acquisition and maintenance of parks, trails, and open spaces to inform decision-making:
  - a. Require development of parks, trails, open spaces by new residential subdivisions,
  - b. Pursue grant dollars (GOCO),
  - c. Include fee-in-lieu payment option;
  - d. Some limited support for new taxes was expressed as a financing mechanism
7. Explore the following opportunities to create a diverse income portfolio for the acquisition, development and maintenance of parks, trails, and open space amenities and facilities:
  - a. Pursuit of state funds, private foundations, and trust funds
  - b. Support land trust partnerships and initiatives,
  - c. Conduct special events and fundraising (eg: parks appreciation)
  - d. Explore tax and fees: sales tax, user fees (private reserved events: weddings, soccer, gazebo, pavilion, etc.), and impact fees for new development
  - e. Sale of parks related products/ merchandising/ public art pieces to benefit parks/ donation boxes

**GOAL 3. Prioritize Urban Forest Management with long term maintenance objectives and financing**

Objectives and Action Items

1. Adopt development regulations to insure new parks, trails, and open spaces development plans include a long-term management and financing plan, inclusive of irrigation and water rights when possible.
2. Provide continuing education and training of parks staff to assess and care for existing trees in public parks for health and longevity, and plant new trees accordingly to insure long-term growth and healthy canopies.
3. Perform annual evaluations of public spaces and pay attention to annual fluctuations in the health of urban forests and evaluate changes over time, making adjustments as appropriate due to changes in climate, environment, or other factors influencing the health of the forests.
4. Develop a quick guide to preferred trees, native plants and vegetation to inform new development and parks planning efforts for environmentally appropriate plantings and inclusive of low-water management demands.

**GOAL 4. Utilize parks, trails, and open spaces as an economic driver for the Town.**

Objectives and Action Items

1. Market and promote parks, trails, and open spaces using various mechanisms for public outreach and education such as a public parks and trails user map showing amenities and facilities within each park and existing connectivity within the Town and region. Make these maps available in the Town gateways and public spaces.
2. Work with the Ridgway Area Chamber of Commerce, City of Ouray/Ouray Chamber Resort Association, Ridgway State Parks, and others to promote recreational amenities within the Town and throughout Ouray County.
3. Provide educational information and resources on the economic benefits of parks, trails and open spaces for property owners and developers by distributing brochures, pamphlets and online resources with proposed development applications.
4. Install appropriate signage and way-finding throughout the Town, targeting gateway areas such as Highways 550 and 62, the Uncompahgre RiverWay Trail, the Regional Athletic Field, Hartwell Park and Town Hall, and other local parks and trails locations.