

SPIA ANNUAL SPRING MEETING MINUTES – MAY 28, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 9:37 a.m. by President, Caitlyn Bryan. The Board introduced themselves, followed by Member introductions.

Board Members in attendance were:

Caitlyn Bryan	President
Bob Adams	Vice President
Kathi Hartman	Treasurer
Janice Holcomb	Secretary
Mark Niksic	At Large
Patrick Dreiling	At Large
Lynnette Boyer	At Large

Announcements

1) Update on the “temporary” fix (2 steel plates) on S. Elk Creek Rd, below the Bucksnot: Jefferson County Road & Bridge is planning to install a new culvert - rather than a bridge – with an estimated lifespan of 30 years. Work is planned for this fall and the road will be closed for approximately one week.

2) The large Catholic Retreat Center going in along the meadow south of Schaffer’s Crossing (former Ron Lewis land), has applied for a permit to construct a wastewater treatment facility on the site. It is currently being reviewed by both the State and Jefferson County. Jeffco’s Dept. of Environmental Health assured Caitlyn that a sophisticated, pre-treatment plant will be required so that water flowing into the leach-fields near Elk Creek will be largely free of contaminants. All of us living downstream hope they enforce the plan, as promised. Jim Meyer and Elaine Baca asked if S Elk Creek Rd, from the Center’s ingress and egress points to Schaffer’s Crossing, will be improved to handle the increased traffic. There is no word on that at this time.

Reports

Janice Holcomb read the minutes of the Fall 2015 Meeting; they were approved as read.

Kathi Hartman gave the Treasurer’s Report. The Association’s finances are in very good shape at this time. Thank you to the many Members who paid their dues/fees early this year.

Dumpster: Kier Cline was unable to attend. Kier was acknowledged for improving the closing set-up on the dumpster gate and generally doing a terrific job on keeping our trash service running smoothly and keeping the area cleaned up. A concern was raised about the dumpster gate swinging out and hitting

parked cars. Caitlyn will ask Kier if there is a solution. In the meantime, please use caution to protect your vehicles while using the dumpster.

Kier is proposing a recycling service, in our dumpster area, **for aluminum cans only**. Members would be able to bring bagged aluminum cans and leave them in a special container inside the dumpster gates. He will take the cans to a recycling center, as needed. Kier is volunteering to do this on his own time to help replace the now defunct “can recycling cage” at the Fire Station in Pine. Members agreed it would be good to try this, as it is an excellent resource for our community, as long as it is not abused!

Water: Rick Rome reported that the water is on to both sides of the canyon. He requested 3 to 4 volunteers for a “work day” to do repairs and maintenance on the system on the Old Stagecoach side (see note under Roads). Gary Schlageter noted we are still having below freezing temps many nights which can cause problems with valves and connections so please check lines near your cabin for leaks and report them to Gary, Rick or Caitlyn, ASAP. A reminder was made to all water users to fill cabin cisterns – to a maximum of 250 gallons – on weekdays only. Rick was asked about the new “locked spigot” at the water shed that was approved at the Fall Meeting. He will try to get that in place this summer.

Roads: Caitlyn reported on the Old Stagecoach Rd project completed last October. Members at the Fall Meeting approved a budget of \$1700 to complete the work. The inside/uphill edge of the road was ditched, as much as possible and the grade of the road was changed, wherever possible, to direct water flow into the ditch and away from run-offs that would damage cabin properties below the road. The downhill edge of lower Old Stagecoach Rd was completely rebuilt with excavation, large rocks and top-fill of decomposed granite. The lower edge of the road is no longer in danger of washing away. Run-off areas will still need to be adjusted once we have experienced heavy rains. Thanks to Earle Boyer for his hard work on this project.

Caitlyn expressed a concern about the wash-out above the Meyer’s cabin. Jim has done a great deal of work on it already but the Association may need to help to preserve the integrity of Old Stagecoach Rd at that point. Caitlyn asked for help engineering a solution.

Gary Schlageter reported a sink-hole forming under Elk Creek Road, between the culverts, by the dumpsters. Jeffco Road & Bridge has filled it but we should all keep an eye on the area in case it starts to re-form.

