

**GUNNISON SUSTAINABLE TOURISM AND OUTDOOR TOURISM COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
September 26, 2019**

The September 26, 2019 Gunnison Sustainable Tourism and Outdoor Tourism Committee (STORC) meeting was conducted in the Gunnison County Blackstock Government Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor meeting room, located at 221 N. Wisconsin #D, Gunnison, CO 81230.

**Committee Members Present:**

Voting Members:

Kevin Alexander, Professor of Biology WSU, Hunter & Anglers  
Jonathan Houck, Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners  
Dave Ochs, Crested Butte Mountain Bike Association  
Matt Feier, Crested Butte Mountain Resort  
Matt McCombs, USFS  
Christie Hicks, Crested Butte Nordic  
Joellen Fonken, Gunnison Nordic  
Noel Durant, CB Land Trust  
Chris Parmeter, CPW  
John Norton, Gunnison Crested Butte Tourism Association  
Sue Wallace, Mountain Manners  
Scott Borden, WCU  
Tim Kugler, Gunnison Trails  
Bruce Noble, National Park Service

**Others in Audience:**

J. Wenum, CPW  
Michelle, High Country Advocates  
Jody Kennedy, CPW  
Dan Zimmer, CPW (by phone)

**CALL TO ORDER:** Alexander called the September 26, 2019 meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

**APPROVAL OF JULY 25, 2019 AND AUGUST 22, 2019 MEETING MINUTES:** Moved: by Hicks and seconded by Borden to accept the July 25, 2019 and August 22, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**COLORADO OUTDOOR PARTNERSHIP**

Jody Kennedy gave presentation. The program started in 2016. Population growth is really strong, protected lands are declining. Their mission statement is “Colorado’s people and economy thrive because of our healthy land, water and wildlife, working farms and ranches, improved hunting angling and outdoor recreation opportunities for all.” They have multiple agencies involved with high level decision makers involved. Colorado Parks and Wildlife is the convener and facilitator. They pull them together but there are subcommittees that drive the meetings. They played a key role in developing the Colorado Outdoor Recreation Plan for 2019-2023. Their top priorities for the next five years. The plan is about recreation and conservation.

They adopted principles to follow; work together, recognize our impacts, take care of resources, plan and educate, incorporate science and invest in the outdoors. They felt it was important to incorporate public and private lands.

They came up with a 2050 vision and developed the Colorado Pathway plan.

Ochs asked about remedies for funding shortfalls. Kennedy reported that they aren't looking at that right now but have done some research on how they can start getting it.

Zimmer stated that it would be an idea to figure out how to collaborate with local groups and possibly adopting the Colorado Outdoor Partnership principles. Discussion followed. They would like to put the discussion about adoption of the principles on the next STOR Committee agenda.

### **UPDATES INCLUDING SUBCOMMITTEES AND OTHER ISSUES**

Durant stated that he did some more research for the \$15,000 that they are requesting for the Slate River Trailhead. They would like to have a design professional talk to the group and the designers are saying that \$15,000 is on the low end. The full scope of the project would be a steering the committee and having one to two open houses to go over the plan and the plan. The goal is to have a final plan for the organizing principles for the space and specific management. He believes that having a design professional involved is important for all of the spaces, not just the Slate River Trailhead. Durant requested feedback and discussion followed.

**Moved:** by Fonken seconded by Wallace to allocate \$15,000 to the subcommittee for the Slate River Trailhead for planning of the trailhead. Motion passed unanimously. Feier, Hicks and Durant abstained.

Fonken reported that the kiosks will be four feet by three feet. They will have one at the White Water Park, Tomichi, North Bridge and Almont. They hired Matt Schwartz to build the four kiosks.

McCombs reported that they will be advancing a proposal to expand the Trapper parking for winter and summer use.

**FUTURE MEETINGS:** Future meetings will occur on the 4th Thursday of the month in the Planning Commission meeting room, located at 221 N. Wisconsin, Gunnison, Co. 81230, unless changed for a specific reason.

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| 10-24-19 | 10-12 | Regular Meeting | Blackstock; 221 N. Wisconsin 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor meeting room |
| 11-28-19 | 10-12 | Regular Meeting | Blackstock; 221 N. Wisconsin 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor meeting room |
| 12-26-19 | 10-12 | Regular Meeting | Blackstock; 221 N. Wisconsin 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor meeting room |

**ADJOURN:** The September 26, 2019 meeting of the Sustainable Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Committee adjourned at 4:17 PM.

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