

Red Feather Lakes Meeting Notes

8/17/2013

Approximately 21 citizens in attendance

What do you like?

- School
- Livermore intersection
- The beauty of the area
- Love that we have a library

What do you want?

- Expanded fast internet capability throughout area
- Rural medical clinic with affordable medical care
- Continued sheriff's presence. Concerned about Sheriff's presence in the area, may be going away completely
- Traffic/speed enforcement. Vacationers driving too fast. Haven't seen anyone to enforce the speed limit. Scary for families when speed such an issue. Need additional enforcement in the summer.
- Marijuana dispensary plan in rural areas. Will security also be considered since we don't have enforcement available?
- Re-emphasize the importance of the school to the community, particularly as public officials change.
- Fire protection
- Important items in order to attract community members include: Medical, fire protection, school, maintaining natural beauty of the area.
- Grant availability
- Codes change and homes should be grandfathered in so don't have to upgrade to new building code requirements.
- Don't want to become another Estes Park. There is a conflict between generating revenue versus tourism. Don't want to become a zoo!
- Recreational center would be a nice addition.
- Even though not looking to have large growth, would like a few more services such as the school, rec center. Would like to see the addition of a middle school & high school for this area or closer than the 50 minute ride to Fort Collins/LaPorte. Or even a charter school.
- Is this the beginning of the expansion of Fort Collins? We don't want that. Wouldn't necessarily want the addition of a large grocery store that would attract additional people. But, expanding the commercial abilities to serve the local community members would be nice. Don't want to commercialize area beyond providing services to community

- North parking lot at Dowdy Lake & Eagle Tree Road. Forest service re-did the campground and installed a gate that blocked our subdivision access during construction. The main gate has now opened but this remains closed. Now we only have one-way in and out. Can't find who has the authority to open the gate. Apparently the neighbors wanted the gate closed permanently. Think this is a public road. Concerned about the fire hazard with the gate locked. Fire Department can get in but we can't get out in case of a fire. Would like to see that different.

What needs to be improved or changed?

- Expansion of the Red Feather Volunteer Fire District. Homeowners insurance doubled when not in fire district. Should include two subs to the east—stop at mile marker 19. Need to define perimeters and necessary approval.
- Need a simplified process for amending plats—like a waiver. Amended Plat process is a huge issue. Some lot lines have changed and never gone through the plat process. Need a waiver or simplified process for neighbors agreements instead of doing an amended plat.

Anything else you want us to know?

- Concerned about silt in creek as it is ruining the beauty of the area. Action of the ATV's in the area that are breaking the ground on National Forest service land is partially the problem.
- Concerned about insurance rates going up regarding wildfire mitigation. Insurance companies are sending out letters on what to do with property to maintain insurance. Insurance an important piece up here.
- USDA Rural Development Office grant eligibility was taken away because the census boundaries changed. Are the boundaries appropriate? Contact would be Julie Scruby—she could provide info on why no longer eligible.
- There is some concern that the adopted "Code of the West" document references that the urban dwellers subsidize the County. I take issue with this supplement. Is this policy? This is an editorial of a previous Commissioner.
- Is this a revamping of the Master Plan? What does it take to redo the Master Plan? Is this process part of that?
- Concerned that medical & Medicare supplemental insurance choices with the Affordable Care Act are limited because of the defined zip code area.
- Security concerns about medical marijuana facilities.