



# Community Plan Update

## Steering Committee Member Bios

### **Nicholas Bobak, At-large Member**

Nick, originally a Pittsburgh native, and his wife, Carla, have been in Colorado for almost five years after moving cross country from Florida in 2014. As a software engineer, he is able to work from anywhere that has a decent internet connection, which allows him to live in the beautiful City of Ouray. When he's not in front of a computer writing code, he enjoys escaping to the mountains or taking long roadtrips on his motorcycle with his wife.

As someone who plans to stay in Ouray with hopes of eventually raising children here, he joined the Community Plan Steering Committee in order to ensure a sustainable future for his family. With a background in technology and an understanding of the flexibility that it offers, he hopes to help cultivate a community that can expand beyond the city limits and grow an infrastructure that will allow for Ouray to become a year-round home for many other professionals in the remote workspace.

### **Glen Boyd, City Council Member**

Glenn Boyd has been on the City Council for 5 years. In that time Glenn has been an advocate for updating the city master plan. This is something Glenn has been wanting to see happen since he started on the City Council. Glenn is honored to be a part of the process and believes he has a lot to contribute to the Community Plan Update process. In addition, Glenn's full time job for the county is an emergency plan writer and I have been a citizen of Ouray since 1993.

### **Pam Larson, City Council Member**

Pam Larson was raised in Ouray and has served the community as School Board member and president, Council member and Mayor. She believes that the City government and Council is here to serve the citizens and feels that the Community Plan Update process is the most effective way to develop consensus on our future. She hopes that citizens actively participate in this process and voice their insights into what will continue to make this community a great place to live and work. If you have comments or questions about the direction for Ouray's future, please contact her at [larsomp@cityofouray.com](mailto:larsomp@cityofouray.com) or give her a call at 325-4600 or 318-1431.

### **Susie Greco-Perry, Community Development Committee Member**

Susie Greco-Perry has been a resident of the City of Ouray for just five years but feels a strong connection to this amazing place having visited it many times in her almost 25 years living on the western slope of Colorado. Prior to Colorado Susie has lived in Arizona, Oklahoma, New Jersey and Alaska. In all of those places Susie never experienced a place as unique or as special as Ouray. Susie and her husband, City of Ouray, Chief of Police Justin Perry chose to make Ouray their home as it provides a great place to raise their son. Susie and Justin both try to look for ways in which they can positively contribute to the community they call home so they and others can continue to thrive here. Susie currently operate a branch of Academy Mortgage in Ridgway, CO and has over 20 years' experience in the finance industry including securities and investments, title insurance and mortgages. This perspective allows her to accurately represent the needs and requirements of affordable housing in the area and what it takes to live here. All of these interests motivated Susie to serve on the Community Plan Update Steering Committee. Susie serves as a representative of the Community Economic Development Committee in an effort to represent the needs and voices of the business community and the economic interests of the City of Ouray.

### **Tamara Gulde, Planning Commission Member**

Tamara Gulde has been a City of Ouray home owner and full-time resident since April of 2005. She and her husband, Bruce, co-own two businesses on Main Street, Ouray: Mountain Fever Shirts & Gifts (since October 2007), and Rocky Mountain Scenics (since 2005).

Tamara is presently a City of Ouray Planning Commissioner (since 2011) and member of the Ouray Area Joint Planning Board. She has served as the 2017 and 2018 Race Director of the Mount Sneffels Marathon and Half Marathon (7 years on the committee). Tamara served 3 years on the Ouray Chamber Resort Association board, two years as president (2012-14); 3 years on the City of Ouray Beautification Committee (2006-09); 3.5 years on the City of Ouray Pool Improvement Committee; chaired and co-created Ouray County Mud Fest; was Volunteer Coordinator for 2 years for Ouray Ice Fest, and chaired the Holiday Committee for a few years beginning in 2006.

Tamara and her husband live in a house that was built in 1888 and own a VRBO long term rental house, built in 1878. Her love for the mountains is deep, and her commitment to a healthy Ouray community is full.

Tamara is a permanent year-round resident, property owner, and business owner who believes in serving and giving back to her community, now as a member of the Community Plan Update Steering Committee as a Planning Commissioner representative. Because of her community involvement, business skills, networking experience, and love of Ouray's unique environment, she feels she has insights and skills to assist in creating a current and meaningful Community Plan, important to all who live in and visit Ouray, the Gem of the Rockies. Listening to various views and insights of community members is an opportunity for learning and creating a plan that serves the greater good of all concerned. She looks forward to being a part of discovering the community's vision of Ouray now and in the future and capturing those visions in a new plan.

