

**GENESEE FOUNDATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2009 ANNUAL REPORT**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Scot Barker, President

2009 represents a year of significant accomplishments for the community of Genesee. Much of what the Board achieved helped to develop improved safety, more of a sense of community, and promote the overall health of our natural environment. The year also brought with it the challenges of a four foot snowstorm in late spring as well as over three feet of snow in mid October.

Genesee's largest forest health initiative was successfully completed in the Streamside corridor representing the communities' ongoing commitment to our open space and ecosystem. An important Mountain Pine Beetle Action Plan, that represents a proactive step in addressing a possible infestation of the beetle in Genesee, was approved by the Board in October.

The Genesee Foundation worked closely with Genesee Fire and Rescue in implementing Redzone which is a computerized data base of information used as a tool by firefighters. It represents an ongoing effort to work closely with emergency responders to make Genesee one of the safest residential neighborhoods in the Colorado foothills environment.

Music in the Meadow held two summer concerts that were well attended by residents and this year, there was also a summer classical string quartet performance; Strings by the Pool. In both cases, exceptional musical talent that lives in Genesee was showcased.

The Vision Committee accomplished a great deal with its look into the future of Genesee. New logos for the community were agreed to as well as research into our aging facilities and the potential need for upgrading our existing street signs. This ongoing effort will help define who, and what, we are to become as a community.

2009 also represents a year of challenging economic times as our country experiences unemployment levels not seen since the great depression. The Board of Directors has responded by approving recommendations from the Finance Committee and not increasing HOA dues for the second year in a row without compromising the overall level of service to residents. I am pleased to report that Genesee's HOA remains financially sound with an appropriate reserve fund that anticipates future needs of the community.

I would like to thank the dedicated foundation staff and the many resident volunteers who work to assure that Genesee remains a premier mountain community. We are fortunate to live in the beauty of the Colorado foothills and to call Genesee home.

STANDING COMMITTEES

ELECTION: Anita Livingston

In 2009, there were four seats open for election that was held November 3. All positions were unopposed. Filling two-year Board of Directors positions were Larry Dale, Charles Eggleton, and Ken Kucera. Filling the one-year ARC position was Anne Sherwood.

Candidate's Night was held on October 13, 2009. As the election was uncontested, an Open Forum was not held. The Annual Meeting and Volunteer Recognition Reception were held on November 5, 2009. Community members serving on the committee were: Barbara Actor and Marge Bartsch.

FINANCE: Dan Wenzinger

Despite raising fuel and marketplace costs, the Foundation was able to end the year with another year-end surplus. Costs for 2009 were also held in order to keep an increased assessment under 5% for 2009.

The Genesee Foundation financial statements for 2006 and 2007 were audited by Wagner, Burke & Barnes, LLP. The auditors found no deficiencies or mis-statements and stated that the management report given to them to be excellent.

The Investment Policy and Finance Charter were reviewed and updated this year. The committee began a laddering of certificate of deposits in the Capital Funds to improve the safety of the investments as well as the hoped return on investment. The Capital Replacement Fund was again reviewed and updated allowing for adequate reserves in the fund for anticipated future capital expenses

GEM: Scott Jacobs

STREAMSIDE FOREST HEALTH INITIATIVE:

The Streamside Forest Health Initiative contractor work started in the summer of 2009 and was completed in November 2009. It represents the largest healthy forest project undertaken in Genesee with two contractors working throughout the summer and fall. The contracts totaled \$79,000 with \$37,000 in grant money used to complete the work in one year. The goals of the project included:

- Thinning to promote the health of trees that remain.
- Thinning to promote diversity of trees and to maintain meadows and aspen stands.
- Reducing fire danger in a heavily forested riparian ravine with steep topography and difficult access adjacent to numerous residences.
- Reducing fire danger by removing portions of the ladder fuels.
- Redirect portions of the trails away from the flood plane to promote vegetation growth in this critical ecosystem adjacent to a year round stream to be completed in 2010.

The project was well supported by the adjacent neighbors and many public meetings and walk through were held prior to the initiation of the project to address many of the concerns of Genesee residents and provide information to them about the dynamics of the foothills ecosystem.

PROVISIONAL MOUNTAIN PINE BEETLE ACTION PLAN:

Members of the GEM committee including Open Space Manager, Ryan Babcock and Ken Kucera prepared a Provisional Mountain Pine Beetle Action Plan. In a proactive approach to a potential mountain pine beetle infestation in Genesee, the following concerns were addressed in the report:

- A methodology for tracking the progress as the mountain pine beetle infestation moves towards Genesee from the west.
- Recommendations for staged levels of reaction as the infestation moves towards Genesee.
- Financial recommendations for what may be required to adequately address an infestation of the beetles.

A draft of the report was presented to residents in early June with approximately 125 in attendance. The proactive approach of the report met with resident support and resident recommendations were incorporated into the final document. The report was approved by the Genesee Board of Directors at their October, 2009 board meeting.

SEEDLING SALE:

The Genesee Seedling sale features native plants and wild flowers from Genesee. Residents are able to purchase indigenous plants that help promote many of the wild flowers that are experiencing difficulties due to noxious weeds, meadow loss, and a lack of natural occurring fires that historically thinned the forest.

