

RIDGWAY OURAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING
HELD MAY 16, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dick Gingery Suze Gingery
 Rein Van West Gene Ulrich
 Val Szwarc Mike Perkovich
 Diane Thompson Dan Kigar
 Vicki Warner Huggins Rich Niemeier
 Linda Browning

Dick Gingery called the meeting to order. He then asked for approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held March 21, 2024. With a motion by Rein Van West and a second by Vicki Warner Huggins, the Minutes were approved as presented.

The members next reviewed several Applications for ROCC Financial Support. The first application up for review was from the Ouray County Soccer Club. This organization requested \$2000 for general operating expenses. ROCC is not in the practice of providing grants to cover general operating expenses for organizations. A closer look at the application revealed that this organization provides scholarships for lower income youth. The membership supported this request and upon a motion by Linda Browning with a second by Dan Kigar, ROCC approved a request of up to \$1,000 for use by OCSC to provide scholarships to two or more youth depending upon the actual cost.

The members next reviewed the Application from Home Trust of Ouray County. The total request was for \$1,000. \$500 for funding their annual home tour and \$500 for funding of expenses for the Riverwalk Affordable Housing project in Ouray. Following a discussion, the members agreed to fund the \$500 for the Riverwalk project upon motion by Val Szwarc with a second by Rein Van West.

The Application from Minerva West for \$1,500 was reviewed by the members. With a motion by Rich Niemeier and a second by Val Szwarc, the members agreed to grant \$500 to Minerva West in support of their Youth Theatre productions.

Dick Gingery then reviewed the strategic goals set at the January meeting. He focused on the schedule of ROCC activities for the balance of the year. Namely,

June-annual bbq picnic: July-meeting, August-Clean Energy presentation, September-meeting, October-Clean Energy presentation, December-Annual Meeting.

Val Szwarc gave an update on the Dark Sky event held on April 25 at the Decker Community Center. He felt it was well attended and received positive feedback from those in attendance. He also said there would be events held in August and September and is in the process of pinning down the dates.

Linda Browning shared ideas from her Principles of Community Organizing (POCO) she attended in Billings, MT in April. The focus was on training individuals to hold one-on-one conversations with community members. The goal would be to uncover those issues important to the person and how ROCC could work to resolve or provide input.

Dick Gingery updated members on his efforts on behalf of Western Slope Youth Voice to engage the local school administrators to add this program to their agendas for discussion and adoption. He indicated he had had a positive response to his request and was hopeful the administrators would follow through.

Dick Gingery reminded the members of the goals set in January. First, that current members would seek out 3 to 5 community members under the age of 50 to join ROCC and second to focus on 5 to 10 Ouray residents to become member. No one reported making progress on either of these goals.

Rein Van West was asked to give an update on the Ouray County Master Plan efforts being made by ROCC in the absence of Scott Williams. He reported that the first rough draft was due out on Tuesday, May 21 which would then be followed by a 1st draft and then a 2nd. The public will be invited to participate and give comment at each of the county work sessions. Members are encouraged to attend.

Linda Browning gave an update of the June 28 dinner at PaCoChuPuk plans were finalized. She requested folks to sign up to volunteer on the day of the event and would also make a request via ROCC Alerts.

Vicki Warner Huggins provided the members with the names of individuals who had been nominated for ROCC's Citizen of the Year award. ROCC's Board is required to make the final decision. As a quorum of Board members was not present at this meeting, no decision was made. A special Board meeting will be called in order for this decision to be made.

Val Szwarc requested a review of the proposed changes to the By-Laws pertaining to reporting by the Treasurer and requirement for a budget to be presented and approved at the annual meeting in December of each year. It was felt a broader discussion was needed, as well as approval by the membership, and therefore the proposal was tabled until the July meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.