

FRIENDS OF TWIN LAKES  
April 25, 2015 MEETING

Board of directors in attendance: President John Kester, Vice President/Treasurer Anita Mason, Secretary Kelly Sweeney and at Large Representatives Ahmad Ghais and Joan Weber.

**Minutes:** Kelly moved that the minutes be approved; Ahmad seconded and they were approved.

**Upcoming meetings and events:** HISTORIC PARK CLEAN UP on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 (please bring gloves, shovels, rakes, etc.) and ANNUAL MEETING on May 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 in the School House.

**EXCITING NEWS:** Friends of Twin Lakes is being awarded a Climax Area Community Development \$20,000 grant from Freeport-McMoRan Foundation for preservation/remediation of the Schoolhouse building. This money will go a long way toward the safe remediation of the lead based paint issues on the exterior, tuck pointing/rendering the foundation, leveling/resurfacing the stairs and addressing the aged asbestos tile inside the building. Formal award of grants will be held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>.

We shared **IN CONFIDENCE** the budget submitted with the grant and Kelly moved that the board be authorized to spend within those figures (we are still getting bids and do not have firm figures *PLEASE KEEP THE BUDGET AND PROCUREMENT CONFIDENTIAL UNTIL THIS IS COMPLETED*) and that we would return to the membership before committing to figures any higher than those. Wes Duran seconded the motion and it passed.

**Eureka Saturday Night Project:** We shared copies of the letter from the Forest Service requesting input (within 30 days of April 7, 2015) on whether the project meets criteria of a FS categorical exclusion that does not have an individual or cumulative significant effect on the quality of the human environment. IF this is granted, the short term project would be excluded from further National Environmental Policy Act review and documentation in an environmental impact statement or assessment. Key elements: it is located at the first bend going up Independence Pass on 82, there would be a 50 x 50 foot pad built at the end of the access road; up to 2000 gallons of water will be used daily supplied by a commercial vendor to drill 5 holes a total of 5,635 feet deep. Concerns were raised as there are presently no tailings in the North Fork of Lake Creek, the issues of containing the slurry and tainted water following their creation/usage were not clearly addressed in the letter. Several members expressed concern about potential adverse impact on the environment. Others feared that such concern might be misconstrued as disregarding the county's mining heritage or general opposition to economic development. They might be in favor of the Eureka project if it were accompanied by adequate environmental protections. The Board will request a meeting with the Forest Service to find out more information. A letter was passed out for those that wanted to express their concerns about negative environmental impacts. We encourage all to express their opinions on the project via the following: email to [amyjtitterington@fs.fed.us](mailto:amyjtitterington@fs.fed.us); fax to 719 486 0928 ATTN: Amy Titterington; mail or hand delivery to US Forest Service, Leadville Ranger District, ATTN: Amy Titterington, 810 Front St., Leadville, CO 80461

**Updates from Commissioner Hix:**

- The DOLA grant application was submitted on March 30<sup>th</sup>. The should know something in August and will go through an interview process to win the grant.
- The current estimated opening of the Recycling Center bins on CR 10 across from the solar farm should be end of June so that zoning issues may be addressed.

- There is a possibility that there will be a garbage bin there that residents can use with special pre purchased 40 gallon bags. The cost would be approximately \$4 per bag and there will be cameras policing

**Fire Chief's New Fire Truck Request:** Chief Dailey was told to find funding or a loan to purchase a new fire truck for \$550,000.

**Public Lands Every Day** has compiled information about funding to help non-profits build their capacity in membership and operations. We will explore whether any of the grants are feasible to seek for us.

**Clarion Historic Assessment:** the project is complete with the exception of History Colorado reimbursing us for the funds we fronted to Avenue L under the grant terms.

Anita and John met with the Forest Service regarding acting on some of the recommendations; at the meeting concern was expressed about the National Historic Designations Registries needing to be updated for Twin Lakes Village/Historic District. Kurt Schweigert, a recently retired historian/consultant who has done many such designations (including the Iditarod Trail in Alaska) has volunteered to do this for us. It would be helpful if someone would volunteer their driveway for him to leave his travel trailer while he does his assessment for 1 week.

**Volunteers needed for the Red Rooster:** Please contact Joan to volunteer either to serve as a general back up or to cover one Saturday this summer. The other days are covered.

**Volunteers for Bike-n-Build:** for the third or fourth year in a row, we will host showers and dinner on **Monday, 7/13**, for the young riders in Bike-n-Build traveling by bike over 2000 miles to do building improvements for low income/elderly homes across America. There will be 33 seeking showers (arriving around 5:30 at the Schoolhouse) and we will provide dinner (at the Schoolhouse around 7:00). Please contact Kelly if you are able to have a few folks shower or can provide some salads/side dishes for dinner. Carolyn Abbott already volunteered to cover desserts.

**Twin Lakes Traveler:** ½ page ads black and white will be \$150; color is \$175. \$5 per column inch (2 in x 1) black and white and \$6 a column inch for color. Contact Jim or Lexie at [artboat@wildblue.net](mailto:artboat@wildblue.net) to submit your column.

**Sangre de Cristo Electric COOP is celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!** The Annual Meeting will be held on **June 16, 2015** at 5:30 PM at the Chaffee County Fairgrounds. Wes Duran encouraged all of us to attend; there will be good food starting at 6:30 PM, door prizes and a contested election for the board of directors between two qualified candidates: Charlie Able II, challenger, and Gary Merrifield, incumbent. You may also vote on the ballot in your **Colorado Country Life** magazine

**Land Use Planning Change for Twin Lakes Village:** At the last meeting, Constance Erickson encouraged all of us to become informed about a potential change eliminating roads and alleys in the Village. Today, Carole Bellhouse, Esq., on behalf of Brian Collins and two of the parties, Deborah Johnson and Bill Burgess, seeking the alley and road vacations provided a presentation of the reasons behind the proposal and the result for the parties once the vacations are completed. The matter will be determined at the Lake County Commissioner's meeting on **June 15<sup>th</sup>**. Among the reasons explained were: making the building owned by Brian Collins (7<sup>th</sup> St) that is in the middle of a "platted" road part of Bill's land through and exchange with Bill Burgess (whose property is owned with his sister under the Champion Group, LLC); most of the vacated roads are on unbuildable roads with 30-70 degree slopes greatly in excess of county road standards or are over wetlands which would be illegal. The races will not be impacted (they already pass through Bill's property and he hasn't and doesn't intend to block them or folks training); the land vacated becomes taxable; Sangre de Cristo gets their utility line easements; and Catherine Olsen, Steve Meyer and Deborah Johnson receive their half of the streets and alleys touching their properties. Comments and questions were taken; no one opposed the proposal spoke out; Commissioners Hix, Semsack and Paul Clarkson from Lake County Land Use were also present for questions.

**ANNUAL MEETING IS SATURDAY THE 30<sup>TH</sup> AT 9:30 AM AT THE SCHOOL HOUSE.**

Historic Park Clean Up 5/9 at 10:00; Commissioner Meeting on road vacation 6/15; Sangre de Cristo Meeting 6/16; Bike-n-Build 7/12