

# Minutes of Floyd Hill Area Property Owners Association September 21, 2017

## Call to order

The business meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm on September 21, 2017, at the Clear Creek Fire Station on Floyd Hill, by President Mike Colchiski. Members present were: Carol Reynolds, Jim White, John Muscatell, Siegfried Manke, Jim Cotsworth, Karen & John Dobel, Ben Youngblood, Steve Lane, Sandy Starman, Michael Schrader, and Mike Colchiski.

## Reading and approving the minutes of the prior meeting

Jim Cotsworth moved that the minutes of the July 24 meeting be approved. Siegfried seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

## Report of the Treasurer

Beginning Balance as of January 25, 2017		\$11,721.19
Deposits:		
Membership dues - direct	\$2120.00	
Slash Event Income	1082.00	
Transfer from PayPal	1480.60	
Total Deposits		\$4,682.60
Subtotal		\$16,403.79
Expenses:		
Membership refunds (\$20 vs. \$35)	\$30.00	
Calvary Evergreen	75.00	
Carol Reynolds (postage)	147.00	
Jim White (Event Sign)	137.59	
Home Depot (lights for sign)	89.81	
Idaho Springs Chamber of Commerce	60.00	
State of Colorado	10.00	
Linda Berteau (landscape for sign)	151.89	
Linda Berteau (slash dumpster)	910.00	
John Muscatell (signs for CWPIP)	37.60	
Linda Berteau (CWPIP food)	74.93	
Lisa Mutschler (picnic food, etc.)	274.00	
Linda Berteau (picnic expenses)	118.25	
Jamie Bradley (Bouncy House for picnic)	118.25	
Jim White (insurance deposit)	200.00	
State Farm (D&O insurance 6 months)	189.52	
Total Expenses		\$2,055.55
Balance as September 21, 2017		\$14,050.60
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The picnic was held within budget.

The grant will cover all of the slash event expenses.

## Report of Executive officers

No report

## Committee Reports

### Roads & Bridges (John Muscatell)

The biggest thing going is CDOT's major project for widening westbound I-70 from the Floyd Hill Area to Empire Junction. The part from the Veteran's (Twin) Tunnels to

Empire Junction is pretty well decided. More information is available at <https://www.codot.gov/projects/i-70-westbound-peak-period-shoulder-lane>

There are several proposals on the table for a realignment of I-70 between the Floyd Hill grade (MM245) and Hidden Valley (MM 243). The part that could affect us the most is the redesign of various interchanges; some of the concepts on the table would route significant truck and gaming traffic to the entrance of our hill, creating significant congestion. This part of the study will require several public meetings over the next 18 months or so. This is a chance for everyone on the hill to let CDOT know what their concerns are. It will be important for residents to send their comments in to CDOT at XXXXX..

There is currently not enough funds in CDOT to do this project adequately; there will probably be a ballot measure to increase funding.

As for local roads on Floyd Hill, it was also noted that the county has several different priorities for plowing snow—depending on which road. The priorities are listed on the county web site. With the forecast future decline in county tax revenues, the county Public Works (Roads & Bridges) budget is under pressure. Some possibilities for addressing the shortfall are being considered, but nothing has been decided yet; these possibilities include

- Mill Levy increase
- Promote Local Improvement Districts / Drainage Fees / Roadway Usage Fees
- Deferred maintenance and equipment purchases
- Reduce level of Service on secondary roads (Snow & Ice)

### **Development (Jim White)**

There is a group of people working to build a coalition to help the Open Space Commission acquire the meadow between the south side of I-70 and the high school.

A re-write of the sub regional master plan for the Floyd Hill area is being considered, to reflect the direction of the new county master plan, reflect better the concerns of the residents of our area, and to reflect information that has come to light since the last sub regional pan was written.

The church where we used to meet has just been put up for sale. It is zoned Commercial.

The Planning Commission is considering the issues around short-term rentals. These issues include both rules for keeping such rental properties compatible with the residential communities where they are located, and also how to enforce the rules. The next Planning Commission meeting will be at 6:30 on October 18, at the Idaho Springs City Hall; public is welcome, if you want to find out what is going on, or if you have comments to offer to the process.

### **Water Response (Jim White)**

The purpose of the committee is to monitor and deal with issues that could affect the water in our wells. There is nothing specific in the works, but the general improvement in the economy could support new developments, so we should stay alert.

