

2017 SPIA Fall Meeting Minutes – September 2nd

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 am by President, Caitlyn Bryan. The Board, SPIA Members and visitors all introduced themselves.

Board Members

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

REPORTS

* Minutes of the 2017 Spring Meeting were approved as read. Stu Brann, who passed out poppies at the spring meeting, reported that \$168 was raised to support our Veterans!

* Kathi presented the Treasurer's Report. We have had no big expenditures (other than the dumpsters) this summer so our finances are in good shape.

* Summer Water: Gary Schlageter reported that there was good flow most of the summer but the system was plagued with recurring leaks that took a great deal of time to locate and fix. There is still repair and maintenance work that needs to be done to get the system ready for next summer. Hopefully that can be done in the spring. He thanked Charlie Ludeman for often being the "man on the scene", tracking down leaks when a "no water" call came in.

Caitlyn passed on information from Rick Rome that he would take photos of the inside of our main water tank this fall to see if it is in good enough condition to support a sprayed-in epoxy liner, rather than buying a new tank. If it's possible, that fix could buy us up to 10 years and be less expensive than a new tank. Also, he would like to buy a quantity of metal fittings to replace the more fragile plastic ones being used now.

Our thanks to Gary, Rick, Charlie, Mark McGowan, Tom Wood and anyone else who volunteered their time and efforts to keep

the water system functioning.

NOTE: The water will be turned off around the third week of September, depending on night-time temperatures.

* Dumpster and Roads were covered in the main agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1) The culvert replacement project below the Bucksnot is still not completed however the road will be opened for Labor Day Weekend, then closed again Tuesday, 9/5. Project will be finished by mid-September.

2) The culvert replacement project at our dumpster site is slated to begin Tuesday, September 12th and to be completed by October 20th. One lane of Elk Creek Rd will be kept open during the construction, though there will be some delays during working hours.

3) A third culvert replacement on S Elk Creek Rd, just south of Elk Creek Acres/Kincaid Springs, will most likely be postponed until 2018. Again, one lane would remain open.

4) Lynnette Boyer reported that we don't yet have dates for Elk Creek Fire Department's "Big Chipper" project. There is a website available showing where communities are on the chipper list. She also mentioned us becoming a Fire-Wise Community and hopes to have someone speak about the program at next spring's meeting. Finally, Lynnette, as our Fire Safety Liaison, reminded everyone that she is available to answer questions, and to work with Members on fire-related homeowner's insurance issues; her # is 303-816-1193.

5) Connie Cline, Kier's wife, is spear-heading an effort to raise money for Hurricane Harvey victims. Dubbed the Baxter Rescue Mission, the idea is to hold a big flea market/yard sale later in October, probably in Pine. She is asking for donations of items in good condition that will sell. Cash donations are also gratefully accepted. ALL proceeds will go to purchase cash cards that will be distributed to storm victims. A flyer, with all the details, is

being developed and will be sent out to everyone as well as being posted on social media sites. To make a donation or get more information, call Connie at 303-838-6085. Though not an SPIA project, this larger, extended community event is for a great cause. Please lend your support!

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

1) The DUMPSTER

Kier thanked Jack Nunemaker, Gary Schlageter and Charlie Ludeman for repairing the dumpster enclosure gates after an angry bear smashed its way out and damaged them badly. He also stressed again how cardboard boxes are a *major* problem. Please break down all cardboard and put it flat against the wall inside the dumpster. And a reminder, NO furniture, construction or remodeling items; take them to the transfer station south of Pine Junction.

Finally, be sure to close the dumpster lids and put up the bear bars. We're still trying to get a new dumpster to replace the broken one.

Kier reported that the aluminum can recycling program is going really well.

Misuse of our dumpsters is a perpetual problem. The group discussed putting individual locks on the dumpsters, getting a different type or a different service company and putting up a game camera to identify violators. It was reported, though not confirmed, that Mike Kyle would be willing to purchase a camera and Jack Nunemaker would monitor it.

The dumpster lock code will be changed later this fall after the completion of the culvert project. All PAID Members will be sent the new code in advance of the change.

