

ROCC Business Meeting
March 11, 2018
Ridgway Community Center

Announcements:

1. Ute Museum – Robyn Cascade

A four-part lecture series is underway at the Ute Museum. One lecture has already taken place. The next lecture by Regina Lopez Whiteskunk focused on treaties and tribal sovereignty will be on March 28, 2018. See attached poster for additional information.

Bears Ears Butte

Spring Lecture Series

Montrose / 17253 Chipeta Road
To register call 970/249-3098

9 March Friday / 5:30 - 7:30 pm
The Bears Ears Region
Regina Lopez-Whiteskunk, former Ute Mountain Ute Council member/Co-Chair of Bears Intertribal Coalition, will lead a discussion on conservation and preservation from a Tribal perspective.

29 March Thursday / 5:30 - 7:30 pm
Treaties between the United States and Native American Tribes
This talk on treaties between sovereign tribal and the United States governments will reflect on the history of the agreements and how they continue to affect current tribal policies and laws.

21 April Saturday / 10 am - noon
Conflict on the Plains Photo Exhibit talk
Thomas Carr's talk will focus on photo exhibit interpreting the struggles of the Native Americans during the Plains Indian Wars between 1855-1890, a time when the US government actively sought to destroy and assimilate the entirety of the Plains Indian culture.

28 April Saturday / 10 am - noon
Current Perspectives on Ute Cultural Heritage in Western Colorado
Richard Ott, Ute Trails Project Coordinator, will give an overview of current collaborative partnerships among Ute Tribal representatives, professional archaeologists, public land managers and local community stakeholders.

Lecture costs

1 lecture - \$20	2 lectures - \$35
3 lectures - \$45	4 lectures - \$55

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2. Frank Starr's book – Donna Green and Priscilla Peters

Frank Starr, a former resident of Ridgway, has written a book entitled Over the Rainbow, The Road Taken. This book is a collection of stories about the adventures of a couple who in their late forties decided to follow their love of learning and the natural world by making their avocation their retirement vocation as U.S. National Park Service Rangers. The book may be purchased at Amazon.

3. ROCC Parking Lot Sale – Kate Kellogg

The sale will be held on Saturday, May 19. Rich Niemeier, who has been the team leader for the sale for a number of years, has decided to step down. So, we now need someone to volunteer to be the new team leader.

Adoption of Minutes:

Rein van West made a motion to approve the minutes. Donna Green seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Old Business:

Spaghetti Dinner – Kate Kellogg

ROCC was contacted by the Elks Club to let us know that our dinner on February 3rd was in conflict with the Elks annual fundraising dinner, so they asked us not to schedule our dinner on the first Saturday in February. So we will schedule our next Spaghetti Dinner for the second Saturday in February, since the Cattlemen's annual fundraising dinner is the third Saturday in February and we don't want to conflict with their dinner.

Treasurer's Report – Scott Williams

See Treasurer's report below.

ROCC is now collecting both its own dues and WCA dues at the end of each year. Once we collect these dues we send WCC its portion of the dues. ROCC received \$3,426.20 in 2018 dues and also received \$1,857.50 in additional donations from members. WCA received \$2,420.80 in dues and received \$735 in additional donation from members. Currently ROCC has 230 members (145 memberships).

Status ▾	Type ▾	Dues ▾	Amt Paid ▾	ROCCM ▾	WCA ▾	XROCC ▾	XWCA ▾
	Ck Summ:	0.00	8,439.50	3,426.20	2,420.80	1,857.50	735.00
Total Current Memberships				ROCC	\$ 5,283.70	WCA	\$ 3,155.80
Type Number Individuals						Paid 2/3/2018	2,777.00
Family 80 160						Due WCA	378.80
Family LI - -							
Individual 54 54							
Individual LI 2 2							
Friends Family 5 10							
Friends Individual 3 3							
Student - -							
Bus/Org 1 1							
Totals: 145 230							

3/7/2018

ROCC Income / Expense
12/1/2017 through 3/8/2018

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Category	12/1/2017- 3/8/2018
INCOME	
Donations Income	
ROCC	2,912.50
WCC	0.00
TOTAL Donations Income	2,912.50
Interest Inc	0.54
Membership Dues Income	4,885.00
Spaghetti Dinner Income	1,977.00
TOTAL INCOME	9,775.04
EXPENSES	
Awards Expense	107.95
Bank Charge	67.43
Grants	500.00
Leadership Training	500.00
Liability Insurance	199.33
Postage	65.80
Rummage Sale Expense	95.00
Spaghetti Dinner Expense	1,316.22
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,851.73
OVERALL TOTAL	6,923.31

