

2018 SPIA Annual Spring Meeting Minutes –
May 26th

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by President, Caitlyn Bryan. The Board, SPIA Members and guests all introduced themselves.

Board Members

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

Reports

- *Minutes of the 2017 Fall Meeting were read and approved.
- *Kathi presented the Treasurer’s Report and stated that we are \$454.74 ahead of where we were at this time last year.

Announcements

- *The Bucksnot has been sold; Kathy and LJ are the new owners. Caitlyn introduced our neighbor, Scott Baker, as the new Manager. Scott answered questions from Members about hours, menu, etc. and promised there would be no hard liquor served. They will be open 7 days a week. Stop by and check out the many improvements!
- *Caitlyn reported on several properties which have been sold recently. (Details were listed in the meeting Agenda.)
- *The 31st Annual Pine Rhubarb Festival will be Saturday, June 9th; breakfast starts at 7 a.m.!

*Stu Brann once again passed out poppies in remembrance of our Veterans. Donations were gratefully accepted to help Denver area veterans in need. Thank you to those who contributed.

*Elk Creek Fire Department has never done their promised “neighborhood slash collection program”. Lynnette has worked hard trying to get some response from them but they have been totally uncooperative.

In lieu of that, Jeffco is doing slash collection every weekend at various sites around the county. Here is the link for the schedule and details: www.jeffco.us/2493/slash-collection

Summer Water System

*Rick Rome gave the Water Report. The system is up and running. Rick reminded everyone to only fill their cabin cisterns during the week – not during the high-demand weekend hours. He also asked for volunteers to help him do several repairs after the meeting. Gary Schlageter did quite a bit of preliminary work in the previous few weeks with help from Jack Nunemaker. Special kudos to Jack who climbed inside the main tank at the spring and cleaned out all the rust and debris! Once it was cleaned out, Gary and Jack determined that the tank was in fair shape and should last another couple years, or more.

Gary also compiled a list of needed supplies (about \$400 worth) and will take care of purchasing them and re-stocking the water shed.

The Dumpster

*Kier Cline and Jack Nunemaker gave the dumpster and can recycling report. The new 6-yard dumpster is nice but lids are very heavy. Jack has made us two red “lid prop bars” to hold the lid up while we put our trash bags in. They are still doing the aluminum can recycling. Jack and Kier mentioned the possibility, in the future, of doing a separate area for broken down cardboard rather than us

putting our cardboard into the dumpster.

POST-MEETING NOTE from Aimee Vandegriffe & Caitlyn: [Please use the rear section of the dumpster – don't just dump everything in the front because it's easier. Aimee spent 30 minutes cleaning up the area because the front of the dumpster had been overfilled \(while the back was still empty!\) so the lids wouldn't close and a bear pulled masses of trash out on the ground. If we all take an extra minute, we'll all benefit...Thanks!](#)

*The proposal to build a back wall for the dumpster enclosure for about \$420 in purchased materials met with resounding silence. We discussed what a "back wall" might or might not accomplish without reaching a decision. At that point Pam Boyer said she had some chain link fencing that she would be happy to donate. Bob Adams said he had some poles and connectors. It was agreed that we proceed with this plan. Several volunteers agreed to work on the project.

POST-MEETING NOTE: After looking at the donated fencing, it was found to only be 3 ½' and we need 6' tall material. We will keep looking. If anyone hears of suitable fencing for free or cheap, let Caitlyn know. We need a 40' length.

*Caitlyn mentioned that the boards on the left side of the gate (smashed by a bear last summer) look pretty bad. Jack and Kier volunteered to redo them.

*The idea of putting up a surveillance camera was once again discussed. Caitlyn has talked with Gary Schlageter, who owns the dumpster property, about putting up a camera and he is all for it. Patrick told us that using a dummy camera could be a liability issue. Others were concerned that a camera might be stolen. In the end the group voted – with one dissent – to purchase and install a camera. Jack will install and monitor.

The Roads

1) GENERAL CONDITION

*Caitlyn reported that the roads are good, overall, especially Old Stagecoach which is in the best condition ever thanks to Mike Livingston and Jack Nunemaker!

