

Canyon Area Residents for the Environment (CARE)
Wednesday, April 21, 7 PM
Quarterly Meeting Minutes
Location: Zoom Conference Call

The Meeting was called to order by Deb Carney at 7:00 PM

Attendance:

Deb Carney (President) – Paradise Hills HOA
Dave Hammond (secretary) – Pinecrest Road Assoc
Meredith Ward (Vice-president) – Genesee Crossing
Michelle Poolet (Webmaster)– Cody Park
Kathleen Schroeder – Panorama Estates
Wally Terhune – Genesee Foundation
Mary Monet – Genesee
Steve Wakumoto – Lookout Mountain Crest
Brian Holland– Spring Ranch
Christina Rayot – Mt Vernon Estates
Alan Anderson – Foothills Fire Protection District
Dick Dietz – Ballantine Rd
Ron Rusnak – Hess Ave HOA
Cynthia Miller-Corbet – CARE Hydrologist (Genesee Foundation)

Special Discussion Issues

CDOT, Highway 40 resurfacing

Michael Doyle, Project Engineer

Anna Ritz, Public Information Officer

<https://www.codot.gov/projects/us40-resurfacing-genesee-cr93/news>

If you have questions or comments, please contact us!

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From the CDOT project flier:

PROJECT OVERVIEW

In late April, the Colorado Department of Transportation and contractor Martin Marietta will begin a resurfacing project along six miles of US 40 from South Mt Vernon Country Club Road in Genesee down to County Road 93 (Hogback park & rides).

The project will enhance safety for motorists and cyclists along US 40 by repaving the road, widening the shoulders, and improving guardrail structures and drainage.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

Work is scheduled to begin in late April and continue through October 2021. However, these operations are weather and temperature dependent, and this schedule could change.

Working hours will be from 6 a.m. – 6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

Occasional weekend work may be possible from 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

Project will entail resurfacing about 6 miles of Highway 40
Milling current roadway and overlay of new pavement, drainage improvements, guardrail replacement and restriping.

Drainage, milling and resurfacing will begin at CR 93 up to the Exxon station in early May.

During drainage improvements between exit 256 to exit 254, there will be flaggers for brief traffic holds.

When resurfacing begins (early summer), there will be up to 1.5 miles of single lane closures. Traffic will be stopped for up to 20 minutes at a time. There will be a pilot car following uphill cyclists (when needed). Downhill cyclists will follow eastbound traffic.

There could be rough traveling surfaces and grooved pavement while the project is ongoing.

Guardrail replacement will be the final phase of the project.
See the link above for current project status and updates.

Wildfire concerns

Hal Grieb, Jefferson County Emergency Management Director
Kevin Michalek, Jefferson County Fire Management Officer

Hal is the new Jeffco EMD since November 2020. Has worked in emergency management in south Florida and southeast Texas. He reviewed the capabilities of Jeffco Emergency Management.

Jefferson County Emergency Management website at:

<https://www.jeffco.us/482/Emergency-Management-Preparedness>

The Emergency Management office has a staff of 6: 1 director, 1 fire management officer, 2 emergency management professional staff and 2 deputies. That is 6 staff personnel for a county population of over 500,000.

The Emergency Operations Center is staffed during large-scale emergencies by experts in various functions including coordination of assets.

Kevin is the new Jeffco FMO. He has worked in fire for various agencies for 21 years.

The Jeffco Incident Management Team responds to large, all-hazard situations in Jefferson County and the surrounding areas when an incident exceeds local level capability. Volunteer staff of qualified individuals. The team is activated as needed.

He talked about the long-lasting effects of wildfire on the landscape. Also, about the importance of having a personal evacuation plan. Documenting valuables, take pictures of your home and items in it and store these images in a safe place (external drive, on the internet in a cloud storage system. Have copies of important papers (scan these too and upload to the cloud). Important phone numbers (don't forget your insurance company/agent).

Have a go bag. See www.ready.gov/wildfires for a review of evacuation plans.

