

**GRAND COUNTY CHANGE IN FORM OF GOVERNMENT
STUDY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING**

**Grand County Council Chambers
125 East Center Street, Moab, Utah**

**MINUTES
June 14, 2019**

Call to Order

The Grand County Change in Form of Government Study Committee ("Study Committee") met in Regular Session on the above date in the County Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stocks at 12:02 p.m. with a quorum present. In attendance at the call to order were Study Committee Members Judy Carmichael (by phone), Walt Dabney, Cricket Green, Bob Greenberg, and Marcy Till. Absent was Study Committee Member Jeramy Day. Also in attendance was Ruth Dillon (County Council Administrator) to take minutes.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Bob.

Approval of Minutes

A. May 17, 2019

Chairperson Stocks requested any changes or corrections to the minutes. Bob provided suggested changes to pages 4 and 6 as follows: Page 4 to be changed from "...there is no need to rush to change the form of government as expressed by voter sentiment during three different elections..." to "...there is no need to rush to change the form of government as the current form has been supported by the majority of voters during three different elections..." Page 6 to strike the following superfluous phrase that was not actually stated during the meeting: "Note: This is compared to a County Manager in the Council-Manager form in which the executive powers of the County Manager are expressly provided in State Code and held only by the appointed County Manager."

MOTION: Motion by Bob to approve the minutes of May 17, 2019 as modified seconded by Walt carried 6-0.

General Reports - none

Community Outreach and Possible Action

B. Report on list of organizations to whom the flyer, including Open House dates, has been sent

Bob inquired as to whether individuals other than Study Committee Members may provide topics for the agenda. Chairperson Stocks responded that the County Council Administrator, County Attorney, and Clerk/Auditor have made requests for agenda topics and that he has granted them to these individuals due to the nature of their positions in understanding and supporting the work of the Study Committee.

County Council Administrator Dillon read from the list of organizations to whom the flyer has been sent, adding that Committee Member Dabney sent an email to former Council Members/Commissioners for whom the Administrator's Office had email addresses, approximately 15; the email invited them to speak at an Open House, at a regular meeting, and/or provide their unique perspective in writing.

Marcy added to the list KZMU, KCYN, Moab Happenings and Ad-Vertiser and reported that she submitted a Public Service Announcement (PSA) for KZMU and KCYN as well as a small ad for the print publications and the two local newspapers; this includes an eighth-page ad for the Ad-Vertiser.

C. Report on June 5, 2019 Open House at the Grand Center and number of completed surveys received

F. Guidance on compiling completed surveys for ultimately reporting to the Study Committee

Marcy suggested having a subcommittee of Study Committee Members who attended the Open Houses to review the survey responses and create a report on general trends that would also include a synopsis of the questions and concerns provided by citizens. Bob suggested the subcommittee could be one individual who will have attended each Open House and to draft and circulate a written report to the remaining attending Study Committee Members for additional input.

Marcy agreed to draft a list of pertinent questions presented by citizens. Walt stated that individuals arrive at the Open Houses not understanding, and then leave with an understanding of the differences between "Council" and "Commission" and the differences between "Executive," "Manager," and "Administrator" as these relate to each of the four forms of government. County Council Administrator Dillon remarked that there is confusion partly because our current "Council" Members have executive authority and thus are more like a "Commission" whereas the two allowed Council forms of government do not allow executive authority with the Council Members. Further, that an "Administrator" position utilized by Grand County and five commissions in Utah is not defined or protected in State Code, whereas an "Elected Executive/Elected Mayor" position and a "County Manager" position are protected and carry all the executive power in the two Council forms of government.

G. Suggestions for content of post card mailers and approving budget for same

Bob suggested that the post card mailer is no longer needed, and Study Committee Members concurred.

H. Approving use(s) of Facebook and/or other social media

Chairperson Stocks postponed approving use(s) of Facebook and/or other social media to the next meeting.

I. Suggestions for additional public service announcement(s)

Marcy agreed to submit another no-charge PSA to KZMU to advertise the 4th of July booth if the booth is deemed available.

J. Suggestions for next newspaper editorial regarding the public engagement process

Stephen reviewed the content for the next newspaper editorial, as determined under Item E, adding that citizens will be guided to the booth (if the booth is available) at the 4th of July celebration.

Regarding the booth, Cricket suggested having decorations and swag, and Walt offered to work with the League of Women Voters President to prepare the booth. Open House surveys and study materials / handouts will be made available at the booth.

Citizens to Be Heard

Citizen Shannon Butler suggested utilizing the "Moab Classifieds" site on Facebook. Marcy agreed to add a PSA. There was brief discussion about the existence of several such local Facebook pages as resources, such as "Moab Classified" (singular).

Discussion and possible action on study strategy

K. Report on additional fee information for engagement of outside counsel, continued from April 12, 2019, and approving proposed contract award for drafting the Optional Plan Ordinance, postponed from May 17, 2019

Bob expressed his desire to hire local, qualified outside legal counsel and his opinion that the proposal of local attorney Steve Russell is very reasonable. He asserted that the firm of Snell & Wilmer was retained by the Grand County Republican Party to sue Grand County which creates a conflict of interest that must be

Chairperson Stocks suggested that regular meeting times will need to be extended both in duration of meetings as well as in number of meetings. After a brief discussion with preferences for meetings on Fridays, Study Committee Members agreed to provide their schedules to County Council Administrator Dillon for arriving at best possible dates to provide at an approaching meeting for action.

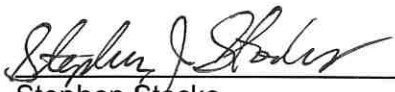
Marcy suggested that, after talking with Gavin Anderson, it may be possible in the Optional Plan, depending on input from the County Attorney and Clerk/Auditor, to hold a special election in June or November 2021 (a municipal election year) to fill the slate if the voters agree to the recommended form of government in November 2020. In this way, if it is possible, the new form could be initiated in January 2022 rather than January 2023.

County Council Administrator Dillon agreed to check with the County Attorney and Clerk/Auditor on their reviews as to whether this is possible.

Closed Session(s) (if necessary) - none

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:42 p.m. on a motion by Cricket, seconded by Walt that passed 5-0.



Stephen Stocks
Chairperson

Marcy Till
Secretary