

Eagles Nest Property Homeowners Association

Annual Meeting with Sub-Association Presidents October 12, 2009

Minutes

Those in Attendance: Judy Randall (Hideaways), Becky Hodgell (Ponderosa), Dawn Marie (Valley Greens), Wes Adams (Peregrine Ridge), Bob Kieber (The Ponds), Dick Campbell (The Ranch), Vince Lanuza (ENPHA President), Dave Anderson (ENPHA V.P.), George Resseguie (ENPHA Treasurer), Mollie Brunetti (ENPHA Design Review), Jim Ernst (ENPHA Environmental), Al Sanborn (ENPHA Environmental), Len Shipman (ENPHA Secretary), Stuart Richardson (ENPHA Manager) and John Ahlquist (ENPHA Compliance).

Introduction

Vince Lanuza opened the meeting and stressed the importance of working together on matters of mutual concern.

ENPHA Activities

The meeting began with a review of the major activities of ENPHA. Al Sanborn covered the MPB tree spraying program. According to Al, 7,139 trees were sprayed this summer compared to 7334 in 2008 and 8686 in 2007. Jim Ernst discussed ENPHA tree removal activities over the summer. ENPHA owns 17 properties within Eagles Nest and some of these properties are heavily forested. A private contractor was hired to remove Town-marked trees and other standing dead trees in the Ranch hillside forest and in the Fox Valley forest. Other Town-marked trees on ENPHA property were removed by volunteers. Tree spraying and removal remains the biggest expense in the Association's budget. The noxious weed program has been quite successful under the leadership of Jim Beltzer and his crew of volunteers. Property owners are supportive of the program and noxious weeds are no longer out of control. Thirty-four properties needed to be sprayed this summer. (*Note: The Association makes herbicide and backpack sprayers available to sub-associations and property owners at no cost*).

The Raven Golf Course has not complied fully with the Town's tree removal ordinance. Many dead and MPB-infected trees remain on Raven property. According to Jim Ernst, the Town neglected to count dead and infected trees on Raven property last fall (2008), even though all other such trees were counted in the Town. This meant that there was no way to monitor the dead and infected tree problem on Raven property. This neglect harms our effort to control/eradicate the MPB because the Raven serves as a haven for the pest. Other than the neglect of the Raven, the Town's tree marking program has been very helpful. When marked trees are removed, the threat of wildfire is greatly diminished. This year, the Town was not planning to count any dead and infected trees. Jim appealed to the Town and the program was extended (cost \$12,000). Jim and the Association continue to press the Town to include the

Raven in the tree marking program. (*Update: following the sub-association meeting we were informed by the Town that our request to include the Raven in the tree count was denied*).

John Ahlquist covered the two main winter compliance issues: snowmobiles and foot-traffic and dogs on the Raven Nordic Track. Simply put, snowmobiles are not allowed in Eagles Nest. Also, dogs and foot-traffic are not permitted on the Nordic Track course. The Town has a contract with the Raven that allows only snowshoeing and cross-country skiing on the course. If we are unable to stop the misuse use of the Nordic Track, that contract may be allowed to expire in April of 2010 when it is up for renewal. John asked the sub-association presidents for their help supervising the problem.

Tree Spraying Policy for 2010

Stuart Richardson said that the policy is under review. Meetings to evaluate the policy will begin in a few weeks. The Association believes the current policy is effective. However, we are interested to hear from the membership about any change they might offer. At this point, it is likely that there will be little, if any, change in the policy.

Expected Dues Increase

Vince Lanuza made the point that the Association tries very hard to control expenses. However, anticipated conditions for 2010 will likely require a dues increase. The increase is necessary for the following reasons:

- The Association has found it necessary to expand our manager's responsibilities in order to reduce the workload of some Board members. This, of course, necessitated a renegotiation of the manager's contract.
- It is not likely that grant money, previously received, will be available in 2010.
- Legal expenses have been elevated this year and we are anticipating a similar level of legal expense in 2010.
- We are "burning out" our volunteers and may have to hire additional paid help.

Colorado State Laws and HOA Obligations

Len Shipman presented a brief summary of Colorado state laws that impose responsibilities on homeowner boards (*See attachment*).

Volunteers Needed

Vince Lanuza and Jim Ernst appealed to the sub-association presidents for assistance in supplying volunteers for Association projects. As mentioned above, we are exhausting our volunteers. When projects are announced and volunteers are requested, the same people tend to show. It would be very helpful if each sub-association president would organize their members to do volunteer work, especially on projects in or near their neighborhoods. Jim Ernst will e-mail all the sub-association presidents and request volunteer lists from them.

New Website

Rich Waterman, Eagles Nest resident and ENPHA webmaster, discussed the Association's new website (www.enpha.org). Rich has donated his time and talent on the website upgrade. He is willing, for a modest fee, to assist sub-associations in the development of their websites. Rich talked about ways to establish links from the ENPHA website to each sub-association.

Update of Contact Information

Since the Association now communicates electronically with our members, it is essential that we have up-to-date contact information for all our members, especially sub-association presidents. Len Shipman will send out a new contact information sheet to each sub-association president (*See attachment*). Please notify him if there are any changes. (*Note: we now have e-mail addresses for 560 (out of 782) of our members. Except for the letter that is mailed to the membership announcing our Annual Meeting, all other communication is electronic. If the Association does not have an e-mail address for a property owner, that property owner will not receive the Eagles Nest News or periodic messages sent out during the year.*)

Design Review

Mollie Brunetti reviewed construction activity in Eagles Nest. Activity is slow. There are now just 10 projects in some stage of construction.

Summit County Alert Sign-up

Len Shipman urged that those present sign-up with the Summit County alert program. To register for the program, log on to www.scalert.org. Once a person registers, they will receive emergency notifications regarding fires, road closures, weather conditions, terrorist alerts, etc.

Recruitment—ENPHA Board

From time to time there are vacancies on the ENPHA Board. Vince Lanuza asked the sub-association presidents or others they may know to consider serving on the ENPHA Board. It is very likely that there will be two openings on the Board in the next few months.

ENPHA Budget for 2010

George Resseguie reviewed the ENPHA budget for 2009. This year's budget will end the year as anticipated with a shortfall which will be covered by using reserve funds. ENPHA dues have remained at \$130 for several years. However, in 2010, dues will likely be increased (\$15-\$25) because of slightly reduced revenues and anticipated increases in expenses, as Vince mentioned previously. An Association budget committee has been reviewing the budget and will meet again in the next week. A final decision on the budget and the dues increase will be made at the December Board meeting.

Grant Proposals

The Association has for a number of years supported sub-association projects that have some value to our larger community. In 2010 a total of \$3,000 will be available to sub-associations to help fund their projects. Proposals should provide an explanation of the project and the amount of money requested. After proposals are approved by the Board, funds are provided when receipts are submitted to the Treasurer. Sub-associations should submit their proposal to George Resseguie (gresseguie@comcast.net), ENPHA Treasurer, by November 1, 2009.

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