

OHS Conference Call
Tuesday, April 23, 2019 3 p.m.

Ron Leach, Terry Langley, Marlene Crosby, Chris Cox, Manette Anderson. Shelley Groves and Rob Stewart joined at 3:30.

Agenda: what data do we want to collect this year, report from Ron & Marlene's visit with Western and Manette's discussion with Marjo Curgus, Del Corazón Consulting

Working with a planner

Ron and Marlene met with Dr. Melanie Armstrong with the Environmental Sustainability program at Western State University (WSU) in Gunnison. Dr. Armstrong is encouraging about getting a master's student to assist us with our project. This would be the student's master thesis. They will be putting out projects to their student in the next month or two so we might have a student working with us this summer. As an example, two students previously worked on the fee structure and permit implementation for Conundrum Hot Springs. If our project turns out to be a multiple year task, it can be passed from one graduate student to another. They are encouraged to apply for grants to help fund their portion of costs such as a stipend and travel expenses. A Colorado GoCo grant is a planning grant and Ron thinks this is a great idea to pursue. Discussion regarding having both a student and a professional planner followed. Marlene suggested talking to Dr. Armstrong about how that might interface with the expectations of a student's experience in facilitation. Manette suggested using Marjo to do the initial planning and then go to the students. The challenge of costs when using a professional planner was discussed. Manette feels that the initial visioning process will guide us in how long we might need a planner and where the students could fit in. Possible help with funding from the town of Marble, Gunnison County and the Marble Chamber was discussed. Ron will take it to the council and to the Marble Chamber to request funding. Manette will check with Marjo as to costs of travel or if that is included in the \$2500 for a day long retreat as listed in her proposal. The timing of a retreat and bringing on a Western State student need to dovetail. It was decided to aim for a meeting in Marble no earlier than mid-August.

Data Collection

Suggestions of data to be collected and methods of collection were discussed. These included number of vehicles per day, use of a traffic counter, use of Chris's employee at the Mill to count people coming to the Mill, tracking type of vehicle, asking folks who are on the Loop regularly to report people who are misusing or showing bad behavior, environmental data including red flag warning days and fire weather watches, resource damage such as vegetation loss that can be documented with photos, repetition of similar issues in the same location over time as well as total damage over a wide spread area, condition of the road, water crossings and how they are affected, emergency medical calls and incidents that don't get called in.

The call ended at 4:10 p.m.