### **Wildfire Preparedness (Linda Berteau)**

On August 18th Phill Guinn held a fire extinguisher check for all residents of the Floyd Hill area (including Beaver Brook, Saddleback, The Hideaway, and The Grand Preserve) Residents brought their fire extinguishers to the parking area between Clear Creek High/Middle School and Elmgreen Park from 3:00 - 5:00 pm. Eighteen families came with their fire extinguishers for inspection. 31 fire extinguishers were inspected. 21 fire extinguishers failed and were replaced with refurbished

extinguishers. Several residents did not have a fire extinguisher and were given a free one to have in their home. 24 fire extinguishers were given out in all.

On August 19th and 20, a log and slash collection drive was held for all residents of the Floyd Hill area (including Beaver Brook, Saddleback, the Hideaway and the Grand Preserve). 17 residents brought truck and trailer loads of slash (for \$15 per trailer load) which was placed into two 30 cubic yard dumpsters. A total of 42 truckloads of slash was loaded into the two dumpsters for a total revenue of \$582. 5 neighbors dropped off logs so that other neighbors with a need for firewood could purchase fireplace ready cut logs for \$50 per 2.5 cubic truck load, or \$40 for log lengths of up to 6 feet long. Five residents purchased 7 truckloads of logs for a total proceeds of \$500. Another 7 truckloads of logs were hauled off to be burned by a resident of Saddleback. The total earning for the 2-day slash/log collection was \$1,082 which will be matched by the Clear Creek County grant.

### **Activities (Linda Berteau)**

The picnic at Elmgreen Park/Playground on August 26 was successful. A special thanks goes to the planning committee: Lisa Mutschler, Linda Berteau, Jim Cotsworth, and Glenn Wallace. Jamie Bradley rented a bounce house and organized games for the kids. Other helpers included John and Karen Dobel, Grant and Carol Reynolds, Pete Helseth, Wendy Smith, Tim Morman, and Jim Cotsworth.

On September 15th, 6 neighbors (Jake, Jim, Wendy, Mark, Jill, and Linda) picked up 14 bags of litter on U.S. Route 40 from mile marker 271.5 to 272.92.

## **Old business**

### **Lighting for the Neighborhood Sign**

Upgraded lighting will be installed shortly.

### **Fire Mitigation Grant & Funding**

Our Clear Creek County Wildfire Risk Mitigation and Preparedness Grant application was approved for \$2,965 in matching funds. A second Fire Extinguisher Testing and giveaway of refurbished extinguishers, as well as chipping slash at signed up properties will be held September 22.

### **Updating Operating Procedure**

Carol has drafted a set of Operating Procedures to help guide future officers in the association. These will be updated on an ongoing basis to reflect experiences.

## **New business**

### **Membership Renewals for Next Year**

Carol is leading the effort to get the renewal notices out earlier this year, so that there will be a basis of membership starting on January 1 next year. There will be a meeting of the officers to finalize the communications.

### **Input from Members**

The association officers are looking for more input from our members. Particularly important would be questions about committee reports, topics that members would like to have covered in future meetings, and suggestions for programs.

### **Insurance**

Given the number of activities we are sponsoring, it was recommended that we have insurance for our directors & officers. After checking with a number of sources, a policy was attained from State Farm at an annual cost of about \$700.

## **Replacing Architecture Review Process**

When Hyland Hills was first filed as a subdivision, it was set up that any architectural changes would be reviewed by Orley Burgess. Unfortunately, Orley passed away recently, and it is not sure what process should now be used.

## **Updating Covenants**

The covenants for Hyland Hills were established by the developer when the first subdivision was filed. This significantly precedes the formation of FHAPOA. So they are outside the scope of the Association. However, there is some interest in bringing them up to date. More information about how this can be accomplished will be sought.

## **Shooting**

A resident at the top of the hill has been shooting a high-powered rifle off the back of his property towards beaver Brook Canyon. Deputy Karsen fro the Sheriffs Office felt that this was not appropriate, both for the nearby neighbors, and for the people who live in beaver Brook Canyon. He asked that anyone who witnesses such shooting should call the Sheriff's Dispatcher at (303)679-2393 quickly as possible, with as much specific information as possible.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm. The next meeting will be at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, November 8, place to be determined.