

**GUNNISON SUSTAINABLE TOURISM AND OUTDOOR TOURISM COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 19, 2020**

The November 19, 2020 Gunnison Sustainable Tourism and Outdoor Tourism Committee (STORC) meeting was conducted by Zoom virtual online meeting.

Committee Members Present:

Voting Members:

Jonathan Houck, Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners
Dave Ochs, Crested Butte Mountain Bike Association
Scott Borden, WCU
Tim Kugler, Gunnison Trails
Chris Parmeter, CPW
Kristi Murphy, BLM
Kimberly Schappert, At-Large Community Member
Matt Reed, High Country Conservation Advocates
Matt McCombs, U.S. Forest Service
Mallory Logan, City of Gunnison
Mark Voegeli, CBMR
Roman Kolodziej, Mt. Crested Butte Town Council
Mona Merrill, Town of CB

Others in Audience:

Beverly Richards, Upper Gunnison River District
Aaron Drendel, USFS
Sally Thode
Lizzy Bauer, WCU
Derrick Nehrenberg
Cheryl Cwelich
Nick Catmur
Melanie Armstrong
Melanie Yemma, Town of Crested Butte
Hedda Peterson
Jennifer Fenwick

Staff:

Cathie Pagano, Community Development Director
Joe Lavorini, Gunnison County Stewardship Coordinator-National Forest Foundation

CALL TO ORDER: Lavorini called the November 19, 2020 meeting to order at 2:03 PM.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Agenda approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 22, 2020 MEETING MINUTES: Moved: by Parmeter and seconded by Reed to approve the October 22, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Lavorini reminded everyone that the December meeting will be held on the 17th.

STOR COMMITTEE STRATEGIC PLAN APPROVAL

Discussion followed on verbiage in the draft strategic plan.

Moved: by Schappert and seconded by Kugler to approve the STOR Committee Strategic Plan for 2020 to 2022. Motion passed unanimously.

EXPANDED FEE AREA PRESENTATION

Bauer gave presentation on the fees that the subcommittee has drafted. Bauer stated that the committee went the FLREA vs. Concessionaires to better serve the public. Bauer went over the overnight fee schedule for the proposed sites at Washington Gulch, Brush Creek, Cement Creek, Slate River and Musician's Camp. \$10/night/site, \$15/night/site, \$80/night/site- Group sites
Prices will increase to \$15 and \$20 in 5 years to adjust for inflation. Campsites will be reservation-only with a 7-day limit. Fees will be collected May 25-September 30 annually.

She went over the day use fee schedule for the proposed sites at Lake Irwin and Kebler Pass. \$5/day/vehicle and \$20 annual vehicle pass. Prices will increase in 5 years to \$10 and \$40 to adjust for inflation. Passes may be obtained online in advance or in-person at the Gunnison Field Office. Day use fees will be collected annually from May 25 to September 30 for Lake Irwin and annually November 15 to April 15 for Kebler Pass winter recreation.

Reservations will be made online through recreation.gov, which will include a \$6 administrative fee per transaction. Golden Access and Senior Pass holders will receive a 50% discount on recreation fees. There will also be stewardship days and fee-free days.

Bauer stated that amenities in day use areas will include: pit toilets, picnic tables, trash and recycling collection, interpretive signage, parking spaces and security services. Amenities in camp areas will include: pit toilets, fire rings, access roads, tent and trailer sites, information kiosks and trash collection at central visitor outlets.

Discussion followed with input from the committee. The committee decided that they would like to get more feedback from their proposed groups for the proposed fees and have it on the next meeting agenda.

GUNNISON COUNTY STEWARDSHIP FUND UPDATE

Lavorini gave update. Briefly went over the project criteria for the fund. Stated that he will follow up via email with the handout and the funding timeline. They are looking at moving the timeline for funding up and are looking for project recommendations by December 17, 2020. They will kick off the process with the letter of interest due mid-January. The committee will meet end of January and hopefully they can distribute funds by the end of February, beginning of March. Pagano stated that they are also looking for recommendations for projects from the group to give to the funding group.

GENERAL UPDATES FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None.

ADJOURN: The November 19, 2020 meeting of the Sustainable Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Committee adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Prepared by Rebecca Ricord, Community Development Administrative Assistant III