

Synopsis of NEPCO Meeting 14 November 2020

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. The meeting was a Zoom video conference.

Board Elections: Mike Aspenson (Vista Clara Villas HOA), Larry Oliver (GCA) and Jim Keefe (Wissler Ranch HOA) were elected by member email vote to serve on the NEPCO Board for two years

NEPCO Transportation and Land Use Committee Reviews: NEPCO has reviewed a record 43 new developments to date in 2020. One recent review was for the Town of Monument on a proposal for a UPS Distribution Center in the new Falcon Commerce Center just south of Baptist Road off Woodcarvers Road south of the Pioneer Sand Company. This proposed large-acreage UPS complex will have many trucks turning on the Baptist Road intersection and crossing the Santa Fe Trail every day which is a concern provided in written comments. Other reviews included were: Dancing Wolf Estates amended PUD; Eagle Rising Preliminary Plan; Rangely Replat; Woodmoor WSD-CWTP Improvements on School Parcel; Deer Creek Condos Final Plat; Village at Jackson Creek Prel Site plan; Forest Lakes Filing No. 6.

Issues in El Paso County: Greg introduced the guest speakers, Holly Williams, County Commissioner District 1, and Stan VanderWerf, County Commissioner District 3. A few notes from their presentation are the following:

- Property tax per citizen in El Paso County is very low.
 - El Paso County = \$74.64.
 - Douglas County = \$426.
 - Arapaho County = \$254.
- Local tax cost per citizen in El Paso County is very low.
 - El Paso County = \$275.
 - Douglas County = \$686.
 - Arapaho County = \$375.
- County 2020 Budget is \$396,865,242.
 - Unrestricted funds = \$154,284,882.
 - COVID-19 Federal funding = \$125,000,000.
- There is a major deficit in our road infrastructure
- Still need to find \$7.5M out of \$15M commitment for the I-25 Gap.
- Unfunded mandates from the state are a concern in funding.
- They provided many charts with details on the COVID-19 status in El Paso County.
- High growth in county.
 - 2050 population expectation is over 1 million residents.
 - Incomes growing and building permits accelerating.
 - Need more infrastructure and investment.
- Expect Planning Commission to adopt El Paso County Master Plan in 1st Qtr 2021.
- Discussed wildfire mitigation and the Pikes Peak Regional Ofc of Emergency Mgmt.
- Roads in El Paso County.
 - 2021 – need to meet funding obligation for I-25 Gap.
 - 2022 – should have about \$3M increase to invest in roads.
 - 2023 – potential PPRTA ballot renewed.
 - The Pavement Quality Index (PQI) for every road in the county is now available on the county web site – just click on your road and you can see how bad or good it is.
 - Road funding from property taxes and sales taxes are very low for the county.
 - May need a ballot issue on funding for roads – we have big challenges.

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More details of his presentation are at www.nepco.org Meeting Presentations.