

## NO LAPORTE GRAVEL COMMUNITY MEETING 08/24/2017

Opened with Patty—We are making progress. LRM has turned in their application.

Jayne—Status of the application

Sign up sheet for mailing list

Hand out about application

You can look up some of the application but some is missing. About 20 documents so far. The introduction is not there.

Handout describing phases—several levels of reviews

Email Board of County Commissioners- goes to all if you email one.—Do unique and concise letters on how it will affect you.

It will start in less than one year from now

Volunteer sign up sheets need experts for each different area of the plan and they do research and get back to the group

Sign up sheet to display banner (on vehicle parked and sign waving)

There will be an event on Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> (Sunday) during Realities for Children ride through Laporte and the Rist Canyon Festival. Want people to line the streets with signs and hand out brochures.

PETE—This is just the beginning. The plan just submitted. It will go to LAPAC then county then 15-20 governmental agencies. Earliest meeting for LAPAC would be Oct. LAPAC then 2-3 month planning makes recommendation then 3 BOCC approve or not. We are not done yet. If LAPAC says strong NO or planning commission. Get rid of the pessimism now. In 2018 Lew Gaitor trying for Governor and may be spot open for reelection. 2500 signatures for parallel movement

LAPAC—need point of contact for each LAPAC member-- to become a liason Meet give them your name and tell you are against this and talk to me for any questions. One person assigned to each governmental agency—What laws and regulations will this apply to. You can email Savannah Benedict Welsh. She is the liason for LAPAC.

JAYME AND RUTH—Went and looked at Johnstown and Loveland plants. They love their industry and are proud running a business. They don't get the impact on us. Not the same comparison to us at all. Old St Louis area in Loveland—reclamation plans would be similar here. This was mined by someone else and mined in the 1980's. There is nothing special there. Concerned with the amount of water they are using. They stated wet operations minimize dust. They use a HUGE amount of water—required to pay for use. They don't pay for water that is lost. Wells are like a pond—evaporate away.

They showed us the plant. It was unbearable to be standing there. The ground was shaking and a lot of noise. Rippling affects to health ect. The conveyors are not inert—constant mechanical noise. Recycling concrete there—not running when they were there. Only recycle their own products.

Quest—Anything said about water use during drought years?

ANS—No.

Quest—Shalin Kintzlee Work in construction—OSHA released new documents this year about silica.

They compared Loveland plant and proximate neighbors to Laporte—Hwy 34 and Wilson. The development is Marianna Buttes. What is buffering homes are ponds dyed blue with fountains—expensive houses with no outdoor living space. This was built after mining operation was already established. There is a little bit of water and a few cattails and cottonwoods. Reclamatin in Loveland was done and the bond was released.. Then the flood of two years ago and they had to reclaim those areas again. Ponds along the river were designed to handle the floods. This is creating disasters for us down the road. The plan says berms for us that are 6 ft. In Loveland, near the City of Loveland Utilities there is just a pile of dirt. Very discouraging. You can see the current plant form the sidewalk. We pointed out to them that this is not similar to Laporte. They have tunnel vision.

QUEST—Water rights—What are their water rights? Is it the same as our tap? Did they but water rights? They are contacting people with water rights to get more. Places along CR 54G that have water rights and they are offering top dollar. Dale Morehouse

QUEST-Pit is a public nuisance—weigh legalities—weighs a lot.

QUEST—Did LRM talk about numbers of trucks in Loveland?

ANS—They didn't talk numbers. The concrete trucks were really loud. We saw diesel trucks at bpth facilities—still very loud.

The bypass was built for this. A crossing guard for the schools said there are too many trucks now.

After a meeting with Lew Gaitor about speeding trucks, within 10 days he had signage up at roundabout at Shields and Vine. Still trucks are speeding.

Kevin Lemasters from TAASQ(Thompson Area Against Stroh Quarry)—

At Hwy34 and I-25 Thompson River Ranch(Oakwood) 700-800 homes with 700-800 more ot be built in the next 3-5 years. Colson excavating had leased the land to farmers. There is also Thompson Crossing up on a 20-30 ft berm with 1.5 to 2.5 million dollar homes overlooking the open space. The land is currently zoned for farming but they are going for special permit to mine it. TAASQ is trying to raise funds to fight this. The planning commission will meet next month for special permit. They currently have 300 signatures. They went to city council in Johnstown. They wrote a letter to Johnson and city council and sent to LCC. No feedback. They contacted Tom Donnelly and got no contact back. The planner is Rob Helmick. TAASQ hired high level attorneys and have already burned through \$30,000.

