

## **Canyon Area Residents for the Environment (C.A.R.E.)**

### **June 5, 2018 Quarterly Meeting Minutes**

This CARE meeting was held on June 5, 2018 at the Mount Vernon Country Club. The following individuals were in attendance:

Deb Carney	Paradise Hills HOA Delegate
Dick Bartlett	Genesee Crossing HOA Delegate
Jim Brennan	Mount Vernon Estates HOA Delegate
Margot Zallen	Lookout Mountain Crest HOA Delegate
Mary Monnet	Genesee Foundation HOA Representative
Marta Schreiner	Weeds Committee Member
Kit Thomte	Panorama Estates HOA Delegate
Susan Howard	Cody Park NA Delegate
John Hermanussen	Pine Tree Park HOA Delegate
Dave Hammond	Pinecrest Road NA Delegate

**Minutes** - Deb Carney called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 1, 2018 CARE Quarterly Meeting. Kit Thomte seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous consent.

**President's Report** – Deb gave the Presidents Report' which included:

#### **1. Welcome to CARE Officers for 2018 -**

President – Deb Carney  
First Vice-President – Jim Brennan  
Second Vice-President – Position not filled  
Treasurer – Dick Bartlett  
Secretary – Position not filled (duties performed by Jim Brennan)

## **2. Past CARE President Rikki Hoekstra -**

Deb informed the delegates that Rikki is battling cancer. The CARE community is 100% behind Rikki and offers prayers and any support that we can in her fight.

## **3. Foothills Fire and Rescue Pancake Breakfast -**

The annual Pancake Breakfast was held on Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Lookout Mountain Fire Station at 67 S. Lookout Mountain Road. CARE had a Weed War booth with not only information on local weeds and the methods to control them but also actual live plants to help people identify them. Thanks to Marta Schreiner and Kit Thomte for their efforts!

## **4. Treasurers Report -**

Dick Bartlett reported that there is \$2,474.25 in CARE's financial accounts.

## **5. I-70 Floyd Hill to Veterans Memorial Tunnels Improvements**

Dick informed the members that the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), will be holding a public meeting at the Clear Creek High School on Tuesday June 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 7:00 pm to discuss the projects Purpose and Need and Preliminary Proposed Action for westbound I-70 at Floyd Hill improvements. You can find further information at the following link:

<https://www.codot.gov/projects/i-70-floyd-hill-to-veterans-memorial-tunnels-improvements>

## **6. Bear Proof Trash Cans -**

At the Pancake Breakfast, Colorado Parks and Wildlife had a booth manned by Tim Woodward, the District Wildlife Manager. He and Deb talked at length about how to protect bears by using bear proof trash cans. He said that Mountain View Waste is offering bear proof trash cans that are 95 gallons for \$2.50 a month and \$4.50 a month if recycling is added. John Hermanussen reported that Home Depot carries 95 gallon bear proof trash cans (for \$203) and that Republic Services and EDS will accept them for use. Unfortunately, Mountain View Waste does not currently serve the Lookout Mountain area or much of the CARE community. However, if a community such as Genesee would start using bear proof trash cans, perhaps their service could be used for the entire community. Are there any volunteers out

there that would like to contact Mountain View Waste, Evergreen Disposal, Waste Management, etc to see what bear-proof trash services are available? Tim also mentioned to Deb that he is available to speak to community groups but is usually booked 2 months out. His email address is: [tim.woodward@state.co.us](mailto:tim.woodward@state.co.us) and his phone number 303-291-7125. Is this something CARE should sponsor? Please let us know your thoughts on this.

### **Committee Reports –**

**Social Media Committee** – After research into the use of social media websites such as Facebook and Twitter to expand the presence of CARE to our local community, and with the opinion of our Computer Committee Chairman, Mark Cochran, it was determined that **Nextdoor** Neighbor can satisfy CARE’s needs to direct attention to our website when important information needs to be disseminated. Frankly, CARE does not have the time or personnel to moderate those forums in a timely manner, not to mention the loss of privacy concerns and sale of personal information recently. Therefore, Deb made a motion to eliminate the Social Media Committee, which was seconded by Dick Bartlett. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

**Weed War Committee** – Although there was no new information to report, Marta Schreiner said that Jefferson County recommends spraying for myrtle spurge. She also suggested that CARE post another weed sandwich board somewhere along Lookout Mountain Road. It was agreed that CARE would fund the cost of another sandwich board similar to the one on Paradise Road between Charros Drive and Hwy 40. With respect to weed mitigation, Kit Thomte reported that Colorado has a State Insectory located in Palisades, Colorado, which can provide bugs that feed on noxious weeds.

