

2.27.18 Caucus minutes

Snowmass Capitol Creek Caucus Board Meeting of February 27, 2018

Snowmass Fire Station Annex

Board members present: Helene Slansky, David Chase, Chris Collins, Chris Bergerud, Vicki Treece, Jeffrey Woodruff, Michel Kinsley, Jill Sabella

Guest: Gloria Komppa

Quorum was established at 7 pm.

Public Comments

Valeria Braun of the Woody Creek Caucus wants to meet with other caucuses in the airport flight path regarding the airport expansion plan and it's environmental impact on these caucus areas. Michael suggested any caucus members attend the Woody Creek caucus meeting as a gesture of solidarity.

Kevin Ward, of the Upper Snowmass Creek Caucus, has asked the caucus to publicize on our website a survey from Cedar Networks, a high speed internet company that wants to bring internet to our valleys. Discussion concluded that the caucus has no authority to publish commercial ventures nor should it authorize any such venture. The caucus proposed asking Ward to come and make a presentation at the next caucus meeting. (April 17, 2018.)

Jill discussed the possible application in Little Elk Creek for a radio tower at a residence. The Board agreed that this installation, if presented, should be the purview of Little Elk Creek HOA before it comes to the Caucus.

Approval of Minutes

Chris Collins moved to approve the January 2018 minutes. Michael seconded. All approve.

Treasurers Report

Vicki reported there is \$16,604.44 in the unrestricted account; \$24,980.51 in the Snowmass Creek restricted account. There was \$1,450 in unrestricted contributions accounted in January, 2018 and a \$170 disbursement.

Total in all accounts is \$41,584.95

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Election of Officers

New Officers for 2018:

President David Chase
Vice President Chris Bergerud
Secretary Jill Sabella
Treasurer Vicki Treece

Michael moved to approve. Chris Bergerud seconded. All approved.

Land use

Chris Collins will continue to chair the Land Use Committee. Chris will also follow up with a letter to the County regarding the discussion last meeting of the Trust/Kriscunas Family Trust application on lots in Gateway.

Chris Collins discussed the idea of a cooperative project with the USCC in putting in a larger parking area at Windstar. There was discussion on whether the Open Space & Trails would fund such a project.

Mailing update

David asked Jill to be in charge of updating the Caucus mailing list of addresses of caucus residents. Jill will check with Jeanette Jones of Pitkin County about this procedure.

Fun(d) raising

Chris Collins has generously offered again to host the 2018 caucus picnic up at the McCabe Ranch as he did last year. Tentative dates are Saturday, August 11 or Saturday, August 18.

Water

There was discussion as to whether this is a topic the caucus wants to pursue and if so, what the focus should be.

Water use is governed by water rights seniority. In past, in dry years, there has been a neighborly effort to maintain healthy water usage and maintaining wells.

George is planning on having a meeting this spring, before the irrigation begins, with the major irrigators in Capitol Creek Valley and possibly some water expert guests.

Kinsley noted the caucus became actively involved in Snowmass Creek water usage when Snowmass Village was taking a large share of Snowmass Creek and consequently there was a real threat to Snowmass Creek's health. The question now is there an issue with Capitol Creek that needs to be addressed.

Chris Collins recommended asking Ryan Altenberg, a water engineer, to review and check the accuracy of the water report George has presented before posting it. Altenberg is from the Western Heritage Engineering and Consulting firm in Wyoming.

Next Meeting

Discussion as to if we need monthly meetings if there are no pressing issues that need to be addressed. It was agreed to not necessary to meet in March. Next caucus meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 17.

Chris Bergerud brought up the idea of a community solar array system in the caucus area. Significant grants from CORE for solar arrays have been given to St. Benedict's Monastery and to Snowmass Village, each for \$200,000. Further discussion at the next caucus meeting.

Adjourn

David moved to adjourn the meeting. Jill seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.