

**One Roxborough
Meeting Minutes
February 3rd, 2011 9:30-11:30 am
Roxborough Library**

Attendees

Larry Moore, Karen Kennedy, Fran Santagata, Linda Orlovski, Lou Royston, Kim DeGrande, Becky Spilver, Kati Rider, Karl Brummet, Steve Ketcham, Jamie LaRue, Linda Droeger, Lu Mahan, Trudy Peterson, Ed Yeats, Leslie Good, Steve Board, Jack Hoagland, Sean Burke

The meeting was called to order at 9:30am. A motion was made to approve the Jan 2011 minutes. Motion carried.

County Update

Commissioner Board discussed County taxes, allocation and distributed a info for a tax calculator; most complaints are from the Parker area as they had a large increase in taxes; Commissioner Board handed out a tax calculator sheet; the average home value in Douglas County is \$350k; folks want to know where the tax money goes...the calculator provided a breakdown and an example; debt for County is about 2.5 % of budget (principle and interest); also, the County is trying to promote water solutions across the county; water issues will face us in the future; how do we blend the family pocketbook with County assets; assessed valuations overall declined 10-12% and will show up in Jan 2012.

Commissioner Board distributed a pamphlet: Douglas County 2011 Budget-In-Brief -- http://www.douglas.co.us/finance/documents/DC_Budget-in-Brief_brochure_1_20_11.pdf Five specific goals include: Personal & Public Safety, Multimodal Transportation, Economic Foundations, Natural Resources, Community Services; the County has trimmed the budget by roughly \$30 million since 2005; a five page 2010 County Accomplishments document was also distributed; the County has added a transparency portal page to the main County web site -- <http://www.douglas.co.us/transparency/index.html>

Ed Yeats reported that Bureau Chief Tim Moore is at the FBI Academy in training for 3 months; the grand opening for the substation in Highlands Ranch is Feb. 15th, 10am at 9250 Zotos Drive in HR; the money to build the substation came from sales tax revenues; project is coming in under budget; by building this facility, the County saves the equivalent of 5 fully-equipped patrol vehicles; just as a reminder, the Sheriff's Office recommends that folks keep their garage doors closed to help protect against theft as there have been recent incidents in the Roxborough area. The Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) is seeking to add another citizen member from the Roxborough area; if interested, please contact Ed at 303-904-4095.

Fran Santagata mentioned the increased amount of Internet crimes/offenses, especially against children; the County is offering educational programs to kids, highlighting Internet safety and best practices. The Parks/Trails/Openspace 2030 Master Plan review is coming up on Feb 17th at Roxborough Primary at 6:30pm. Also, the County is in process of updating the Wildland Fire Protection Plan; meeting in the Roxborough area March 9th, 7pm at the West Metro Fire Station; the Rox Park neighborhood plan is being updated, as well. The 2011 Wild Land exercise is planned in Perry Park this year (30 organizations involved) and a very large exercise is scheduled for the greater Denver area on Sept 23rd (terrorist exercise).

Kati Rider reported on land use items. The planned storage facility is expected to open in the Fall of 2011; Steve Ketcham's development went before the Planning Commission and received a recommendation for approval with a date of Feb 22nd review by the Board of County Commissioners; the Sterling Ranch revised plan has not yet been submitted.

General Business

Update for Roxborough, Colorado mailing address: Sean Burke reported that the appeal was submitted to the USPS in Washington, D.C.

One Roxborough meetings and structure: Discussion was held regarding One Roxborough's structure and meeting schedule; Linda Orlovski said that she and others that attended the January One Rox meeting observed that our meetings were productive, seemed to regularly push the time window for getting everything addressed, and that meetings should continue to be held every other month; Lu Mahan suggested that we meet less frequently and consider extended the length of meetings; Karl Brummet suggested an every other month meeting interlaced with an email report for months that we do not meet; it was voted and agreed upon that One Rox meetings will occur every other month – February, April, June, August, October and December with an additional holiday gathering in December; in addition, the team discussed and voted to move meetings to the 3rd Thursday from 9:00-11:30am.

Douglas County Libraries – Jamie LaRue, Director Douglas County Libraries, led a discussion with the One Rox group; DC leaders are in the business of "making meaning"; three interview/survey questions were being asked of community

leaders around Douglas County regarding key issues in DC communities – 1) what are the three most important issues to respective communities over the next two years? 2) what information gaps exists, i.e. “info you wish you had”?; what kind of information don’t you have that is helpful 3) who are other key leaders that DC Libraries should speak with? All provided input to Jamie for these questions; additional input should be mailed directly to Jamie, jarue@jarue.com; Jamie intends to publish an annual e-book of key issues and information sources; some of the key issues in Rox borough included water, schools, economy and economic confidence, effective communication methods, taxes/Gov’t services, open space preservation, sustaining lifestyle, amenities in County in a downtime economy, property values, value systems of rural vs. developed areas in the County, understanding parent involvement in schools, growth of Rox Community and development while still maintaining culture and balance, issue from Moms of driving kids to/from activities and offer those services within the Community, cost of services related to their economic circumstances and fear that those services will become more expenses; how do we help families succeed in getting their kids ready for tier I/II schools; concern of people working in concert with each other (long-term thinking); longevity of residents in DC.

