

COHOPE Report - Feb. 14, 2008

The COHOPE meeting held on Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> was the first meeting since last November. Deputy Grey LaCerte from the Jefferson County Sheriff's department passed out the crime statistics for the last three months. There was a slight decline in overall Part 1 Crimes from Nov. through Jan. from 165 down to 139. This was helped by drops in the Burglary, Motor Vehicle Thefts and Thefts categories. He also passed out a "Message From the Sheriff" bulletin describing four missing persons that the Sheriff's department is requesting help in locating. More information can be found at [www.jeffcosheriff.com](http://www.jeffcosheriff.com). Deputy LaCerte also briefed us on his efforts helping draft a bill for Colorado Legislators that would put more teeth in anti-graffiti regulation in the county. The rest of the meeting consisted of two presentations relating to rezoning/development planning comprising two large tracts of land in the county. The first presentation was given by representatives from the Hogback Conservancy Coalition (HCC). The HCC represents several HOA's with over 1,000 homes in the Willow Springs/Willow Brook area. The HCC came to COHOPE to express their concerns and opposition to Shea Homes planned redevelopment of the old Colorado Christian College/Lyons Ridge area. This is an area of 250+ acres west of 470, north of W. Belleview and extending north to 285. Their greatest concerns relate to the purposed density and obstruction of wildlife migration. Both of these issues go against the recently approved South Jeffco Community Policy Plan that provided for a much lower density environment and protection of wildlife migration along the hogback. COHOPE agreed to write a letter to the County Planning Commission supporting the HCC position. The second presentation was provided by a planning consultant representing the developer of the Fehringer Ranch. This property is located at Simms and Quincy, north to 285 and east along Quincy to approximately the back side of the D'Evelyn Junior/Senior High School and was until recently owned by the Denver Water Board. At this time planning is very preliminary but will need County approval to deviate from the South Jeffco Community Policy Plan which calls for an "employment center", office buildings, retail stores, for this property. The developer would like to have a high end mixed use development with residential added to the mix to take advantage of the open space/park area directly south of Quincy.

Tuesday being the Colorado caucus night, no representatives from the County offices nor Foothills were in attendance to provide any reports so the meeting was adjourned.