

**Canyon Area Residents for the Environment (CARE)**  
**Thursday Oct 29, 2020 7 PM**  
**Quarterly Meeting Minutes**  
**Location: Zoom Conference Call**

(This meeting was originally set for Oct 21 but has been moved so people can remotely attend the “Wildfire Wednesdays” 6 PM presentations.)

The Meeting was called to order by Deb Carney at 7:10 PM

Attendance:

Deb Carney (President pro-tem) – Paradise Hills HOA  
Dave Hammond (secretary) – Pinecrest Road Assoc  
John Hermanussen – Pine Tree Park  
Eli Isely – Lookout Mountain Crest  
Michelle Poolet – Cody Park  
Bonnie Saxton – CARE treasurer  
Kathleen Schroeder – Panorama Estates  
Wally Terhune - Genesee  
Steve Wakumoto – Lookout Mountain Crest  
Meredith Ward – Genesee Crossing  
Cynthia Miller-Corbet – CARE Hydrologist (Genesee HOA)  
Steve Beck – Foothills Fire & Rescue Board of Directors, Secretary

**1. Approval of July 15, 2020 CARE Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve by Meredith Ward Second by Michelle Poolet

**2. CARE 2021 Meeting Dates:**

Wednesdays at 7PM Tentative:

- a. Jan 20
- b. April 21
- c. July 14
- d. Oct 20

**3. CARE election of officers 2021**

Takes place at the first meeting of 2021. Call for volunteers.

Positions to be filled:

- a. President
- b. 1<sup>st</sup> vice-president
- c. 2<sup>nd</sup> vice-president
- d. Treasurer
- e. Secretary

**4. President’s Report**

- a) **CARE WEBSITE:** Michelle Poolet has volunteered to head the CARE Web Page Committee. Previous head, Mark Cochran, has moved to Ohio  
Cost: 2 year Renewal of CARE web page with Go Daddy paid for by CARE treasurer Bonnie Saxton. \$41.98 and CARE reimbursed.

**b) Wildfire Update**

**Alan Anderson** Fire Chief of Foothills Fire Protection District sent this written update because he knew he would be on vacation.

“You can report that the CWPP is progressing quite well and is on schedule to be completed by the second week of December. The Evacuation Study is complete and Anchor Point's suggestions are currently being added to the plan. There are several map layers that are complete and look great on the preliminary website.”

Alan met with Denver Mountain Parks. The Beaver Brook Trail is closed at both the Stapleton Drive trailhead and at Windy Saddle due to wildfire threat.

Steve Beck: Foothills Fire has had to respond to many evacs and rescues from the Stapleton trailhead. The Beaver Brook trail has seen increased usage over the summer due to COVID and ‘Stay at Home’ orders. Unprepared hikers for the steep, rugged trail. It takes many hours and personnel to evacuate people.

Jeffco Open Space cannot close open space parks. Volunteers have not been available due to COVID.

Plan Jeffco – pop-up volunteers for horse and dog patrols.

**c) OCT 18 FIRES ALONG I-70**

From the Recording Secretary of FFPD;

At the Oct. 20 2020 Fire District Board Meeting Chief Anderson reported details of Fire Calls along I-70 on Oct. 18. (2 days prior to Board Meeting) Chief Anderson said the fires were many small, mainly in the grass between pavement strips so could not go anywhere. Chief Anderson stated that all firefighters are being “super diligent” in our firefighting efforts. There was a report that someone had been seen lighting these fires. Colo State Patrol and Jeffco Sheriff were on scene and looking into the incident. The title “Arsonist” was not used, although I agree it fits.

Steven Beck Secretary FFPD

**d) ZONING ISSUES**

JEFFCO Short Term Rental questionnaire

Nick Nelson-JEFFCO PLANNING AND ZONING

Thu, Oct 22, 2:05 PM (7 days ago)

<https://www.jeffco.us/FormCenter/Planning-Zoning-16/Short-Term-Rentals-Survey-281>

Jefferson County Planning and Zoning is seeking public input related to Short-Term Rentals in unincorporated Jefferson County (i.e. outside cities and towns) as a part of upcoming regulation amendments. An online survey is now available to gather information on this topic. Planning staff will use survey results to inform the Zoning Resolution update before proposing draft regulation changes as the next step in the process.

A “Short-Term Rental” is a single-family detached dwelling (house) or portion thereof that is rented out for accommodations or lodging for a period of fewer than 30 consecutive days. These properties are often rented through websites such as Airbnb and VRBO. Please share your thoughts about Short-Term Rentals in the unincorporated areas of the County and how they should be regulated by taking the online survey.

The informational survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete and will remain open through November 30, 2020.

Current Zoning Resolution regulations regarding Short-Term Rentals require a minimum lot size of 1-acre, only allow the activity in single-family detached houses (does not include Accessory Dwelling Units), and approval by the Board of Adjustment at a public hearing among other requirements. In addition, staff has received input from county residents that the existing regulations do not adequately address the impacts of Short-Term Rentals and place an undue burden on residents wishing to operate a Short-Term Rental.

