

**One Roxborough  
Meeting Minutes  
October 2, 9:00-11:30 am  
Roxborough Park Foundation**

**Attendees**

Kati Rider, Katia de Orbegoso, Linda Goodrich, Debbie Prysby, Jeanne Hayes, Karen Kennedy, Jan Berger, Meridith Beckenlow, Amy Sherman, Jack McCormick, Roisin McEwen, Dick Hart, Christine Liptak, Todd Farrow, Harold Smethills, Kate Hogan, Karl Brummert, Bruce Grawl, Sean Burke

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am. A motion was made to approve the August 2014 minutes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am.

**County Update**

Kati Rider reported that Douglas County Planning received an application from Rox village metro district for restatement/restructure of the metro district resource plan.

Rox Water & Sanitation submitted an application for the new water treatment plant. Sterling Ranch is going through final plat. Ravenna submitted 44 units and it is under consideration; going through the process and working through water issues. The water partnership program has expanded beyond Plum Valley Heights to include Chatfield East and Chatfield Estates.

**General Business**

- All those interested in serving as Co-chair of One Rox, please email Ed and Sean. Sean and Ed remain committed to serving as Co-chairs although would like to give others the opportunity to serve (Sean Burke)
- Our One Roxborough holiday event is Tuesday, December 2, 2014 from 5:00-7:00pm at Waterton Tavern (Sean Burke)
- Reminder to please continue to make updates to the community calendar for your respective organizations – <http://roxboroughliving.com/calendar/> ; groups continue to use the calendar and Chad is receiving positive feedback from users (Chad Bergman)

**Announcements**

**DC Sheriff's Dept.** – No report.

**West Metro Fire District** (Bruce Kral): Bruce reviewed the reorganization under the mill levy vote failure; reorganizing to keep budget balanced; the District has been tapping into reserves and making incremental cuts over the last few years; since the mill levy did not pass, 20 people have been demoted, two leadership roles were removed/eliminated and the District is moving assets (fire engines, ambulance). As far as the Roxborough Fire Station, one fire fighter has been moved to the North unit. Roxborough has roughly 300-400 responses per year (about 80% are medical related). Bruce discussed ambulance service details in the case of any major events. Chatfield and Kipling station is the next closest station to Roxborough and the District will draw resources in from other areas when necessary.

**Roxborough State Park** (Todd Farrow): The Park is busiest during the Spring and Fall; the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat of Oct. (18<sup>th</sup>) is National Archeology Day from 11am-3pm; the Park is holding an early open this Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30am; the last moonlight hike is Tuesday Oct 7<sup>th</sup>; recent storms caused some trail damage; the Park is doing trail mitigation work.

**Roxborough Water and Sanitation (RWSD)** – No report.

**Sterling Ranch** (Harold Smethills): Final plat hearings should take place at the end of this year; unanimous approvals for final locates/extents; everything is on track. Demand has been strong from home builders. Sterling Ranch storm water management system and rainwater harvesting is a test site for the State. Regarding water: 5 years of data; very reliable water supply which fundamentally improves the water quality. The Legislature has been holding hearings to dig deeper into the options for water management system and rainwater harvesting. SR

never planned on pea hail that plugged up the storm drainage system; SR engineers are working to modify systems to accommodate. SR has developed a list of water-friendly plants (not just rocks and cactus)....what works and what does not work; learned lots of good info about birds and bird friendly plants; learned from mistakes and mishaps to re-engineer things for a better development. SR has installed piezometers and the science shows that less than 1% of rain water makes it back into the ground water, so low-to-no impact is perceived to affect folks on wells in the area.

**Northwest Douglas County Economic Development Corporation (NWDCEDC)** – (Amy Sherman): Cowboys After Hours fundraiser brought in \$55k of new dollars to the DC Fair Foundation (live stock sale). A conference is taking place in Westminster. There is a CEO networking event next week at Cherokee Ranch & Castle; the DC Commissioners will be attending. The Wildlife Experience Museum is now a University of Colorado campus (NWDCSS is a big supporter). The Liniger family made a \$40M donation for the campus. Amy is working with Katia on the Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> holiday event. Mountain High Real Estate Advisors (out of Utah) are working on the purchase of the Rox Marketplace.

**Roxborough Park Foundation** (Jeanne Hayes): The RPF neighborhood directory refresh is completed. Jeanne thanked the many volunteers (“block captains”) that helped to update the directory and to obtain permission signatures (per State law) for the directory.

**Roxborough Village Metropolitan District** (Linda Goodrich/Debbie Prysby): Chatfield Farm Estates is doing well; Linda and team explained the tax structure to the development; 7 lots have been sold thus far (total of 20-30 lots in the development); three spec homes are in process. The RVMD had discussion of taxes at the last Board meeting; Debbie Prysby reported that the District was able to reduce the mill levy tax by 10% with plans to reduce taxes yet again for next year (up to 10%); the Board has been chipping away at the taxes over the last few years – 74 mills in 2004 and 54 mills now. The District’s regional park restroom facilities had some vandalism.

