

Livermore Meeting Notes 8/22/2012

Approximately 34 citizens in attendance

What do you like?

- Services/responses to High Park Fire—extraordinary. Glacier View Meadows Fire Protection District extraordinary and amazing.
- Parks, open spaces, trails
- Peace and quiet
- Roads pretty good right now/plowed regularly
- No cell service

What do you want?

- Cell towers in the canyon for emergency purposes
- More services—like a grocery store
- Cell phone service/internet service. Quest service is slow—no Centurylink available.
- I want to see rural, not executive estates
- Clean up dead stuff/more mitigation behind western ridge restaurant
- Need cell phone service/cell tower
- Beetle kill trees removed
- Need to provide 65 and over (seniors) services to activities, both outdoor and indoor
- Changes in requirement in Red Feather for business to be located along highway
- Roads need to be kept up. Areas not passable.
- Cell phone service
- Better access to a library
- A playground
- A soccer field/a field to play on
- Lower building permit prices
- Leave the rural areas alone

What needs to be improved or changed?

- Tax assessments—put barn on property so taxes went up & reclassified because I don't have animals on the property yet. Went from agriculture to residential.
- Portion of County Road 80C not well maintained (near Cherokee). Roads are a problem—County is compliant based. If we call and complain, County does something about it but not until we complain. Roads improved before Memorial Day and right before hunting season. Improved for hunters & tourists and not residents.
- County Road 82E should be improved from 179 east for emergency purposes.
- County Road 179 north and south of 82E should be improved for emergency purposes.
- Need a better maintained emergency access—scrape once a year
- Don't want business with paving and sidewalks
- Make it easier for business owners—regulations are too expensive and improvements cost too much
- Taxes on right-of-way land outrageous
- If I build a house, taxes decrease. It doesn't make sense. It is illogical and unfair.

Anything else you want us to know?

- Concerned about reduced sheriff's patrols in the area.
- Need much better info and more information on fire mitigation. Need more thorough information and make it more available.
- Don't have internet access. Have to drive to Fort Collins or Red Feather Lakes.
- Two years ago the threat of families leaving Red Feather School was a constant concern for the budget since school funding is based on numbers of students attending for this district's school budgets.

Two concerns seem to greatly impact the choice for people living here, especially families with kids: Limited internet bandwidth and no local middle school and high school options.

The bandwidth speaks for itself. Satellite internet does not support real-time connectivity so you really cannot do phone/video conferencing to conduct business. Our family works out of our home most of the time. We joined an internet co-op which requires technical knowledge that most people do not possess. The current cell coverage is incomplete; where it is covered, it is only 3G. Workable mobile broadband requires 4G. If we had 4G access here, many more people could live here/work from home and conduct business here, seamlessly.

No "local" middle or high school requires long distance school busing. Most people are not happy to juggle crazy busing schedules; if you have two or more kids with one in middle school you have to juggle. Also placing a 6th grader on multiple buses or one long bus ride is not appealing. Could we not work something out with the district so rural schools have grades beyond 5th at the local mountain school. It would make the quality of living here so much better. Families would stay longer. We need younger families to have those members in a community to man the volunteer fire services, etc. to look over and strengthen the

resources to a community which has largely gone retirement. Old people cannot go it alone. They usually do not have the financial resources to keep the community's commerce alive.

My fear is the mountain community will die out, literally if nothing is done to encourage life here for people with kids.

It's a Colorado tradition to ranch/recreate, both strong dynamics here. We could use the "vision" and some planning of the county to enable these traditions to continue into the future.