

GCHNA Steering Committee minutes for Zoom meeting Monday, Feb. 1, 2021 at 7pm

Attendees: Susan Wiesner, Patricia Fuenzalida, Eileen Jorgensen, Don Enoch, Eve Collins, Jeff Coleman-Hunt, Gregg Dwight, Elena Rayo, Justin Sternberg, Christy Barden, Debbie Wandro, Annette Seabury, Joy Elson, Susan Gregory, Brian Waag, Ellen Hagan - a quorum

Patricia called the meeting to order. The agenda was approved with the correction of 2 spelling errors - GCHNA and Susan Wiesner. Ellen asked that the minutes be amended to reflect the new meeting dates. The Steering Committee meetings for 2021 are: 2/1, 4/5, 6/7,8/2, 10/4 and 12/6. The amended calendar was approved unanimously.

Treasurer's report - We have a balance of \$7764.43. Susan presented the financial report for 2020 and the proposed budget for 2021. The audit review did not happen due to Covid. There is a surplus due to fewer activities. The 2021 budget was approved unanimously.

Neighborhood Reports

Brian has noticed that Ferrellgas makes many separate deliveries to his road. He and Susan will discuss whether something can be done to improve efficiency and gain a further discount. Also, would there be an advantage for property owners on the same road to coordinate brush clearing/tree trimming services and negotiate with a few companies for a volume discount?

Membership Involvement and Growth

To increase neighborhood involvement and connection, reps are encouraged to write a letter to members and potential members in the areas they represent. Joy's letter is a fine example. Eve will send out member lists organized by road rep area. Joy is looking into an online data base organization system. Annette walked the Old Airport Road property with Patricia and others. She's sent a 1 question survey to her neighbors asking if they would volunteer for a cleanup day.

Patricia asked for ideas to create greater awareness that GCHNA exists. Outreach ideas include signs on the roads, an ad in Yubanet, or setting ourselves up as a group on Nextdoor. In the newsletter, we might include small advertisements or add a home business directory. In each issue, we could include a "Know Your Neighbor" article and highlight enterprises in our neighborhood. Sunrock Farms was mentioned.

New Firewise Chair and Team needed

Beth has provided a job description.

- Represent the National Firewise Protection Agency in Colorado to keep our local GCHCA certification.
- Collect and quantify yearly mitigation numbers from members to keep official Firewise certification.
- Write, detail, and record a five-year master Plan of Action for Fire mitigation in GCHCA.
- Represent GCHCA at the yearly Fire Preparedness Education Day in May organized by Firewise Council.
- Attend monthly Firewise Coalition meetings and report back to GCHCA.
- Write articles for GCHCA Newsletter.
- Advise and consult with GCHCA Road Reps.
- Organize scotch broom pulls and weed abatement.

Annette may be able to help, but others are needed. Ellen will volunteer to be part of a committee. Would someone be willing to be Secretary? She'll provide a job description.

Open Space Committee Update

Annette continues to implore the City to improve the condition of the Old Airport Road property. A lock was put on the gate. Her new approach is to provide specific solutions for securing the area and cleaning it up. The Mayor has responded to her suggestions. The solar field project has been put on hold. No master plan yet.

Eileen explained that the City is overwhelmed. She's attended a City Council meeting about what to do with the cabin at Hirschman's Pond. A group called Color Me Human has volunteered to take over the gardens.

Justin suggested retaining an attorney to advise on our legal rights as private property owners and provide guidance in moving forward. He specifically noted that taking legal action would be a last resort, but that having an attorney for guidance would be useful. Interagency cooperation could be helpful. The County has more resources than the City.

The newsletter should be arriving in mailboxes soon. Eve has extras to give to prospective members.

Next Zoom meeting - April 5, 2021 at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Hagan, Secretary