**Meckel’s Property**, off US-40 above the Rockland area: 120 multifamily unit between I-70 and US 40-property listed for sale, not zoned for multifamily and developer has made no further contact with Genesee Water and Sanitation. (previously discussed on July 15 meeting)

Proposed **Rezoning of old Cody Inn Restaurant** over near Buffalo Bill’s Grave into a conference center. No opposition so far

- e) **Jeffco Regulation Advisory Panel (RAP) Sept 15 meeting** – Deb Carney, member of RAP
- f) Looking at applying new development standards with a wildfire prevention and protection point of view, Defensible space, and 2 routes for evacuation to any permit application in wildfire hazard area, not just additions over certain square footage.

## 5. Wildfire Wednesdays: Dave Hammond summary

- a. A weekly series of 4 wildfire related Zoom webinars were presented in October by the Jefferson County CSU Extension
- b. The webinar recordings can be found at:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFF6sQVwCrPWUVBHFdaUe4Q>
- c. First webinar on Fire Behavior gets a little technical but is a good overview of the factors that affect how wildfires respond to vegetation (fuel), topography and weather.
- d. Defensible Space and House Hardening is about the recommended distance of vegetation and trees away from a residence and how to take steps to ‘harden’ a home, i.e. fire-proofing measures to protect a build from burning
- e. Fire resistant Landscaping – the difference between decorative, non-native versus native plants. How to landscape with attractive native plants.
- f. Evacuation Preparedness – very important viewing. What to have ready to go in the event of a wildfire or other emergency. Documentation, both of the household possessions and also important papers. Having a plan on how to escape, evacuate, from the path of the wildfire. Planning for the evacuation of pets and large animals.

The Jeffco Emergency Preparedness Guide can be found at:

<https://www.jeffco.us/DocumentCenter/View/478/Emergency-Preparedness-Guide-PDF>

6. **Treasurer's Report-Bonnie Saxton** – report read by Deb Carney  
\$2,212.51 (before payment for website)  
\$2170.53 after reimbursing Bonnie for website cost.

## 7. Delegate Reports

**Genesee:** Election of a 4-member Board of Directors

Amendment to HOA regarding Short Term Rentals (STR). Rentals must be over 180 days.

Spats about election signs

BOD meets monthly. 885 homes in HOA

Lack of fire hydrants in Genesee HOA (Cynthia Corbet)

**Cody Park:** Quiet. Halloween walkabout planned

Cody Park has one official road in. An old logging road was negotiated to use for emergency use. Residents use Cody Park Road, emergency vehicles and fire personnel only may use the old logging road. Not passable for personal cars. All of the neighbors helped clear the road about 10 years ago. The road is still passable.

**Genesee Crossing:** Home exterior improvement lawsuit

Architectural Covenant violation

**Panorama Estates:** Greg Davis is President. Otherwise nothing going on.

**Paradise Hills:**

Deb Carney reports concern about recent fires along I-70. Bonnie

Saxton reports on recent Paradise Hills Board Meeting.

**Lookout Mountain Crest:** 16 homes.

Staying in touch with wildfire info and escape routes.

Fire mitigation a big concern

**Pinecrest Road:** 17 households

Doug Ikelheimer is President for another year. 17 households. Snow plowing biggest concern on this private road. Everyone chips in.

**Pine Tree Park:** PTP is right on the main water line of Lookout Mtn Water District

Concern for about 20 or so homes down Krestview and Aspen Lanes and Old Y Road regarding wildfires and evacuations.

## 8. Committee Reports

- a. **Weeds** – Marta not in attendance
- b. **Trails** – Dave Hammond – on Bike Jeffco, a local bicycle safety advocacy organization. Bike Jeffco works with Transportation planners from Jefferson County. The plan is to install 3 feet to pass cyclists such as this one on W



Bellevue:

These signs will replace the 'Share the Road' signs which were felt to be confusing. The 3 foot minimum sign is in conjunction with state laws. A car may cross over the double yellow line, when safe to do so, when passing a cyclist. From personal experience, I have had cars pass me on curves when there is minimal visibility and drive slowly behind me when the view ahead is clear. A question was raised about cyclists riding two (or more) abreast. Colorado state law states:

(6) (a) Persons riding bicycles or electrical assisted bicycles upon a roadway shall not ride more than two abreast except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles.

(b) Persons riding bicycles or electrical assisted bicycles two abreast shall not impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic and, on a laned roadway, shall ride within a single lane.

Unfortunately, many cyclists do not respect this and it is a problem brought up by many residents of the area.

Apex park trail changes: A one year trail management change went into effect on Sept 10. Even calendar dates are Bike only (i.e. mountain bikes) Certain trails are directional, downhill and to the east. Odd calendar days are reserved for hiker and equestrians only. A fact sheet is available at:

[https://www.jeffco.us/DocumentCenter/View/23220/2020-Apex-Park-Management-Change-Fact-Sheet\\_August2020](https://www.jeffco.us/DocumentCenter/View/23220/2020-Apex-Park-Management-Change-Fact-Sheet_August2020)

- c. **Wildfire** – needs volunteers
- d. **Web page/social media** – Michelle Poolet has recently taken over this committee from Mark Cochran who moved out of state. More to come.

## 9. New Business

No new business

## 10. Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made by Kathleen to adjourn, seconded