

S.F.I.A. Semi Annual Meeting July 15th, 2018 1:00 p.m. SFIA Hall

18 community members present.

2018 Board Members:

Vice President Lavender Foot

Treasurer Catherine DiMauro

Sherwood Forest Improvement Association (SFIA) Inc.

269 Knighthood Lane Divide, CO 80814

SFIA Vision: To bring people together as a community dedicated to participation and cooperation for the common good of all.

SFIA Mission Statement: To encourage and support each other by working together to accomplish community goals.

12:45-1:00 pm Refreshments and dues collection

1:15 pm Meeting called to order and Pledge of Allegiance

Ryan Kennedy and Mitch Fox-Rivera with the Divide Fire Protection District gave a presentation that included property mitigation and wildfire safety information. There are 6 volunteer firemen that live in Sherwood Forest. Stage 3 fire ban restrictions were reviewed, and community members were encouraged to visit www.co.teller.co.us for specific restrictions. It is very important to mitigate your property beginning closest to your structures and working outward at least 30 - 100 feet including limbing larger trees up at least 15 feet. The better your home is prepared, the sooner the fire department can move on to other properties to save more houses in your neighborhood. The Coalition for Upper South Platte, CUSP, can help with mitigation through grants for homeowners' associations. There was a question and answer period providing information for specific concerns from community members. Ryan and Mitch cautioned property owners to get permission directly from neighboring property owners to mitigate beyond their own property lines. Mitigation work is entirely the responsibility of each property owner and not in any way associated with the SFIA. It was suggested, though, that the SFIA can encourage all property owners and especially out of state property owners to consider mitigation efforts in an article in the next summer newsletter. Handout packets from several agencies were made available for community members.

Minutes from January 21st, 2018 semi-annual meeting were read by Lavender Foot, motion to accept, seconded, approved, and all in favor. Treasurer's report June 2018 was read by Catherine DiMauro. Copies were provided for attendees and the documents will be posted on the SFIA website for all to view. Motion made to accept report, seconded, and all in favor. Catherine also stated that an audit of the financial records Jan. 2017 - June 2018 was completed, and all accounts were reconciled with bank records.

Old Business:

We began our discussion of old business with a reminder of our list of all that the SFIA does for our community. This list is posted in the glass case bulletin board near the mailboxes and also on the website. Copies were available for community members to share with their neighbors and friends. We then had a discussion with regard to excessive speeding and loose dogs roaming in the neighborhood. The community was once again advised to contact the Teller Sheriff's office to report. Lavender will check with the county to see if we can get more speed signs in the neighborhood, though Corry Somerville has already checked on that a couple of times. Catherine then summarized the community well usage rules, and Lavender will post these at the bulletin board and near the well hose supply. Lavender will also take a sample of the well water for testing later in the summer (the test was ascertained for the absence of Coliform Bacteria and E. Coli. Bacteria on 9-11-18). Finally, a plea was made for more members to join our board as we currently are in need of both a President and a Secretary.

New Business:

Lavender began the new business discussion with a request for more community participation in maintaining not only our association, but also the community hall. Anyone with special talents or interests was invited to sign up on our volunteer list. Happily, two community members, Jeni Smoot and Connie Henricks, agreed to be members at large on our board. Also, 4 other community members signed up on our list to help us out in a variety of ways. Next, Emily Pappadakis presented a wonderful list of possible summer event activities for neighborhood children and asked for volunteers to help her organize and plan them. A special thank you was extended to Julie Nelson, our webmaster, for all her hard work and dedication in upgrading our website. Community members were invited to visit www.sfiadivide.org for themselves and see her fantastic work. Lastly, an opportunity was provided for community members to present concerns ideas and feedback on any topics. Connie Henricks mentioned the "camping site" on Elfin Glen Dr. and whether or not that was permitted in Sherwood Forest or not? Community members are encouraged to contact Teller County Building and Code Enforcement for any concerns they may have. Ken DiMauro suggested maybe we can put up a banner for a new hall sign, but most thought it would not withstand the wind. All agreed that it was OK to prop up the old sign on the garage side of the hall until the sign can be repaired and rehung. A suggestion was made by Ken DiMauro that maybe we could use some of our fundraiser

money for speeding signs and SFIA booster signs around the community. Ken agreed to look into how to best facilitate that great idea.

Next meeting set for Jan. 20th, 2019 at the Pike's Peak Community Center.

Move to adjourn the meeting, seconded, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Chili Lunch Fundraiser event following meeting to 4:00 p.m.

Many thanks to Garen Ferrenbach, Jerry Joslin, Billie Kilman, Emily Pappadakis, Lavender Foot and Catherine and Ken DiMauro for all they did for both our meeting and the chili lunch. A special thanks is deserved for David and Billie Kilman's son's brewery, Storybook Brewing, in Colorado Springs for supplying beer for our chili lunch. And another special thanks to Emily Pappadakis for taking the leftover food from our lunch to distribute to people in need through her church. Thanks, too, to Jerry Joslin and Billie Kilman's neighbor who helped move our fallen down sign at the hall over against the community hall building where it now sits so everyone can see it.