

## Minutes of the August 4, 2021 Ice Park Advisory Team Meeting

The Ice Park Advisory Team held its regular mid-summer meeting on August 4, 2021 in the Ouray Community Center. Attending were Kitty Calhoun, Pete Davis, Charlie Faust, Angela Hawse, John Hulburd, Grant Kleeves, Dolgio Nergui, Peter O'Neil, Pat Ormond, Frank Robertson, John Wood, and Dan Zokaites.

### Agenda:

Update on Off-season Actions	Peter / Pete
AMGA Standard of Practice Compliance	All
Sustainability Actions and Proposals	Stay tuned...
Open Discussion	All

Supporting material was sent out before the meeting.

OIPI and the City of Ouray expect all CGOs to comply with AMGA Standard of Practice requirements to take effect next summer by, if not before, the 2022-23 season. CGOs should timely incorporate appropriate training in their guides' development programs, and OIPI will coordinate with AMGA to communicate with CGOs to support this objective.

Pete gave an update on new trails being completed to bypass the Schoolroom access catwalk destroyed by rock fall, which cannot be rebuilt until FERC approves the new penstock design and its replacement is built, and for improved access to Stump Wall and Five Fingers. Peter discussed the GoFundMe campaign and other contributions to finance building new Schoolroom climber access; the split of costs between OIPI and Eric Jacobson will be diligently managed, and OIPI will provide details on spending once the overall picture is known.

The water project has been modified to bring a new source from Canyon Creek on line just above the confluence with the Uncompahgre, thanks to a right being conveyed by Ouray Silver Mines to take the Park's needs off of the City distribution system. Fundraising efforts are well under way to support investment by OIPI to build the diversion structure, pumping and piping to fully supply ice farming, improve access, and develop new terrain between New Funtier and South Park.

Angela and Kitty led the discussion of priorities and proposals for the IPAT sustainability agenda; the group produced many fine ideas including:

- increase participation in our sport by under-represented groups, such as people of color, indigenous people, and local youth, including OIPI funding support where economic factors deter them, coordinating such programs at cost by CGOs, and pushing greater diversity in the guiding operation roster;
- undertake cooperative research on climate impacts with interested university and advocacy groups, using the Park as a source of relevant data;
- understand and address the carbon footprint of Park use, e.g. seek Users contributions or otherwise raise funds to purchase carbon offsets;
- work with the City to maximize insights from the pending economic impact study with Kent State on Park data, benefits, and potentials;
- work with the City and Local Business Partners to strengthen community ties and fulfill the goal of increasing human-powered recreation;

- make sustainability and inclusivity messages visible as key priorities of the Ice Park by getting the word out to visitors on local expectations for limited resource protection measures (e.g. educational material like Marble, CO video, Patagonia, and Leave No Trace), publicizing events and support programs, and encouraging votes in support of environmental protections; and
- initiate IPAT discussion of evolving the Ice Park management model to address long-term sustainability in the context of City plans for a Parks department and /or district.

**Actions:**

- Charlie will outline a program for OIPI to coordinate efforts by CGOs to promote inclusivity
- Mayor *pro tem* Wood will bring OIPI into an October meeting with Local Business Partners on economic development
- Angela will scope production of a video on responsible behaviors and conservation practices for sustainable recreation

John Wood forwarded a couple of relevant links to very interesting information on climate impacts:

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/mendocinco-california-running-out-of-water-drought/>

[https://crt-climate-explorer.nemac.org/climate\\_graphs/?city=Ouray%2C+CO&county=Ouray%2BCounty&area-id=08091&fips=08091&zoom=7&lat=38.0227716&lon=-107.6714487&id=tmax](https://crt-climate-explorer.nemac.org/climate_graphs/?city=Ouray%2C+CO&county=Ouray%2BCounty&area-id=08091&fips=08091&zoom=7&lat=38.0227716&lon=-107.6714487&id=tmax)

**Love Your Gorge 2021**, our annual Ice Park community stewardship event with the Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership, is September 18 – we will focus on chipping the many piles of woody debris left by past clearing. Volunteer sign-up link will be provided ASAP.