

Gunbarrel Community Alliance Newsletter

Gunbarrel news in a nutshell

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The Spine Road proposal: The “Concept Review,” is over. This process finished on July 28 with the City Council meeting, at which 85 spoke against and 7 spoke in favor. The city received 105 letters opposed to the proposal and 4 in favor. At the May 21 Planning Board meeting 57 spoke against and 6 spoke in favor. **But the developers will probably submit a revised proposal for “Site Review,” the process that results in actual development.** We don’t know if or when this might happen. If it does, the Planning Board will review the proposal and work with the developer on all the fine details until it is ready to recommend to the City Council. There will be a Planning Board meeting with public comment and a vote (typically, approval) by PB members. After PB approval, there will be a City Council meeting with public comment and a vote by Council members. City Council almost always approves proposals that the Planning Board recommends. So... GCA is working to be in touch with Planning Board and City Council members to become part of this process as much as we can.

GCA Open Meeting coming Tuesday, October 27: Join us at 7:00 to 8:30 pm on Zoom. GCA board members will fill you in on the latest news and answer your questions. Take a break from national politics and dive deep into Gunbarrel issues with us! And be sure to VOTE!

News since our last newsletter

-- **Boulder Rifle Club proposed expansion:** Boulder County is poised to vote on a [proposed expansion of the shooting range in north Boulder](#). Local residents are fighting to prevent it. Did you see their ad in the Camera (Sunday, Oct 18, p B8)? The County has postponed the Commissioners Meeting on this topic until November 4, 12:30 pm. Please [write the commissioners](#) and [sign up to attend or speak at the meeting!](#)

-- **City of Boulder to “manage” prairie dogs on city land in north Boulder:** More euphemisms! GCA members were some of the many who wrote and spoke at the City Council meeting on Aug 11 to urge the City to NOT go forward with their [“preferred alternative.”](#) but to adopt [Keep Boulder Wild's more humane plan](#). Council voted 8-1 (Mirabai Nagle, our rep, opposed) in favor of the preferred alternative, which will involve killing up to 29,000 prairie dogs over the next several years. A terrible misuse of our tax dollars! So many bad things to say about this! [Learn more](#)

-- **Boulder County to update oil and gas regulations:** [Check out the process and get involved.](#) Lots of dates coming before the end of the year. Just think: our air quality could actually get worse!

-- **Height limits may be raised in the City:** As part of a new program called “community benefit,” (a euphemism) the City conducted a quick survey in August asking what kinds of community benefit would justify raising height limits on new buildings to as high as 55 feet (five stories). [Guess where the largest area is!](#) [Learn more](#)

-- **Hilltop School expansion:** The owners of Hilltop School (7415 Lookout Road) have submitted a request to the County to allow them to expand their footprint w 12 new classrooms. Neighbors oppose the plan. [Learn more](#)

-- **GCA fundraising drive:** Thanks to attendees at two in-person fundraisers, GCA has almost reached it's \$10,000 goal! Only \$500 to go. We have heard that our Eventbrite invitations may not have reached everyone. Sorry! We tried! We need to rebuild our “war chest” in order to engage our attorney and buy newspaper ads on future issues. Thanks so much for any level of support you can give! [Donate here](#)

-- **GCA membership drive:** Help us with this! Talk with friends and neighbors about the various issues facing Gunbarrel and let them know GCA is working with City and County governments in the best interests of Gunbarrel residents. We need all of us to shape and present our comments to the City and County. Email us at PreserveGunbarrel@gmail.com or use the form on the GCA website to [contact us](#). Let's double our membership to 500! Then again to 1,000! United we stand!

-- **GCA website updates:** Check out all the important documents now accessible on the new [Resources](#) page on the GCA website! Here's another link that we'll soon add: [Interactive map of planning applications currently under review in Boulder County](#)

-- **And what about that land for sale on Jay Road east of 63rd Street:** Does anyone know anything about what might be happening with this parcel? About 130 acres? Please [email us](#) with anything you know. THANKS!

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MANY THANKS to the Board members and all the active volunteers behind the scenes who are working on one thing and another to make GCA what it is becoming.

AND MANY THANKS to all our financial contributors!

We're all in this together!