

Crystal Lakes Meeting Notes

10/12/2013

Approximately 16 citizens in attendance

What do you like?

- Send a message to Road and Bridge—thank you for the work done after the rains. They do amazing work to take care of our roads!
- LETA notifications
- County website
- Lot consolidation process

What do you want?

- Pull Red Feather Lakes and Crystal Lakes together to share “conveniences” and commercial uses, but keep identities/communities separate.
- Don’t want to become an “urban area” but still want to add commercial uses
- Better cell phone coverage—additional towers. Need update on Middle Bald Mountain tower. Important to include cell service.
- Availability/accessibility to medical facilities—clinic/office near this area. Look at signage requirements/identification signs/directional signs such as to the clinic, etc.
- Want a location to take slash—after Slash Solutions closes, need a closer alternative than the landfill—could be on a temporary basis—a few years—joint venture with the County?
- Closer recycling facility—another one or move existing Red Feather Lakes one closer?
- Provide better/more information to community regarding what services the County does provide.
- Would be nice if could download maps of small areas.

What needs to be improved or changed?

- Look at situations unique to this area regarding building permit/code requirements. Code same here as in Fort Collins. There is very limited leeway in building codes. For instance, there is no way we could meet code requirements because of rock beds so was unable to meet code requirements. Build in some flexibility into building codes to account for rocky landscaping/topography. Need more flexibility by inspectors.
- Rural needs are different than urban. Current codes hard to get through. Look at building in some rural requirements in the Land Use Code, such as paving and parking requirements. Don’t want paving for roads. Need flexibility in Codes for rural areas, particularly for businesses.
- We have different names for some of our roads and it would be helpful if the County called the roads the same as we do. Particularly in emergency situations. Can always figure out which road is being referred to in an emergency. Use both road names—sometimes referred to as County Road number and we have a name for it.

Anything else you want us to know?

- Fire mitigation—how do we get neighboring property owners to mitigate their properties?
- Are we still able to get weed killer from the Weed District? (Answer: The Larimer County Weed District does sell herbicides and will work with landowners to determine best approach and best time to apply products. Contact the Weed District at (970) 498-5768)
- Do more education about services as these outreach meetings happen as it will help us tell how to improve services.
- Phone service/internet service an issue in this area. Needs work and upgrades. Having trouble getting supplier to do something.
- Best way to communicate with the area is a combination of all avenues—mail, e-mail, phone, communication through Homeowners Associations, Facebook, are all good ways. Could include links to websites, but videos would be hard because of limited bandwidth. If do educational videos, could do on a CD that could be available for checkout at the HOA or County.