

PHCA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

ANNUAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 22, 2016

Location: Parker Senior Center

Called to order: 7:10 pm

In attendance: Cathy Lichty, Jeremy Hixon, Sandra Fish, Steve O'Connor.

Excused Absence: Janet Finer, Gary Rasmussen

Introduce Board for 2016-2017: Sandra Fish, Janet Finer, Gary Rasmussen, Jeremy Hixon, Cathy Lichty, and Terry Bell. No elections are necessary since we still have openings. Your new board plans to work on: Improvements to the open space and bridal trail; Improvements to the Ponderosa Park sign; New Ponderosa Hills neighborhood sign(s); Continued efforts to reduce speeding; Continued efforts to promote fire prevention; Monitoring development plans in surrounding areas and evaluate the effect on life in P H; Represent P H interests at Douglas County planning meetings.

Guest Speaker: Rhett Everett, USGS Well Water Concerns – Rhett explained about our Denver Basin Bedrock Aquifers of Douglas County 2011-2013. He also stated that Ponderosa Hills' wells are from the Upper Dawson, Lower Dawson, and Denver Aquifers. This is good since we all are not drawing from the same aquifer. He also stated that a study between 2012-2016, our water table is only dropping about ½ foot a year in Ponderosa Hills. He suggested that we still use our water sparingly. That if your well was to go dry or has problems, you would be able to drill a deeper well, at your own cost.

Guest Speaker: Einar Jensen, Fire Safety – Preparedness pays off! He stated that the homeowners did mitigation of low line branches on trees and grass mowed down short. This kept the recent fire in PH down to about 3 acres of just brush, and no buildings or structures. Rapid response from all the surrounding fire districts and the Douglas County Sheriff's office also made a difference. The fire department was on site in 8-9 minutes after the fire was called in. We still don't know what caused the fire. It is still under investigation. We will be informed or

the cause by South Metro Fire Dept. He also stressed the importance of clearing 30 Ft. around your house, then move out to 100 Ft., if possible. You can see the fire and the various departments working to put it out on this video link:

(<https://www.facebook.com/SouthMetroFireRescue/videos/10154520171027020/>).

Presentation of Donations: Einar Jensen, South Metro Fires District received \$500 from PHCA for Fire Safety Fund. Tim Moore, Douglas County Sheriff's Department, received \$500 for the Fallen Officer's Fund. He also gave us an update on the detective still in critical condition but recovering at our local hospital.

Treasurer's Report for 2016: Checking and savings has \$5726. Water CD \$17,472. We have 385 homes/lots in Ponderosa Hills of which 40% are members for 2016. We would love more homeowners to join the organization. For 2016-2017, your annual membership of \$30 will provide you with: Regular email blast with timely information(zoning changes, road construction, public meetings, fire prevention); Periodic newsletters with item of interest; PHCA Web Site as an information service; Dumpster, Chipping, Recycling and Donation DAY. Members benefit from one free load in the dumpster with additional loads at only \$30 each; Participation in our annual Ponderosa Hills Pancake Breakfast attended by South Metro Fire and Douglas County Sheriff staff.

Roads Update: Ponderosa Drive and part of Summit Rd have been paved. Douglas County is still working on getting everyone into their driveways. In the next 2 weeks, DC will be finishing the sides of the roads and installing the horse/hiking path on the north side of Ponderosa Drive. The traffic study will continue after the paving is completed. They are still considering installing stop signs at various intersections in PH, especially the intersection of Pine Drive and Ponderosa Drive. There is no change with the Inspiration Dr and Gartrell Rd.

intersection. The builders must have around 750 permits before Aurora will finish the connection. At that time, Rocking Horse Pky will be closed off at Inspiration Dr.

Standard Question and Answering after meeting. A request was logged to look into and consider alternative water related uses for the Water Fund.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Sandra Fish, Secretary