

Ouray County Study Group
Agenda
January 21, 2009
4:00PM
Land Use Office

Those present included Heidi Albritton, Ken Lipton, John Clark, Craig Fetterolf, Keith Meinert, Sara Coulter, Karen Risch. Ted Collins and Lynn Padgett were absent.

1. Approve minutes of previous meeting

Ken called the meeting to order. Minutes from the prior meeting were approved.

2. Approve Powerpoint presentations for RPI and Theobald

Ken told the group that the Planning Commission had requested that they be at the public presentation of the final report, and the group agreed that was a good idea.

The group began with the Introduction presentation. Ken went through the introduction and the group made some minor additions and changes.

Sara presented the Theobald powerpoint. She described her thought process, and stressed the use and implementation of data and maps from the Theobald study. Keith suggested some clarification on the public lands map in terms of 'private exempt', and 'private w/ easement' lands. Karen also suggested some clarification on public and private lands in the mining area so that people better understand the ownership and potential build-out in the area. Discussion ensued about the maps, and resolution of the graphics. John offered that he will work with the graphics to get the best version possible for the presentation. While much time could be spent going into detail on each area, the group agreed to keep this presentation as simple as possible to avoid overloading people with data.

On several of the slides, the changes from the 2006 data to current stats were noticeable, and the group discussed how to handle questions that arise regarding the additions or changes in these past 3 years. It was agreed that we should have the current data for discussion purposes, but that it was not appropriate to put the new numbers in the slides, as the 2006 data is used throughout the reports for all the calculations.

On the 'Housing Unit' slide, John will clean up the legend and get rid of some of the items which are not shown on the map. The Future Growth slide was discussed, and whether or not the data for future projections includes the town. Sara will go back and check the data to make sure whether the projections do or do not include the towns. Regardless, the basic thresholds are similar if not the same (especially since growth in Ouray is so extremely limited). Several other suggestions were made to simplify the slide and distill it down to the most effective elements. Several other slides were different dates or versions, and it was agreed that the most current maps should be utilized.

Sara will include the definition of 'Riparian' in the relevant slide. On the scenic corridors map, the corridor needs to be included on the South end of the County, it was left off originally because mining claims were not part of the original study. John suggested that it would be good to have a series of maps available on easels at the presentation so that people can have another way to view the visuals. The level and amount of data that is going to be disseminated at this presentation is huge, and it is going to be a challenge to make sure that everything is covered without losing the audience. Ken suggested the addition of some sort of explanation of the scenarios, introducing their function and methodology. It was agreed that there needs to be some sort of segue from the values section to the scenarios either verbal or a slide.

On the “Impact of Scenarios” chart, it was agreed to erase the VMT data, as it really doesn’t impact the chart as a whole.

Because there is still so much more information, and the group has not even discussed the RPI presentation, it was agreed that there would be another meeting to discuss the presentations on January 28th.

3. Public Comment

No members of the public attended the meeting.

4. Next Meeting January 28th at 4pm at the land use office