

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

July 17, 2019 Quarterly Meeting Minutes

This CARE meeting was held on July 17, 2019 at the Genesee Foundation Clubhouse. The following individuals were in attendance:

Jim Brennan	Mount Vernon Estates HOA Delegate
Deb Carney	CARE Zoning/EMR Issues Committee Chair
Wally Terhune	Genesee Foundation HOA Delegate
Michelle Poolet	Cody Park NA Delegate
Ricki Hoekstra	MVCC Metro District HOA Delegate
Dave Hammond	Pinecrest Road NA
Kathleen Schroeder	Panorama Estates HOA Delegate
John Hermanussen	Pine Tree Park HOA Delegate
Annette Mickle	Moss Rock Road HOA Delegate
Craig Rutherford	Paradise Hills Resident Attendee
Deputy Brad Herman	Jeffco Crime Prevention Department

Special Presentation on Jeffco Crime Prevention Activities - Immediately after calling the meeting to order Jim Brennan suspended the session for a special presentation by Jefferson County Sheriff's Department Deputy Brad Herman, who together with Deputy Mark Bybee, run the Crime Prevention Unit. Each delegate introduced himself or herself to Deputy Herman, who then proceeded to explain his agenda for the night. He began by detailing his duties within the Public Affairs department, which include community engagement and education. He and his partner speak to business groups and HOAs about specific and general crime prevention issues. One of the tools he uses to do this are reports generated on the website, ***CrimeReports.com***. *CrimeReports* helps residents see and understand where crime is happening in their neighborhood and engage with their local law enforcement agencies. By simply typing in an address or zip code, the application will show graphically on a map where incidents of crime have occurred. Icons represent the type of crimes committed but a more detailed list is available which include date/time, address, case number and description of the crime.

To find out more information about a specific incident, call the Jeffco Sheriff's Office (JCSO) dispatcher at (303) 271-0211 and request a report of the listed case number. Deputy Herman discussed typical crimes and how to best prevent them such as:

- a) locking car doors and never leave keys in a vehicle
- b) locking house doors and windows even if you're at home
- c) leaving entrance lights on at night and illuminate landscaping (6/2 rule – tree canopies no lower than 6 feet and landscaping no higher than 2 feet)
- d) closing garage doors (law enforcement can't do this for you due to 4th amendment issues)
- e) using locked mailboxes
- f) scheduling package deliveries at a neighbor's home if you are away

Another tool that Deputy Herman uses when giving his crime prevention presentation is the Residential Security Survey. He recommends that everyone download this survey from the JCSO website, (<https://www.jeffco.us/documentcenter/view/672>) and refer to it every 3 to 6 months. The Sheriff's department has an active presence on "**Nextdoor.com**" and this is an effective way for the JCSO to disseminate useful information to the community. Deputy Herman discussed **Code Red** and **Smart 911**. Code Red is a reverse 911 for cell phones. It is address specific and also geo-location specific. That means you can receive 911 information about a particular address and also the area where you are receiving cellular service. Smart 911 is a free service, which allows you to create a profile of your home for first responders. This would be helpful if residents had medical conditions which 1st responders should be aware of when on a call. A question and answer period brought up many important issues that were thoroughly discussed. Deputy Herman concluded his presentation by handing out the JCSO 2018 Annual Report. C.A.R.E. is very grateful to Deputy Herman for taking time out of his busy day and giving such an outstanding presentation.

President's Report –

1. Annette Mickle of Moss Rock subdivision discussed the wildfire mitigation efforts that her HOA, Cody Park HOA and MVCC Metro have taken. She passed out brochures of the Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) "Firewise Communities" Program.

"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.”

Annette gave a very detailed and informed presentation of the program and her efforts to implement it in our area. Check out the website or just Google Firewise Colorado and see if your association would be interested in participating.

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

- 2. Next Quarterly Meeting** – The final Quarterly Business meeting will be held on October 16, 2019 at the Genesee Foundation Vista Clubhouse, 24425 Currant Drive, Golden, CO 80401. The meeting will start at 7:00 pm. Jim expressed gratitude on the part of C.A.R.E. to Wally Terhune and the Genesee Foundation board of directors for allowing us the use of their beautiful facility. Future meetings will be determined at a later date.

- 3. Should CARE offer candidates for government office a forum to speak at quarterly business meetings?**

Jim reported that he contacted the local League of Women Voters who would welcome our support but wish to be the sole administrators of such forums.

