

August 8, 2006

Pleasant Park Neighborhood Meeting  
Monthly meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Darrel Dearborn.

Darrel welcomed several new families to our meeting, and asked everyone to introduce themselves and say how long they have lived in the area. Our guests said that the new signs that were posted along Pleasant Park Road announcing our monthly meeting were the reason for their attendance. Everyone agreed the signs were helpful and Susan Morris said that volunteers would put up the signs each month on the Wednesday before the meeting the following Tuesday.

John Wallack, Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Committee, reported 3 new developments in our area:

1- A project called the Conifer Business Center has filed for rezoning from restricted commercial to PD for a small mixed use development located behind the new Safeway Center. This is located on the "Williams property" and is another project from the Richard Miller firm (the same firm handling the Conifer Corners proposal).

2-The WildLand PaintBall group has filed its request for a Special Use Permit but nothing else has been done to date. John has scanned in the proposal and sent it to all members of the Planning and Zoning Committee. He can also send it to any interested members if they let him know. John said there were "no surprises" in the proposal-40 players at one time, 40 cars in the parking area, and 7.24 acres for the playing field. John will let us know when the hearing date is set.

We also learned from a neighbor that the Rollers have set up a private shooting range on their property and that the parking area graded off Pleasant Park Road is not for the Paintball use, but is planned as a parking area for Newton Park hikers.

3-Today is six months since the Conifer Corners hearing at the County before the Planning and Zoning Commissioners. At that meeting, the applicant was given a 180 day continuance. John said that the applicant has recently inquired about another extension. John will follow-up with Tim Karl to inquire as to how many extensions are allowed since the regulations seem to state only one extension may be granted. The members present also were interested in the results of the test wells that we have seen being drilled on the applicant's property. There was some discussion whether or not this might be public information. We hoped Peter Brockman could check into this further and report back to us.

Dick Burroughs, Chairman of the Water Committee reported that John Moody of the Jefferson County Health Department would like to test well water in our area for radiation. This is a free test. Contact Dick or John Moody.

Also Dick introduced Tiffany Savage from the Colorado School of Mines. She is doing well testing in our area for her thesis. She handed around a sheet for interested homeowners to sign up. Her testing is for heavy metals and manure and sewage bacteria.

It is free and she will email the individual homeowner's results if they want them. Her email is [tyesavag@mines.edu](mailto:tyesavag@mines.edu).

Darrell reminded everyone that Conifair is August 26 and 27<sup>th</sup> and volunteers are still needed. This is a great community activity and everyone was encouraged to participate and/or attend. Darrell also handed out applications for volunteers at the Mountain Resource Center.

Kris Wallack gave the Treasurer's report. Our checking account has a balance of \$1940.23. The two checks authorized at the July meeting- Bernice McCandless for mailing expenses and Susan Morris for sign expenses- were mailed. Also it was proposed that we pay the Pleasant Park Grange \$10 per month for the use of the building for our meetings. It was amended to make the payment for six months at a time. This was unanimously passed.

Our guest speaker was Tom Mason, from the Colorado State University Cooperative Extension. Tom is involved with the 4-H youth development program and the Natural Resources program, horticulture, statewide wildlife issues, and many interesting home-based programs such as nutrition education, financial planning and parenting skills. He gave us a very interesting overview of the resources available to our community through their programs, many of them free to the public. He also brought a number of fact-sheets covering topics such as pine beetle, shrubs and trees, plant clinics, and high altitude baking. He talked about the various master programs offered-master gardener and wildlife master for examples. The office is located near the fairgrounds. County citizens are also welcome to bring in samples of soil or plants for identification help. They have an annual tree seedling sale. Everyone enjoyed Tom's presentation and hopefully learned something new.

Darrel reminded everyone that our next meeting is September 12. We will be having some candidates running for office speak at that meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Laden  
Secretary