

Snowmass Capitol Creek Caucus Board Meeting Minutes of January 23, 2018

Snowmass Fire Station Annex

Board members present:

Jeffrey Woodruff, Chris Collins, Jill Sabella, David Chase

New board members: Chris Bergerud, Helene Slansky, Vicki Treece

Guests: Chelsea Congdon Brundige, Alice Collins, Robin Gorog

Quorum was established at 7 pm.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Chelsea, outgoing Treasurer, explained the Caucus' accounting system.

Annual expenses include things like insurance policies covering 1) general liability and 2) Directors and Officers; a bulk mailing permit; mailings; annual picnic expenses, and registration as a non-profit with the Colorado Secretary of State. We bank at Alpine Bank and have an ATM card.

Balance in the Alpine account as of December 29, 2017 is: \$40,150.88. Of that \$15,324.44 is unrestricted; \$24,980.51 is restricted for Snowmass Creek water work.

The funds for the Snowmass Creek water work account were initially collected to study healthy water flows in Snowmass Creek. If the Caucus undertakes work on Capitol Creek, or other water issues distinct from Snowmass Creek, Chelsea believes the original donors would support that work and is willing to confirm with them.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communication

Jeanette Jones of Pitkin County, who lives in Gateway, is willing to update/edit the Caucus' mailing list using returned mail and voting records when the Caucus is preparing it's next mailing.

Election

New board members Chris Bergerud, Helene Slansky and Vicki Treece were introduced and welcomed.

New Board officers are still to be confirmed at the next Caucus meeting.

Land Use

Robin Gorog spoke about the application of *Carlos Treisman Trust/Kriscunas Family Trust Subdivision Exemption for Minor Plat Amendment in Gateway* to the County which has to do with merging lots. After discussion, Chris Collins said the Land Use committee approved.

Water

Chelsea summarized past work on Snowmass Creek, the start of the Caucus effort to look at Capitol Creek, and some of the issues where the Caucus has employed our water attorney Chris Geiger at Balcomb & Green. These cases had mostly to do with proposed ponds vs water tanks as fire mitigation.

Master Plan

David, Jeffrey and Chris Bergerud attended the P&Z meeting January 16. The P&Z unanimously approved the Master Plan; Ellen Sassano will make all of the approved changes and put it in the proper format for a County Master Plan.

In looking at the new Upper Snowmass Creek Caucus' website and Master Plan, it was agreed the Caucus consider adding fire mitigation and noxious weed control issues to the new Master Plan, which would be done as an amendment, going through Ellen Sassano.

Jeffrey spoke about the 2018 Caucus focusing on a few major important concerns:

1. Fire mitigation. How land use applications should be required to have a fire mitigation plan
2. Find common ground with the USCC, especially with things that don't obey boundaries (wildlife, fires, roads, invasive weed control)
3. Investigate ways to add water to the stream. Look into water rights to see if the Caucus could purchase water rights to add to the stream flow. Also leasing water rights to augment the stream flow.
4. Look into energy efficiency, ie. a solar array, in different areas, such as the Monastery is doing with a \$200,000 CORE grant. Look into the Blue Sky initiative. Hold a caucus meeting and ask the local HOA's to attend to learn what CORE could offer for solar initiatives.

Adjourn

Vicki move to adjourn the meeting. Jill seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.