

# TRR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE | AGENDA

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Meeting date | time 2/17/2020 | 7:00pm | Meeting location Abundant Life Tabernacle

Meeting called by	CAC	CAC.TRR@gmail.com
Type of meeting	First Official TRR CAC Community Meeting	
Chairman	Danny Fernandez	

## AGENDA TOPICS

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Time allotted | 90minutes | Agenda topic Community Meeting Prep | Presenter Danny F

### 1. PURPOSE OF CAC

- a. Who is on the CAC?
  - i. Danny Fernandez, Phil Beedle, James Trull, Elaine Hoffman, Eric Kelley, Claudia Burgstahler
- b. To provide clear information to all residents regarding all topics concerning the community
- c. Provide a means of providing information from Board Meeting to the Community at an appropriate time/place
- d. Create a coalition to tackle community concerns as a whole community
- e. To provide clear delineation between where/how/when to address the community's concerns
- f. To provide a collective voice at District Board Meetings
- g. What the CAC is not
  - i. We are not attorneys
  - ii. We do not direct work to take place
  - iii. We are not a complaint box
  - iv. We don't represent Oakwood

### 2. COMMUNITY MEETING

- a. Community Meeting Topics of Discussion
  - i. Attendance Record of Residents and Importance of Attendance
    1. Residents are getting information from (4) different sources at this time
      - a. Facebook
        - i. Actual number of residents getting information from Facebook is not known. Neighborhood page is now working with CAC to provide up-to-date information to residents.
      - b. NextDoor
        - i. Fewer than half of all residents are signed up to NextDoor and fewer actually look at the postings
      - c. Timberline Email blast
        - i. You must be registered on the website to receive this
          1. Less than 30% of residents are currently registered
      - d. Timberline Newsletters
        - i. All residents of TRR receive these bi-annually

- ii. Clarified the different districts and brief overview of how they function
    - 1. Reviewed District Maps
    - 2. Provided Clarification to who is on the board and how District 3 oversees all the other districts
    - 3. All residents are encouraged to log into the TRR website and figure out exactly which district they are a part of.
  - iii. Bond Refinance and Board Members and Voting
    - 1. Board Member Vacancies in May
      - a. (1) vacancy on District 4
      - b. (2) spots available on District 6
      - c. Board Self-Nomination email sent to all residents registered on TRR Community website
        - i. Oakwood Board Members have expressed that they would like residents to replace their positions on the board but need members of the community to do so.
      - d. Next Board Meeting date scheduled for Early May
- b. Timberline/MSI
- i. Clarified the services these entities provide
    - 1. [www.trrcommunity.com](http://www.trrcommunity.com)
  - ii. Clarify where concerns need to be addressed
    - 1. <https://www.trrcommunity.com/Admin/MaintenancesModule/Resident/Maintenances.aspx>
  - iii. Brittany Barnett and her role at Timberline
    - 1. Brittany Prioritizes work orders
    - 2. Advocate for the Community
  - iv. Pool Information
    - 1. Open to all TRR Residents
    - 2. Public can pay a fee to use the pool \$50(open to community)
      - a. Actual cost to be reviewed at next board meeting
  - v. Landscape Committee
    - 1. Committee will continue to meet and send at least one individual to the CAC
  - vi. Input from Community on Activities Taking Place
    - 1. List activities that are taking place
    - 2. What would the community like to see change
      - a. CAC taking votes at next meeting
3. OAKWOOD TOPICS
- a. What are Oakwoods current master plans
    - i. Limited information available at this time
  - b. Needs to build another 1,000 homes to balance district bond budgets
4. ROCK QUARRY TOPICS – TAASQ(see attached document)
- a. Lawyer funding and what we the Community can do
    - i. Quarry could impact home values negatively by as much as 30%
  - b. Thompsonneareaagainststrohquarry.info
    - i. In District Courts and sent back to Commissioners for approval
      - 1. Public is encouraged to be inform themselves of who is running for the county commissioners office and what there stance is on allowing the quarry
        - a. More information to follow

