

Incline Village General Improvement District Steering Committee on the Diamond Peak Master Plan

Tuesday, May 5, 2015
Please note this is a Tuesday meeting

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Diamond Peak Ski Resort – Fireside Room, 3rd Level
Minutes

Last meetings suspended topics:

- Polling
- 5 acre property near Incline Lake
 - o Should it be address in DP Master Plan?
- Special Board of Trustees meeting mid summer
- Draft document (Created by Al O'Connor, Eric Severance & Bill Echols)
 - o Address common themes in document
 - Documentation of community values
 - How those will be paid

- Special Board meeting mid Summer to focus on Master Plan
 - o Board's relative only opening is Monday, July 6th
 - o What is the purpose/format of this meeting?
 - Format to be discuss now and in later steering committee meetings
 - Steve Pinkerton: (hopefully) brief public comment, committee meeting presentation, public comment focusing on presentation and steering committee presentation.
 - Public comment will be open to every type of comment
 - Steve Pulver: Is there a way to put this in Bonanza prior to meeting to allow information to be distributed ahead of time? Steve Pinkerton: This should be done regardless.
 - Jess Jameson: It would be great to have an open house or some sort of interactive forum for community to discuss with steering committee meeting. With all the knowledge acquired it would be important to relay and convey that information to public in discussion format. Steve Pinkerton said it would be possible but must be a steering committee meeting, not a board meeting.
 - Steve Pulver: As this committee was assembled by the Trustees and GM Pinkerton, the committee presentation/report needs to be relayed to them. Report it not to the community. Liz Harrell & Brian Hrindo agree.
 - o Eric Severance concerned it will reflect poorly on Board of Trustees as we report to them and not to community. We can't grand stand the Trustees.

- Al O'Connor says the importance will be communicating the importance of the meeting and the connection during the meeting.
- Eric Severance said holding this meeting July 6th may not be the best time as to hold this meeting as most people are burnt out due to the 4th of July.
 - Steve Pulver said most families will be focused on the holiday and spending time together
 - Liz Harrell said there is an importance of coming to a conclusion as the committee is growing anxious.
 - Eric Severance interested in moving forward to meeting mid to late June (15/16 or 22/23)
 - Shane Johnson interested in other venues is this eases the stress/constriction of available dates
 - Steve Pulver said it's important to allow enough to pass between the release of this report/information to allow to community to discuss and compress their direction.
 - Al O'Connor said the report could be distributed mid June then hold the meeting some time after July 6th. Giving some time to allow the compression and revision of that report.
 - Deborah saying the report needs to be distributed mid June, pending availability of the Chateau should be to hold the meeting mid July (13th?)
- Steve Pinkerton says after reviewing the sewer rates, June 22nd is a potential date based on having the how populated the village is.
- Diamond Peak Master Plan Steering Committee DRAFT Report
 - Deborah recaps last week's meeting of Al O'Connor summarizing the information concluded in prior meetings. This synopsis is distributed and reviewed by committee.
 - Al O'Connor said this was intended to get these ideas and revisions on paper. Excellent to review and receive feedback from the rest of the committee
 - Eric Severance said it was intend to use all the notes, memories, minutes of everyone's opinion into one document.
 - Al O'Connor dives into the different sections of the document; Introduction, Purpose, definition of Master Plan, timeline of Master Plan & projects, definition of scope, opportunities/concerns, group recommendation, snowflake lodge & Lakeview lift, split the winter activities into two sections (ongoing activities & new winter activities), and other section
 - Hoping to add a summary page to conclude all points addressed.
 - Eric Severance hopes this committee, in review this overall document, can find these summary conclusions.
 - Steve Pulver hoping to go through it today as a group to agree on topics
 - Eric Severance hopes to come to agreement on format of report as well as conclusion on each topic.

- Al O'Connor would like to send out email and encourage feedback to polish off/edit document
 - Jess Jameson would like a Google Doc to encourage real time commenting and document revision
- Committee takes 15 minutes to briefly review topics, format, etc.
 - Committee express it's gratitude to Al O'Connor and Eric Severance on their quality and comprehension of this DRAFT report
 - Eric Severance and Al O'Connor interested to hear what the committee thinks, what is missing, etc.
 - Steve Pulver would like to see the noise concerned addressed by Bitterbrush and Tyrolean Village would like to see that topic's conclusions addressed
 - Brian Hrindo seconds that and would like to see the topic of safety and fire readiness as well. The main points of concern for Bitterbrush and Tyrol need to be addressed in this document
 - Al O'Connor agrees these topics need to be address but doesn't feel the committee has come to a conclusion on these topics
 - Steve Pulver says these topics have been thoroughly discussed with those communities.
 - Al O'Connor says they need to get these points from Brad and agencies to have some substance behind these topics
 - Bill Echols says with some of this information and research is yet to be done, that absence needs to be mentioned in this document.
 - Removing items from buckets
 - Will
 - Brian Hrindo asks who is the audience of the document?
 - Eric Severance says this documents primary audience is the board but open enough for the community overall
 - Bill Echols is hoping to have the future of Snowflake lodge to be addressed earlier in the report (page 2)
 - Steve Pulver addresses the use and revenue of running lifts in the summer. Verbiage now only mentions mtn bikers. Would like more inclusive language to all summer recreation and defining the type of bikers
 - Shane Johnson would like to see the expansion on a few topics and increasing the language giving greater direction of recommendations. Would like the controversial activities to have greater depth in pros/cons as there is no conclusion made by the committee
 - Steve Pulver would like to have the activities list and noted that those are the menu of activities not the recommendation of the committee

