

SCCC Minutes 7.18.17

Snowmass Capitol Creek Caucus Board Meeting Minutes of July 18, 2017  
Snowmass Fire Station Annex

### CALL TO ORDER

Board members present:

Aaron Oakley, Chris Collins, Chelsea Brundige, George Johnson, David Chase, Jeffrey Woodruff, Jill Sabella

Guests: Meredith Oakley, Alice Collins, Aaron Cotter, Steve Child and Bob Johnson

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bob Johnson, manager of Gateway and of Integrated Mountain Management, introduced himself and offered to inform Gateway residents about the Master Plan review and to be of any other service to the Caucus.

George offered to ask the LEC manager to send the Master Plan on to residents there.

Steve Child spoke of a possible diversion of Snowmass Creek off Hunter Creek on the old 1915 Elk Creek #2 Ditch near the top of Shield O'Mesa by Holly Smith. The diversion ditch would eventually return to Snowmass Creek. The application will likely go to Water Court; Steve advised to just pay attention to the case.

Discussion about the ditch running alongside the road below the little bridge on lower Snowmass Creek Road. Steve said it is actually a water ditch that the County has been in litigation over for 3-4 years, and that it will stay as is. The Caucus will write a note to the County Community Development and request that the black plastic on both sides of the intersecting driveway be removed.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Chelsea said the present Caucus bookkeeping system is very simple, and as of June 30, there is a \$42,135.82 balance. The account is broken into two portions - with the Unrestricted Portion currently being \$14,237.65 and the Restricted for Work on Snowmass Creek currently being \$26,710.76. The Board discussed a target for a contingency fund and what kind of balance to keep. Predictable expenses are web fee, mailings, annual picnic and non-profit insurance. It was decided a budget per se is not needed. The caucus, having a 501 c3 status can sponsor educational activities in the valley. Steve mentioned "fun and dissemination of information" as important aspects to consider.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

## Communication

Nothing new

## Land Use

Two applications -

1. Heinecken, at 7030 E. Sopris Creek Road, has a “disturbance envelope” application. Application is for a new water line into Gateway’s water system. The concern is the scar the construction will make on the hillside and across the ridge and also disruption to native vegetation. Chelsea will write a note expressing hope there will be some erosion control and revegetation effort.
2. Russell/Abundant Acres LLC at 6801 E. Sopris Creek Road has an Activity Envelope and Site Plan Review for additional structures and pond (barn, hay barn, shop, pasture, pond), which are all within County code. The Land Use committee will meet soon to do an onsite review. Comments due by August 28.

## FUN(D)RAISING

### Annual Picnic

Picnic will be Saturday, August 19 at the McCabe Ranch big arena from 5 pm on for Capitol Creek Valley residents and their families. The Wooden Nickel will play country music and there will be an open mike for music and stories/readings. The McCabe ranch will provide McCabe beef hamburgers, the caucus will provide beverages and other grill foods, and the Board will bring main dishes. Guests will bring potluck. There will be a donations station. A fire pit will be the setting for storytelling. Flyers will be posted locally and an email invite will go out to SCCC residents as well as Upper Snowmass Creek Caucus residents. The invite will have the Wooden Nickel’s cd image and the McCabe Ranch brand. McCabe Ranch historic stories will be displayed at the picnic. The picnic can be held outside on the lawn or inside the arena, weather dependent. Approximately 125-150 are expected.

Many thanks to the McCabe Ranch for their generosity in hosting the event, paying for the Wooden Nickel’s performing, and contributing the burgers and other party supplies and clean-up.

### Storytelling

Still set for either September 9 or 16 up at the Child’s, still to be determined

## MASTER PLAN REVIEW/REVISION CONTINUATION

In the review, two emailed comments were read. Martha Ferguson’s email addressed enforcement of laws/regulations. Chelsea said that the Caucus is receptive to hearing concerns and that it’s up to the board whether to pass those concerns on to the County.

Bill Letterer addressed TDR’s and the Special Review and Prohibited sections of the Plan.

The Board decided to make two changes to the existing draft on page 2 to read:

“The Caucus respects the County’s policies relating to the use of Transferable Development Rights (TDR’S) and GMQS protocols in our area to build a home larger than 5,750 square feet not to exceed 8250 square feet.

and: “In accordance with County code, there should be no multi-family homes, condominiums, apartments, townhouses or trailer parks”.

Aaron moved to adjourn the meeting. All approved.