

Minutes of Floyd Hill Area Property Owners Association July 24, 2017

Call to order

The business meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm on July 24, 2017, at the Calvary Church on Floyd Hill, by President Mike Colchiski. Members present were: Carol Reynolds, Jim White, John Muscatell, Siegfried Manke, Jim Cotsworth, Glenn Wallace, Karen & John Dobel, Linda Berteau, Becky LeClair, Jamie Bradley, and Mike Colchiski.

Reading and approving the minutes of the prior meeting

Carol moved that the minutes of the May 26 meeting be approved. Jim Cotsworth seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Officers on July 13 were read and accepted.

Report of the Treasurer

Incoming Treasurer Jim Cotsworth is working with outgoing Treasurer Mike Colchiski to restructure the report. A full report will be presented at the September meeting.

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.

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. The next meeting is imminent, on July 26.

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.

Development (Jim White)

The Panning Commission is considering a permit process for short-term rentals in the county. Issues include fire safety in overcrowded facilities, noise from late-night parties,

and the fact that out-of-town guests do not understand local consideration such as the fire ban.

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)

Several activities have been planned. There will be a slash pickup on August 19-20, at the parking lot between Elmgreen Park and the High School. It will run from 8:00 to 5:00 on Saturday, and from 10:00 to 2:00 on Sunday. We are always looking for more volunteers to help.

Activities (Linda Berteau)

The picnic has been scheduled for Saturday, August 26, from 11:00 to 3:00, at Elmgreen Park near the High School. The theme is "Football Kickoff."

The Fall Litter Pick-Up will be held in September, date to be determined. More volunteers are welcome; it is only from 10:00 to noon on a Saturday, and the crew always has a lot of fun.

Anyone who is interested in any of these activities should contact Linda Berteau <musicats420@ecentral.com>.

Old business

Fire Mitigation Grant & Funding

The association has applied for a grant. It will probably be another 3 weeks before we hear whether the application has been approved.

Linda moved that we fund \$910 for the dumpster on August 19-20.; if the grant is approved, the \$910 will be applied to the \$2000 already approved for the grant application. Glenn seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Lighting for the Neighborhood Sign

Lights have been installed. They are set to remain on for 10 hours, which yields a light that is not very bright. Two additional lights are to be installed in the next few weeks, as authorized at the May meeting.

Updating By-Laws

Carol reported that the committee appointed at the last meeting has met several times, and that the biggest need is to document operating procedures (such as how we conduct our membership drive each year). The By-Laws themselves seem to be good to work with now, and do not need any revision at this time.

New business

Budget for Picnic

John Muscatell moved that we authorize \$250 for the picnic committee, to cover food, decoration, paper plates and incidentals. Jim Cotsworth seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Jim White moved that we authorized up to \$300 for a bounce house, contingent on this amount being sufficient to cover both the rental of the bounce house and the relevant insurance for the event. John Muscatell seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Preparation for CDOT July 26: Impact on Floyd Hill Area

Issues include:

- Boundary of the study needs to be expanded slightly to include Exit #248 at CR 65, as this interchange is really the other half of the interchange at #247, the entrance to our hill. This may well influence operating considerations for local traffic flow.
- CDOT needs to consider local traffic needs (such as safety and mobility) separately from the needs of through traffic along I-70.
- Emergency egress from the hill is still an issue. We are very grateful for the work to open Sawdust Court for emergency egress, but there is still not enough capacity to get everyone off the hill. Reducing congestion on local roads on the South side of I-70 at Exit #247 is still a priority for the community.
- Reducing congestion at exit #247 means that there should be an entrance ramp from US-6 at the creek (MM244) to eastbound I-70. This is vital to keeping truck and gaming traffic off of local roads.
- For what traffic is left on local roads, it should be contained on the North side of I-70. There is an opportunity with available land on the North side to create a facility that could be used to manage trucks in winter conditions, and also to provide a gateway for the new Open Space that has been acquired there.

Overall, there is an opportunity, if the highway construction is done well, for the residents and CDOT to work together, not only to build a bigger highway, but also to build a better community.

Several people volunteered to go and speak at this meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm. The next meeting will be at 7:00 pm on Thursday, September 21, at the Calvary Church.