

**One Roxborough  
Meeting Minutes  
April 4, 2014 9:00-11:30 am  
Roxborough Foundation Community Room**

**Attendees**

Ed Yeats, Sean Burke, Linda Goodrich, Roisin McKewen, Chad Bergman, Amy Sherman, Larry Moore, Tina Poliseo, Katia de Orbegoso, Steve Ketcham, Rick Kendall, Jan Albicki, Dan Wenger, Dick Hart, Mark Krapf, Carlene Harris, Diane Smethills, Ron Walker, Karl Brummert, Darren Weekly.

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 am. A motion was made to approve the April 2014 minutes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 am by motion.

**County Update**

Because of inclement weather, Kati Rider and Roger Partridge were unable to make the meeting but did submit their reports via email. Ed Yeats reported the following on behalf of them:

Katy reported that the Comprehensive Master Plan amendment to expand the Roxborough Separated Urban area to include Ravenna was approved by the Planning Commission on 3/17. Ravenna will submit a PD amendment add units to the development in the next couple weeks. The Comprehensive Master Plan update is also in process. The referral period ended in March and there is a work session with the PC scheduled for April 21 at 6pm. Roxborough Water & Sanitation offered some edits to the section describing the Roxborough area; those edits have been incorporated into a proposed re-write of that section. This information will be posted on the website in the next week. Sterling Ranch has a sketch plan application in process; the applicants are working towards public hearings in May or June.

Commissioner Partridge reported that the wildfire season is here and we have already had a few, but due to wonderful response by the local Fire Districts (of which there are 10 different ones that serve DC) there has not been anything out of control. DC Wild land Fire Crew through the Sheriff's office assisted Larkspur FD with a downed power line fire that occurred on Monday due to the high winds. Due to the "Hard, Heavy, Fast" approach the fire was contained to less than an acre. As the State Legislature is presently looking at a bill creating and funding a State Air Fleet, we in DC are already doing this. As of Tuesday we are now in an "exclusive use" contract with a private helicopter company outside of Castle Rock to help fight wildfires if they arise. DC takes it very seriously to fight fires early to protect our citizens, their property, the wildlife, and the natural resources. "Hard, Heavy, Fast" is our motto when it comes to wildfires. We appreciate our residents efforts in mitigation of their own properties and by being the "eyes and noses" when it comes to alerting of possible fire. It is obvious in DC that the DC Gov., the five municipalities, all the organizations, groups, etc. take it seriously when we all try to make DC the best place to work, live and play. When it comes to the economy and jobs, a statistic that came out last week showed that of the 334 large counties in the US from the year period of Sept. 2012 to Sept. 2013, DC was #2 in job growth! This is quite a feat since the only county to do better than Douglas was a county in TX that had much growth due to Oil and Gas of which we haven't had.

## General Business

- Chad Bergman on the new Community Calendar and the new Community Blog. – The calendar is working great and is used by a lot in the community. We do need more participants. The blog is coming along and the biggest challenge is the content. Use it to get out to the community what is going on.
- Community Clean Up Day – April 26, 2014.
- The 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Regional Roxborough Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
- The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Garage Sale is scheduled for May 10<sup>th</sup> from 8 am to 1 pm.
- The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Roxborough Fair will be on June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.
- The Annual Tri-County Chemical Round Up will be held on August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Go to the following web site for specific information: <http://www.tchd.org/householdchemical.htm>
- Amy Sherman – One Roxborough web site. We need feedback. It is up and running. Get on the web site and send feedback. Send pictures and articles to Amy and she will post them.
- Additional items – next meeting will be at the library.

## Announcements

DC Sheriff's Dept/Emergency Mgt – The group welcomed Captain Darren Weekly. He shared with us the crime statistics and it shows that Roxborough is the safest area in all of Douglas County. Crime in Douglas County is down overall. DCSO works with task force from all counties to overcome crime. We are experiencing more car break ins and you are encouraged to remove all valuable items in your car every night. The DCSO is also warning everyone that there are phone scams being made to residents. Heroin use is coming back strong and there were eight related heroin deaths last year just within Douglas County. Mental health situations have been on the increase also. Captain Weekly also reported that there is a deputy that is dedicated to the Roxborough area. If there was an emergency, other deputies can be called to the area to assist.

West Metro Fire Dept. – Lt Dan Wenger reported that there will be an election for the Board and that ballots will be going out soon. We all need to pass the word to vote. Please learn about the candidates and vote for those that will best take our fire department in the best direction possible. The second thing on the ballot will be a mil levy increase to the voters. Lots of overhead has been cut because of the economy and things have been consolidated as much as can be consolidated. Divisional cuts have reached 18%. Capital cuts have occurred and reserves have been cut into to maintain current level of service. This increase relates to \$8 per \$100,000 in value. If it doesn't pass, it will have an effect on future service. Dick Hart made the comment that we as residents need to make sure we vote. Being that our station is one of the smallest, cuts could have a negative effect on our area if this is not passed. Mark Krapf is affiliated with the department and made the comment as a resident that we have come a long way to make sure that we are protected. Reduced service to the area could be a concern if the bond is not passed. With wild land fires, we really need as much or more than we have now. Linda Goodrich says that the Roxborough is a small part of the entire District and the vote takes in the whole District. Larry Moore invited us to remember when we had a voluntary fire department and how our current department has provided us with a safer place to live.

