

FPOA Annual Meeting Minutes
August 2, 2014
Riverside Inn Conference Room
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President, Monte Gore called the meeting to order at 10:10 am. New Northwest Fire Chief Kristy Olme agreed to speak at our meeting, and was first on the agenda due to time constraints. Kristy announced that the burn pit next to the firehouse has been closed permanently. The Coalition for Upper South Platte (CUSP) will accept slash. Slash will be chipped and donated to South Park Schools for their biomass furnace to heat the school. They will charge \$5 per truckload for slash and hours available will be posted on CUSP's website: www.fairplayslash.com. Removing slash from property is an important part of fire mitigation. For more information on fire mitigation, go to firewise.com for information. Burn permits are still available from the fire district for homeowners to burn their own slash. Campfires also require a burn permit.

Kristy also talked about addressing. The fire department will make a green reflective sign for \$10 that is easy to read even at night so that emergency responders can easily find homes in an emergency. Another thing property owners should do is sign up for CODE RED. It is Park County's reverse 911 and can include multiple phone numbers, cell phones and email. To sign up go to the county's website www.parkco.us email Kristy Olme at chief@nwfpd.net or call Northwest Fire at 719-836-3150.

Monte talked about the value of Code Red to residents and visitors this summer when we had tornado warnings in Fairplay and Lake George. The number of summer visitors has grown dramatically in recent years and everyone needs to be responsible and careful with fire. Private fireworks are banned in Park County and the Town of Fairplay has a great 4th of July Fireworks display so there is really no need to risk a fire. Gail Smith said the school can use slash for the biomass furnace and this is a better option than burning slash in a burn pit. Slash is defined as 6" or smaller and logs are more than 6". Monte said if property owners want to get rid of logs the Senior Coalition will take them and donate them to seniors. Bobbi Gore said the Senior Coalition also provides chimney sweeping for seniors to help prevent chimney fires. Donating slash and logs to the school and the seniors is a win-win for everyone. To contact the Senior Coalition call 719-836-4295.

A quorum of the board was established since 4 of 5 members were present: Monte Gore, Jude O'Connor, Trent Green & Kathy Reeves. 51 property owners were present and 14 proxies were given representing a total of 57 lots, however this was not enough for a quorum of property owners.

Monte gave a summary of accomplishments over the last year. We are continuing to provide dumpsters again this year and Janine Snyder will recycle appliances. Our dues are now \$75 per year which is lower than many neighboring subdivisions.

Financial Report

Since Treasurer, Bob Smith was unable to attend the meeting Bobbi Gore gave the financial report and provided a balance sheet as of July 30, 2014. Our finances are in healthy shape as far as profit and loss January through July. Jude made a motion to approve the financial report and Trent seconded. Motion passed.

Minutes

Kathy provided minutes of the July 12, 2014 Board Meeting. Trent made a motion to approve the minutes and Jude seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business

Report on the Recreational Pond

Monte gave a report on improvements to the recreational pond. We are installing a gate and fence at the pond to keep people from overfilling the dumpsters and to keep non-residents from using the restrooms and the fishing pond. We will have a lock on the gate with a code that is only given out to property owners in good standing.

Documents Committee

Kathy provided copies of the proposed amendments to the Declaration of Covenants. The one and a half page document was written by the documents committee and discussed at length at last year's annual meeting and several board meetings over the last year. The purpose of amending the covenants is to be in compliance with state law without being overly restrictive to property owners. The language is similar to Park County's ordinances so that we can keep our dues low by using the county's code enforcement resources instead of hiring our own enforcement. Kathy handed out ballots to property owners and we received 57 yes votes and 0 no votes (including proxies). We will need to send ballots to all of the remaining owners in order to pass the covenants.

New Business

Discussion and set dates for dumpsters

Jude talked about the dumpsters and the best time to have them delivered. Jude said she supported the expenditure of dumpsters only if it had a positive impact on the appearance of our community. She asked if anyone had any concerns and some of the property owners mentioned a property on Coil Drive that had an unsightly appearance and possible hazardous material. Another property was reported to have large slash piles and heavy equipment. The purpose of providing dumpsters is to assist property owners in cleaning up their property and keeping our subdivision attractive. We could send letters out ahead of time to some of the "offenders" and offer them assistance. We decided to schedule the dumpsters for 2 weekends in mid and late September after the gate and fencing is installed. As always, we will only give the dates out in a newsletter to avoid misuse by the public.

Other Comments

A property owner on Sleepygrass reported increased traffic and speeding due to short term rentals of his neighbor's property. There was discussion on the rights of property owners to rent their homes and if there is a difference for short term rentals. This was tabled until the next meeting.

Discussion about weeds and recycling

Janine Snyder talked about metal recycling and where to take it. She also discussed weed control on property. Thistle is a problem weed that spreads both by seed and an extensive root system. After pulling a thistle, put weeds in a plastic bag to keep seeds from spreading and pour ¼ cup of white vinegar in the hole to kill the root. This also works on locoweed and toadflax. The white vinegar is much better for the environment than Round-Up and other weed killers.

The next meeting will be on Saturday, October 18, 2014. Meeting adjourned.