3/7/2018	Net Worth - As of 3/8/2018		Page 1
	Account	3/8/2018 Balance	
	ASSETS		
	Cash and Bank Accounts		
	Alpine Checking	25,573.22	
	Alpine PayPal	1,000.00	
	PayPal	283.93	
	TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	26,857.15	
	TOTAL ASSETS	26,857.15	
	LIABILITIES		
		0.00	
	OVERALL TOTAL	26,857.15	

Additional Line Items for ROCC Budget – Rein van West

ROCC needs to include two more items in its 2018 budget. One, for leadership training funds, and another for funds for committee members' training.

Scott Williams made a motion to authorize ROCC's Board of Directors to establish two new lines in the 2018 budget for leadership training and committee members' training in an amount to be determined by the Board. Rein van West seconded the motion. After discussion the motion passed.

Committee Reports:

ROCC Talks – Kate Kellogg

April 19, Thursday ROCC will be presenting the film "Happening A Clean Energy Revolution" at the Wright Opera House at 7:00 pm.

In June we will have a talk on Mountain Lions by Ken Logan who works for Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

In August we will have a talk on Wildlife Collisions with vehicles.

In October we will have a talk on the Future of Ouray County, possibly with a panel discussion including people from Town of Ridgway, City of Ouray and Ouray County.

Clean Energy – Rein van West

Sixty three percent of Tri-States energy comes from coal. And because of Tri-State's 5 percent renewable energy production limits SMPA can't build another solar farm to service its members at this time. However, the energy produced from residential solar systems isn't subject to the 5 percent limit so we should be encouraging people to install residential solar systems in Ouray County.

See report below.

Clean Energy Committee Report

4) Ouray County 2018 Events Calendar & Outreach for Energy Efficient Programs:

- Senate bill introduced to make Colorado 100% renewable by 2035
- How to make OC more renewable given the 5% renewable restriction cap on SMPA's efforts for more renewable energy:
- Table community events with SMPA & Eco literature and signup lists
- Important to have up-to-date info for the tabling
- Develop a calendar for tabling public events
- Spaghetti Dinner/ROCC parking lot sale/Farmers' Mkt/Ski-journing, etc.
- Debbie will donate tent and tables as needed
- For Marketing: APE is offering \$500 rebate to first 15 Ridgway town residents for installation of 3kW system or larger

a good website for renewable energy news: www.utilitydive.com

- Tri-State co-ops making use of 5% renewable generation: none in NE nor WY, 8 of 11 in NM, 14 of 19 in CO

- EV Charging Station Update:

- Dixon Pratt says Ridgway charging station is most efficient in region

Next CEC Meeting:

March 15, 2018

Public Lands – Robyn Cascade

1. GMUG Forest Plan

The comment phase and assessment phase for this plan have ended and the scoping phase is now in progress.

The public can access the wilderness inventory online.

2. San Juan Wilderness Bill

Negotiations with the Ouray Silver Mines resulted in OSM supporting this bill.

There are still some ongoing negotiations to be done concerning this bill.

WCC Food and Agriculture – Robyn Cascade

Robyn thanked ROCC for training funds she received to pay for a 12-week online course in this area. Robyn also stated that we need food activists in Ouray County.

Social Justice – Kathy and Tom Heffernan

Kathy and Tom Heffernan are the new Co-Chairs of this committee.

CIRC/HAP's new address in Montrose is #A1, 1010 S. Cascade Ave, Montrose, CO 81401.

Kathy and Tom requested that a request for donations to HAP/CIRC be put in the What ROCCS?

Robyn Cascade made a motion that the ROCC Board take under consideration joining CIRC and make a recommendation at the next business meeting in May. Rein seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

See report below.

Report of ROCC Social Justice Committee
for ROCC General Meeting March 11, 2018

Over the past couple of months we have been trying to keep affordable housing in the forefront of agendas of OCHAC. OCHAC gave us the go ahead to take a letter to the BOCC, Town of Ridgway and Ouray City Council. There are three things we are asking these 3 entities to consider:

1. A uniform percentage of new developments be designated deed restricted.
2. Uniform time limits for deed restrictions with a view towards extending those into perpetuity.
3. Asking the City, Town and County to develop a plan providing incentives to businesses to develop housing plans for their employees.

