

LMD Minutes October 18, 2016

LMD board members all present with the exception of Chairman Dave Fleming. Kirstie McPherson acting chair. Meeting was opened at 6:30

Tami Fager moved and Dave Heinrich seconded approval of the minutes. Motion carried.

Discussion of secretary applications with 4 to be examined at special meeting Wednesday October 26, 2016 at the Bank of Colorado board room to review applications.

Grants committee had no report

Community Pride committee had no report

Kirstie McPherson and Tami Fager had no report

Kirstie McPherson explained the LMD and the mission to the Dinosaur residents.

Mayor Richard Blakely addressed Dinosaur and some plans they have taken up to date.

1. Cannabis question is on the ballot for Dinosaur with research of DeBeque being the model used
2. School building is now owned by the town of Dinosaur and the plan includes use as a community center and to open a local school again.
3. Dinosaur has a population of 350
4. Discussed the Hydroponics unit at the school building.

Victor Urdike asked the Dinosaur Council for their input.

Council Member Toby Cortez discussed advertising of Dinosaur on the Front Range.

All agreed that Dinosaur needs a natural gas service that is municipal.

Janice Karren discussed making Dinosaur open and attractive to move in business and define what those should be.

Mark Foust with the Dinosaur National Monument discussed the amount of visitors to that park and the need for campgrounds. He went on to inform that there are 300,000 visitors to the monument annually and that has brought 17 million dollars to communities within 50 miles of the monument. 66% of the monument is in Moffat County while Vernal has more tourist infrastructure. Mark discussed the rafting of the Yampa and the Green river and that 300 permits are issued annually with 17,000 visitors. Also the Deer Lodge Road project will bring better access to the area and is a large project by the National Parks Service. There are 11 commercial permits for river rafting as well.

Mark discussed the social media to the monument and that the Information center in Moab was replicated in Vernal and all National Parks are connected to these Information centers and can be a source of advertising for Dinosaur.

Tami Fager requested more information on the rafting industry and how we might make this a Dinosaur business that aids the economy.

Konnie Billgren with the Rangely Chamber discussed Dinosaur signs and ideas and advertising in the Colorado Tourism Information book. This advertising is \$1000 per year.

Employment for Dinosaur residents is usually out of town with some in the oil industry, some in mining, and some even driving to Craig for work on a daily basis.

Dinosaur studies were discussed with Mayor Blakely discussing a DOLA study from 1998 prepared by Tim Sarmo for Dinosaur. This study still exists and can be used for planning.

Luke Winters from the Moffat County Sheriff's Office speaking as a resident of Dinosaur discussed keeping folks in town and that Dinosaur needs to "Clean up and try to think out of the box".

Dave DeRose discussed Winslow, AZ and how can we make Dinosaur a place that folks want to visit.

Mayor Richard Blakely discussed negative perceptions in the general populace in town and how to change that perception.

Victor Updike discussed the recent "13 Ways" meetings in Craig and that we could replicate that in Dinosaur.

Mark Foust would like to see the book circulated in town. Dave DeRose discussed the LMD and providing those copies to Dinosaur.

Discussion on Smart Growth grants and Roger Richmond moved with Victor Updike seconding to partner with the Craig Moffat EDP to create letter of interest for this grant.

Roger Richmond moved and Dave DeRose seconded that the board go into executive session for personnel discussion on the secretary position on Wednesday October 26, 2016. Motion Carries.

Motion by Dave Heinrich with second by Dave DeRose to adjourn with passage and adjournment at 8:55 PM