**Trail Committee** – Dave Hammond pointed out that on the Genesee Trail, bicyclist and pedestrians must share the path. Riders can pick up significant speed when traveling downhill so moderation is required when people are walking the trail. He also mentioned that he was going to Idaho Springs soon to do some weed identification and mapping.

**Wildfire** – Although there was no report on this committee, Deb brought up the Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) “Firewise Communities” Program and discussion ensued regarding whether CARE should encourage member HOAs participation. According to the CSFS;

*“Firewise Communities/USA® is a national recognition program that provides instructional resources to inform people how to adapt to living with wildfire and encourages neighbors to work together and take action to reduce their wildfire risk.”*

Additionally,

*“The Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) work together to implement the Firewise Communities/USA® program in Colorado. The CSFS provides technical assistance and education to interested landowners, homeowners and communities to help them take action and ownership in preparing their homes against the threat of wildfire.”*

Check out the website or just Google Firewise Colorado and see if your association would be interested.

<https://csfs.colostate.edu/wildfire-mitigation/colorado-firewise-communities/>

There were no representatives from any other committees so no reports were submitted. However, **volunteers are still needed!** If you or anyone you know would like to volunteer your time and expertise to serve on a committee, CARE could certainly use your help.

## **HOA Delegate Reports –**

**Genesee Foundation** – Mary Monnet discussed her association’s Land Use Committee, which Brad Knickel chairs. The committee is tasked, “*to ensure the best interests of the Genesee community are met, in regards to development of surrounding properties in our mountain corridor.*” The Committee has also mapped out properties adjoining the Genesee boundaries and keeps its members apprised of any planned development or rezoning of those lots. Finally, the committee is involved with the internal development of the Genesee community.

**Genesee Crossing** – Dick Bartlett said the fence around his community is in need of repair. He also mentioned that his association was having problems with campers (indigents/squatters). Through his involvement with the Foothills Fire Department, he reiterated that they have no authority nor the personnel to redirect cars when a shutdown of I-70 occurs. Finally, there is a low-income housing development in the area near the Home Depot at Swede Gulch going up. Evidently, the residents who live in that area and specifically Cold Spring Ranch are not happy about it. Should CARE be engaged in this topic?

**Lookout Mountain Crest** – Margot Zallen reported that there are quite a few dead ponderosa pine trees along the road and on private property. She suggested CARE encourage HOAs to cut the dead trees down to mitigate the spread of a wildfire. She also asked whether Jeffco was responsible for culling the dead trees along the road. Additionally, she passed around several Colorado Parks & Wildlife (CPW) brochures from their *Living with Bears Resources*, with good advice on “Bear Proofing your Trash” and “Attracting Birds, not Bears.” Tim Woodward, District Wildlife Manager in Black Hawk is available to speak to organizations on this subject.

**Panorama Estates** – Kit Thomte reported that there were no big issues facing her HOA but weeds are always a problem this time of year. She mentioned that a homeowner had built a stand-alone garage with an apartment above it. Now the apartment is being rented out adding 3 cars to and already crowded property. Mary Monnet chimed in that HOA covenants can be written to prevent short-term rentals and multiple bedroom rentals.

**Paradise Hills** – Deb Carney did not have much to report on her HOA, other than the continued frustration with having to deal with multiple sets of covenants in the four neighborhoods comprising her community.

**Pine Crest** – Dave Hammond also reported numerous dead trees in his community (probably due to a mistletoe infestation.) He said that their association had success employing **7 Earth Services** to help them cull the dead trees.

**Mount Vernon Estates** – Jim Brennan reported that his HOA was undergoing a covenants revision to address issues such as tree trimming for the purpose of wildfire mitigation, short term rental restrictions, and a general housecleaning and updating of the language regarding the Architectural Review Committee.

**Cody Park** – Being a newcomer to her neighborhood (and sitting in for Michelle Poolet), Susan Howard lamented that new residents don't know what they need to know, such as available trash pick up services, names & phone numbers of neighbors, recommended vendors, etc. She suggested that CARE could provide cards with helpful information to association delegates who would notify the new neighbors of essential services and other need to know stuff. Mary Monnet explained Genesee's "Welcome Package" and its HOA email distribution network. Other HOAs also have "Newcomer Welcome Committees" to ease the transition to a new neighborhood. Perhaps CARE could send out a Welcome Packet or bulk mail to new area residents.

**New Business** – No new business was introduced. However it was noted that the next scheduled quarterly CARE meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>** at the Mount Vernon Country Club. Additionally, these minutes will soon be available in PDF format on CARE's website:

<http://carejeffco.org>

**Meeting Adjourned** – Deb made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Dick Bartlett. Motion to adjourn was unanimously approved at 8:30 pm.