The average home price in the area is \$350,000. They are asking each home to give \$150.00. They are having a tough time. One meeting raised \$20,000. They pay their attorneys to watch everything.

Their proposed pit is 50 acres and will have about 180 truck trips a day with frontage road access only. They are waiting for the special permit to go to LCC and they don't know when (next 2 months?) Colson's had to give up their attorney because Oakwood has the same attorneys.

QUEST—Are you satisfied with the money spent? Was it worth it?

ANS—I know what I can do and what I can't do. They have experience. I didn't have the skill sets to tackle the problem. We had rich neighbors that could give money.

PETE—I think we are better served by getting people involved. We need to prepare for the 3 upcoming meetings- LAPAC and LCC.

LOCAL CANDIDATES—

Ralph Trenary—Loveland City Council

Land and water issues

Loveland neighbors to the South opposed the pit 3 years ago. It got approved but they had to make significant changes to the plan.

Comparison—Boise Natural Area and Laporte don't work because the hydrology and geology is different. He doesn't have a lot of influence—concerns about being citizens and property owners

LAPAC and BOCC focus on rules and arguments each level. Water is essential—current well users if LRM drills deep wells-Buying up farm shares—Impact your shares?

Present other purposes for that land—doesn't match up with the Laporte area plan.

Once gets to BOCC- hold LRM accountable for air, water, noise, roads, safety

I will be watching and providing professional advice. He is running 2018 Senate District 15 which includes all of Larimer County except FT Collins.

Candidate Dan Sapienza—Running for Larimer County Commissioners Dist 1

Live in Ft Collins-lawyer health and human services, environmental and public health

Moved from Washington DC-here for 5-6years

Not enough focus on health issues

Ft Collins is growing fast more construction and roads

He is a researcher and read the LAP and documents for plan

2004 made the LAP stakeholder process

The pit would change the character here

Campaign launch party Sept 7.

QUEST—How would you approach the BOCC?

ANS—Look at what they look at—Specific items—Quality of life and existing plans—Good to do as a community group

QUEST—What things are there for community members to do?

ANS—Visibility—contact BOCC with single letters to everyone and address to each. Be vocal!

QUEST—Which aspect of health is most important?

ANS—Truck traffic, air pollution, closest residents, safety

Candidate Rebecca Cranston—2018 Senate District 15

Interested in our community—bought her house and lives 5 minutes from here

Health of our children—she's in public health field and coalition building

Advocacy initiative and foster care reform. Has A MBA.

Real lives of real people—appreciate us

Her Commitment—How to create structure—5013C—work with Shaylin on OSHA regs—fight for public health in communities

Her kickoff is Aug 31<sup>st</sup> in Loveland at Big Thompson Brewery

Candidate Nick Morris—Senate Dist 15

Unaware of No Laporte Gravel

Air Quality and noise his concern—lives in south Loveland and donated at our fundraiser.

Don't think that you cannot stop this. Pressure them. Stay in their ears.

His launch party is Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> in south Loveland TBA.

PETE—Budget and expenses

Have raised \$3296.00. \$2200 in donations

Forecasted minimum needed-\$10,000

See handout. If we could get everyone to donate 200-300 dollars we would be there.

Fundraiser—Gimme 5—everyone gives \$5—send mass mailing. Chris did mailing labels and did by location on a map.

We have a new petition signature sheet. Anyone can meet Wednesday night at Pete's for 1 hour to do a database of signatures

We need to have a united front—concentrate on first level which is LAPAC. When dealing with LAPAC know the Laporte area Plan well. Mandy and Dave don't want it. Mandy and Terry Waters both wrote to LAPAC. Terry will resubmit it.

QUEST—Do we change communication with BOCC now that the plan is in?

ANS—NO, now it's on the table and is public record.

QUEST—LRM owns land near Chapelles. Is that part of this plan?

ANS-No

No Laporte Gravel has filmed 3 five to ten minute interviews of volunteers. Filmed at LRM—should add schools in this video

QUEST—My wife and I went through the flood plain issue- state is not great-They will stamp the gavel for whoever has the most money.—Write commissioners on record-becomes on record—their inbox means something—Power of stories and how it impacts you.

Litigation after the plan has been approved is at least \$50,000.

Libby James interviewed for The North Forty News—Stephanie is willing to compromise. Bill Seaworth said don't believe a word they say. No one there to hold them accountable. They will promise things and not do them.

Meeting adjourned at 8pm.