Announcements

DC Sheriff’s Dept: See notes in County section above.

DC Libraries: Last Friday was the 5th birthday for the Roxborough Library; reading program started on Feb 1st; Sheila, new manager is out of the country and she plans to attend our next meeting in April; improving circulation for Rox library so now sending items.

CO State Parks: Todd Farrow is in law enforcement training this week and sent the following report: the dirt road leading into Roxborough State Park was recently graded; the Park is now accepting applications for memorial bricks at the Visitors Center (\$150.00 each); look for the Rox State Park article in the Feb. issue of Roxborough Voice – It’s YOUR park – enjoy it.

Rox Foundation:

The Foundation HOA is addressing communication challenges and effectiveness; hosted a meeting to discuss communication challenges and ideas; the Foundation may charter a committee to improve communications; annual meeting is 22nd of this month; electing 3 board members; two stepped forward so the Board will appoint one member by acclamation; the new entry building is working well.

Rox Elementary: Lu Mahan reported that CSAP testing is coming up; One School, One Book program kicking off (starts next week); this past week, Steve Spangler live shot with Science Fair kids (send link); 1K grant in fit for kids and Health One; parent involvement had Channel 4 come out to present checks; parent teacher conf first week of March

PTIC: Father Daughter Dance this Friday at the Primary building.

RatPak: Community clean-up day is scheduled for April 9th (back-up date is May 14th); the Rat Pak will be assisting with the Easter Egg Hunt on April 16th.

Hands Across Rox: Planning for the July Summer event; watch for more details soon

Sterling Ranch: The Board of County Commissioners will continue the Sterling Ranch Public Hearing scheduled for March 15, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. to April 4, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. This continuation is necessary to accommodate requests from citizens for an evening hearing. signs are being posted to announce meetings; many visitors coming by the Sterling Ranch office in Rox Marketplace; see article which appeared in the Denver Post on Feb. 2nd -- http://www.denverpost.com/business/ci_17265452

Roxborough Art Council: Patricia Jenkins is working with PTIC on a children’s project for the school Silent Action; Art Rox is hosting after school art activities Feb 15th-24th; the theme for ArtRox is wildlife with art to be displayed at the Wildlife Experience Museum in March/April; a reception, catered by Kyle Fitzgerald, will take place in the new space in the Roxborough Marketplace from 5-8pm on Feb 11th.

Audubon Society: Hosted a successful open house this past Saturday; more events are planned (a flyer of events was distributed); Feb 19th is the “great backyard bird count” event; summer camp programs with Thorne Ecological Institute are also planned – see web site for more details: <http://www.denveraudubon.com/classes2.htm#centeropen>

Roxborough Water and Sanitation: Planning to replace all water /sewer lines in the Pulte Subdivision; project is going to be a very messy one and is scheduled from April–Nov; slide show presentation [posted on web site: <http://www.roxwater.org/p1/services.html>]; pipes should last 50-100 years and the corrosive soils have degraded the current system; new engineering and materials will be deployed to ensure longevity of the system; direct folks with

questions to web site; there will be some water outages planned during the day for some residents; the permanent water supply celebration event is this afternoon at Arrowhead clubhouse, 3:30pm.

Roxborough Area Historical Society: Becky Spilver provided details for upcoming events' please contact Susan Trumble, President 303-973-8622, roxhistory@q.com for more details; **March:** Littleton author Vonnie Perkins will tell the story of a Colorado pioneer whose life's adventures could be a plot for a Hollywood western, March 1 at 7 p.m. at the West Metro Fire Station; **April:** Tom and Denise Klinger presentation (authors of "C&S High Line Memories and Then Some" and "C&S Platte Canyon Memories and Then Some."), April 18, 7pm, Roxborough Community Center; **May:** "The Life and Times of Henry Persse," Tuesday, May 10, 1-4 pm at the Roxborough State Park Visitor Center.

Misc: Lou Royston and Kim DeGrande announced that they signed with ReMax this morning and are planning to pen a new ReMax office in Movie Gallery space in the Marketplace; the new office will include a title company, mortgage broker, a lender and an insurance agent; the office is schedule to open in April.

No reports from 4H Club, Arrowhead, Rox Village Metro District, West Metro Fire Dept.

**** **Next meeting is Thursday, April 21st, 9:30-11:30am** ****

2011 One Roxborough Meeting Schedule:

(meetings on the 3rd Thursday of the months listed below, 9:00-11:30am, at the Roxborough Library)

April 21st

June 16th

August 18th

October 20th

December 15th

Holiday Gathering is December 15th at the home of Barbra and Sean Burke