

## February 13<sup>th</sup> 2021 Greenbelt Management Meeting

Minutes taken by Craig Mawle

### Present:

John Ryan, Paige Niederer, Jane & Steve Koeckeritz

Lucy Boswell, Mark Rode, Kellie & Steve Sponberg

Nora B and Colin (future eagle scout), Carmel & Craig Mawle

1. Welcome and Overview
2. 501c3

Cheryl report: 3 vs 2 could be \$45k to go back

CWPP needs to be updated - community partners free – forester we used in past – ask board for bylaws ASAP and CWPP payed for by the board – Carmel will pursue

Annual budget has been increased to \$2000.

\$20k mitigation to reserves

fiscal June 1<sup>st</sup> so \$40k this summer? \$100k in reserve from prior year contributions – some confusion about funds available for mitigation this summer. Carmel will clarify with Bryon.

Mitigation: Voluntary trail walkers for surveillance – arson risk

Parking surveillance? To discourage campers etc from being careless

Code 4 security – look for parking passes etc.

Basecamp camping site or on own property

Fires only in approved fire pit

Threat from NW in national forest – we cannot do anything in that area

What education or signs do we have about fines for illegal fire/camping etc?

Surrounded by national forest – forest service responsibility to monitor

Fire dept. goes on lots of smoke calls

No association trail cams but private cams cover some trails – what type to buy?

Symposium with Joe Neguse senators and governor \_ mitigation by the state. Wed at noon

Kellie to send registration info (included in email).

Mitigation update: Ranger and conservation meeting earlier in the week

NRCS – large areas only

Water shed – more small area, start with updating CWPP and overall plan

Come out Feb/March

Long term Goal to have map with all details and quilt together supporters

Need clarification on 20 vs 40k for mitigation – 20 before July, rolls into next year – email Bryan for clarification and process for money release to GBMC

Try and start April May but won't lose money if we don't spend it soon enough.

1 Start Mosquito/Arapaho (S/SW) in greenbelt area – we can control: clear dead and down at minimum

3 NW is biggest danger (Elk Ridge/national forest) – long term plan – likely not be available this summer

2 Homeowner mitigation mitigation/education

3 pieces to our mitigation

Greenbelt adjacent to private to encourage private mitigation? Volunteer vs funded

Small clean-up projects by committee volunteers

Paige: PVWSC, forest management group – can write grants for us

Daniel wanted to walk and get plan for this year

Jane and Steve Koeckeritz will head up Basecamp and River Trail projects

1a) Cleanup by case camp

1b) River trail work / cleanup

1c) Pilot project with water shed this summer – they will identify area – what to do with slash? (chip, burn?, haul)

Show off pilot for education and encouragement

Midgard trail: Eagle scout project for Colin

Committee agreed to let Colin begin the proposal process with the understanding that it would need to be approved by Stella and the BOD.

Beaver creek crossing between Ottawa and Shoshoni needs a new bridge and logs cleared

Chainsaw: Specialty tools needs resource to do that work

Colin is the manager to get resources

We can request what it looks like

Meet at site to discuss options

Colin: draw plan for approval for Stella & board as benefactor to approve

Approval for plan. – unanimous

Propose trail section that goes through pond off the map

Trail between 164/165 and 166 needs to be added (assuming easement exists) because it is maintained.  
Filing 12

Pond was made and stocked at one point. Property owners don't want fishing because of trespassing but fishing is allowed

Before abandoning trail make sure there is no alternate path

Page to check plat in office

Deer Creek strip of greenbelt has deadfall. Wanted greenbelt committee to "take care of it" – not a priority or fire risk

They can ask for permission to clean greenbelt – sent link

Committee organization:

Team leaders for different aspects:

Signage: Rachel has been painting signs and has secured 100 more signs due to the generosity of the Community Fund and Alex.

Mitigation: Mark, Carmel and Paige – residential education has 2 seminars/summer with fire department. West side mitigation in greenbelt, Work with forest service.

Education: Carmel

Trails & trail maintenance: Paige

Beautification: basecamp and River trail – Steve & Jane – Paige has contacts of property owners

April/May target for basecamp – close road - advertise

501c(3): Track expenses for board approval

Carmel will write up BOD report and Paige to cover funding questions at board meeting