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Friends of Twin Lakes – Member Meeting  
At the Schoolhouse and Zoom – July 26, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

Directors present: Kelly Sweeney, President; Colleen Schweigert, Vice President/Treasurer; Daryl Manning & Anne Bond, At Large. On Zoom: Jeannine Ravenscraft, Secretary.

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

1. Approve minutes from last meeting, July 17, 2025: click on link then photo that appears to read minutes: <https://friendsoftwinlakes.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Friends-of-Twin-Lakes-Annual-Meeting-June-7-2025-.pdf>
  - a) MOTION: Beth Manning moved to approve the minutes. Kathy Wagner seconded. The minutes were approved.
  
2. Treasurer’s report as of July 21st:
  - a) Operating account information

General Fund (including \$452 Garbage Fund)	\$ 20,403.88
Heritage Fund	\$ 66,614.82
Fire Station	\$ 23,807.39
Dexter House	\$ 373.93
Visitor Center -USFS	<u>\$ 2,920.34</u>
	\$114,120.36
Pueblo Bank & Trust	\$ 20,403.88
Colorado Community Bank	<u>\$ 93,716.48</u>
	\$114,120.36
  
  - b) Total Members 133: Voting-107; Non-Voting-26
  
3. Garbage
  - a) Colorado Park & Wildlife Grant – FOTL in partnership with Destination Twin Lakes applied for a CPW grant to obtain 420 bear resistant garbage cans for the Twin Lakes area. This grant is a state grant but could be in jeopardy due to federal funding flow through issues.
  - b) FOTL voted at May 10, 2025 meeting to provide a match of \$8,000 toward the “Bear Resistant” grant project. We hope to know by mid-August if the grant is awarded.
  
4. Update on Heritage projects from Anne Bond following meeting with Meghan Caveny, USFS Archeologist, Leadville District.
  - a) Clarion Hotel
    - i. Door - Decision was reached to repair, rather than replace, the only operable door on the Clarion. Old hinges were removed and replaced with new hinges by Robert Krehbiel. Robert hung the door and it is a tight fit but operable.
    - ii. Rear shed addition - Still awaiting word from the Forest Service about the status of the rear shed addition on the south end of the building. This section is not part of the original building. The section is not stable. It is our hope that the Forest Service will request that the State Preservation Office decommission this addition.

- iii. Porch - Meghan Caveny, USFS, has completed a second draft of the Supplemental Project Agreement (SPA) for replacing the Clarion porch, porch overhang, supports, removing the concrete and adjusting the slope of the porch for proper water drainage. Meghan is hopeful that this project will be approved and scheduled for summer of 2026. Anne cautioned that the timeframe has always been lengthy for these projects because approval must go through the Leadville office and Lakewood contracts office. Signatures are now also required from the Department of Government Efficiency.
  - iv. Roof – The Clarion roof will require engineering studies and structural stabilization before it can be replaced. At this time, the best estimate for replacing the roof would be summer 2027. This project would require a grant from History Colorado to complete.
- b) Red Rooster Visitor Center - Meghan Caveny, USFS, will be completing a new architectural inventory form and the management data form, as both are required before any work can be done on the building. Meghan hopes these forms will be completed in the fall of 2025. In addition, the Forest Service must complete a supplemental project agreement (SPA) for a new roof on the visitor center. There are structural issues on the second floor roof that will have to be addressed by the Forest Service. This may result in additional work and costs. Meghan expressed confidence that the new roof will be approved and scheduled for summer of 2026.
5. Boom Days Parade - FOTL will not participate in the parade this year. We will work toward a “Bloom” Days float for next year. We hope to promote the addition of wildflowers throughout our community by passing out flower seeds in addition to candy.
6. Waste Management
- a) Waste Management has not allowed FOTL to terminate the contract for the one dumpster. The contract expires in 2027. FOTL, with receipts from the trash collection at the visitor center, can support the contract until the end of September. FOTL no longer wants to be in the trash business.
  - b) Misty Cureton with Destination Twin Lakes has offered to take over the contract on our last trash bin. Misty, working with her agent at Waste Management, has obtained approval from the company to take over the contract effective August 31, 2025. The bin will be moved to their farm. This allows FOTL to officially get out of the trash business. Thank you to Misty and Destination Twin Lakes for helping us to resolve this complicated and troublesome issue.
  - c) At the end of August, anyone that has prepaid for trash collection that feels they are due a refund please contact FOTL for a refund.
7. Other Options for Trash Disposal
- a) For a fee, Destination Twin Lakes will accept garbage from locals, campers and travelers at the Tenderfoot Farm Store during business hours.
  - b) Destination Twin Lakes also offers a program of home pickups. This program can be viewed on their [Destination Twin Lakes web site](#).
  - c) Lake County has a yellow bag program with three collection sites: near Fire Station 2 on Highway 10, the county landfill and the community fields. Yellow bags can be purchased at the visitor center, local merchants, the landfill and the Lake County Treasurer’s office.

