

GLEN ALPS ROAD SERVICE AREA

October 19, 2017

6:00 pm

Bear Valley Elementary
(Library)

I. Call to Order: 6:15 pm

II. Roll Call:

Board Members: Joe Connolly, Shelly Martin, Brena Doolen,
Tom Burke

Contractor: John Light, Western Construction

Guest: Todd Jacobson

Residents: Tim Connolly, Canyon Rd
Katie Kuijper, Canyon Rd
Brooks & Rita Wade, Canyon Rd
Dale Doolen, Echo Canyon Rd

III. Approval of May Meeting Minutes: Joe made the motion to approve the minutes, Brena seconded the motion, and Shelly approved.

IV. New Business:

- Resident Concerns

- A pot hole has appeared on Upper DeArmoun at Patrick, which needs to be patched before it gets too big, and before winter weather sets in.
- Update on mailboxes: The lock boxes are not completed yet, although the base for them is in place. Resident Katie Kuijper will follow-up with Glen Alps resident Judy Caminer to see how the installation worked for them.

- New Issues

- The GARS board has one more seat to be filled and is looking for a resident willing to fill it. A resident from the Glen Alps side has expressed interest, so Joe will follow-up and give them the MOA contact information to get the paperwork started. However, if there is another resident interested in filling the board seat, please contact any current board member for further information. Tom Burke still needs to contact the MOA and complete his paperwork for appointment to the board until the next election.
- Brena reported that the "private" sign that goes on top of the Canyon Road sign is missing. Joe stated the Municipal Sign Shop typically replaces that sign, so they just need to be contacted. Brena will call the MOA to request a replacement.
- There have been issues with locking the gate at the park entrance at the end of Canyon Road. This has caused an

issue with people dumping things there, such as a refrigerator. A resident had been locking the gate, but they were told by park officials to quit locking it as people were getting stuck on the other side. There has also been an issue with the porta-potty getting blown or pushed over repeatedly. Unfortunately, these are both park issues not board issues, so we are unable to address them other than to pass along to the State as concerns.

V. Old Business:

- Toilsome/Glen Alps/Canyon Road Improvement Project Update:
 - Construction of Phase 1 was completed. The original contract amount was \$1.299M; however, the final payment was \$1.339M. Additional costs were related to encountering unexpected groundwater during the excavation of the roadside and adjacent ditches. To address the groundwater, the design was revised to deepen segments of the adjacent ditches, over-excavate the road prism in local areas and installation of three French mattresses.
 - Construction was put into warranty on October 5th, so the MOA will do a check in September, 2018, to ensure any warranty work is identified and completed prior to the one-year deadline. An issue with pavement failure at a private driveway was identified on the west end of the project, but it was decided not to do anything now but rather wait until spring to fix. The residents affected by this issue are aware of the decision to delay the fix and are on board.
 - After Todd left the meeting, Tom Burke arrived at the meeting and asked whether the "ditch issue" had been discussed. Joe stated he believed this issue was covered under the contractor's water issue concern as stated above. Tom stated the issue was resolved by digging a deeper ditch, and that the culverts were not buried, and no French drains were installed. He stated this appeared to be a design issue rather than a construction issue, so the board needs to keep an eye on this area and identify any problems early on. If there are issues, then a determination as to who is liable would have to be made.
 - Phase II planning has started. This phase covers Bee's Hill to Rohaley property. The objective for this phase is to have everything ready for the 2018 construction season.
 - There have been several productive meetings with the four residents who will be affected, and they seem amenable to the proposed design. The design packages and property appraisals have been ordered, which will be used to formulate the ROW offers.
 - The design for the intersection of Upper DeArmoun and Canyon Road has been very difficult, mainly because of the traffic issues around the island area. It was

decided to defer any action on this portion of the phase in deference to the Lewis & Clark subdivision planning which is also ongoing. We are hoping for a design that will accommodate the needs of all residents and will work with Lewis & Clark towards that end.

- The MOA is also working with ASD to do away with the bus stop currently located in that area. ASD was on board as they feel it is the most dangerous location to turn a bus around in the district. They are looking for a new location, and a resident reminded Todd that they will need to accommodate 15 to 16 cars that will need to park and wait for their kids to get off the bus. One recommendation is to move the stop to the intersection of Michael and Cox Roads, as Cox is a natural loop that would then take the bus out to Rabbit Creek Road.
 - Joe asked what the approximate cost was for Phase II, and Todd stated around \$1.3M. Joe then asked if we could apply any leftover funds to fixing Upper DeArmoun, which has deteriorated over the past few years. Todd stated we will need to review the grant language to confirm, but he thought we should be able to use the funds for that purpose.
- Harlow's Glacier update: The Contractor was asked to put together an action plan to address redirecting the water that is causing the freeze issue at the bottom of the hill, so we won't have a repeat of the glacier issue we had last winter. The Contractor stated they fixed the issue last spring when the problem was first identified, but had not addressed a long-term solution yet. The contractor would like to wait until next spring to see if the problem has been fixed. If the issue returns this winter, please let the contractor know immediately.
Action closed
 - Guard rail issue at the bottom of Kean's Hill: The current property owner stated they would not allow a guard rail on his property, so the issue was **closed**.
 - Should there be guard rails or jersey barriers on the stretch of road from the first driveway off Upper DeArmoun to the curve? The road was widened so these could be installed, but the cost would be incurred by the board as it is not part of the construction. The consensus from meeting attendees was that it would be nice to have something there to prevent drivers from going off the road, especially in winter. Jersey barriers seemed to be the most effective and affordable option for this area. The GARSA Contractor was asked to give the Board an estimate for this work. The Contractor will also use snow plowed into the curve in front of the jersey barriers to keep people from

hitting the barriers. **ACTION: Contractor to provide an estimate for installation of Jersey barriers.**

- The GARSA Contractor completed the task of chip sealing the small length of road where the new Canyon Road tie in begins and the pavement ends. The work has been completed at a cost of approximately \$4,000.
- GARSA taking over snow plow/sanding of some DOT areas: There was a meeting attended by the GARSA Contractor, MOA and AK/DOT this morning (10/19) to discuss this issue. Although Upper Huffman is a city maintained road, they have a 96-hour call-out response window, which has caused unsafe conditions and road closures in the past. The State recommended the GARSA Contractor maintain Upper Huffman to ensure the safety of residents. Because the State can't directly pay the GARSA Contractor for this work, it was decided to reimburse them with the materials needed to maintain the road throughout the winter.

VI. Chair Report:

- Review of summer contractor projects. The Contractor has performed pothole repair, paved a small section of Canyon Road, crack sealed where needed, and did brush cutting. Some residents were not happy with all the brush cut material left in the road. The Contractor was not aware there was an issue with the brush cutting. He also stated they would be happy to correct these types of issues if they know about them, so don't hesitate to contact them. The Contractor stated the objective of brush cutting is to improve site distance, remove items for snow clearing, and for safety. Contractor plans to cut every two years. It was recommended that notifications be made via Facebook in the future, so residents aren't surprised by the work.
- Proposed fall contractor projects. The only project may be the Jersey barriers, once an estimate is received.
- The Contractor was also asked for a quote for paving Upper DeArmoun from Hillside to Canyon Road. **ACTION for January: Contractor to give an estimate for this work.**

VII. Treasurer's Report: No report at this time. Appears we may have some money left over so would like to bank the excess and apply to bigger projects coming up like fixing Upper DeArmoun.

VIII. Next Meeting Announcement **NOTE: All meetings will be 6-8pm**

- January 25, 2018
- April 19, 2018
- May 17, 2018

IX. Adjournment: 7:38pm