### **Jenny Hart, At-large Member**

Jenny Hart is a fourth-grade teacher at Ouray School where she has taught for 24 years. Jenny also works with new teachers through the West Central Alternative Licensure Program. Jenny's husband, Sean, is also a teacher. Jenny is the mother of two terrific kids who attend Ouray School. Jenny is also a veteran member of Ouray Mountain Rescue, and volunteers with Ouray Trail Group each summer. Jenny's mother was born and raised in Ouray, and her grandfather, John Wise, was the General Manager of the Idarado Mine many years ago.

Jenny is participating in the Community Plan Update Steering Committee in the hopes of continuing to help the community of Ouray thrive and improve. Jenny brings her extensive knowledge of Ouray history to the table, along with a desire to promote the well-being of Ouray School. Jenny sees an urgent need in our community to deal with the affordable housing issue and hope that her participation will allow for the community to address this urgent matter. Jenny is honored to serve my community in so many different capacities.

### **Christina Hinkson, At-large Member**

Chris Hinkson is a small business owner, a volunteer in the community, and is on the Ouray Tourism Office Board. Chris enjoys our mountains by hiking, canyoning, camping and four wheeling.

Chris remembers the first time she came to Ouray, where she fell in love with this special place, and knew in her heart that Ouray was home. Chris loved the town and the beauty that was all around. Chris has lived here 35 years now, and what kept her here was the community. Chris understands that we all have a passion for this place, we work, live, play, volunteer, raise our children and hopes to retire here. This is why Chris wanted to be a part of the Community Plan Update Steering Committee. Chris believes

that we are at a crossroads of possibly losing all of the reasons she moved to the community, and hopes that the Steering Committee can guide the new Community plan to hold on to the values of this community that brought us all here.

### **Greg Nelson, Parks and Recreation Committee Member**

Greg Nelson has a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering from Georgia Tech and a Master of Business Administration from the University of South Florida. Greg worked in the electric utility industry for 32 years before retiring and moving to Ouray in 2014. Since moving to Ouray, he worked for Ouray County for 3 years, serving as a Deputy Clerk & Recorder. While working in the utility industry, Greg worked in a variety of areas, including: engineering and construction; project management; planning; environmental, health and safety; renewable energy; regulatory and governmental affairs; and American Indian relations.

In Ouray, Greg has served on a number of committees, including Parks & Recreation (PARC), Safe Neighborhoods, and Winterfest. Outside of Ouray, Greg has served on a number of boards over the years, including serving in officer positions for Easter Seals – Tampa Bay Region, Tampa Bay Audubon Society, and New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science. He has also been involved in a variety of educational programs, including the Great American Teach-In, Manatee Viewing Center and the Hillsborough Community College Environmental Science Advisory Committee.

Greg is serving on the Community Plan Update Steering Committee as the PARC representative. He is also interested in being a part of the long-term success of the community in which he lives.

### **Dolgio Nergui, At-Large Member**

Dolgio Nergui works as IT Tech for Ouray County and also volunteers for OMRT and OCEMS. Dolgio also serves on the board of the Ouray Climbers Alliance, local climbing advocacy non-profit. Dolgio joined the Community Plan Steering Committee because she would like to see the community thrive with diverse year-around economy to support basic services and businesses; successful school district; flourishing arts scene; and sustainable recreational opportunities. Dolgio is acutely aware of many challenges facing the community such as aging infrastructure, lack of affordable housing and transportation, wildfire danger and changing climate, and she is very encouraged by the City of Ouray and its citizens' enthusiasm and willingness to work together to come up with solutions to these and many other problems, while preserving the unique character of the town.

### **Jeff Skoloda, Planning Commission Member (Steering Committee Chair)**

Jeff moved to Ouray in 1999 and started Skol Gallery and Skol Studio & Design. The first is a fine art gallery and the former is a custom architectural metal working shop. Jeff has been volunteering for the Ouray Mountain Rescue Team since 2001 with two years as Lieutenant and two years as Captain. Jeff has been on the Ouray Planning Commission since 2003, and now serves as Chair for the Commission. Jeff loves the mountains the community of Ouray.

### **Josh Smith, At-large Member**

Josh Smith has experienced Ouray and watched the town evolve as a visitor, part time resident, and now a full time resident. Josh's background is in architectural and environmental design that includes planning and working with developers. Josh also has a strong interest in transportation and historic preservation. Josh is on the Steering Committee based on his desire to offer his knowledge and experience to assist with Ouray's future direction and growth, and to help develop a stronger, healthier, and more vibrant community for the city's residents and visitors to enjoy.