

LKL/OHV working group
Conference Call
July 16, 2019 - 3:00 p.m.

Those on the call: Ron Leach, Terry Langley, Corinne Truesdell, Manette Anderson, Dr. Melanie Armstrong (joined at 3:17).

Ron wasn't able to be on the June call. He was able to meet Corinne twice in Marble. They made a quick trip into Crystal two weeks ago. Last Friday they met for four hours and he introduced her to some of the council members and Steve Finn, who has a stake in this project due to the location of his home. They were accompanied by Heather Sackett, a journalist in the valley who is going to start following and writing about this project. At the July 11 Marble Town Council meeting, Ron updated the council on where we are. They agreed to be the "lead" agency for the committee for grant applications and to serve as the official voice of the committee. The LKL group has been given \$1200 from the Crystal River Chamber (\$1,000) and from the Beaver Lake Lodge (\$200). The Gunnison County commissioners will be coming to Marble in either August or September and we plan to ask for some funds from them at that time. He will share that date when he has it. Dr. Armstrong reported that the grant applied for from the Gunnison Valley Community Foundation was approved. This one is for more than \$3,000. She told Ron that the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) grant is another source we will be applying for. Western Colorado University will be assisting with that application.

Manette reported that the LKL is not yet open. A jeep club came through and cut a tree blocking the road and they bushwhacked across the avalanche field and around a snow filled gully to get down but the road is still closed. She has pictures and feels that this was irresponsible and contributes to the resource degradation. Traffic counters from the county were stolen so data collection has been manual to date. They will try to get more counters. The avalanche closure is past the switchback and before the road that goes up to Sheep Mountain, also before the ford.

Ron has invited Corinne to attend the Aug 1 Town Council meeting and would like to have a committee meeting open to the public in the 3rd or 4th week in August.

Manette asked if the funds were available for hiring a strategic planner. Dr. Anderson reported that the first grant was for preliminary work prior to strategic planning, including expenses and time for Corinne and starting the public meeting process. Ron said that we need to develop a budget when more of the working group is available. Ron has committed the group to a stipend and travel expenses for Corinne. That amount is to be determined and the Aug 1 meeting may be the time to work on that with the town council. Dr. Armstrong said the GoCo (Greater Outdoor Colorado) planning grant has a possibility of up to \$75,000. Manette said that the months that have led up to this point have led the group to decide to formalize goal setting and developing a time line through strategic planning with a professional planner. To do this would cost about \$5,000. She would like to pursue donations but needs to know where they should be sent. Ron reported that funds would go into the Marble general fund and be earmarked for the LKL in a designated fund. Manette has talked to some folks and come up with some ideas for fundraising: GoFundMe, person to person solicitation for donations, donation box. Corinne said that there is a delay in grant applications and awards and wondered if there was anything we could tackle in

the meantime. Ron said that he sees the first need is for personnel – for Corinne and for the planner. A budget is the first step. Manette suggested a call to work on the budget prior to the August call. Ron will suggest some dates when he sends out these notes. He thinks in about 2 weeks so as to have it started prior to the Aug 1 meeting.

Ron said that he and Corinne had talked about her meeting with the people in Crystal to get a feel for Crystal culture and the impacts LKL usage is having on the community, documenting any data collected. Corinne will work out a date for that with Manette. She will be working on documenting her first impression. She will also start on the GoCo grant application very soon. Manette said she has worked on those in the past and is willing to help with that.

Dr. Armstrong will send the parameters on the grant to the group.