Sign up for CodeRED: <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/655AC5D55998>

Practice your personal plan, don't wait for evacuation notices if necessary, get OK with what you are leaving behind.

Unincorporated Jefferson County is a big area from Golden Gate Canyon on the north down to Deckers on the south. Know your evacuation routes.

Do not return home until authorities say that is safe to do so.

Document any damages, contact your insurance company
Resources

- <https://www.ready.gov/wildfires>
- <https://www.weather.gov/>
- <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/655AC5D55998>
- [Warn \(pbs.org\)](#)

General Meeting Agenda

1. Approval of January 20, 2021 CARE Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve 1/20 meeting minutes by Kathleen, Seconded by Cynthia
Minutes approved by show of hands

2. CARE Upcoming 2021 Meeting Dates:

Wednesdays at 7PM Tentative:

- a. Wednesday July 14
- b. Wednesday Oct 20

3. President's Report

- a. Regulation Advisory Panel manages zoning resolutions. County has to follow these decisions. Jeffco is trying to 'streamline' the regulations. Very few mountain residents on the large RAP.
Wind Energy Conversion Systems – there needs to be public hearings before the Planning Commission and then it goes before the County Commissioners. The Board of Adjustment is involved with this process. The BOA is appointed though, not elected. These Wind Energy Conversion Systems are towers of varying heights based on the parcel acreage. Deb will draft comments from CARE to send to the BOA.

4. Treasurer's Report-Bonnie Saxton – report read by Deb Carney

Funds on hand = \$2,410.03

5. Delegate Reports

- a. Panorama Estates – Kathleen – nothing to report since last meeting
- b. Genesee Crossing – Meredith – the HOA is considering a motion to disallow short term rentals. Residents decided to wait until what Jeffco decides on STR's
- c. Cody Park – Michelle – quiet in Cody Park. Michelle is on the board of the PLANJeffco Conservation Stewardship Academy registration is now open
<https://planjeffco.org/2021/04/14/plan-jeffco-stewardship-academy-registration-is-open-now/>
- d. Spring Ranch – Brian Holland – proposing an evacuation drill for Spring Ranch & Moss Rock area (I-70 exit 252) through Foothills Fire. Is there interest in doing

this for the area of exits 254 and 256?

Concerns about other development proposals in the El Rancho/Bergen Park area and water issues.

- e. Genesee Foundation - Wally – Genesee is concerned about egress from the south side of the Genesee area down to Highway 74 (Bear Creek Cyn)
The gym for Genesee has reopened, had been closed due to COVID restrictions
Genesee CWPP identifies poor evacuation routes
- f. Hess Ave – Ron – nothing of concern there but there is interest in continuing development in Ellsworth Park (Colorow Rd & Ballantine Rd)
- g. Pinecrest Road – Dave Hammond – 3 wells have been drilled so far in Ellsworth Park. One Ballantine Road resident has filed a complaint about the wells to request a hearing on the development. There is a phone call on May 7th to decide on a date for the hearing.
- h. CARE Hydrologist – Cynthia – no report. She did think the fire warning systems would be effective. Code Red is ineffective in many areas within the CARE area due to lack of cell service. Mary Monnet may have a grant writer to apply for any funding for an ‘Outdoor Warning Systems’ as a backup to Code Red
- i. Paradise Hills – Deb – concerned about wildfires
- j. Mt Vernon Estates – Christina – had a community wildfire mitigation work session last summer that generated 33 loads of slash.
- k. Lookout Mtn Crest - Steve -paving and grading has been approved by the residents in that community. One phase this summer, the second phase next summer.
More concern about water and the Ellsworth Park development that will be wells, not connected to Lookout Mtn Water

6. Committee Reports

- a. **Weeds** no report.
- b. **Trails** – no report
- c. **Wildfire** – needs volunteers.
- d. **Web page/social media** – Michelle Poole has recently taken over this committee. Updates to the site are being made.
- e. **Siren committee** – new – Deb Carney, Mary Monnet, Cynthia Corbett and Michelle Poole

7. New Business

No new business

8. Motion to Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Deb at 8:55 PM.