

finding their social niche. A participant organized a Singles Group intended to capitalize on the reasons they found their way here, mostly outdoor activities, and hopes it will also develop into volunteer groups to meet needs within Ouray.

A Sense of Community: A considerable number of individuals have mentioned to the coordinator that participation in this group on a weekly basis helped them feel they

formed a plan and ... agenda.

were a part of the community for the first time, that it was the first vehicle to cause them to productively interact with their counterparts.

Conclusion

Probably due to a variety of reasons, CommUNITY seems to have become a recognized part of Ouray.

Just as important as the fact that key leaders in critical organizations and businesses, the newspaper, and government leaders stuck with the group as it formed a plan and proceeded to a workable agenda. The direction and confidence of those community leaders has helped create an entity that seems to be working well...and is drawing attention from others as a model potentially suitable for their communities. ■