

Friends of the Peak Board Meeting
12 March 2013

--Minutes from February were approved

--Treasury Report

--Carol Beckman, Jim Strub, Paul Mead, Brian Van Valkenburg, and Steve Bremner in attendance

--TOSC is asking us to donate \$50 to become a “conservation partner”

--TOPS will support us with COS Parks Advisory Board, TOPS Working Committee, City Council, and EPC Commissioners

--Motion carried to donate the \$50 and become partners

--Ring the Peak stickers

--Almost out, Carol wants to buy more

--Waiting on quote from Rock Art—they have our art

--Agreed to purchase 100 each, brown and green, 200 total

--Colorado Canyon Signs gave us a quote of \$2 a sticker

--Leaning toward Rock Art, given that we've worked with them and know the stickers are durable, hard to scrape off, and are reflective, which the Co Canyon stickers are not

--Newsletter

--Carol asked for “bounce” list so she can clean up the database

--Main purpose was to get people to go to the website and sign up for volunteering

--Next newsletter—if quarterly it will be May, but since we have a project in May we should send something in April

--When we come to “work season” we should be sending a project update monthly

--Projects

--Top of the Incline social trail reroute—waiting for Forest Service approval?

--Brochures

- Full page or Tri-Fold? Decided to go full page
- Should we put them at places like Mtn Chalet or REI?
- Paul asks if we have data suggesting brochures are effective?
- Can we post brochures at Barr Trailhead?
- Can we get info on FOTP put in the Pikes Peak Marathon race packet?
- Can we get our work schedule into Pikes Peak Road Runners Newsletter?
- Suggestion is to make a generic flyer with our work schedule to put in race packets and for events where we have an info table

--Donation Tube Sign

- Paul's design meets approval, except perhaps color
- What color? It's now ghastly yellow—suggestions bright green, blue, NOT brown
- Paul will print his design and try it out and take a picture

--Crew Leader Training by Parks and Rec

- We're not involved in the presentations for the training but are involved in the certification afterward
- We should attend
- We can send people to the crew leader training, but couldn't think of someone who is not a crew leader but would like to be.

--National Trails Day

- June 1st, Section 16, Red Rocks Open Space
- Stairs bypass reroute for bikes
- Who can sit at the table at the trailhead? Eric, Mary? Hand out brochures
- Can we have "swag"? Whistles, T-shirts, chapstick holders—agenda for next month

--Barr Trail

--RMFI Barr Trail assessment—negative feedback on waterbars and steps.

I'd change the Americorps description from just waterbars to say that it would be for the RMFI work plan.

--Americorps volunteers doing three weeks in April on the RMFI work plan of first section of trail between the parking lot and the spur trail off the top of Ruxton Avenue

--Carol wants to get Frank Landis, Forest Service buy-in before approval

--RMFI is asking for \$5,000 from us—proposed and moved to give RMFI the money once Carol has talked to Frank Landis

--Ute Pass Trail plan was approved, they have to spend the money this year

--Crowe Gulch—Brian talked to someone with the Forest Service, who may not be a decision maker, but she could be an advocate—she was interested in connection from Crowe Gulch to Severy Creek

--Bear Creek Round Table meeting on April 4th, at Leon Young Service Center, 1521 Hancock Expy, Colorado Springs, CO, 80903, <http://www.fs.usda.gov/psicc> Click on “Bear Creek Watershed Assessment” at the bottom of the page

--Southwest RTP

--Correspondence with Kevin League

--No new progress

--Some prominent properties for sale in strategic locales

--Red Rock Open Space, signage is up for discussion and they have said they want uniform signage

--Intemann Trail discussion, whether or not the McGee section between the cemetery and Crystal Park Road is going to be worked on this year is unknown, but possible?