

MINUTES

ALTA TOWN COUNCIL Work Session

Tuesday, November 27, 2018 6:00 pm

Alta Community Center, 10351 E. Highway 210, Alta, Utah

PRESENT: Mayor Harris Sondak
Council Member Margaret Bourke
Council Member Cliff Curry
Council Member Elise Morgan
Council Member Sheridan Davis

STAFF PRESENT: John Guldner, Town Administrator
Chris Cawley, Assistant Town Administrator
Jen Clancy, Deputy Town Clerk

ALSO PRESENT, who spoke:
Mike Maughan and Maura Olivos, Alta Ski Lifts
Ellza O'Reilly, resident

1. Call the meeting to order

Mayor Sondak called the meeting to order and called for citizen input. Maura Olivos acknowledged Dr. Haas' work and pointed out that it would take all stakeholders' input to help the program succeed. Ellza O'Reilly voiced her objection to residents having to pay for road access. Jen Clancy spoke to the need for the community to work together to find opportunities.

2. Discussion: Summer Recreation Management in Alta

a. *Rapid Appraisal Report on the Recreation Use & Management Situation in Albion Basin*

Mayor Sondak suggested the TOA host monthly summer meetings, to keep centrally involved in the conversation, (analogous to the winter road meetings), in light of the Town's limited jurisdiction in Albion Basin. Councilwoman Bourke pointed out the importance of identifying the Town's current situation and articulating the Council's vision with a direct path to those objectives. Councilwoman Morgan said she was not ready to identify the Town's goals or vision without more public input.

Council members Curry and Davis entered the meeting.

Ms. Bourke asked that in this process, the Council identify what in the current situation should be diminished and what should be enhanced. Ms. Davis suggested putting down an anchor on this matter. Maura Olivos reminded the Council to understand your audience in this process. Mike Maughan spoke about the ability to restrict cars or parking, but the FS mandate against restricting people. Mr. Curry brought up the idea of accommodating the majority of the public's desire to go to Secret Lake only, by hardening/widening that trail and adding restrooms close by, while simultaneously serving the rest of

the public's priority of preserving the narrow, uncrowded trails. Ms. Olivos thought it important to show the public at the base ALL of their options and Ms. Morgan added they could also point out the amenities that were available at each. Ms. Olivos liked the idea of zoning the trails, using the spectrum designation used in Dr. Haas' assessment. Mayor Sondak said that it was nice to have the Albion Grill base for people to go who were unsure or uninformed of where to go. Mr. Cawley talked of the advantage of a table of contents that would help narrow down the next steps.

Councilman Curry said that mountain biking is a substantive detail that must be addressed in this vision. Ms. Olivos stated the necessity of a vision statement to facilitate the process and the importance of circling back to adjust or revisit issues. Mayor Sondak suggested some "assumptions" that might be included in the vision. That Alta is a place to experience the alpine beauty of the outdoors, and a place where mechanical devices can be used for utility, but not as an attraction, and that summer in Alta should attract business and community activities (also environmental and educational events).

Ms. Morgan said it was clear the Council supported promotion of eco-tourism, and that an addition of a visitor center would be an attraction.

Discussion ensued of the best way to move forward. Ms. Bourke suggested the creation of a draft vision that could be revised after public input. Consensus was that Council members should review the General Plan vision statement and suggest changes or articulate goals through the lens of today's discussion to Chris Cawley and that further discussion could happen at the next Council meeting.

3. Motion to Adjourn

Cliff Curry moved to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned.

Passed and approved this 10th day of January, 2019.

Piper Lever/s, Town Clerk _____