OLD BUSINESS

Sphinx Park Maps: Mark Niksic had 15 additional maps printed and donated them to SPIA. They were available for sale at the meeting and will be for sale over the summer at The Pine Emporium. The cost is \$10; all proceeds go to

SPIA. Legends will be emailed to those who have purchased maps. Caitlyn will update the legend after this meeting and send it out to all new purchasers. Anyone else wishing an updated copy should contact her.

Douglas Fir Tussock Moth Infestation: A special post-meeting meeting on this subject was held after we adjourned. Caitlyn brought Ponderosa Pine & Douglas Fir branches to help people identify the types of trees on their property. Timberline Spraying was available to answer question. Bud-burst was just starting so mid to late June was the projected time for spraying. Since this meeting was held while the Bucksnot was open for business, Caitlyn asked that everyone buy at least a beverage and consider having a meal to thank Galena for allowing us to use the space.

Water Shed Area Slash Clean-up & Road Work: Volunteers were called for to do slash clean-up, water shed/culvert area maintenance and maintenance road work on Navy Hill Rd. Rick Rome suggested we combine our water and road projects into one work day, rather than 3. Sunday, June 5th, 9 am, was chosen. Post Note: We had a great “volunteer work day” and got much accomplished. Many thanks to all who helped: Mark & Sharon Niksic (with pick-up truck!), Russ Hall, Terry Curl & Tom Korsmeyer, Barry Bryan, Dave & Kris Dumond, Rich Stuart & Karen Ray. And on the water system, heroic efforts by Rick Rome, Gary Schlageter & Mark McGowan, with a late day assist from Tom Wood. Thank you all, so much! This is how our community works – “with a little help from our Friends”.

Summer Water System Proposed Changes:

1) Change “Non-Potable Water Waiver” from annual to perpetual: Voted on/Approved

2) Change By-laws to reflect above change, plus general updating: Voted on/Approved

3) Change/update “Water Use Rules per Fall Meeting discussion and Board decisions: Voted on/Approved

Each of the three above documents, with proposed changes highlighted, has been posted on our website, sphinxpark.org, since mid-May 2016. We will leave those versions up on the site for the time being so that everyone will have additional time to review the newly approved language.

4) The Board approved a change to the water user fee schedule, effective this season. The New Connect/Re-connect Fee has been increased to \$45 from \$35.

NEW BUSINESS

Winter Road-Ice Mitigation: The addition of metal barrels, with lids, filled with decomposed granite, sitting in angled wood or metal stands, each with a shovel, was discussed for both Old Stagecoach Road & lower Schuyler Gulch Road. Ice build-up, which stays for weeks and even months, is a driving hazard which could be mitigated by having “traction material” readily available in the worst spots. This solution was recommended by two Members, Connie Cline and Rose Kelly. After discussion, it was decided to start with three barrels – two on Old Stagecoach & one on lower Schuyler Gulch - with the option to add more, if they are effective. Jim Meyer asked if one might be placed along the spur road off of Old Stagecoach which serves their cabin and several others. That will be considered.

Caitlyn asked for volunteers to build the stands, then place and fill the barrels; no-one volunteered. She will work on that over the summer. Earle Boyer will purchase the barrels for us next time he goes to the supplier in Commerce City. He estimates the cost between \$15 & \$20 each. Bob Adams will supply us with used shovels from his yard sale finds.

Board Member Terms: The terms of three Board Members were up as of the May Meeting: Bob Adams, Janice Holcomb and Mark Niksic. All three had agreed to stay on for another term, if voted on and approved by the attending Members. Additional nominees were asked for from the floor; none were put forward. Each vacancy was voted on and each of the three incumbents was unanimously approved. We thank all three of them for their continued service to our community!

Annual Pine Rhubarb Festival – Saturday, June 11th: A plea for volunteers was put out, especially for Saturday, the day of the Festival, and the Sunday after for clean-up. Interested people were asked to contact Shelly Means: shellymeans@hotmail.com

Semi-Annual Sphinx Park Road Clean-Up: Bob Adams once again spear-headed our road clean-up effort. He reminded volunteers to meet him outside the Bucksnot after the meeting and to be sure and sign the waiver form now required annually by the State/County. Bagged trash could be dropped off at the dumpster or in front of the Bucksnot for Bob to collect and dispose of.

Thanks to the Bucksnot! Caitlyn reiterated our communal gratitude to Galena Bye for allowing us to use her place of business to conduct our business. Please support “The ‘Snort’”!

Meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m. There were 68 attendees.