*Navy Hill Rd is pretty rocky but OK. Todd Sanborn and Lisa Nix have been building (and rebuilding) check dams and reinforcing washout points all along Navy Hill and Schuyler Gulch.

*Lower Johnson Drive is good and the steep back section is driveable. Over the winter and spring, Tom Wood has been placing erosion control tubes all along Johnson Drive to mitigate run-off.

*All in all, we are as ready as possible for monsoon season – thanks to our Road Warrior Volunteers!

2) ROADWORK SUPPLIES on HAND

*Most of a truckload of small rock: 1 ½ to 2 ½ inches

*1 Small truckload of larger rip-rap: 1½ to 2 ½ feet

*A small amount of roadbase: Caitlyn asked about purchasing another load of roadbase to have on hand for repairs this summer. Barb Brann thought it a good idea to do now, rather than waiting until the need is urgent. Caitlyn will look into it.

3) PROBLEM AREAS: Fixed and Pending

*Fixed November 2017: a large, deep washout that threatened to cut clear across upper Old Stagecoach Rd at the head of the Johnson’s driveway. This washout was caused by a previous modification to Old Stagecoach that resulted in serious unintended consequences. The repair cost SPIA \$182 for rock fill, plus other donated materials and considerable volunteer labor.

Caitlyn asked that anyone having an issue with one of our roads please contact her first or review the project with one of our experienced road volunteers. We want to make sure we aren’t creating more problems than we are solving. Also, the Association may be able to help.

*Johnson Drive: Back hill, above Brann’s small cabin: Group met after the Fall meeting to look at what could reasonably be done. A “real” fix was estimated at ~\$5000 – too much for SPIA to absorb. Volunteers have done some work over the past months and the current consensus is that we will strive to keep it minimally driveable. I spoke with Elk Creek Fire Dept. and was told they would

not use that road under any circumstances as it is too narrow & steep, even if in good condition.

A “Road Closed Ahead” sign has been placed near Brann’s upper driveway. Plus incorrect & misleading address signs have been removed or changed on the street-sign post at the junction of Navy Hill and upper Johnson Drive.

*Johnson Drive in the middle of the lower section and above the Nelson’s cabin: As discussed at the Fall meeting, these are old washouts currently supporting the road with a mixture of rotting wood, old appliances and other assorted debris. The plan is to construct wire gabion cages, anchor them to the hillside and fill them with large, stacked rock. **These are big projects, requiring a great deal of manual labor.**

Caitlyn said she wanted a project manager for these jobs. Tom Wood volunteered to be our lead man! Daniel Dixon also volunteered to help with the planning and execution! The work is planned for this summer and will take place over several weekend days.

If you can help out in any way, please reach out to Tom at wood3069@comcast.net or Daniel & Rosie at roselynnkelly@icloud.com .

New Business

*Caitlyn brought up the sad condition of the mailbox stand across from the Bucksnot and asked for volunteers to repair it. Mark McGowan volunteered to lead the repair work; Patrick, Justin and Kier volunteered to help. Mark will contact the others when he is ready to proceed. Caitlyn said she would remove the smashed-up and unused mailboxes from the stand before the repair work starts.

*Loose Dogs: Carol Davis reported an ongoing problem with loose dogs on Old Stagecoach Road. It was recommended by the group, that people respect their neighbors and keep dogs on their home turf.

*Members asked about tussock moth and spruce beetles. Tussock moths are no longer a problem in our area but there have been instances of larger trees being killed by douglas fir/spruce beetles. Lisa Nix and Roger Bailiff talked about the pheromone packets they have stapled to their trees which put out a “no vacancy” signal to other beetles. Lisa will send Caitlyn links for an informational piece and where to buy the packets. Caitlyn will email the information to all Members ASAP. (NOTE: Email sent out 5/27/18).

*Board Member Terms: Two Board Members, whose terms were up as of the May Meeting, have stepped down. We thanked Janice Holcomb and Mark Niksic for all their work and service to the community!

The Board’s Nominees to fill the vacancies were Jack Nunemaker and Tom Wood. Both were elected by unanimous vote. We are happy to have two such qualified individuals as part of our team.

*The semi-annual Sphinx Park clean-up, led by Bob Adams, took place following the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m. There were 62 attendees.

by
Caitlyn Bryan