

Snowmass Capitol Creek Caucus Board Meeting Minutes of August 15, 2017
Snowmass Fire Station Annex

Board members present:

Aaron Oakley, Chris Collins, Chelsea Brundige, Jeffrey Woodruff, David Chase, Jill Sabella
Guests: Meredith Oakley, Aaron Cotter, Kurt Russell, Barbara Reese, Molly and Steve Child,
John McBride, Jack Wilkie. By remote: Laura and Manuel Gomez

Quorum was established.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELEGATIONS

Chelsea asked for time on a future agenda to discuss water issues on Snowmass and Capitol Creeks, and indicated that she and Jeffrey will be collecting information to see what the SCCC can do to address stream health on Capitol Creek. She is hopeful there will be opportunities to cooperate with the Upper Snowmass Creek Caucus on any Snowmass Creek issues. Aaron brought up how the next SCCC board election will be in November and preparations should be started for it. October will be the ballot and seeking of new members. November is the vote. December is the final count.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Chelsea reported a balance of \$41,085.66 with 2/3 of that earmarked for water work. There will be a donation basket at the picnic.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communication

Jeffrey sent out email reminders of the picnic to Gateway, Little Elk Creek and McCabe HOA's. There is not yet a link on PayPal for direct donations so the caucus postbox must be used.

Land-Use

Chris addressed some issues with the Abundant Acres LLC/Russell application. The activity envelope and site plan review has the same original house, with the addition of a pond for irrigation (fed by the Boram-White ditch), an arena, a 5,000 sf horse barn, a hay barn and a machine shop. Total square footage is 30 over permit. All buildings have met county requirements. There was discussion about their proposed horse show events and the potential traffic. There would have to be on-site parking. There was concern about with the doubling of buildings on the site and what the visual impact would be from up valley, especially Little Elk Creek community; and concern about proper permitting of the pond.

Chris will provide comments to the County asking for confirmation and documentation that all water permitting requirements have been met, that story poles be reinstated to be sure they are not breaking the ridgeline behind them - especially the horse barn - and that the applicant provide more details about tree screening, and about the possibility of public/commercial events. Approval is likely as long as these issues are addressed.

Aaron asked for the road traffic study from the County Road & Bridge department to see how these applications will impact traffic so the the caucus can make a recommendation.

Fun(d) Raising

The annual picnic is August 19 with about 100-150 guests expected. All is in order — beer donated from Capitol Creek Brewery, drinks and food supplied by the caucus and the board, and potluck from guests. Set-up time is 4:30.

Storytelling

To be addressed next meeting

MASTER PLAN REVIEW / REVISION CONTINUATION/ VOTE FOR APPROVAL

Hear Member Comments

Comments on the Master Plan were reviewed and discussed by the Board and attending members of the public.

David moved to approve the Master Plan as is currently written. Aaron seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Aaron offered to send the adopted plan to the County with the request that any discussion or presentation of the plan be noticed to the Caucus so that we can attend.

Aaron moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.