

Snowmass Capitol Creek Caucus Board Meeting Minutes of May 16, 2017  
Snowmass Fire Station Annex

Board members present:

Aaron Oakley, Chelsea Brundige, David Chase, Jeffrey Woodfuff, Jill Sabella and Chris Collins via webcam

Guests:

Nancy and Dwight Maurin, Meredith Oakley, Molly Child and Helene Slansky.  
Manuel and Laura Gomez via webcam

Quorum was established

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Molly Child reviewed the annual Capitol Snowmass Creek roadside cleanup held Earth Day, Saturday, April 22. It was a small turnout of volunteers, but the group cleaned Capitol and Snowmass Creek Roads down to Highway #82 and also along the highway in the postoffice area and park & ride areas. The Childs and another volunteer cleaned further on both sides of the highway. The caucus didn't reach out to the new Upper Snowmass Caucus to participate, so Watson Divide was not included. The County and State picked up the trash bags the next day. Special thanks to the Child family for their time and efforts in the cleanup.

There will be a wedding party celebration at the Maurin Ranch June 3. Production is from May 31-June 5th.

The Deaf Camp will be having a cleanup and weed control event May 19-21.

The county has put the MAVIC bike event, scheduled to bring riders to this valley Saturday, June 29, on hold for a week pending resolution to potential traffic problems at the Aspen roundabout.

### AGENDA ADDITIONS

The Board discussed whether to bring on an additional/new board member once Rick Heede's tenure is up on the board; Rick has indicated the end of his tenure is imminent. There was discussion on whether eight members is sufficient, or an odd number is desired in case of a tie vote and also about replacing Rick's position as head of the Land Use Committee. There were two residents who would have run for the board but applied too late to enter the last election. It was decided that the Board would vote for one replacement.

Aaron moved that we do look for a board replacement by doing an e-blast and a notice on the website.

David seconded. All approved; motion passed.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

No formal report was prepared, so no account balance was available at the meeting. Since the caucus' 501c-3 status with the Secretary of State had expired, a \$50 fine was paid in addition to the regular annual \$10 fee.

The Caucus' permanent legal address is with Van Domelen accountants in addition to the caucus' regular PO Box 507, Snowmass 81654 address.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Communication

The new website is up and running @ \$7.50/month; one year is now paid for. Agenda and Minutes are current on the website. Mark Harvey offered information of the valleys' flora, fauna, photos etc. for the new website. At present there is no link to PayPal so a "donation" link could be done through WIX. There was discussion about the 3 email addresses the caucus currently has and whether to simplify them to one address ([info@snowcapcaucus.org](mailto:info@snowcapcaucus.org)) to improve the management and administration of the Caucus' communications. The caucus would manage the website and email addresses through WIX. Board President and Secretary would take responsibility for correspondences, email address updates, etc. Final discussion/resolution will be at the next Board meeting.

Aaron made a motion that we bring our email communication server back into board control and send Joseph Grange, who has been managing the site the past number of years, a thank you for his service.

Chelsea seconded the motion. All approved; motion passed.

### Land Use Committee

The Radford application was discussed. Chris had visited the site on Alexander Ave. in Little Elk Creek previously and recommended that we follow the pertinent HOA response. The Little Elk Creek HOA stated they were in compliance with both the county and LEC guidelines. Chris stated in the future we should go first to any pertinent HOA approvals/disapprovals in our reviews. There was discussion on who will write the final formal letter to County when Rick leaves the Caucus board.

Aaron made a motion that we send a positive response to the Redford application to the County, and cc: the homeowner, architect and HOA.

David seconded the motion. All approved; motion passed.

Molly suggested the caucus send a friendly informative letter to all new residents from the Land Use Committee; Chelsea suggested adding the Master Plan as well. The point is to inform new residents early on to avoid later problems. Chelsea offered to write this letter.

### Fun(d) Raising

Saturday, August 19 was set as the date for the annual caucus picnic. It will be held at the McCabe Ranch. They have generously offered to assist in a tent, band, fire-pit BBQ, etc, — all to yet be determined. Upper Snowmass Creek Caucus will also be invited. donations will be solicited but not required at the picnic. Other events of an educational, social manner may be planned with no donation solicitation attached.

### OLD/NEW BUSINESS

There was discussion of a story telling social event(s). Molly offered their home for one. It would be a potluck social to tell and hear stories of our valley. A Story Night. This will be discussed further.

Molly suggested the Biota link on the website could be used for input/comment on nature spottings, like hummingbird arrivals. I.e. recently an area rancher saw three mountain lions in our Caucus area.

### MASTER PLAN

The current revision is in its final editing.

The Board discussed the final editing of the current revision of the Master Plan, the importance of presenting it to the rest of the caucus residents to solicit comments, and what the path to final approval should be. Once the Board has made final approval of this revision, a "clean" copy will be put out to the public for comment. Notice will be put on the website, an email blast and a postcard to all residents. All comments will be reviewed by the Board and the community will be encouraged to attend that Board meeting. The Board wants to give ample time for the community to respond. The Board draft approval will be planned for the June agenda or sooner, and then at least 30 days for public comment, with a target of reviewing all public comments at the July meeting. Hopefully the August meeting would be the vote for the final draft, which then goes to the County for approval.

There was good feedback on the remote webcam system at the meeting from Chris and Manuel.

Aaron moved to adjourn; Chelsea seconded. All approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Sabella, Secretary, Snowmass Capitol Creek Caucus