



Minutes – February 12, 2025

President Gary Fitzpatrick called the meeting to order at 10 am. John Meade moved to approve the minutes from last month's meeting and Suzan Fournier seconded that motion.

Treasurer Bill Gates gave us an update on our funds. We have \$3156.77 in checking, \$548.01 in the money market, and \$5248.77 in our reserves. The interest earned in 2024 was \$212.13. We are solvent! **Pres. Gary** added that the board approved buying a computer for the club to own for an estimated cost of \$700.00

Pres. Gary thanked **Tanya Davis** and her "baker team" for the wonderful treats. February birthdays were acknowledged and **Les Slowik** announced "The Big 80" coming up for him! Happy Birthday, all!

Linda Ash of the We Care committee let everyone know she sends out cards to members who are sick, have lost loved ones, etc. Please let her know if you know someone who needs a card. She sent out one card this past month to **Jackie Noonan** who had hip surgery.

Larryayne Zygmunt of the Membership committee introduced several guests and noted we have five new club members. They are:

- **Roy and Lark King** from Highlands Park
- **Donna Parker** from Craig, Co
- **Sara and Gary Nesmith** from Littleton
- **Frank and Marlys Hoffman** from Denver
- **Reed Shaffer** from Iowa

Welcome all! We now have a total of 365 Newcomer members.

In March we will have Board officer elections. Pres. Gary said 1st VP and Treasury positions will be up for voting. The current VP, **Tom Politzer**, and Treasurer **Bill Gates** both said they are willing to stay in their positions. Let Gary know if you are interested in running for either office.

While **Lisa Seitz** is off vacationing in warmer weather, Pres. Gary reminded folks of the Wine Tasting on March 20th from 4 to 6 pm at the Art Center. They will be tasting wines from central Italy. Cost is \$25. The deadline to get your money in is March 13.

Pres. Gary also announced for **Nancy Hollmaier** that she has someone who wants to donate a big stash of wool to fabric artists. If interested, email or text Nancy Hollmaier for more information.

New Dimensions has a presentation at the Central Library tomorrow at noon on Madagascar wildlife. **Renee Herring** of the National Wildlife Parks will be showing pictures of all kinds of wildlife from one of her trips. Thank you, **Stan Zygmunt**, for this information.

Ruth Anna gave a shout out for the wonderful egg cartons collected for the Food Bank. Keep them coming.

Our speaker today was **Trent Prall**, the Director of Engineering and Transportation for the City of Grand Junction. Trent worked in the Los Angeles area for five years and has been in Grand Junction for the past three years.

Trent first addressed street maintenance for 2025. \$4.89 million is budgeted for 379 miles of chip sealing and overlay

New and continuing projects include Four Canyons Parkway at F 1/2 Parkway; a new mobility hub for 2027 at I-70 B where all the mass transit will be stationed; and the Salt Flats Infrastructure which will house a warehouse for Enstroms and affordable housing on 22 acres sold off to the city.

Trent displayed blueprints of the community rec center located on 220 acres in Matchett Park off Patterson and 22 1/4 Road.

Other projects included:

- North Ave.enhanced transit corridor
- Ranchman's ditch trail
- 22 1/2 Road reconstruction at Broadway Elementary School
- Riverside Parkway at Hwy 50
- curb, gutter and sidewalk safety repairs

The re-design of 4th and 5th Street provoked several questions and comments. Data reveal that both car speed and accidents have been reduced while traffic volume has remained the same.

Thank you to **Molly Fitzpatrick** and **Carla Sherrick** for running the raffle. \$98 was collected for today. There were a lot of wonderful donations.

Meeting adjourned at 11:12.

- *Suzan Fournier for Lois Leach, Secretary*