This will be happening very soon.

One idea that has been floating around in different places is amending Tabor and bringing back the transfer fee to be used for affordable housing. Telluride was grandfathered in on the Transfer fee and they bring in quite a bit of money for affordable housing.

The SJ Committee also looked at being part of the Rapid Response Team also known as Corrn, (Colorado Rapid Response Network.) Trained people respond when there is an ICE raid happening. We have three and maybe a fourth person interested in taking the training. We would volunteer in Ouray County.

There are three positions: Dispatcher (person has to speak Spanish also) Confirmer, (person who records what happens, and that it is an ICE raid and not some other group like SWAT) and a Legal Observer who takes photographs, etc.)

We have a couple of requests for the ROCC group to consider. We recently found out that HAP and CIRC are losing their office space. The building was sold and bought by the Center for Mental Health. They have to be out in two months. HAP and CIRC share office space. They are working to find a new place. Our request is that ROCC consider being a member of CIRC just like WCC is. They only take businesses and organization members. It would be a good way for us to support them. Karen Perez said that they have 5 member groups throughout the state and all of them need more members. These groups are a coalition of people from various businesses and organization. These groups give CIRC power to engage the community. It strengthens them to do the work they have to do. There are so many threats against the immigrant communities. Karen would be very thankful if you would consider becoming a member.

Second: HAP doesn't have a lot of operating money to work with. They get donations but can always use more. We would like to send out an appeal to the ROCC organization for individual donations to HAP. This could easily go out in the "What ROCCs" email.

Then anyone who wants can donate to this worthy organization. HAP does amazing work in our local communities.

Our third and final request is a ROCC membership list. We would like to see if we can get a membership list of the larger ROCC group. If not that than at least a list of who is on the different committees and phone numbers for that.

Kathy and Tom Heffernan,
Co-chairs of SJ Committee

Grants – Scott Williams

Scott noted that Robyn's leadership money is not technically a grant, but money for leadership training.

The committee approved a \$500 music sponsorship for UWP's annual River Fest in June.

WCA – Don Swartz

Don outlined ROCC's Board's response to several requests made by WCA to ROCC. Namely, the Board was in favor of WCC changing its name to WCA (Western Colorado Alliance), but the Board was not in favor of changing ROCC's name to WCA – Ouray County.

New Business:

1. Partners Program – Levy Krey

Krey works for both the Partners Program and the Voyager Youth Program. Partners is a program that matches adult mentors with children in Delta, Montrose and Ouray Counties. They work with children ages 6 to 17, and it has about 40 children in the program. Mentors are asked to work with the child they are assigned for three hours each week.

Partners needs volunteer mentors who are willing to enter into long-term commitments.

Each year Partners has a volunteer dinner and an online auction fundraising event. Jen and Randy Parker and Vicki Huggins are mentors in this program. So, they can answer any questions that potential volunteer mentors may have.

2. Dark Skies Certification for the Town of Ridgway – Valentine Szarc and Dave Jones

Val and Dave are seeking to get the Town of Ridgway a Dark Sky Designation by the International Dark Sky Association. Thirty-seven places already have this designation including Westcliffe, Colorado and Torrey, Utah.

Val believes that Ridgway is an excellent candidate for the IDA Dark Sky Community Designation, since Ridgway already meets a number of the prerequisites for this designation. And they would like to take this issue to the Ridgway Town Council at its next meeting in April.

Val and Dave are asking ROCC to set up an exploratory committee on this issue and have the committee report back to the ROCC Board in two months.


Scott Williams made a motion that ROCC set up a working committee to work on this issue. Rein van West seconded the motion. After some discussion the motion passed.

See PowerPoint slideshow below.



