

FRIENDS OF TWIN LAKES
GENERAL MEETING NOVEMBER 12, 2011
Twin Lakes Dance Hall

Board members present: President John Kester, Vice President/Treasurer Ric Altman, and At-Large Representative Kelly Sweeney. Nine voting members were also present.

John Kester called the meeting to order.

Minutes

The minutes from the October meeting were approved.

Tax Exempt Status Update

John provided a report on the tax exempt status. The attorney has not heard anything and thinks notice may come in the mail directly to the Friends of Twin Lakes (FOTL). Again, she thinks we might not qualify as tax exempt, but would qualify as a 501(c)(4).

Meeting with Lake County Fire Planning Board

The Lake County Fire Planning Board was so impressed with the attendance of and concerns raised by residents and property owners from Southern Lake County, that they have invited additional input at a meeting to be held on November 21st at 9:30 a.m. at the Leadville Courthouse. The meeting room is the first room on the right as you come in the front door. (Paula will make a sign about the meeting to post on the CR 10 mailboxes and Susie will post it in the Twin Lakes Post Office.)

Among the items discussed at the meeting on November 1, 2011 was that it appears that the fire department does not have a clear knowledge of the locations of houses in Southern Lake County or how to access them. Apparently, Pan Ark through George Brinkworth had given the fire department a map with names on it to assist in locating properties, but they do not have it from others. (The FOTL discussed the wisdom of providing something similar from all the areas in Southern Lake County.)

Anita is on the hiring committee for the new fire chief. The hiring process will include an interview with the hiring committee and an opportunity to address how they would proceed in several emergency scenarios. We would like the FOTL Fire Committee to speak with Anita and the rest of the Planning Board to make sure fire chief candidates are aware of the issue regarding the lack of appropriate fire protection for Southern Lake County and that an inquiry would be made regarding what the candidates would do to assess the problem and then how they would select the best course of action.

John will work with the FOTL Fire Committee to develop concise, clear and prioritized bullets on fire protection issues that can be presented both for awareness points for the candidates and at the November 21st meeting.

Kelly provided an analysis of the June to December 2010 Building permits in Lake County. The following are the key points:

87 total permits	
15 permits Climax/ 1 Cooper	
29 n/a or less than \$5000 (inclu 3 Climax)	
15 permits Southern Lake County	
28 permits Leadville/Northern Lake	
Southern Lake County	\$ 1,410,169.00
Leadville/Northern Lake County	\$ 1,674,496.00
Total less di minimus & Climax/Copper	\$ 3,084,665.00
% of total for S. Lake County	45.715%

There appears to be yet another position on the County Fire Planning Board for which no one has volunteered/applied. John has yet to hear if he has been selected for a similar position. The group at Saturday's meeting was encouraged to contact individuals from the Leadville area to "apply," if we thought he or she has an economic interest in seeing protection enhanced in Southern Lake County.

Preliminary Insurance Inquiry

John made some initial inquiries regarding fire insurance coverage through an independent insurance agency in Frisco. The results were dismaying as it appears the cut-off for coverage is typically 15 miles away from a fire station.

Based upon John's report and the experience that others have had in finding coverage, it was discussed that perhaps our property values should be lowered since fire insurance coverage might not be available.

Letter to Lake County Politicians Regarding Fire Protection

After discussion, regarding the draft action letter from FOTL, Wes moved that it be sent taking a firm stance in requesting a fire station in Twin Lakes, along with minor edits and non-substantive changes. The motion was seconded by Susie. There was one abstention and all the remaining voting members voted in favor of the letter and nature of the request. Ahmed will circulate the final revisions.

Roadless Area Court Decision

The Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the decision by the Wyoming District Court to allow motorized vehicles in roadless areas of national forests. The Circuit Court held that there was no basis for the lower court's decision.

Miscellaneous

The issue of having a Mt. Elbert road sign and a welcome sign for Twin Lakes was discussed. Susie and Cornelia will serve as the FOTL Sign Committee to find out who is in charge of these matters. They will

do what they can to start the ball rolling for the Mt. Elbert sign and will explore avenues for posting another sign related to the village.

Treasurer's Report

Ric reported that we have \$765. There are 41 voting members (5 new since the last meeting) and 6 non-voting members.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, December 10, 2011, at the Twin Lakes Dance Hall.