

Greenbelt Meeting Minutes, March 13, 2021

Present:

Carmel Mawle

Steve and Kellie Sponberg

Paige Niederer

Mark Rode

Cheryl Poage

Steve and Jane had connectivity issues, but sent their report beforehand.

Cheryl: 501c3 – Submittal process changed January with new form.

Has been submitted, didn't send articles of incorporation and bylaws but attest we have them

Have EIN need SAN (systems award number).

Waiting for letter of determination.

CWPP update: Carmel, Mark and Paige met with representatives from the Poudre River Watershed Coalition and The Ember Alliance. Both groups are impressed with level of enthusiasm from Crystal property owners, including the HOAA and the Greenbelt Management Committee.

The Ember Alliance will lay out what is needed to update CWPP, allowing us to see what pieces we can do entirely and where we can partner with them to reduce cost.

Mark and Paige:

Mark: impressive group with 4 CWPP examples: Vail, Platt valley, Glacier View will commit to use them

They will tailor how much they do to match budget: Glacier got 3 versions: fully developed and coordinated plan ~\$36k, We write from their input lower price.

Paige: Didn't hear about charge before, Crystal Lakes old plan by Jody: emergency notification speakers, training, fire dept training on mitigation and safety, escape routes

Bear Gulch listed as escape route – can we keep that?

Where to start and prioritize 500 acre greenbelt, and what methods (shaded or islands etc.)

Go through our existing plan

Cheryl: Forest service can do plan updates at no cost. What will they do and NRCS

State coming with more money for mitigation. Can HOA apply?

Build details for a forester to select trees etc. at time of mitigation.

Carmel: next meeting with them will get more specifics

Need RFP to select plan selection

Looking for methods and priorities. Execution by contractors

Can we find grants to help with CWPP – Cheryl said yes but when and how

How did paid service differentiate from forest service plan? 4 links in email

Mark: getting forest service to do this is limited. Will not do a plan but give input only

Can grant pay for CWPP plan – every grant is different

Still need an RFP process for using grants etc.

Office has RFP template

Grant app needs to be able to fund HOA directly since no 501c3 yet.

What is available from forest service and what funding?

Continue with current organization as well for comparison – just can't spend without RFP

Kellie: Mitigation Summit with Joe Neguse: responsive to help and have HOAs reach out to them. Lot of talk about insurance problems – what we are doing is an example of what they are looking for so they can help us. They want to showcase a successful example of what they can help with. We align with that. They are willing to help know – can we grab that? –

Carmel to reach out to them

Mark: No plan on buffer around north and west side. They would like to but no plan etc. During fire they could not come up with a plan because of the terrain. No plan for a plan

- 1) Greenbelt
- 2) homeowners
- 3) forest service surrounding

We want to piece together homeowners

Forest service may have brochures or plans for individual property owners

Mark has that through the fire department as well – service to assess property free of charge

Remind about this in weekly view – have web site info, for link

Carmel will feature this information in post.

Pilot project: meet and look at N NW area Shoshoni/Mosquito, - weather an issue so early April current target depending on snow

Question on funding:

Carmel to clarify with Bryon

Volunteer: closing Tami for cleanup okay... see Report

Paige: Greenbelt off of Tazuki: Paige and Lew looked. Owned by W&S not R&R. ¾ acre doesn't look too bad. 12 down dead trees, some standing: they can bring to W&S attention. Keeping list of possible projects – info in View: not just cleaning dead and down focus on mitigation and priorities.

Should W&S be part of committee if they have green belt spaces? Yes we want to engage them –

Carmel to reach out to Steve K first.

Notice of our purpose –

Paige to draft for Carmel

Cheryl: Board policy for homeowner mitigation of greenbelt adjacent to property – Crew may be able to get slash if they do the work –

Cheryl to talk to Stella

No update on trails

Boy Scout April/May

Colorado Youth Corp – reach out for trails or small space mitigation. Out for FC, and need supervision. Some charge and ask for camping spot etc.? –

Paige to check.

Lucy Boswell ... recommend contactors – web page for that? Crystal page may have that? Paige found that.

Carmel will add link to our site.