



Minutes

Town of Blue River

Blue River Citizen Advisory Committee

November 17, 2021

6:00p.m.-7:00 p.m.

*The Blue River Citizen Advisory Committee will be the liaison between the Town of Blue River residents and the Town Trustees to develop; improve and elongate the quality of, life and prosperity of Blue River.*

Held via Zoom.

**I. Call to Order**

- Chair West called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**II. Roll Call**

- Noah Hopkins
- Steven Kucera
- Pauline Stein
- Tim West-Chair

Also present: Town Manager Michelle Eddy

Absent: Christine Armitage; Bruce Queen; Doug Smith; Amanda Webster.

**III. Community Fund**

- **Summit County Survivor's Support**
  - Arlene Seltzer with Summit County Coroner Survivor's Support was present to present information to the Committee about the work being conducted by Survivor's Support and the importance of the contribution of \$1,000 to the organization from the Town of Blue River. She provided statistics on work that has been done in the area.
  - Discussion of the ask and program. Discussion that other Towns are providing funds and should be part of the program. There is a request to know more and how it is funded and not just another "government" program.
  - Consensus to support the program.

**IV. Committee Process/Bylaws**

- Manager Eddy will email it out.

**V. 2022 Goals**

- **Past Accomplishments**
  - Community Fund
  - Trunk/Treat
  - Clean Up Day
  - Town Celebration
  - Community Surveys that have shaped the trails committee and helped guide the capital improvement plan
  - Weed/Seed
  - Bear Proof Trash Program
  - High School Scholarships
  - Noxious Weed Plan
  - Night Under the Stars

- Community Education Series: Fire Mitigation; Noxious Weeds; Tarn biology; living with wildlife.
- Natural Night Sky
- Town Park Improvements
- **Goals**
  - Manager Eddy suggested the committee spearhead a community survey around short term rentals. Consensus to be involved if the Board wishes. It is felt the Committee could be liaison to the residents.
  - Better promote the Bear Proof Trash Program. Possibly review code to allow for alternative options.
  - Revamp and re-establish the Community Funding program.
  - Create opportunities to foster more communication and connection with the committee. Possible a community gathering similar to the Town Celebration to bring people together to include in the winter and another time in the summer. Possibly a quarterly gathering. The goal to bring the community together and get to know one another. Possibly unstructured events as well. Similar to “dessert with the Trustees.” Cocktails with the Committee.
  - Include information in the newsletter who is on the Board, Committees and how to reach out.
  - Continue with events and promoting and town park.
  - Partner the removal of beetle kill and firewood needs.
  - Desire to continue to build on the community momentum and the sense of community.
  - Discussion to bring this back to December for additional discussion.
- **2022 Calendar**

**VI. Summit Historical Society Representative**

- Manager Eddy noted there is a need for a representative from Blue River

**VII. Next Meeting**

December ?? to be held via Zoom to accommodate holiday travel. Manager Eddy will send out a poll and the minutes.