

December 6th, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Bob Leavitt, Connie Leavitt, Don Fredrickson, Mike Wold, David Born

Report Topics – Send Email Reports to Bob

1. Treasurer's report – Gail
2. Stop signs and other road signs current status – DJ
3. Sponsoring a large object trash pickup day – David talked to Atlas and found out it would be very expensive. David will talk to the company that took over for Atlas (Doering) and find out if their view of the cost is the same. Bob talked to Bob Rising and found out the last trash pickup day (which was several years ago) cost in the range of \$7,000. Bob Rising said it was popular at the time but they couldn't afford to do it again. It's likely to be significantly more expensive now.
4. Contact road culvert cleaning contractors for possible discount – Connie will investigate contractors, update the Board and prepare a short report for the next newsletter.
5. GID4 board membership – Christian reports that he has heard nothing regarding his application for GID4 board membership. Bob will call Larimer County to find out the current status.
6. Status update on Scott Ponds and Fish Creek Road repair project – Bettie will update the Board and prepare a report for next newsletter. This can wait until we get closer to newsletter time.
7. Status update on Town and County government activities – The Town Board and County Commissioners have two joint meetings scheduled for next week, one to vote on vacation rental regulations and the other to vote on changes in accessory dwelling regulations. Bob will update the Board on the latest developments and prepare an article for the next newsletter.

Discussion Topics

8. Welcome letter and contacting new residents – Mike handed out copies of the welcome letter, signup form and newsletters to the group. Bob handed out an updated spreadsheet with some additional new residents and a map showing their locations. As yet no one has distributed any packets to new residents. We discussed how we are dividing up the list and made some changes. Bob will send out the revised spreadsheet, map, and assignments. We decided to mail a packet to residents with out-of-town mailing addresses unless they are here frequently and are not difficult to contact. We will include a personal written note to the new resident at the bottom of the letter. The rest will be hand delivered.
9. Should we send paper copies of newsletters to all residents? Should we send electronic copies to everyone and paper copies to members only? We decided to send electronic copies to all current members and ask them if also wish to receive a paper copy. We will mail copies only to those who respond and say they want a paper copy. Non-members will not receive an electronic or paper copy.
10. Late year registrations. Should they count toward the next year? We decided that any memberships received after September 30 would apply to the next year.
11. We discussed incentives to get people to pay their dues early in the year. Quite a few people wait to pay until right before slash pickup time. One idea is to offer a discount, say \$5 off if you pay by April 1 (\$25 instead of \$30). Another idea is to require payment for this year as well as next year if you're paying your dues after June 1. We deferred this until the next meeting think it over and get input from the rest of the Board.
12. Topics for next newsletter – The timeframe for the next newsletter will be mid to late January. Bob will contact Melissa Feen for newsletter assistance

Existing Newsletter Topics	
2017 POA dues	To-do list
Help support Carriage Hills	Free slash pickup
Pine beetle spraying	Roadside trash (shorten article)
Fish Creek Road repair project update	Vacation rentals and ADU update
Helpful information from Code Compliance Department	Did you know – CHPOA Covenants, Architectural Committee
GID4 Update	Lighting reminder
Dog waste pickup reminder	Board members
Carriage Hills web site and Facebook Group	Your ideas and comments welcome (and how to contact CHPOA)
New Newsletter Topics	
Stop signs installed	Scott Ponds project completed (include some facts and figures)
Estes Valley Watershed Coalition	Culvert cleaning discount (if available)
Old Street Signs – available for pickup	Scrap metal pickup (if available)
Neighborhood Spring Cleanup	Building a Community in Carriage Hills (if ready)

13. Connie and Bob have used a scrap metal guy who doesn't charge to pick up. He comes to Estes periodically. Connie will get his contact info and see we can reference him in the newsletter.
14. Neighborhood spring cleanup project – This involves getting volunteers to walk along the roads in Carriage Hills and pick up litter. David will head up this effort. A day must be selected in coordination with the Town. The Town will pick up the bags free of charge. David will get the ball rolling and prepare a brief article for the newsletter.
15. Invasive weeds – activities for 2017 – David will discuss at next meeting.
16. Neighborhood garage sale – ran out of time to discuss, deferred to next meeting.
17. Building a community in Carriage Hills – Bettie would like to put together her thoughts on this topic and draft an introduction for our consideration. This could possibly go in the current newsletter or a future one. David mentioned that he has observed how the residents along Larkspur have community gatherings. He is interested in working on this topic as well.
18. David mentioned that he would like to contact the town about forming a group to monitor the Scott Ponds and associated open space. He's concerned about changes that happen there and that residents have no input. He will start by contacting the Town.
19. Next meeting timeframe? Our next meeting will be in January. No date has been set. We can continue using the Masonic Lodge thanks to Mike Wold. I'd like to have a group in-person meeting as well as include the out-of-towners with some kind of call-in function. Since the Masonic Lodge doesn't have internet it would have to be a cellphone – speakerphone setup. Bob will look into this.