

Notes from the Gold Hill Community Planning Initiative Workshop #2, March 14, 2009

The first presenter, Denise Grimm, who was to speak on Historic Zoning and Historic Preservation, was unable to attend. Bear Carlson gave a brief history of our Gold Hill Historic Zone and reported that one of the latest issues they have is how to address future alternative power impacts in Gold Hill – solar panels, windmills, etc. We will schedule another meeting with Denise, who has quite a bit of information on these issues.*

Next was Ann Livingston who spoke on Boulder County's Sustainability Efforts. She introduced the acronym SWOT: Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats, for a practical way to address goals. The goal is to find a balance between a strong economy, social responsibility, and protection of the environment. The County is committed to addressing climate change and reducing our impact. The goal is to have 60% renewable energy. She said meeting the Kyoto Protocol is not enough in the long run. She also gave us a lot of information on the Climate Smart Loan Program (see climatesmartloanprogram.org). Contact her at Alivingston@bouldercounty.org or 303-441-3517

Jesse Rounds of Parks and Open Space presented information on some of the rules and regs on Open Space (at this time no wind farms or solar arrays are allowed) as well as what the acquisition of land around Gold Hill will mean for us. This acquisition (1340 acres proposed) will be accomplished by a 3-way exchange with the BLM, the Forest Service, and the County and is projected to be finalized within approximately 5 years. When it is actually underway they will work on a management plan and will have public meetings, etc., to ensure the property is used in accordance with the wishes of this community as well as Boulder County as a whole.

What they are doing now is a lot of forest management/mitigation work and they have made some deals with the BLM and the Feds on maintenance. Contact him at jrounds@bouldercounty.org. or 303-678-6271

To see information on these presentations go to http://www.bouldercounty.org/lu/townsite_planning/GoldHill.htm
There is all kinds of information there on what we've been working on.

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