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Governance

The Governance Steering Committee has met twice over the last month to review initial feasibility information relative to the governance options that were prioritized at a previous meeting. The three options that were selected by residents for further study were (1) Incorporation, (2) organizing through a Public Improvement District and (3) organizing through a Metro District.

Feasibility information for these three options include discussions around identification of boundaries, population estimates, assessed valuation of proposed area, levels of service and cost of services. The committee has also reviewed preliminary estimates on costs and revenues relevant to specific service levels.

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Clifton Main Street Project

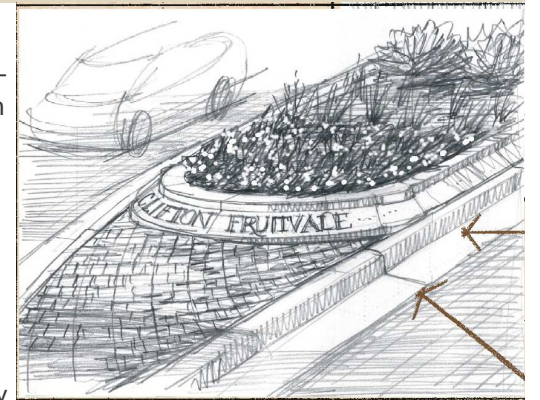


Cross Orchards Living History Farm

Old Town Clifton- Main Street Project

On November 8, 2007, Mesa County and its consultant team from THK Associates, Inc. hosted an Open House on the draft "Old Town" Clifton (the F Road Corridor) Mixed Use District and Design Guidelines.

The informal review of the draft tools to help revitalize Downtown Clifton was well attended.



The Mesa County Planning Commission is currently reviewing the draft and will conduct a public hearing on **February 28, 2008** to make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners to adopt the new zone district and design standards.

Many thanks to the community members and area businesses who have participated in this project. For more information contact Keith Fife at: mclrange@mesacounty.us

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Economic Development

Economic Development

We continue to partner with the Mesa County Workforce Center, Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce and Grand Junction Economic Partnership in our efforts to encourage business development and expansion in the Clifton/Fruitvale area.

An On-Line Business Tool Kit has been developed to assist with business expansion in the area.

Chamber After Hours

The Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its April Chamber After Hours in the Clifton / Fruitvale area.

This will provide an opportunity to learn more about the redevelopment efforts in the area including opportunities for business expansion in the Old Town Clifton (F Road Corridor) area.

Save the date

April 29th at 5:30

More information to follow.



Neighborhood

Purpose

The purpose of the Neighborhood Committee is to:

- provide a forum for neighbors to get to know each other and identify issues and solutions to problems
- help neighborhoods build neighborhood pride, identity, and a sense of community
- help neighborhoods help themselves

Neighborhood Improvements

Progress is being made in improving the appearance of neighborhoods in Clifton including properties in the Topaz Drive area and on 5th Street in Clifton. At the request of residents in the Clifton / Fruitvale area, Mesa County staff will conduct a tour of the Clifton/ Fruitvale area to identify properties which, if improved, might make a difference in the appearance of the neighborhood. If you have a property in mind which you would like us to visit, please contact Donna Ross at 244-1724 or donna.ross@mesacounty.us

Neighborhood Tool Kits

Our Neighborhood Tool Kits are now available on Mesa County's website! You can download a copy at www.mesacounty.us/clifton/neighborhoodtoolkit.pdf

Next Meeting

The next Neighborhood Committee will meet on **February 20th at 6:30 p.m.** at Clifton Community Hall.

If you are interested in neighborhood issues and would like more information, contact any of our Committee co-chairs:

- Lori Rosendahl, 245-0388, ext. 208
- Dave Arnold, 434-5748
- Donna Ross 244-1724 donna.ross@mesacounty.us



Property Managers

On October 18th, Mesa County hosted a meeting for property owners and property managers in the Clifton/ Fruitvale area to share with them tools available to help them revitalize their neighborhoods. Property managers attending that meeting requested that Mesa County develop a comprehensive list of property managers who manage rental properties in the Clifton/Fruitvale area in order to allow law enforcement, code enforcement or animal services to directly contact them when they have concerns about tenants.

It is hoped that this quick and direct communication with the property managers (as opposed to delayed contact with property owners who may live out of state) will help to more quickly resolve issues that can impact the safety of nearby neighbors. If you manage property in the Clifton/Fruitvale area and would like to be included in this list please contact Tere Hayward at 255-5034 or tere.hayward@mesacounty.us

Transportation

GVT-The new GVT Clifton Transfer Site has been in operation for several months and it certainly has added elements of safety and curb appeal. We are also pleased that additional work to the Transfer Site, in the form of pedestrian improvements, is scheduled for this Spring.

C-DOT-The enhancement grant application through C-DOT has made it through round one and, if successful in round two, we hope for improvements in Fiscal Year 2009, which begins October 2008, for the park and rides at the intersection of Patterson and I-70 Business Loop. Another C-DOT project is a hazard elimination project to improve the entrance to Peachtree shopping center. This project is in the final design stage right now.



For more information contact Tom Fisher Director of RTPO (Regional Transportation Planning Office) at 244-1788 or tom.fisher@mesacounty.us

Community Services

Clifton Elementary School Family Night

"Loving Your Family, Feeding Their Future"

Staff members of Colorado State University Extension and Clifton Elementary have joined together to provide busy families an opportunity to work together in preparing a meal or snack. This program is designed to bring families closer together and help develop an enhanced sense of community.

All members of the family, including children, are involved in making the meals or snacks for the Family Nights. The importance of healthy nutritious and low-cost snacks and meals using a variety of fruits and vegetables are stressed. The importance of children being involved in meal preparation is also stressed.

Liddy Ellis, Food Stamp Nutrition Education Program Educator, demonstrates the preparation of the meal or snack during the evening. She identifies behaviors that promote parents and children to eat a variety of healthy food items and encourages the children to participate hands-on during the food preparation process. The parents are there to provide support.

One more opportunities to participate in this school year will be held on **March 25**. This program will focus on children in grades 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

All members of their families are invited. These sessions begin at 5:30 p.m. and conclude about 7:30.

All families attending receive a \$10 gift card.

To reserve your space, contact Laura Elder or Dave Dalessandro at Clifton Elementary at 254-4760. We need to know the number of people attending to ensure we have the proper amount of food.

Additional classes on nutrition are available from Liddy Ellis. Liddy can be reached at the Mesa County Colorado State University Extension office at 244-1848.

Public Safety



The Public Safety Committee is looking at creative ways to improve public safety through partnerships with private landowners, tenants, local merchants, law enforcement, School District 51 and other agencies or organizations in or near Clifton and Fruitvale.

Property Managers

The Public Safety committee is working with the Neighborhood Committee on several projects including developing a comprehensive list of all property managers in the Clifton/Fruitvale area.

If you manage property in the Clifton/Fruitvale area and would like to be included in this list please contact

Tere Hayward at 255-5034 tere.hayward@mesacounty.us

Next Meeting: The Public Safety Committee meets **Thursday, 2/28 at 10:30 a.m.** in the District Attorney's office in the Mesa County Justice Center.

The topic of this meeting will be to discuss ways that residents, property managers, law enforcement, code enforcement and animal services can partner in order to improve public safety in neighborhoods.

For more information about the Public Safety Committee contact Trish Mahre at trish.mahre@mesacounty.us or 255-5040.