- ii. No Current meetings scheduled
    - 1. Cait O'Conner and/or Jackie Burgstahler provided latest and greatest information
  - iii. \$30,000 needed in May to continue paying legal fees to fight case
  - iv. Additional Board members are required
    - 1. If interested email [TAASOteam@gmail.com](mailto:TAASOteam@gmail.com) for more information
  - v. Two ways to donate
    - 1. Drop off checks at to Cristi Baldino at 4801 Wildwood Way, Johnstown, CO 80534
  - vi. Go to gofund me website and donate with a credit/debit card  
<https://www.gofundme.com/taasq-legal-defense-fund-2020>
5. NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL UPDATE
- a. School is scheduled to open in Fall of 2021
  - b. Go to Thompson School District website for further information.
6. Next CAC Community Meeting date TBD
- a. Saturday morning meetings will be an alternative to the Monday night option
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**Thompson Area Against Stroh Quarry (aka TAASQ)** is a not-for-profit organization that was established under the laws of Colorado in December 2016 by residents of Thomson Crossing and Thompson River Ranch. The purpose of TAASQ is to coordinate opposition to the development of the Stroh Pit gravel quarry and to pool funds in order to pay all the attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with TAASQ's purpose.

In 2018, the Larimer Board of County Commissioners voted to approve the Stroh Pit gravel quarry requiring a zoning change from agriculture to industrial. The gravel pit and processing area will be bounded on three sides by TRR and by Thompson Crossing to the north. Some TRR homes will be only 266 feet from the gravel pit.

In April 2018, TAASQ took Coulson Excavating and Larimer County to court. In 2019, the District Court ruled in our favor and invalidated the County's decision allowing Coulson to mine. The application to mine was remanded back to the Board of County Commissioners for another review.

Coulson Excavating and the County have appealed the decision of the District Court. Our attorneys will be filing our Response Brief to the Court of Appeals in March. Now we have the leverage. The onus is on Coulson (and the County) to prove that the District Court was wrong. In the meantime, no mining can occur on the property.

Per TAASQ's purpose, we are raising funds to pay for the attorneys who argued successfully for us in District Court and who are now representing us in the Court of Appeals. We were able to raise \$30,000 in three weeks which paid most of what we owed for the District Court. Now we need to raise money for the Court of Appeals. Our new goal is \$28,000. We have over 1,000 households between TRR and TC. Not everyone will donate, but the more who do, the more the cost will be spread out and less of a burden. If half the households (500 people) donated \$56 each, we'd meet our goal. If only 100 people donate, it will require a donation of \$280 each. But compare even that with the loss in your property value if the gravel pit becomes reality. Studies show losses of 5% for homes as far as 3 miles away to a loss of 30% for homes adjacent to the gravel operation. So if your home is worth \$400,000, you stand to lose \$20,000 to \$120,000. Doesn't that make a \$280 donation a bargain?

We can't continue to put the protection of our neighborhoods' health and property values on the generosity of the same small group of neighbors. More people need to step up. Please help us spread the word to our neighbors by passing along this information and ask them to stand with us in our fight to keep an industrial use, gravel mining, out of the middle of our neighborhood.

In TRR, donations can be mailed to the following address or can be dropped off in person.  
(Please call or text to 602-615-1472 to confirm time before dropping off donations in person.)

TAASQ  
Cristi Baldino  
4801 Wildwood Way  
Johnstown, CO 80534

Or donations can be paid via credit card online at GoFundMe:  
<https://www.gofundme.com/taasq-legal-defense-fund-2020>

NOTE: There is a small credit card processing fee of 2.9% plus \$0.30 subtracted from your donation by GoFundMe for the payment processors.

\*\*And if you want to be more involved with TAASQ and assist with fundraising, we are looking for additional members to be on TAASQ's Board of Directors. If interested, please contact the Board at: [TAASQteam@gmail.com](mailto:TAASQteam@gmail.com)