

-- Friends of Twin Lakes --

April 27, 2019

Meeting began at 10:02 a.m.

Board of Directors. Present: Kelly Sweeney, President; Kurt Schweigert, VP/Treasurer; Judy Leaming, Secretary; Joan Weber, at-large director. Absent: Anita Mason, at large director.

FoTL minutes. January 2019 minutes will be reviewed at next FoTL meeting.

Status of funds. \$4,234.28 in Community Bank account (in 2016 an expense was miscategorized, resulting in an additional \$357 reported in Historic District funds). Actual amount to date is \$3,039.93 Historic District; current fire station set aside \$836 (once Alan Elias/Angelview contributes his pledge of \$20,000, most of which will be turned over to the County, we will have \$5,833 set aside for finish/ furnishing). \$11,609.47 in Pueblo Bank General Operating Account .

Trash program. Please give your payments to Schweigerts or Kelly Sweeney or mail them to Friends of Twin Lakes, 231 Lang, Twin Lakes, CO 81251. \$272 remains in trash program account. We appreciate how well the honor system for payment is working.

Forest Service Agreement. Kurt Schweigert gave a report on the new 5-year agreement in partnership with the Pike-San Isabel National Forest, Leadville Ranger District of the U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture. Special thanks to interim Forest Ranger (Max Forgensi) who was primarily responsible for getting it done. Interlaken has been added to the agreement.

Plans for ebike rental company. Riley Tinkham presented his plans to open an ebike rental company this summer which will be based out of the house next to the Windspirit (where he lives). He'll have two types of electric bikes: (1) fat tire bikes with electric assist and (2) fully electric mopeds. All bikes will be GPS tracked. He's still working on a permit and pricing.

Statewide notice of property values. Lake County Assessor, Miguel Martinez was unable to come to the meeting, but sent two staff persons from his office (Tony Werckman and Jacqueline Whelihan). A brief summary follows:

The Assessor's Office resets property values every two years based on arm's length market sales. Land values are determined by particular neighborhoods and housing values are county-wide. The median value for the style of the house is used (\$ per square foot). Also, quality and condition plus assets that add value (e.g., bathrooms, decks, garages) are considered. "View" lots have a higher assessment (e.g., view of the lakes). Current values are based on a two year period ending June 30, 2018.

Property values have been steadily rising in Lake County. There are fewer listings, more high-end homes and bidding for properties has increased. Many investors are buying property and

using it for vacation rentals. There are two primary exemptions/reductions: (1) Seniors: must be 65 + must have owned the property (primary residence) for last 10 years. (2) Veterans (100% disability).

On May 1st a statewide notice of values (land + improvements) will be mailed to property owners. If you disagree with the assessment, there's an appeal process for protesting the value assigned to your property. You will need to contact the Assessor's Office by no later than June 3, 2019. Information is available at www.lakecountycoco.com/assessor.

Fire Station 2. Jeff Johnson provided an update on Fire Station 2 with a focus on volunteers to help so we can reduce costs. Sign-up sheet was circulated.

Operation Round-Up. John Kester discussed the Operation Round-Up program with Sangre de Cristo and urged members to participate. Sign-up sheet was circulated.

Reminder of upcoming events:

- **Wine tasting on May 22nd sold out.** We have a wait list if you are interested.
- **Bingo:** Wednesday, May 1, 2019.
- **CPR/AED/First Aid training:** Tuesday afternoons at 1:00 pm on June 4, 11, 18 and 25. Contact Jonathan Burk at jburk@svghd.org to register. Sign up early to receive your preferred date. Due to high demand and limited spaces, please make sure to attend on your assigned date.
- **"Taste of the Twin Lakes Inn:"** Friday, May 3, and Sunday, May 5, 2019 from 5 to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person and include one drink ticket for the bar. Space is limited to 35 people, so advance reservations are recommended. Money will be collected at the event. Call 719-486-7965 or contact Andy (andy@thetwinlakesinn.com).
- **FoTL annual meeting:** Saturday, June 1, 2019 (9 am). Two board positions are up for election; current interested candidates are Lyle Williams and Susie Ramsdell. Please contact Kelly Sweeney if you are interested in being on the board. You must be a voting member in good standing to serve (dues paid).

Other Business:

- Through contributions from John and Cheryl Wells + Kelly Sweeney and Robert Krehiel, Friends of Twin Lakes is a full member of the Lake County Economic Development Corporation (LCEDC). Among other things, FoTL is eligible to have five members sign up for the health care program through LCEDC. Contact Kelly Sweeney if you are interested. Mountain Top Healthcare Program has a webinar at www.lakecountyedc.com/healthcare which explains how the program works. It's not for people with certain pre-existing conditions or those who are or want to become pregnant.
- Sign-up sheets/date selection circulated during the meeting for annual clean up of Heritage Park. **Sign-up for Interlaken clean up will be available at a later date.**

Meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.