Middle Park Colorado Broads  April 22, 2021 Meeting Notes

Attendees:  Louise Attridg, Sarah Bransom, Anne Gerleman, Roxanne Singler, Pat Welch, Melanie Zwick

**Land exchange:** Sarah reported that Broads received a letter from the Forest service which she will share with Travis Wright of GCHA. We now have formal acknowledgment that the developer has withdrawn from the proposed exchange.

Sarah has copies of our letter to the FS that we will send to those who wrote letters of support for the land exchange along with a cover letter which Sarah wrote.

Sarah will go through the FS Forest Plan to see what needs to be amended to write another letter to the FS requesting protection of the Rollins Pass road area.

A letter to the editor was published in the Grand Gazette but the Sky Hi News has not published most of those submitted. There was some discussion regarding The Middle Park Times.

**New Issues:** The topic of requesting increasing the required stream setback from 30 feet

to 100 feet for development was discussed. We will start with the County as often the towns will follow their lead.  The Planning Commission must agree to it and then presents it to the Board of County Commissioners for approval of a new regulation.

The Planning department has stated they will probably not be considering regulation changes until fall as they are anticipating a busy summer season.

Melanie will draft a letter to send to the planning department.

There was discussion about the Fraser Valley Parkway as another project.  The County will wait for the results of the required cultural survey before determining if they will proceed with the road. Broads decided to wait until after the survey to decide if we will take this on as a project. It was determined that more information and better maps are needed.  The Sky Hi News poll question last week was about the parkway and we are encouraged to respond.

**Activities:** Pat reported on the Headwaters building in Winter Park. They are open Thur- Mon from 9 to 5. It is free and reservations are required.  There is a museum. The possibility of a walk along the Fraser River trail and a picnic as well as having our meeting at the picnic table was discussed. A tentative date and time of May 27 at 11 am was set and Pat will check on availability.

Sarah was approached by the Continental Divide Trail Coalition who is looking for sponsors to fund a kiosk that would be in the Town Park in Grand Lake.  They are requesting $100. Consensus was that it was a good idea and Sarah will pursue it.

Pat reported on her conversation the Mera McQuade of Headwaters Trails Alliance (HTA) Mera spoke about their trail and conservation efforts, including the adopt-a-trail

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program.  HTA has a new ambassador program which will have volunteers staffing trailheads in 2 hour shifts.  Their purpose is to inform and educate the public about ‘leave no trace’.  It was discussed that this is something Broads could do.  It was agreed that giving out Broads paperwork could end up as more litter. Pat will get more information on this program from HTA.

**Events:** The Granby library’s meeting room is now open. It was agreed to move forward to host Travis’ presentation on Rollins Pass in June. Social distancing and masks are required. Broads will have to request reservations since capacity is limited.  Sarah will see when Travis is available and Anne will find out details about the room.

Submitted by Melanie Zwick