**Friends of Monument Preserve**

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**Board Meeting**

**January 13, 2015**

**I. Call to Order and Attendance:** The Board meeting of the FOMP began at 7:00 p.m. in the Fire Center Classroom. Members present were Chris Tirpak, vice president; Diane Strohm, treasurer; and Marianne LaRivee, secretary; as well as Brian Mullen, Bill Benson, and Diane Bandle, members at large.

**II. Issues:**

**A. Financial Review:** Diane Strohm reported that we have $5,736 in our account.

**B. Tree Planting:** After a two-year hiatus from planting new trees, Diane Strohm suggested that we plant a batch of seedlings she is willing to order from the forest service. Everyone was in agreement, in hopes that the serious drought is over.

**C. New Members/Newsletter:** Diane Strohm reminded us that last year’s newsletter stimulated interest in our organization, as well as funds for FOMP projects. Chris Tirpak will write about the shooting ban, Diane will write about tree planting and seedling release projects, Marianne LaRivee will write about the graffiti problem, and Bill Benson will contribute photos. If anyone else has good ideas for articles, please submit them. All articles are due at the next meeting, 10 Feb 2015.

**D. Road Closure:** Mt Herman Road is still closed, now scheduled to reopen 31 Jan 2015. Brian Mullen has kept in contact with workers and engineers, who are frustrated with the numerous cars that continue to drive on it, despite the sign and gate.

**E. CMC Palmer Lake Reroute:** Chris Tirpak sent a message to Phil Comer, co-chair of the Colorado Mountain Club Rampart East Wildlands Project, requesting a response regarding the Town of Palmer Lake’s concerns that the reroute completed last summer by the CMC precludes mountain biking, contrary to FOMP and Palmer Lake’s wishes, as well as Tom Mowle’s original assurances. Although FOMP does not expect the CMC to agree to adjust the path to accommodate bikes, a written response by the CMC will be helpful.

**III. Adjournment**. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.