POST-MEETING DUMPSTER UPDATE:

As stated in my previous email, our dumpster enclosure was dismantled to accommodate the culvert replacement construction project and will be rebuilt (by Edge

Contractors) afterwards. On September 11th our dumpsters were moved to two temporary sites for the duration of the work. Each dumpster will be individually locked but the code will be the same as before. One dumpster will be in the lower Bucksnot parking lot, next to Galena's dumpster. The other will be on lower Old Stagecoach Rd, on Bob Crayne & Dan Powell's parking strip. Our community owes a large debt of gratitude to Galena, Dan and Bob. Everyone needs to chip in and do their part to keep these donated sites clean and refuse free. We want to show our appreciation!

2) The ROADS

a) It was a tough summer for our roads with heavy rains washing them out repeatedly for weeks on end. We had a few "road stars" who kept us in business for the season, most notably, Mike Livingston on Mark McGowan's tractor! Todd Sandborn and Lisa Nix, Russ Hall and Tim (on Roger Bailiff's tractor) all deserve our thanks and gratitude. They all put in many hours for the benefit of our whole community!

b) Specific road projects were discussed beginning with Navy Hill Road, which was taken care of entirely by our volunteers, avoiding a minimum \$1000 expense to contract out the repair and grading.

Johnson Drive has several problem areas, including a couple of long-standing washouts. The first, above Nelson's cabin, was repaired by Russ Hall. The second is a 15' to 20' stretch in the middle of lower Johnson Drive held up largely by rotting logs and a variety of debris. A solution using heavy steel mesh "cages", staked in place and filled with 6' to 8' rock, was suggested by Rose Kelly and Daniel Dixon and discussed with Rick Rome. We'll be investigating the cost and feasibility of this option later in the fall. If it

proves viable, we could use it on other problem spots around the canyon.

The steep, back section of Johnson Drive, between Brann's two cabins, has become hazardous, especially for larger vehicles. It was reported that a number of navigation apps send drivers – both delivery drivers and tourists – up Navy Hill, the over and down this dangerous back section. A couple, including a propane truck, have nearly gone over the side and had to be rescued by alert, quick-thinking Sphinx Park neighbors. The group discussed putting up special signage, erecting a barricade or closing that section of the road completely. Scott Baker, who drives delivery trucks for Moore Lumber, said signs won't help because delivery drivers tend to pay no attention to them. Caitlyn asked for a small group of people to meet with Stu and Barb, inspect the road and come up with a list of options for solving the problem. Todd, Lisa, Justin, Aimee, Mark and Gary volunteered to meet this afternoon.

Old Stagecoach Road has a serious washout at the top of the Johnson cabin driveway. Caitlyn reported that she will look into getting a delivery of large rock to fill in and line the edges of the washout. The goal is to stop the erosion from taking out the whole road while maintaining drainage off the road and away from Johnson's driveway.

Caitlyn asked for volunteers to clean up around the water shed and rework the steps and drainage which were badly damaged by the rains. Russ Hall and Todd Sanborn volunteered.

3) Bob Adams once again organized our semi-annual Sphinx Park clean-up which took place right after the main meeting.

4) A question was asked about high-speed internet options in the canyon. Providers such as Neteo and Rise Broadband don't really work here. The best option is satellite. Justin Vandegriffe mentioned he has installed a booster which helps with upload speeds.

The Davis' said they had been hearing shooting in the canyon on weekends and wondered who was doing it and what Jeffco's policies are. Everyone has heard shooting but no one knows who is responsible. Kier said people wanting to shoot are supposed to call the Jeffco Sheriff's Dept. and get permission. Gary mentioned there is a new bullet hole in the door of the water shed.

Chris Travis mentioned the rock slide into Elk Creek done by Edge Contractors at the beginning of the culvert replacement project below the Bucksnot. It is both unsightly and illegal and Chris asked for everyone's help and support - complaining to Jeffco - if it isn't cleaned up properly.

Caitlyn thanked Galena Bye for allowing us to use the Bucksnot for our meeting and asked everyone to support this venerable community institution!

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am. There were 41 attendees.

by
Caitlyn Bryan