

Synopsis of NEPCO Meeting 19 March 2022

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.

Community Outreach Committee Report: Dave Betzler, Chairman of the Community Outreach Committee, provided a report outlining activities to include reviewing the NEPCO mission statement, defining new needs and community relationships, and looking at the possibility of developing a panel to discuss changes to the insurance industry that affect HOAs and homeowners in Colorado.

Wildfire Preparedness Committee Report: Matthew Nelson, Chairman of the Wildfire Preparedness Committee, provided a presentation on Firewise landscaping designs to create a five-foot fuel-free zone around houses. He provided photos of good landscaping and included a list and several photos of plants for the five-foot fuel-free areas. He cautioned to NOT have any junipers, cedars, or arborvitae within 30-feet of your structure because they are so flammable. His charts are included in the meeting presentation package on the NEPCO web site at nepco.org.

Transportation and Land Use Committee (TLUC) Report: John Lewis, Chairman of the TLUC, provided a chart on the latest land use proposals by the county and the Town of Monument. A new development proposal in the county is called the Waterbury Filing which is near Falcon, CO, and consists of 198 single family lots on 61.9 acres. The Town of Monument has thirteen projects in the review process. The Board Secretary sent an email to all member HOAs asking for a correlation point within the HOA for use in John's alert notification model. John has received thirty responses to date and is awaiting more responses. NEPCO members interested in volunteering to be a member of the NEPCO Transportation and Land Use Committee should contact Mike Aspenson at president@nepco.org.

Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG): Dave welcomed our guest speaker, Mr. Andrew Gunning, Executive Director for the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG) and provided a short bio-sketch of our speaker. Mr. Gunning has 30 years of experience in environmental planning. PPACG facilitates cooperation and coordination for 16 member governments. PPACG was formed in 1967 as a quasi-governmental regional planning agency. It is one of 14 council of governments (COGs) in Colorado. Designated as Area Agency on Aging, Metropolitan Planning Organization for Transportation Planning, and Lead Air and Water Quality Planning Agency. He described the mission, activities and 2022 priorities for PPACG's role as Pikes Peak Area Agency on Aging. He described the mission, activities and 2022 priorities for Environmental Planning including a history of ozone measurements. PPACG also has a Military Planning Program to facilitate coordination between the five military installations and the member governments. PPACG administers the Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority (PPRTA), has a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the region, and is coordinating regional activities for the Federal Infrastructure Bill. PPACG also provides legislative advocacy for its responsibilities. Mr. Gunning can be reached at 719-471-7080 or agunning@ppacg.org. More details of the presentation are located on the NEPCO web site at www.nepco.org under meeting presentations.