

COLORADO CITY METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing of the Board of Directors of the Colorado City Metropolitan District was held Tuesday, October 10, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at Craver Middle School.

1. CALL TO ORDER. Chairperson Wachob called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. QUORUM CHECK.

Chairperson Jacque Wachob
Secretary Roger Lowe
Treasurer Mary K Sanford – absent, excused
Director Terry Milsom
Director Ray Ingraham

Also in attendance:

District Manager David Valdez
Finance Director Donna Pickman

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA. Secretary Lowe made a motion to approve the agenda, Director Milsom seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed.
5. READING OF STATEMENT OF CONDUCT AND DEMEANOR. Chairperson Wachob
6. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Greenhorn Valley Sportsmen Club Shooting Range Lease

Mr. Valdez explained that there is a piece of ground east of I-25 near Graneros Gorge that the Sportsmen Club would like to lease for a Shooting Range. He introduced Mr. Mike Graber of the Sportsmen Club. Mr. Graber gave a short presentation on where exactly the shooting range would be located and the regulations that would apply to the range. He stated programs would be developed for 4-H kids, hunters safety courses, and conceal carry permits. The site would be developed according to the NRA Range Source Book on Planning and Construction.

7. PUBLIC INPUT

Bob Dorr – Lives at Bondurant and Crow Cut Off, PO Box 19820 Colorado City CO

Mr. Dorr stated he and his wife hike a lot, including Graneros Gorge. He is concerned about the archeological sites in the area. Bellwood site is on national lists and he wonders if there are more. The Arkansas Audubon Society says the canyon is a stopping place for migratory birds. Would a shooting range disrupt their habitat? He knows there is already shooting occurring at the gorge. Would the Sportsmen Club be willing to clean up the shell casings? Also, he thinks property owners in the area should be notified by certified mail of these proceedings.

Tom Olson - 6656 Thacker Rd

Mr. Olson has lived in the area since 2001. He feels due diligence was not done in notifying land owners about the meeting. He is worried about lead pollution and soil contamination. Also, while building the shooting range, would the equipment used cause the rocks on the rim to shift?

Mark Williams – 8971 Hwy 165

Mr. Williams is excited to hear about a planned shooting range. There is nowhere within 30 miles to go shoot. He would like to have a place to shoot and also teach shooting safety. He thinks if there is a shooting range the random shooting he hears would quit.

Camille Richards – 6511 Pickney Rd

Mrs. Richards lives closed to Graneros Gorge. She hears a lot of shooting now and has had bullets shot onto her property. She thinks the shooting range would be disruptive to the wildlife. She is concerned about the prehistoric sites in the area. She was told by Pueblo County Zoning many years ago that the Gorge would be preserved.

Carol Queener – 6620 Thacker Rd

Mrs. Queener wants a shooting range, but wants to know if this is the best location. Many hikers and horsemen use the Gorge. She also wants the historical sites preserved.

Marge Vordam – 1413 County Rd 671

Mrs. Vordam is not opposed to a shooting range, but is concerned about the location. The 2002 Pueblo County Comprehensive Land Use Plan talks about developing Graneros Gorge. She has talked to the local Division of Wildlife officer and he says large game should not be impacted by the shooting range. Mrs. Vordam is concerned about the nongame wildlife since no studies have been done. There is the potential of disrupting birds. Also, there are several pages on the internet listing the Graneros Gorge as a destination place, this might change that. She would like to be assured major mitigation would be done to stop the noise.

Mr. Valdez said he had received a letter from Mr. Larry Ash at 6485 Pickney Rd. He has concerns about the noise and the hours of operation.

Mr. Valdez also has letters from Mrs. Richards and Mrs. Vordam he will include in the official record.

Mr. Graber spoke again. He said the Sportsmen Club is very concerned about unregulated shooting and thinks the shooting range would stop it. Also, the club wants the Gorge preserved and the NRA Range Source book details mitigation procedures.

8. ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business before the Board, Secretary Lowe made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Director Ingraham seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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Chairperson Jacquie Wachob

ATTEST:


Secretary Roger Lowe

Approved this 13th day of November, 2012