

**Minutes of July 31, 2018 Ouray Ice Park Advisory Team Meeting (IPAT)
(edited to reflect follow-on discussion)**

for Team Review and Adoption at September 12, 2018 Meeting

This kick-off meeting was called to order at 5:30 with a quick review of the agenda:

- Discuss the Team charter and meet with the At-large Member candidates and others present in an open session
- Discuss the selection of At-large Members and formulate the Team By-Laws in a session with the Core Members

Present were:

Dan Chehayl, Ice Park Executive Director and Core Member
Elias de Andres Martos, local guide and At-large candidate
Dawn Glanc, City Council Representative and Core Member
Mark and Andrea Iuppenlatz, co-owners of San Juan Mountain Guides and interested parties
Bill Leo, owner of Ouray Mountain Sports and OIPI Board Member
Braydin Mehnert, local banker and At-large candidate
Dolgio Nergui, Ouray Climbers Alliance Board Member, climbing instructor, At-large candidate
Frank Robertson, OIPI Board Member and Core Member
Katie Sickles, City Administrator and Core Member
Matt Wade, AMGA Advocacy and Policy Director and At-large candidate

The Team is chartered by the City and OIPI under their recent agreement to serve as an informal discussion venue and is advisory in nature rather than participating in governance; its output is non-binding but very much anticipated to be constructive and valuable. It is hoped that the Team will serve not only to address opportunities and challenges, but also as a vehicle for public outreach as concerns the Ice Park and the community.

The meeting participants introduced themselves and described their interests. There were a few questions and discussion about the Team, including:

OIPI will work with the City, the Ouray Tourism Office, the guiding companies and other organizations like the Ouray Climbers Alliance to understand and capitalize on opportunities for data sharing and other mutually supportive engagement. The Team will be a venue for analysis of data on Park use and the issues of managing our limited resource. Its considerations will inform City and OIPI policies for the Park and negotiation of a new Concession Agreement among the principals.

The City will receive water projections in pending hotel expansions, which may affect the Park, and the Team would very much like to review the potential impacts. Any additional storage of water for park use would have to be resourced by OIPI.

Matt Wade withdrew his membership candidacy, citing the excellent local interest and his move to the Front Range. The Team expressed that it would be much appreciated if we could tap his

expertise with the broad guiding community and public lands administration in an advisory capacity; he said he would try to attend future meetings.

The Core Team expressed its appreciation to all of those who have shown interest and hopes the community will attend future meetings, which will be quarterly and will be announced to the public.

All concerned are very much looking forward to a beneficial interaction, whoever becomes a member of the Team.

Frank volunteered to be Team Chairperson and the other Core Members voted unanimously to make it so.

The Core Team then remained for discussion of the At-large Member candidates and draft By-Laws.

It was agreed to include 4 At-large Members to broaden and diversify community participation. Selected were Ouray-based guide Elias de Andres Martos, Ridgway-based Ouray Climbers Alliance Board member / recreational climber / Ouray Mountain Rescue Team member Grant Kleeves, non-climber Ouray banker Braydin Mehnert and Ouray Mountain Rescue Team member and frequent community volunteer from Ouray (Diane Mielcarz).

It was agreed to contact the Voyager program representative who had sent a letter about including local students in the Team discussion and invite their participation as Youth Ambassadors.

It was agreed that we would ask Steve Berwanger, local climber / volunteer businessman who has contributed much time and material to the reservoir project, to contribute his expertise in infrastructure in an advisory capacity as such items come up in Team discussion.

Proposed By-Laws were formulated in Core Team session, to be drafted for review and agreement by City and OIPI, and to be reviewed and agreed by the Team at its first full meeting.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Many thanks to all those interested in IPAT!

Frank