

Community Transition Advisory Committee (CTAC)
Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2012

CTAC meeting was held on 1/12/12 at the Extension Office conference room in Whitehall.

Attendees were Tom Harrington, Gerry Keogh, Ann Geiger, Mark Thompson, Tim Dimock, Tom Van Norman, Justin Gibson, Roy McBride and Tammy Fischer.

Guests: Greg Corr, Paul Antonioli, and Phil McDonald.

1. Tom H. called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m. followed by introductions.

2. **Minutes of Last Meeting:** Tim made a motion to approve the December meeting minutes; Gerry seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as published.

3. GSM Operations:

a. Current Operations Update

Tim reported that Golden Sunlight Mine, GSM, is in the main ore zone and processing more and more ore. Ramping up the stripping of rock to switch the ore type. GSM's goal is to process 136K ounces of ore this year. Getting ready to pay the second half of 2011 year taxes.

b. Employment Status

Currently the mine has 201 employees and 83 contractors.

c. Third Party Ore Processing

Third party ore processing still ongoing from Mammoth and a couple others are pending due to weather.

d. Exploration

Wrapped up the drilling exploration for 2011. Currently working on the North and South area feasibility study. Started re-drilling areas from the 1980's. Finished the drilling on the Bonnie and are surveying the study around the Bonnie for future targets. The 2012 drilling will start soon.

e. Concentrator Project

New project engineer, Kitt Dale, will be at GSM in a couple weeks to continue project evaluation and feasibility analysis.

f. Wind Development

Nothing new to report.

4. GSM Environmental Update

Mark reported that there was one reportable incident since the last meeting. The MDEQ sited GSM with a late notice for filing the EPA Gold Ore Facility paperwork after the deadline. This Letter of Warning is the lowest level citation for non-compliance. GSM is researching the warning since the State is not current on the standards and some procedural questions are being reviewed. There was an inquiry about dust off the tailing impound. After investigation it was found not to be an issue. The local ground displacement reported at the last meeting is being monitored. The Buttress Dump block is doing what it was intended to accomplish by minimizing movement. The increased activity on the dump is causing localized ground movement and operations have been relocated. This is not a safety issue and monitoring is on-going. Almost done resloping and the area can be seeded this spring.

5. Sunlight Business Park (SBP) Overview

a. Construction Status

Project closed out a week ago.

b. Subdivision Update

Final Plat has been approved.

c. TIFID Update

There are 6,000 acres that are part of the tax increment district. Meeting planned for next week with community for internal finding project.

d. Prospective Tenants

Still working with a couple potential tenants. EcoTech had a set back with their feasibility study request. They are trying to model this project like the one in Canada. The company from England working on the wind development project will be back again next week. There are also a couple local companies that have requested information on the park.

e. Business Assistance Center/Interpretive Center

Still being pursued and working on potential funding.

f. Science, Technology and Innovation Committee

Committee met yesterday; they have a lot of activity with internet connectivity. They are looking at redundancy operations with SBP. Alternative energy opportunities are being discussed for possible application in the area. Reducing school utility costs would help with budget challenges.

6. South Boulder Road Inquiry

Tom V. reported the issues reported on the South Boulder road are being worked. Truck speed is being enforced, dust issue has been resolved, Jake Brakes are not allowed on the South Boulder or Armstrong Road, and trucks will not start traveling up to the Mammoth Mine until 6:30 a.m. (GSM has extended the receiving time to accommodate for the change). Paul is working with the road department for more signage for blind spots and sharp corners. The concern about summer traffic flow for recreation is still pending.

7. Piedmont Pond Habitat Development

There is still interest in the project. There haven't been any new developments.

8. Big Horn Sheep Project

The Big Horn Sheep project will not be taking place in the Doherty or Bull Mountain areas. The option to transplant them in the Lewis and Clark Caverns area is still being explored.

9. Other Items of Discussion

Phil reported that they have 20 full time jobs and additional help at the Mammoth Mine. 35 tons of ore has been taken to GSM for processing. The upper acreage is now finished and will be reclaimed. PH of the soil will be tested on the upper acreage for future grazing purposes. The additional local jobs associated with the project are helping local businesses.

10. Next Meeting Date/Time

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 8, 2012, 8:00 a.m. at the Extension Office Conference Room. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Fischer