**Roxborough Elementary** (Rick Kendall/Jen Murtha): The first 7 weeks of the year have gone very well; 6th Graders had a great trip to Outdoor Ed; Students are engaged in IB (International Baccalaureate) Units of Inquiry in all grade levels. Rox Elementary is preparing for parent/teacher conferences next week, and fall break the week after that.

**PTIC** (Barbra Chase/Sean Burke): Last week, PTIC sponsored a Rox Community Night at the Denver Botanic Gardens Corn Maze; the event was very well attended. The Run 4 Funds fundraiser event is taking online pledges through October 3 – <https://www.run4fundscolorado.com/rox>. Octoberfest is taking place October 25<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am-1pm at Roxborough Primary (RXP). For more information regarding PTIC, please visit [www.roxptic.org](http://www.roxptic.org)

**Hands Across Roxborough** (Carlene Harris): Carlene sent a report via email. The music festival was great again this year, without this event we would not be able to get through the winter months. Our community has been such a wonderful support to those in need making Roxborough “The” place to live! The library and Arts Council joined together for a family art project at their booth. (Arts & Library will give an update). We are still in need of grocery cards for fresh items. The holidays are fast approaching which will bring a lot of families to our attention. In the past the PTIC/school has done a gift card drive, which has been a true blessing to us. If you have any connections please put the word out that we would love to participate in this again. As most of you know Mr. Ken has been diagnosed with terminal cancer. We have set up a meal list for those who would like to participate. He is now on oxygen full time and finds it hard to leave the house. Any note of encouragement is greatly appreciated; his address is 10276 Dusk Way. Ken has run our food pantry for many years and has been a wonderful neighbor to all. Volunteers have come forward to help with the food pantry so it will continue to operate as before according to his wishes. We have also set up an account at Chase Bank for the Cook family, details can be found on the Hands Across Roxborough Facebook page.

**DC Libraries** – No report. (see the attachment for things happening at the Library)

**Roxborough Business Association** (Katia de Orbegoso): The RBA continues to grow; 2-3 new members each month. The next meeting is Oct 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. On Nov 19<sup>th</sup>, an open house will be held at the State Farm office across from the library and a Holiday Party at Angel’s Share on Dec 10<sup>th</sup>. RBA is holding a small business gathering on Saturday, Nov 29<sup>th</sup>.

**4H Club “Roxborough Renegades”** (Roisin McEwen): The DC Fair 4H competitions went well; most projects were livestock related, also a photography project; Roisin listed the awards for the 4H kids and their achievements.

**Historical Society** (Linda Goodrich): The Society held a successful tour of the Helmer property and cabin. Flyers were distributed (see handout attachments); information can also be located on the website:

[www.roxboroughhistory.com](http://www.roxboroughhistory.com). Historian small grant to set up archiving of material and item donated from the area; the Society needs help to locate a storage place for file cabinets. The next activity is Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 at the RPF Community Center – a presentation by Gail Beaton on Historical Women of Roxborough. Lama training is available for kids who are interested. Society meetings are held the first Friday night of each month at the Westridge Rec Center.

**Lamb Spring** (Amy Sherman): Challenge is fundraising; meadows with muffins event was successful; working on expanding tours for coming year; looking for ways to raise money; great support from SCFD; sensitive to area; need \$10M.

**Roxborough Art Council** – No report.

**Audubon Society** (Kate Hogan): Kate replaced Kristine Helsper as the new Community Outreach Coordinator. The Saturday HOOtenanny event on September 27<sup>th</sup> was successful; 407 people attended. Collecting donations at Whole Foods at Belleview & Wadsworth; donations to Audubon (bring your own bags). Sponsoring an event on Halloween, Oct 31<sup>st</sup>, 2-5pm. Animals of All Hallows Eve Nocturnal Wildlife Hike Bird on Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>. Bird seed sales coming up...order online pick up at Nature Center on Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>. Working to increase activities and attendance from students that are home-schooled, “Habitats for Home Schoolers”. There was a break-in at the Nature Center over the Labor Day weekend.

**Metro Denver Partners** – No report.

**Rox Art Council** (Karen Kennedy): Patricia will be painting another mural 21’x8” at RXI; the mural of Roxborough landscape and will serve as the background for new IB info to be posted (Oct 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>); the Rox Art Council was awarded another SCFD grant; Board elections will take place in Oct; Erica Hollander will serve as possible President for the coming year. monthly adult art classes are being offered.

**RatPak** (Sean Burke): The group is getting organized for the new year. About 30 of the RatPak members attended the annual outing to Bear Creek Lake yesterday.

**The Roxborough Voice** –The next issue will be in mail boxes on November 1.

**Next meeting is scheduled for:**  
**\*\*\*\* Tuesday, December 2, 2014, 5-7pm \*\*\*\***  
**at the Waterton Tavern for our annual Holiday get together**