**Roxborough State Park – No report.**

**Roxborough Water and Sanitation (RWSD) – Larry updated the group with regards to a letter that went out from the RWSD to all residents. The mailing should have said that only vacant lot owners would incur some rate increases. Residents with existing homes would not experience this increase. The water treatment plant is going well. There will be a U-Tub video on that soon. Larry reported on an IGA with Dominion Water. The RWSD is working with Douglas County to let other communities know about what we are doing and how we can possibly assist these communities in the future.**

**Sterling Ranch – Diane Smethills reported 4H will be incorporated with the Sterling Ranch area and that she was disappointed to hear the group was experiencing issues within the County. Sterling has submitted sketch plans to the County. There will be public meetings in the future and the meetings will be announced. Diane also reported that the County is requesting that Sterling Ranch consider traffic flows in and out of the proposed Shea home community that is planned to be built. This will be included in traffic studies at Sterling Ranch.**

**Northwest Douglas County Economic Development Corporation (NWDCEDC) – Amy Sherman reiterated a couple of points made by Commissioner Partridge. She also reported that the group will be performing a survey in order to determine what the area needs in order to attract business to the area. The group is increasing their relationship with Lockheed Martin and the influx of LM employees being transferred to the area. On June 14<sup>th</sup>, there will be the Muffins with Mammoths. Mark your calendars for this!**

**Roxborough Park Foundation – No report!**

**Roxborough Village Metropolitan District – Linda Goodrich reported that this is election year for the Board. Three seats are open. Being that we had three individuals that would fill those positions, the RVMD will not need to have an election. One of the board members will be past board member Steve Sherman. The Board members are going to do walk around in the District to see what residents see and what needs to be done in the future. There was a situation regarding a sidewalk on Village Circle East that was dangerous. The County has graciously agreed to solve this safety issue and bring the side walk back in compliance. Linda thanked the County.**

**Roxborough Elementary – Rick Kendal reported that the Apple Awards presented awards and five of our staff members were recognized for their contributions to the school and the kids. For a two day period, the IB consultants came out and took a look at our school. They took away a very positive experience with what came out of the meetings. Our school will be submitting the application next year. This will make a complete feeder under the IB program with Ranch View and Thunder Ridge being the IB program. Parent teacher conferences went well. High levels of satisfaction were expressed by all. One kid did a food drive and that really helped HAR. Another kid is having a bike drive and these bikes will be distributed to less fortunate kids. Space Day is just around the corner. Budgets are still tough but we are doing good!**

**PTIC – Sean reported that the annual Auction benefiting the school will be April 25<sup>th</sup> and how much fun it is. It is a great outing for an evening and still you are supporting the school. Go on line and get tickets as this is a way to come and support our kids. You can buy tables if you have a group. Go on line today.**

**Hands Across Roxborough – Carlene said that she really thanked everyone for supporting her and her whole family while she was recovering from her surgery. She reported that HAR is being affected by Obama Care. HAR is experiencing a lot more cases of families in need because of their hours being cut at work or with their jobs being terminated. She is asking for everyone to please make a contribution of \$25 Safeway Cards to get these families through the crises. HAR is completely out of Safeway cards and**

we really need help on that. The food bank is very low on food and household items. Please bring what you can. Carlene said that Jose Ramos, manager of the Roxborough Sonic, will have a fundraiser on April 24<sup>th</sup> to support HAR. Sonic will contribute to HAR 10% of the proceeds from sales that evening. Go to Sonic on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

DC Libraries – Tina Poliseo reported that there is a lot going on. There are several special things going on. Please see the attachment for specifics.

Roxborough Business Association – RBA – Katia de Orbegoso reported that Chase Bank is becoming a corporate member of the RBA. The next meeting is the annual meeting and will be at Arrowhead. Election of officers will take place. This will be April 16<sup>th</sup>.

4H Club “Roxborough Renegades” – Roisin McEwen reported that one of our kids was invited to participate in the State team. The buckle show went very well. One kid got a ribbon in 9 of 10 events. A lot of kids are using helmets now and there is a push to use helmets in all events. The Renegades will be partnering with another 4H group on some projects.

Historical Society – Linda Goodrich reported that the Historical Society Membership is growing. On Saturday, April 12, the Roxborough Area Historical Society is sponsoring a program, *Living on the Rocks*, presented by archaeologist, Todd McMahon, from the Office of State Archaeologists, History Colorado. McMahon’s interpretive presentation will compare our current lifestyles with those who lived in the ancient past. The Helmer cabin has a new roof and a new fence. The inside is now clean enough for special arranged visitors groups to see. In June, there will be a meeting on the history of Kessler at the Roxborough Park Foundation meeting room.

Roxborough Art Council – No report

Audubon Society – Karl Brummert reported that the bird banding project is about to start and that this is an actual research project. (See attachment). Also, we are having a Mother’s Day Breakfast is very popular. He invites everyone to bring Mom for breakfast. (See attachment).

Metro Denver Partners – No report.

RatPak – Ed Yeats reported that group is doing very good and has lots of fun things planned.

The Roxborough Voice – Ed Yeats reported the Roxborough Voice will be in mailboxes on May 1. The main topic is going to be on public safety. Another topic you will see will be with regards to seniors. Seniors will be highlighted in future issues. There is a group being formed in our area and the purpose is to make sure our local seniors have what they need.

**\*\*\*\* Next meeting is Thursday, June 5th, 2014 9:00-11:30 am the Library at Roxborough\*\*\*\***