

## Synopsis of NEPCO Meeting 9 March 2019

This synopsis is intended to provide the highlights of the NEPCO General Membership meeting to all residents of NEPCO member Homeowner Associations. Full minutes & presentations at [www.nepco.org](http://www.nepco.org).

### **Transportation and Land Use Committee Report (Chairman Tom Vierzba)**

Tom Vierzba, Chairman of the NEPCO Transportation and Land Use Committee, provided a status report on the land use referral projects currently reviewed. NEPCO provided substantive review of 24 projects in 2018 and is currently reviewing 7 new projects submitted in 2019. Tom provided a detailed update on the following projects being reviewed by NEPCO: *Willow Springs* - Located south of Monument on an extended Mitchell Rd; 396 homes on 224 acres to be annexed by Monument; *Grandwood Ranch* - 48 2.5 acre lots on 147 acres north of Higby Rd and east of Fairplay Dr.; wells on the Dawson Aquifer; they'll start moving dirt summer 2019; Furrow Rd to be extended south to Higby Rd; *Monument Marketplace North* - Located on west side of Jackson Creek Pkwy north of Wal-Mart; *Sanctuary of Peace Residential Community* - Located west of Hwy 83 across the road from High Forest Ranch; 26 single family residences on 49 acres; *Forest Lakes Phase 2* - 180 lots on 287 acres with large open space unbuildable. In addition, He provided an update on Sterling Ranch, Home Place Ranch and Walden Preserve 2. In the 80132 area NEPCO expects a **39% increase in population from 2017 to 2020** due to the new residential developments. Meetings on the Tri-Lakes RTA have occurred and more are being scheduled.

**Noxious Weed Control.** Bryan Welding, an Environmental Technician for El Paso County Community Services Department, spoke on the county Noxious Weed Program. He distributed a multi-color booklet showing all the noxious weed species in Colorado and how to suppress, contain or eradicate each species. His talk included: What is a noxious weed? Eight problems caused by noxious weeds; Categorization of List A, B and C by the Dept. of Agriculture; Eradicate, contain or suppress? How to get rid of them. Bryan can be reached at: [BryanWelding@ElPasoCo.com](mailto:BryanWelding@ElPasoCo.com) 719-520-7846.

**Wildfire Mitigation Training for HOAs.** John Rickman, Emergency Preparedness Group (EPG) of the Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church, spoke on a no-cost Wildfire Mitigation Training Program for HOAs. John was accompanied by Andre Mouton [epg@tlumc.org](mailto:epg@tlumc.org). His talk included: EPG is a grass roots volunteer group formed after Waldo Canyon and Black Forest fires; Training program phases; EPG Demonstration includes chipper safety and operations, sawyer safety and spotters. The HOA's project is planned and run by the HOA with EPG providing oversight. EPG provides the chipper & post-project review. Schedule for two cycles per year starts in April. Contact John to schedule your HOA for wildfire mitigation training: [JCRickman@comcast.net](mailto:JCRickman@comcast.net) 719-330-1739.

**CERT Training:** Robin Adair, CERT Coordinator for El Paso County Office of Emergency Management, spoke on Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training. Robin distributed handouts for more information on CERT. Her talk included: What is CERT? In 95% of emergencies, bystanders are first to provide emergency assistance. CERT training includes: What to expect following a disaster, Lifesaving skills, Helping the community cope and recover; CERT covers eight primary areas; Variety of training programs available (CERT basic training is 20 hours, Short training courses on specific topics). Contact Robin for more information on scheduling your HOA's neighborhoods or other organizations for CERT training: [robinadair@elpasoco.com](mailto:robinadair@elpasoco.com) 719-575-8858 [www.epccert.org](http://www.epccert.org) .

**Firewise Community Help:** Dave Betzler and Dave Pheteplice of the Red Rock Ranch HOA explained that they are providing help to other HOAs seeking to be a Firewise community. Last year they helped 73 homes, and they are working on a 5-year plan for all of Red Rock Ranch to be Firewise. Contact them for information and for Firewise help at [betzler13@gmail.com](mailto:betzler13@gmail.com) or [pheteplice@aol.com](mailto:pheteplice@aol.com).

The charts provided by the speakers have more detailed information on these topics and can be accessed on the NEPCO website at [www.nepco.org](http://www.nepco.org) at Members Login, Meeting Presentations.