

SCCC Minutes 10.16.18 DRAFT

Snowmass Capitol Creek Caucus Board Meeting October 16, 2018  
Snowmass Fire Station Annex

Board members present:

David Chase, George Johnson, Michael Kinsley, Chris Collins, Chris Bergerud, Vicki Treece,  
Jeffrey Woodruff, Jill Sabella

Guest: John McBride

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John McBride commented that the teepees on the McBride property on Light Hill, put up for the Huts for Vets program in early summer, will be taken down. If they are put up again next year, the color will be camouflaged rather than white.

He also commented on the Dottie Fox Overlook on Watson Divide and how he hopes any construction (sitting area) will not be on the knob and visible but installed just below the knob which would also protect it more from traffic noise. This overlook is not in the SCCC area, but rather on the Wheeler property and any further decisions will be made in the spring. McBride addressed meeting the Maroon Creek and Castle Creek Caucuses had regarding the proposed new airport renovation and runway expansion. With take-off and landing sometimes in opposite directions, the altitude, weather and short runways, the Aspen airport is considered the most dangerous in the country. Traffic is expected to double or triple in coming years. George commented because of the short runways, it is not FAA approved and changes have to be made. 90% of airport funding comes from the FAA. Hence the proposed \$400 million renovation plus \$200 to move the runways. runways would have to be widened or larger commercial planes won't fly in. Also to consider is making the Rifle airport a commercial one to accommodate the larger commercial jets.

David will ask the BOCC, or another official, to come and make an informative presentation to the caucus.

AGENDA

The Douglas land use application on lower Snowmass Creek Road will be discussed next meeting.

MINUTES

The minutes of the Caucus meeting of September 18, 2018 were approved. George motioned; Chris Collins seconded. All in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

There is \$18,801.17 in the unrestricted Snowmass Capitol Creek account, \$24,980.51 in the restricted Snowmass Creek water work account for a total of \$43,781.68.

Vicki addressed the upcoming 2018 annual fundraising letter to go out in November and it was recommended that the letter look forward to what the Caucus wants to do, and to review what it has done this past year, in brief. The letter will be sent out in November to all property owners in the caucus area.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Election of Board Members 2019

The board meeting on December 11 will be the date set for the Annual/Special Meeting for the nomination and election of new Caucus board members for 2019. Since there has to be a 30-day wait period after nominations are made and before the voting can be done, it's possible the date may have to be moved later. Chris Bergerud will research how to put the nominations and voting procedure on-line as they have been done in the past. Last year the voting was done exclusively on-line. There were no paper ballots.

### Land Use

Chris Collins discussed the application for the Fox Subdivision at 354 Snowmass Creek Road. The Activity Envelope and Site Plan propose removing the smaller of two existing structures, building an ADU of 2,000 SF with two bedrooms, two baths, with a future plan for a 2nd residence and the removal of the other existing structure. Total bedrooms would be four with a septic system designed to serve both structures. 5,750 SF is currently allowed. Discussion followed on the current limit of 1,000 SF for an ADU.

Vicki expressed concern about the precedent of having two residential buildings on the site and the density issue of such site planning in the future.

George expressed concern about good drainage difficulties of a septic system installed on a steep slope.

Michael moved to accept the application. Jeffrey seconded. George proposed an amendment to the motion to add that the septic system should be sized for the needs of all future bedrooms. A vote was taken and the amendment did not pass. All voted in favor of Michael's motion with one vote against. Chris Collins will write a letter to the County about the septic concerns.

A review was made of the Abundant Acres site. The Russells have agreed to plant trees on the south side and thus far two evergreens have been planted on the south side of the judges stand. The judges stand was not on the site plan the Caucus approved. The light-colored material in the arena is still a concern but will be amended as was the arena in the Russell's other site. A dry hydrant has been installed at the pond's edge which if needed can draw water from the pond in the event of fire.

### FUN(D) RAISING

Molly and Steve Child would like to host another story-telling event at their home, hopefully combining it with cross-country skiing around their ranch, sometime in early December.

### ADJOURN

Michael moved to adjourn the meeting. David seconded. Meeting was adjourned.