

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Special Committee on a Unified DMO

CHAIRPERSON: Steve McIntyre

DATE/TIME: March 9, 2016 @ 7:00 pm

PRESENT:

Steve McIntyre Brad Petersburg RJ Winkelhake

A quorum was established.

Other Board Members: none

Others: Todd Lincoln, Jerry Westemeier & Robert Hahn of the City's Special Committee; Erin Murphy; Colin Sanderson; Chris Hamilton; Hal Gilpin, Betsy Kaage; Katie Devereaux

1. Minutes Approval

- a) Todd moved to approve the February 2, 2016 Meeting Minutes; Robert seconded; motion carried.

2. Citizens' Comments - none

3. Unfinished Business - none

4. New Business

- a) Steve reported that the Letter of Intent proposed by the Special Committees was approved unanimously by the City and the County, and is now fully executed. He commended all involved and then welcomed the four newly appointed members of the DMO Board: Colin Sanderson appointed by Eagle Ridge Resort; Erin Murphy appointed by Chestnut Mountain Resort; Todd Lincoln appointed by the City and Brad Petersburg appointed by the County.
- b) The role of the Special Committees going forward was discussed with the main purpose being to monitor progress of the transition to a unified DMO and to seek solutions to any problems that may arise. Since the Special Committees have completed their work on the LOI and it has been approved by the City and the County, it was agreed that the new DMO Board would be responsible for considering any further input from the public regarding potential changes to the LOI. It was decided that the Special Committees would continue to meet jointly on the first Tuesday of the month but move the time up to 6p.m.
- c) The balance of the meeting was spent reviewing the next steps in the LOI, the first being the election of the remaining directors to the DMO Board. Various ideas on the election process were discussed. In the end, it is up to the four appointed members to organize and oversee the election process. They expect to meet sometime next week. Colin will take the lead on merging the VG and CVB databases so the new DMO has a comprehensive list of eligible voters. There was considerable discussion on work underway on the CVB's website and, in a broader sense, on all work underway by the CVB and VG. No clear decisions were made except that the new DMO Board should work closely with the management of both the CVB and VG during this transition.

5. Citizens Comments

a) None.

6. Board Member Concerns

a) None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. following a motion made by R.J., which was seconded by Jerry. Motion passed.

The next joint meeting of the County Special Committee and the City Special Committee will be at 6 p.m. April 5th at Galena City Hall. Representatives of the DMO Board will be invited to attend to report on their progress.