

**One Roxborough
Meeting Agenda
October 1, 2015, 9:00 – 11:00 am
At the Roxborough Park Foundation Community Room**

Attendees

Sean Burke, Larry Moore, Brian Lence, Karl Brummert, Kati Rider, Christine Liptak, Roisin McEwen, Steve Hawley, Tina Poliseo, Diane Smethills, Greg Shirley, Vince Viclger, Dick Hart, Joshua Hays, Flo Tonelli, Linda Goodrich, Priscilla Wohl and Roger Partridge

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 am by Sean Burke.

Pledge of Allegiance – Welcome and Introductions

Approval of meeting minutes – August 2015

A motion was made to approve the August 2015 minutes. Motion carried.

Douglas County Update – Katie Rider stated that Commissioner Roger Partridge would be late but he in transit to the meeting. She shared several items of interest.

- Shea Homes' Plum Creek project has not yet submitted their plan to the County.
- A minor Master Plan revision is out for public comment
- There has been a lot of development activity on the east side of the County, south of Parker which has generated a law suit over land use issues, water and other standards

General Business

One Roxborough December Meeting – The One Roxborough December Meeting will be held at Waterton Tavern on December 3rd at 5:00 pm. Everyone was encouraged to bring their significant other. Please come and celebrate the Holiday Season together.

Email received regarding litter along roadways – One Roxborough received an email from a community member regarding the excessive amount of litter along the roadways. The group discussed One Roxborough's responsibility to clean the roadway from Little People's Landing to just past the electrical sub-station. The group discussed a fall clean up and decided to schedule one for Saturday, October 17th from 9:00 – 10:30 am. Everyone is to meet in the parking lot of Little People's Landing and were instructed to bring gloves. Sean Burke will bring safety vest and trash bags.

Announcements and Updates

DC Sheriff's Dept. - Deputy Joshua Hays reported that an arrest was made in the Highlands Ranch hit and run case. The Sheriff's Dept. had received several calls regarding speeding in the Roxborough area including within the Roxborough Park Foundation area. Deputy Hays pointed out that they are limited in enforcing speeding violations on private roads unless the speeding involves reckless driving. Brian Lence, Roxborough Park Foundation General Manager indicated that one of his charges from his Board was to develop a plan to deal with the speeding problem. He is not quite ready to present his plan but noted that voluntary compliance and a limited staff is difficult to get the problem under control. Deputy Hays said that the Sheriff Dept. has at least stepped up their presence and will be more visible in the area. Roisin McEwen stated that they are having some problems in their area with burglary and are trying to start a Neighborhood Watch Program. They have reached out the DC Sheriff's Dept. for help in organizing the Neighborhood Watch.

West Metro Fire Protection District - Greg Shirley and Vince Viclger with West Metro just transferred into Station 15. They did not have anything to report at this time. However, Dick Hart reported that the Roxborough Park Foundation are bring the goats back and will arrive on Monday, October 5th. The goats will work on the Foundation's common areas and on some private property. They will evaluate how effective the goats are on certain plant species as compared to other species. Goats will eat 3% of their body weight per day. The goat owners charge the pound of the weight of the goats.

Roxborough Water and Sanitation District - Larry Moore reported that the replacement water treatment plant is under construction and the base foundation has been poured for the filtration building and partially poured for the tunnel to the pump building. The Northwest Douglas County Water Project is in final design as is planned to be bid the first of next year. As a result of the inclusion of the communities of plum Valley Heights, Chatfield Estates, Chatfield East and Titan Road Industrial Park the District assessed valuation increase in excess of \$27 Million and will cause a reduction in the District mill levy resulting is a tax reduction.

Douglas County - Commissioner Roger Partridge arrived and reported;

- The Condition 52 permit has been issued by the Corp of Engineers for Ruter-Hess Reservoir which will allow the storage of Denver and Aurora reuse water which is part of the WISE Partnership.
- Commissioner Partridge pointed out that traffic issues remain a concern and priority for the County as a result of growth and summer activities. The County is continuing to work of reducing traffic impacts by using funds to partner with CDOT. The County heavily funds transportation and has one of the highest mill levy (4.5 mills) to fund traffic projects. The County is ready to continue funding the completion of Hwy 85 but waiting on CDOT to come with their funding portion. The widening C-470 is in process and at the federal level is dependent upon the Transportation Re-Authorization Bill is in the legislature.
- The Douglas County Fair was a huge success and wanted to congratulate the Fair Board and the many volunteers for their great work. The attendance for 2014 was

29 thousand attendees and the 2015 Fair drew 36 thousand which was a large increase in attendance. He pointed out that county fairs are tuff to host and put together. The Fair is the way the County can promote Agriculture and Agriculture Business. The Livestock sale raised \$298 Thousand in 2014 and 2015 Livestock Sale raised \$348 Thousand. The Cowboy After Hours maintained their solid support of raising money for the livestock sale but the increase came from others.

- It is still wildfire season. Still need to mitigate on private property. The County still has the helicopter on contract.
- The County continues to work on keeping Federal Regulation down and fighting for local control. The current federal reach is to expand the reach of the Water of the US to include any drainage, wet or dry, which would adversely affect local governments and districts.
- Denver is number 1 for business and people moving to the area. The DTC has the highest per capita of Engineers in the Country.