A PROPOSAL FOR ROCC - RIDGWAY DARK SKY DESIGNATION BY THE INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY ASSOCIATION

Dave Jones and Val Szwarc
ROCC Members and Dark Sky Advocates
March 11, 2018



Agenda Topics

- Introduction and why we are here
- Background and past dark sky efforts for Ridgway and Ouray County
- What are the benefits of preserving the dark sky and what is the International Dark Sky Association (IDA)
- The IDA criteria and process for a successful designation
- Ridgway's potential for success – a preliminary assessment
 - Initial sky darkness measurements
 - IDA compliant Town of Ridgway owned LED street lights
 - Ridgway Lightning Ordinance
- Preliminary Next Steps

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Introduction – and Why We Are Here

- The Dark Sky is a Natural Resource that is slipping away
 - Just like the clean air we breath and the clean water we drink
 - Southwestern Colorado has one of the last dark skies in the US – and it desires our efforts for preservation
- We are here to ask for ROCC's continuing support in preserving the night sky over Ridgway
 - Preservation of the Dark Sky Resource compliments ROCC's mission
 - Take the next step to be formally recognized by the International Dark Sky Association (IDA)

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Background – past dark sky efforts

- 1994 - ROCC designates Dark Sky Preservation as one of it's main missions
- ROCC members spearheaded dark sky lighting ordinances in Ridgway and Ouray County
- Major revitalization of historic downtown Ridgway includes full cutoff decorative fixtures with “warm” (3000K) LED lamps
 - Fully IDA compliant

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Benefits and The International Dark Sky Association Mission

- The [IDA](#) have designated [37 places](#) around the world that recognize and promote excellent stewardship of the night sky through responsible lighting and public education
 - Westcliffe Colorado and Torrey Utah
 - Ridgway is a perfect candidate
- Maintains our natural resource and the starry sky as can be seen over the dark skies of Western Colorado and the Western US
- Energy conservation through smart efficient use of lighting
- Helps minimize impacts to wildlife and migrations
- Summarized well from this [Telluride Planet/Watch article](#)

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The IDA criteria and process for a successful designation

- IDA designates Dark Sky Places following a defined application process
 - Demonstrate robust community support for dark sky protection
 - Document Dark Sky designation-specific program requirements.
 - Town lighting updates to local ordinances – as needed
 - Validation of dark sky resource via measurements
 - Public education
 - Support letters from public, business, and local Gov

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Ridgway's potential for success

- Preliminary Assessment
 - Initial sky darkness measurements are positive
 - Town of Ridgway owned LED street lights are IDA compliant
 - Ridgway Lightning Ordinance
 - Many IDA requirements are present
 - Some updates however will be needed
 - LED color temperature, Lumens, policy statements, etc
- Ridgway appears to be an excellent candidate for IDA Dark Sky Community Designation!

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Preliminary Next Steps

- Request ROCC set up an exploratory committee and a request for volunteers to focus on assessment of possible pursuit of Dark Sky Designation by IDA for Ridgway
 - Objective of assessing potential effort, timeline, resources, community support, and funding (if needed)
 - Determine Ridgway Town Council willingness for lighting ordinance enhancements
 - To be fully IDA compliant
 - Led by Val Szwarc and Dave Jones
 - Report back to ROCC in 2(TBR) months with mature assessment results and recommendations
- My Contact info is vszwarc@aol.com
- Volunteers are needed to help

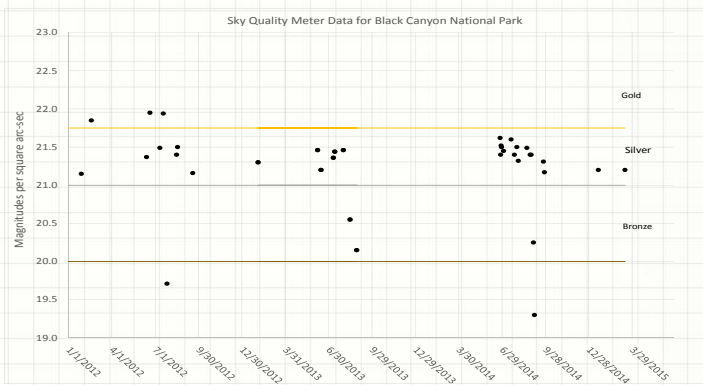
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Backup Slides

- Local IDA Designated Dark Sky Places
 - Black Canyon NP SQM Data
- Dark Sky Maps for the World

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Black Canyon NP SQM Data



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3. Should ROCC create a ROCC directory? – Tom Heffernan

Tom suggested that ROCC explore the possibility of creating a membership directory. After some discussion it was agreed that Roze Evans should be approached about putting the committee chairs' and Board of Directors' contact information on the ROCC website.

Kate Kellogg made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Scott Williams seconded the motion. Motion Passed.