- Liz Harrell would like the verbiage of the mountain biking trails to be for descriptive
- Brian Hrindo would like the new Forrest services laws to be addressed to express the borders of what we can or can't do.
 - Al O'Connor point out this document is not in substitute of the comprehensive Master Plan report. That document must be read prior to this committee report
- Bill Echols would like competition to be address in this document
- Liz Harrell recommending a timeline to be address as well when addressing the difference and space between Phase 1A and 1B.
 - Eric Severance agrees the timing element between the permitting, phases, etc needs to be address as this will play into the implementation, approval and evaluation of and between these phases.
 - Steve Pulver also agrees the timeline needs to be addressed as their will be time for analysis between phases
- Bill Echols would like to see a paragraph on financing somewhere in Opportunities and Concerns (page 4).
 - Al O'Connor said he thought of adding a financing page as well but would like to have it early in the report as it as to do with each phase. Although the figures proposed are not final and in the end IVGID will have final say on how much it costs.
- Jess Jameson says the information is excellent as well as the structure. She will send Al O'Connor her edits.
- Al O'Connor brings up the competition around the lake and the need for that to be addressed. The population which will be the primary population using the new activities.
 - Eric Severance brings up the amount of time required to use these activities by those having to drive to Incline to participate.
 - Shane Johnson says his concern is the financial viability, with local competition, which will detrimentally hinder the potential of the finances proposed.
 - Eric Severance questions the absorption factor with the regional competition
 - Bill Echols says the competition element parallels the golf courses
- Timing of this report
 - Steve Pinkerton brings up the new quarterly report to be distributed this summer. First edition submissions need to be submitted by May 22nd. It would be excellent to have this in that quarterly
 - Al O'Connor expresses concern of rushing this report to fit deadlines but sacrificing its quality. Meeting next week to continue reviewing this document.

- Bill Echols would like to see these edits addressed digitally to expedite this revision process.
 - Deborah encourages a meeting next Monday to continue reviewing the edits made and allow those absent from today's meeting the opportunity to catch up.
 - What is the medium of the presentation?
 - Few member believe PowerPoint is the way to go. Eric Severance encourages the group the to avoid death by PowerPoint. This will be reviewed in the next meeting.

- Polling
 - Bill Echols encouraging moving this Master Plan towards a community wide vote. As this would change to direction not just Diamond Peak but the community overall, it should be put up to a vote of the community. Hoping to hear from the community
 - Brian Hrindo asking when does the community or have they ever had the chance to vote on these projects? Has never seen a community vote on any of these projects
 - Steve Pulver saying how accurate and all encompassing will this vote be? There are too many cracks for voters to slip through
 - Shane Johnson says he his siding with Bill that the magnitude of this project should be turned over to the community for a general poll. This would result in a majority rule on the community's direction.
 - Liz Harrell points out this is the Trustees final decision. We elected them in a similar poll. This is their decision. We can't step over the Trustees & IVGID.
 - Eric Severance said polling was a possibility when the Trustees choose to assemble this committee. The polling idea would undermine the committee.
 - Al O'Connor says he is against the poll. The trustees were assembled on a representative democracy. Setting the precedence of on major IVGID topics, this is damaging the rein of the Trustees. Aside from the polling, this Master Plan isn't as large as some potential projects down the line. The magnitude increases when Summer activities is brought into the picture
 - Bill Echols says the poll could be as slim as asking if the community wants summer operations?
 - Deborah looks for a consensus within the committee whether to poll or not. (of those present)
 - Eric Severance, Jess Jameson, Al O'Connor, Steve Pulver, Brian Hrindo, Liz Harrell against
 - Bill Echols, Shane Johnson are for
 - Four committee members absent from meeting

- Committee agrees polling should be addressed in the Summary Report

Potential Additional Meeting Dates (subject to need and discussion)

- Hold for meeting on Monday, May 11 from 3-5 p.m.
 - This date will not work for several committee members, so let's consider options.
- TBD - Presentation to the IVGID Trustees