

SCCC Board Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, November 14, 2017
Snowmass Fire Station Annex

CALL TO ORDER

Board members present:

Aaron Oakley, David Chase, George Johnson, Jeffrey Woodruff, Michael Kinsley, Chelsea Brundige, Jill Sabella. Chris Collins remote via phone.

Guests: Martha Ferguson, Chris Bergerud, Susanne Kaskey, Molly Child, Rick Heede.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Discussion on the status of the Nineteenth Street Trust activity envelope application which the Land Use Committee reviewed in April, 2017 and to followup on what the County decided.

TREASURERS REPORT

Chelsea reported:

Checking balance of \$15,163.34

Restricted for Snowmass water work \$25,985.51

One disbursement of \$680.25 for reprinting Snowmass Water Booklet to distribute to Upper Snowmass Creek Caucus members on demand.

Total balance as of October 31, 2017 is \$41, 148.55

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications

Ownership of the website was transferred to Aaron Oakley.

Aaron created a new PayPal account for the SCCC website, which is now active and linked to the SCCC bank account for donations. Donations can also be mailed directly to the SCCC mailbox.

Chelsea has worked on "Interests" website updates.

Chelsea will be adding the Welcome Letter to the website on the same page as the Master Plan.

Discussion about the Welcome Letter and the best way to reach as many residents/homeowners in the valley as possible. The Board decided to do a Year-in-Review Letter to be mailed after Thanksgiving and a second letter in the spring. Both would serve as a communication and a fundraiser. In the past, a seed packet, letter and fundraiser form were sent out.

Election

Discussion about the upcoming annual election. Final nominations are due next week, and 30-days after that the election will happen, which means it would therefore be at the next caucus meeting on December 19th. Discussion of the ballot format to ensure confidentiality. Agreed to have the vote thru the SCCC website. Aaron will create an electronic ballot posted on the site which will include a place for write-ins. Also, a card will be mailed to valley residents to remind them of the election. No names will be on this card - just notification to vote on the website.

The limit is nine board members.

Land Use

The Koons Activity Envelope/Site Plan Review and Special Review for a Caretaker Dwelling Unit was discussed at length. Of concern was the steep slope of the lot, the septic viability, fire and erosion concerns as well as visibility and access.

Michael made the following motion:

“On November 14, 2017, the Snowmass Capitol Creek Caucus unanimously recommended to the county that absolute minimal amount of development be allowed on this extremely steep site. Additionally, under no conditions should a caretaker unit be allowed. The caucus is concerned particularly with visibility of the site, steepness of the site and driveway, viability of a sewage system, wildfire, emergency access, and parking. If there is a way for the county to prevent any development on this site, the caucus would enthusiastically support it.

“The caucus notes that, well before the current owner purchased this land, several neighbors informed the county of the potential for this inappropriate site to be developed. Additionally, they contacted members of the Gateway Metropolitan District to request that the Committee consider warning the prospective homeowner regarding the steepness of the lot and redistricted building options.”

David seconded the motion. Motion passed with unanimous agreement.

Water Committee

George will coordinate a meeting in the early winter for the Caucus Water Committee to meet with the senior Capitol Creek irrigators (Child ranch, the Monastery, McCabe Ranch, Little Elk Creek) and Chad Rudlow, water quality coordinator from the Roaring Fork Conservancy, to discuss water quality, quantity, minimum stream flow, etc.

Master Plan

A review following the discussion of the Master Plan after the October 17th review by the county Planning & Zoning Committee. The P&Z's comments were edited into the draft as well as board comments. After this is put into a final draft, Aaron will take it back to the caucus at large before the December board meeting, where any final additional comments will be reviewed.

Aaron moved to adjourn. David seconded.