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Roxborough Elementary – Sean Burke reported that Roxborough Intermediate is a candidate for International Baccalaureate Program. Ranchview Middle School and Thunder Ridge High School have already achieved IB status and are considered World Schools. The Roxborough PTIC was chosen as the number one parent group in the Nation out of 270 schools that submitted for the honor. The PTIC success provides additional funding that protects existing program such as; Physical Education, Arts, Science and Music. This is a great honor for Roxborough.

Sterling Ranch – Diane Smethills shared with the group;

- That the project is progressing and that the contracts with 8 builders have gone hard, meaning that the builders have completed their due diligence and the escrow monies are non-refundable. They are in process of verifying final plans and feel they have an excellent variety of building plans to meet future homeowner's needs.
- Sterling Ranch is excited about working with the Roxborough Water and Sanitation District.
- Sterling Ranch's involvement with the DC Fair was exciting and productive as the animals that were purchased were sent to market and the meat was distributed to various charities which included Hands Across Roxborough.
- Titan Rd will be widened to 4 lanes from approx. from where the old Allison house once stood to the Plum Creek Bridge. And a roundabout would be built near the spot of the old Allison house.
- Home construction is planned to start in early spring.
- They are work internally on the issue to use the address of Roxborough, CO versus Littleton, Co. No decision at this time but members encouraged the Roxborough, CO address.

Roxborough Park Foundation – Brian Lence reported that in addition to the traffic issues, which he covered under the DC Sheriff's report. Brian has received homeowner complaints regarding drones flying over their private property. This is of growing concern and nuisance. Brian noted that the air space over private property is private up to 500 feet therefore drones within the 500 foot space is an encroachment.

Roxborough Village Metropolitan District – Linda Goodrich shared that their irrigation system has presented them with problems as they have had 17 irrigation breaks. The breaks have been costly for the District as they have had to dip into their reserves to pay for the breaks. They believe they have found the problem to be a diaphragm in the pump station. Roxborough Village have been working with Miles Grant the owner of the old abandon community center and have obtain an access easement to access the Arrowhead Shores Lake. Linda pointed out that Mr. Grant is planning to build 6 homes on 6 narrow lots and the old community center will be torn down, not moved.

DC Libraries - Tina Poliseo reported that there are 3 new libraries under construction at various stages. They will be located in Castle Pines, Lone Tree and Parker. They will begin to come on line in January 2016. They had an alpaca come to the Roxborough Library where the kids each wrote a book about the alpaca. Tina share various kids activities

4H Club - Roisin McEwen reported that the kids did better in Llama than they did in horse at the DC Fair. They received 2 Grand Champions and 1 Reserve Champion. At their recent meetings they have had new families join and most of those are from Roxborough. On October 10th the 4H will do community service to help a lady clean up her property. October 18th from 11 am until 3 pm will be their fund raiser which will consist of a petting zoo at Pet Smarts. Kohl's will provide a \$500 grant just for registering their organization with them.

Historical Society – Linda Goodrich provide an update regarding the progress made on stabilization of the old kiln just south of the West Metro Fire Station. They are working with the Parks Foundation. On October 22nd Roger Dowell with present History of Geology in the Roxborough area. The last Thursday in January will be the Annual Meeting at 7 pm. The presenter is a resident of Roxborough and takes on the character of Abraham Lincoln and is excellent. It is the favorite meeting of the year and any one of welcome to attend, no membership required. A joint open house was held for Lamb Springs and the Old Cabin House. They learned about the age and rarity of the Black Locust Tree. The castle Rock Riders shared their book and how to do local publications. Flo Tonelli discuss that she along with Char Neuman are working on a book entitled the “Roxborough History”. They have collected many pictures and Flo is now working on the narrative. The book is planned to be published after the first on next year.

Roxborough Arts Council – Priscilla Wohl reported that the Arts Council received a \$10 K grant from the SCFD. They will use the funds to partner with others to update technology. They are looking for new members so if anyone have an interest in art please direct them to the Arts Council. They are going to stat located in their current location.

Audubon Society – Karl Brummert reported that the Hootenanny was last weekend and was very successful. The Art Council attended and hosted a facing painting booth. Douglas County Library host a story time about owls. There were about 470 attendees and the event is growing each year. The Audubon has 5 annual events. The bird conservation event is the last Saturday in September and they have a food truck at the event. From October 15 through December 1st is the Share to View Photo Contest. It is all nature photography and the grand prize is \$1,000. Everyone should check it out and get involved. On January 13th at the Wildlife Experience is a Colorado Photography exhibit. And the Annual Member Event will be held at the Molly Brown Summer House on November 11th. During October they held 10 sessions with Roxborough Intermediate School 4th graders. They work on water testing.

Hands Across Roxborough – Roisin McEwen and Linda Goodrich pointed out that the food bank is in need of food. The bank needs proteins (meats and chicken). They push the local people's needs. On Tuesdays from 3 to 5 pm. they go to St Gregory's and Open Arms at Church of All Nations and pick up 70 to 100 lbs. of produce. They can now get herbs for the first time. The lack of space and refrigeration are the biggest problems for the food bank. They also need a building to house the food bank as it is currently being stored in garages in Linda Goodrich's neighborhood. Questions and ideas were presented as to the possibility of an SCFD Grant, if Douglas County had anything to support the food bank or that Douglas County may know of space to house the food bank.

Adjourn - The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 am.

Meetings are the first Thursday - of every other month

February, April, June, August, October and December – 9:00 to 11:30

Next meeting is scheduled for:

***** Thursday February 4, 2016 *****

At the Roxborough Park Foundation Community Room