8. Leadville Trail 100

- a) Kelly expressed the need for LT100 volunteers in the village for Friday afternoon, all day Saturday and Sunday morning. FOTL volunteers will be used to keep runners, visitors, villagers, emergency personnel and crew members safe and informed. A volunteer sign-up sheet was circulated among meeting attendees.
- b) There will be a new format for crew/runners/spectators setting up in the village of Twin Lakes this year.
  - i. Numbered tent sites will be assigned by a LT100 lottery.
  - ii. No one will be permitted on forest service property at the visitor center.
  - iii. Visitor center will be closed on Saturday.
  - iv. Buses will no longer drop off in the village. The drop off point this year will be at the Moache Fishing Site. Crew members will be dropped off at Moache and proceed on foot into the village.
  - v. As in prior years, village residents will be issued access/parking passes.
  - vi. At noon on Sunday, the school house will be closed and LT100 will take possession of all runner/crew items remaining in the school house and the village.
  - vii. The school house floor will be covered with tarps to protect from water damage.
  - viii. In response to a question about insurance coverage, LT100 does carry insurance for the entire program and a special policy on the school house.
  - ix. Before the race day, Kelly will distribute LT100 contact numbers to all village residents. Residents and volunteers are asked to contact Kelly, Dave or others on the list to deal with conflicts involving racers, crew or spectators.
  - x. FOTL will hold a prerace meeting for FOTL volunteers to provide information needed for race set-up, race day and post-race.

9. Heritage Park cleanup on July 29 at 5:30 pm. Volunteers needed to remove the cottonwood trees sprouting in Heritage Park.

10. Annual beach cleanup will be Wednesday, August 20 from 9 a.m. to noon.

11. FOTL annual community picnic is scheduled for Sunday, August 24 from 5 – 7 p.m. Kelly and Colleen will plan the event. Volunteers are needed for set up, cooking and clean up.

12. Aging in Place Seminars

- a) All the Aging in Place seminars and handouts will be posted on FOTL website.
- b) The last Aging in Place seminar will be Saturday, August 23 from 10 – 11 a.m., at the school house and on Zoom. This final chapter will be on legal issues and ways to make it easier for your family and care givers to handle your affairs when ill, incapacitated or upon death. Presenters will be Kevin Kirsner, Judy Leaming and Kelly Sweeney.

13. National Historic District Designation discussion by Kurt Schweigert

- a) Eleven years ago, Kurt was approached by FOTL to rewrite and update the 1975 National Historic District Designation for Twin Lakes. For the last 10 years Kurt has been working to update this historic designation. However, two months ago, it was determined that the original 1975 designation was never legal. It was not legal because a legal boundary was never established for the historic district.
- b) Kurt's updated plan was in the process of review by History Colorado and the National Park Service. Recently he was advised that it cannot move forward since the original 1975 designation is not legal.

- c) The reason for a national historic district designation is to identify places that are worthy of preservation. It doesn't preserve anything unless it is used as a basis for a local ordinance. Since Twin Lakes does not have a local government, an ordinance would have to be passed by Lake County. Since we cannot pass a local ordinance, an option would be to establish a special area/overlay. Lake county did this with the scenic by-way but did not include the Village of Twin Lakes. This leaves the village unprotected or not as protected as it could be.
- d) Kurt, with the backing of the FOTL Board has drafted a petition to Lake County for a Historic Preservation Overlay for the entire Village of Twin Lakes. (It includes the original 1880 village designation and the 1891 revision.) The next step in this process would be to meet with Anne Schneider, Director of Lake County Planning and Development Department. This would be a zoning change. It is a layer of zoning on top of the current zoning. It would not change anything regarding the existing zoning.
- e) Kurt distributed copies of the petition to Lake County for a Historic Preservation Overlay. It includes sections for any interested individual to comment and voice their support or disapproval of the project. Kurt also encouraged all individuals interest to contact him with any questions, issues or suggestions related to the overlay proposal.
- f) It is possible that the USFS may challenge the overlay petition on the basis that some of the area may include archaeological items.
- g) A National Historical Preservation Designation would allow property owners in the area to obtain state and federal tax credits when rehabilitating their property.
- h) Letter drafted by Kurt Schweigert to send to Lake County to begin process of creating an Historic Preservation Overlay:

**FRIENDS OF TWIN LAKES, INC.**  
**a 501(c)(3) Non-profit Corporation**  
 August 5, 2025

Re: Letter of Support for adoption of a Historic Overlay in Twin Lakes Village.

Dear Lake County Governmental Representatives:

The Friends of Twin Lakes, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, has a goal to work with our governmental partners to make life better for visitors and residents. The Historic Overlay in Twin Lakes Village ("TLVOD") is an invaluable tool helping to preserve for visitors and residents the unique historical characteristics of this area from visual obstruction and aesthetic intrusion. We urge Lake County to adopt the TLVOD into its Lake County Land Development Code.

The Heritage Park and a small area on the edge of the Village are located within Lake County's Scenic Conservation Overlay (SCO) zoning district for the Top of the Rockies National Scenic Byway. The scenic and cultural values of the Village are the values that are recognized for the SCO, but specific direction in the Land Development Code for consideration of the SCO values does not extend to nearly all of the Village. More than the SCO, the Village is susceptible to potential negative impacts due to the related factors of many sensitive historic visual resources, fluid private property ownership, and development pressure.

The character of the Village is an environmental, economic, cultural, and recreational asset to be protected and enhanced for benefit of residents and visitors. The TLVOD provides direction for consistent consideration of standards by the Community Planning and Development Department, the Planning Commission, and the Board of County Commissioners.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important Overlay.

Warm regards,

Kelly Sweeney

President, Friends of Twin Lakes

231 Lang St.

Schweigert, Vice President/Treasurer

Motion to adjourn made by Cathy Wagner and seconded by Colleen Schweigert.

Meeting adjourned at 10:04 a.m.