- 4. Should CARE have speakers address us regarding crime, weeds, wildfire?**

Jeffco Sheriff's Deputy Brad Herman gave a crime prevention presentation at this meeting. It was not decided who would be the speaker at the next quarterly business meeting.

- 5. Treasurer's Report** – Bonnie Saxton was unable to attend the meeting but had indicated earlier that there were no expenditures since the previous quarterly business meeting, and there was still \$2,326.25 in C.A.R.E.'s accounts.

Committee Reports -

Weed War – Marta Schreiner was not available to submit a Weed Report. However, she set up the Weed War table for the June 2nd Pancake Breakfast at the Foothills Fire Department Station on Lookout Mountain Road. There

was a wealth of information on local weeds and the methods to control them and also actual live plants to help people identify them. Thanks to Marta Schreiner and Kit Thomte for their efforts! Marta also set up the sandwich board on Paradise Road with new information and photos of area weeds.

Trails – Dave Hammond gave a short description of the new Peaks2Plains trail from the mountains along Clear Creek Canyon to the city of Golden. More information can be found about it if you Google “Peaks2Plains”.

Zoning/EMR – Deb Carney reported that the county has postponed two scheduled meetings of the Regulation Advisory Panel, which she sits on. Jeffco also just notified the panel members that it wants to address the issue of water policy regulations. Comments are due by July 29th. This required Deb to contact several water districts like Lookout Mountain Water and Genesee Water & Sanitation to get their inputs. Most of the comments are expected to come from developers and it’s not clear if the policy changes are for new developments or possibly existing ones as well. The county is considering using the requirements established by Santa Fe, New Mexico, (such as its low water landscaping usage, drip irrigation, hot water delivery, etc.) as a guide for any new regulations. The motivation of the county seems to be driven by future planned development, which is highly dependent on water resources.

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 HOA – Wally Terhune indicated that they are continuing wildfire mitigation in their open space and work is being done on the clubhouse pool.

Paradise Hills HOA – Deb Carney reported that crime in the area seems to be down from last year. However, someone dumped two big loads of construction material on a vacant lot in the neighborhood and the owner of the lot had to clean up the mess himself.

Panorama Estates HOA - Kathleen Schroeder said that her association is struggling with locating and repairing leaks in their lateral water line.

Moss Rock Road HOA – Annette Mickle reiterated the efforts of her subdivision with respect to wildfire mitigation and noxious weed eradication. Someone asked if there was any solution for cheatgrass and Deb reported that a neighbor in her subdivision hired someone with 60 goats to eat all their weeds, including cheatgrass.

Pincrest Road NA – Dave Hammond said that his neighborhood has several new residents. Two homes were sold and one was newly built. He also said that on his walks along the trails in his area and around the nature center, he's noticed a large increase in the amount of cheatgrass as well. On another topic, Dave mentioned that he attends Bike Jeffco meetings every month and a county transportation planner was at the last meeting talking about Jeffco Trails Plan. You can find out more about this by plan by going to the following website: <https://www.jeffcotrailsplan.org> Finally, Dave mentioned that the county has put up "3 Feet to Pass" signs which warn automobile drivers to give bicyclist a minimum of three feet clearance when passing them on the road.

Cody Park NA - Michelle Poolet let us know that her neighborhood is trying hard to become a "Firewise Community!" She also said that her neighbors were about to have a "pot-luck party" and that two more are lined up for later in the year.

MVCC Metro District HOA – Ricki Hoekstra reported that the new club manager, Joe Stevens, is doing a great job! He is instituting some new policy changes, which are designed to enhance the Club's appeal.

Pine Tree Park HOA - John Hermanussen said his nephew is mowing grass on his property and is looking for more work this summer. Not much else is happening in his neighborhood.

Mount Vernon Estates – Jim Brennan reported that there was a new listing of a home for sale in his small 13 lot neighborhood, his own home! He wasn't sure where he would end up but he would be leaving Mount Vernon Estates and C.A.R.E. Ricki Hoeksta suggested we find out Dick Bartlett's new address in Reno and send him some cookies for all the hard work he has done on behalf of C.A.R.E. Jim promised to get that information.

New Business – There was no introduction of new business.

Meeting Adjourned – A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jim Brennan and seconded by Deb Carney. That motion was unanimously approved at 9:00 pm.