



**GRAND COUNTY
COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING**

**Grand County Commission Chambers
Held virtually on Zoom
Moab, Utah**

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**MINUTES
10 JANUARY, 2022**

The Grand County Commission met in a joint meeting with the Grand County Planning Commission on January 10th, 2022. The meeting was streamed/attended electronically. It was also broadcast and saved on YouTube. Attending the meeting were County Commissioners Clapper, Hadler, Hedin, McGann, Stock, Walker, and Woytek. Also in attendance were County Commission Administrator Mallory Nassau, Strategic Development Director Chris Baird, Planning and Zoning Director John Guenther, and Clerk/Auditor Quinn Hall, Members of the planning commission, Emily Campbell, Bob O'Brien, and Steve Evers were present as well.

Chair Woytek called the meeting to order at 2:01 pm.

Citizens to Be Heard

Marc Horowitz discussed some concerns about unsupervised overnight rentals and the disparity between the numbers of bed and breakfast operations vs unsupervised overnight rentals.

Commission Member Disclosures

(none at this time)

General Business- Action Items- Discussion and Consideration of:

A. General Plan Update review and feedback:

1. Overview and timetable of GP (John Guenther, Planning & Zoning Director)
Roundtable review of GP Sections (each pair of commissioners and their respective sections in order of the document):
 - a) What is missing: Provide a brief summary of recommended additions under the future priorities section.
 - b) What should change: Summarize any significant changes (including additions and omissions) from your section(s).
 - c) What needs discussion: Outline any questions or controversial areas that require discussion as a joint group. If you have a position, provide a brief summary.
 - d) Identify priorities and actions to be included in the implementation section.

Emily Campbell introduced the topic and kicked off the discussion.

John Gunther discussed the planning process and the potential timetable for the general plan. John reviewed dates, potential actions and summarized the intent.

Bob and Mary discussed some additions to the General Plan draft, suggesting changes like the inclusion of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO's), annual community surveys, and open house meetings.

Bon discussed the potential inclusion of renewable energy and on-site water collection, and suggested the creation of a "water committee" to consider climate change and potential sustainable growth rates.

Sarah agreed with the potential creation of a water committee and suggested a program for water monitoring within the county. Sarah suggested the inclusion of pedestrian and bike paths.

Kevin suggested any firm plans based on very early water studies would likely be flawed, but plans addressing contingencies based on assumed water levels would be appropriate – with action taken after any water studies are completed.

Steve agreed with the idea of creating contingency plans based on to be determined water levels.

John Guenther noted the water portion of the plan is ongoing and will likely be addressed in a future version of the plan.

Kevin suggested better defining some quasi-geographic terms. Kevin suggested pulling "goals and policies" and placing them in a separate document.

John discussed some of the gaps and methods for filling in areas.

Steve discussed zoning and potential walkability.

Kevin noted the exiting tension between clustering and spread out, rural residential zoning, and noted the importance of finding appropriate areas for each.

John discussed some of the level of service areas in the county, defining each and noting some of the differences.

Emily summarized some of the prior comments, and noted the need for some edits and definitions in certain parts of the plan.

Gabriel noted some redundancies in the plan, and asked if portions could be revised and potentially shortened.

Kevin reiterated the need to condense some areas into a more concise and readable format.

Emily discussed the need to prioritize the experience and quality of life of the residents over visitors, while still acknowledging that tourism plays an important role in the local economy.

Emily discussed the need to create a plan that addresses emerging and future uses in the county like ebikes, scooters, and, more recently, paramotors. Emily discussed the need to identify areas that prioritize low impact and non-motorized uses.

John Guenther noted this section of the plan will likely change dramatically after the transportation master is completed in June.

Elissa noted the potential update of the land use code may have an impact on the general plan as well.

Evan and Tony Mancuso discussed some potential updates – mostly technical and formatting changes.

Jacques noted the lack of language addressing climbing. Tony discussed some changes around Land Management agencies, and suggested the inclusion of Forestry Fire and State Lands (FFSL). Tony suggested some subtle language changes regarding uses of “shall” or “will.”

Sarah suggested the addition of Grand County supporting prescribed burning and wildland fire mitigation and the inclusion of mitigating tourism impacts to archeological, paleontological and other non-renewable, natural resources. Sarah suggested the inclusion of language encouraging developers to maintain natural areas. Sarah noted the importance of planning and policy to encourage and enable migration of large wildlife. Sarah suggested disallowing development in any forest tracts managed by the county or in urban wildland interfaces.

Gabriel discussed the importance of representing and supporting diversity and inclusivity in the community.

Emily summarized the goals of the plan and asked for any other feedback.

Mary discussed the public safety section and suggested some language changes.

Gabriel discussed some languages surrounding the use of the term “tourism.” Tony agreed that tourism related items should be viewed somewhat separately from local historical outdoor recreation.

Tony discussed some changes to language that would include supporting native tribes and indigenous peoples but not attempting to force tourism on anyone that may not embrace it.

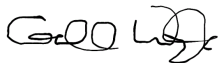
Kevin discussed the importance of having Chris Baird review any language surrounding county finances and tourism/revenue cycles.

John reviewed the document and comments and outlined future plans for updates and implementation.

The meeting adjourned at 4:06 pm.

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ATTEST:



Gabriel Woytek, Chair
Grand County Commission

Quinn Hall, Clerk/Auditor