This year, with Lee Recca as Seedhead Chair, the sale was extremely successful with the sale being held earlier in May than usual and by incorporating larger scale plants like 8 foot aspen saplings.

ADDITIONAL GEM ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Dwarf Mistletoe mitigation in select areas in the open space adjacent to Townhomes located near Current Drive, Foothills Drive North, Tamarac Drive, and east of Pomegranate Lane.
- Preliminary Design and construction documents prepared for upcoming erosion control projects.
- An important dialog was established with key members of the neighboring communities of Mt. Vernon and Riva Chase.

PERSONNEL: Anita Livingston

The committee chaired by Anita Livingston and composed of Leslie Lipstein and Dan Wenzinger completed the annual performance review for the Community Manager. The review was approved by the Genesee Board on October 14, 2009. The committee recommended that the evaluation form be reviewed by the end of 2009 to include specifics regarding the reduction in staff and the Community Manager's tasks and objectives for the coming year.

BOARD INITIATIVES

GENESEEE VISION: Anita Livingston

In 2009 the Genesee Vision Committee continued to define the short-term and long-term issues for Genesee 2020 and beyond.

The Short-Term Issues were defined as:

- Mountain Pine Beetle Action Plan – developed by the GEM Committee
- Road Signage Replacement Plan – developed by the Vision Committee
- Community/Volunteer Involvement – development by several committees, including Social/Recreation and Vision Committee.

Long-Term Issues were defined as:

- Aging Facility Infrastructure
- Community Environmental and Energy Plans
- Technology Infrastructure

In November, 2009 the “Vision 2020 and Beyond” document was distributed throughout the community. This document was to provide an overview of the Genesee Vision Committee findings over the last three years. The document focused on one of the long-term issues, aging facility infrastructure. This document served as a background for the community in providing direction to the Genesee Board. Four community meetings were scheduled for November, 2009, and a community survey was distributed the end of November, 2009.

The Vision Committee after three years of research and study, recommended Genesee replace the aging facilities now. The cost/benefit analysis and the lower construction costs in 2009/2010 were over-riding factors in the decision.

ROAD SIGNAGE REPLACEMENT PLAN: Anita Livingston

The Road Sign Replacement Plan began after Jefferson County requested Genesee rename all our private drives for emergency management purposes. After discussions with the County, it was agreed that Genesee would not have to rename the private drives, if all road signs in Genesee were replaced with reflective material. Materials for road signs have been studied, and the Vision Committee recommended the road signs be replaced as follows:

- Road Signs to meet signage standards as agreed upon with Jefferson County
- Posts to be metal, as Genesee is a Firewise Community and should follow the fire protection standards.
- Banners to be high-quality reflective material
- Due to cost and aesthetics the bird nesting boxes will not be included in the design

Nigel Staton, ARC Landscape Professional, has developed street sign designs and specifications that can be used during the bid process. The committee recommended four companies to be contacted in the bid process.

PRIVATE DRIVE SAFETY: Scott Jacobs

In 2008, members of the Genesee Foundation Board of Directors and Genesee Fire and Rescue worked in coordination to assess the capabilities and limitations of the existing Private Drives in Genesee. This important data can be used by emergency responders and also by the Genesee Foundation as a tool for scheduling possible improvements to existing private drives.

In 2009, the Genesee Foundation Board of Directors requested adjustments and some additional information to the report as originally prepared. The amended report with a separately prepared preface letter was approved by the Board of Directors in the October 2009 meeting.

PATROL: Chris Henderson

Over the past year, The Board has worked closely with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office to improve the efficiency of our service. As a result, we have realized a nearly 10% reduction in costs. At the same time, we have made a concerted effort to have our patrols spend more time in highly visible locations to further deter unwanted activity in Genesee.

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ARC/COVENANTS: Leslie Lipstein

This year saw changes to the volunteer members of the ARC. When one member resigned, the non-voting member was appointed to fill that vacancy. The Board also appointed one additional new voting member to complete the ARC. Performance reviews were completed for the two design professions. Chris O'Dell's long tenure as chairman of the ARC will end this year. A current ARC member is running for the one elected seat on the ARC and the Board is currently searching for an appointed member to fill the upcoming vacancy.

The ARC has been revising their review processes. The Board recommends that further revisions continue in 2010 to help streamline review and provide timely responses.

The ARC saw two requests to incorporate Genesee open space into design solutions. After consideration by both the Board and the GEM committee, the Board issued a memo restating their commitment to protecting and preserving open space for the use of the entire Genesee community and not supporting easements or alternations to the vegetation by individual home **owners**.

GENESEEE FIRE & RESCUE: Scott Jacobs

IMPLEMENTATION OF REDZONE:

In coordination with Genesee Fire Rescue (GFR), a software program to assist emergency responders was successfully implemented in the Genesee Fire District. Known as Redzone, it was recommended in the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), a document completed and approved in 2008. Contractors hired by GFR surveyed each residence in Genesee to compile a data base for use in emergencies. It represents an important tool to help fire fighters respond in the most effective manner to wild land fire scenarios in Genesee.

Public meetings were held in May/June of 2009 to inform the residents of the importance of this program and to respond to their concerns. This effort to inform the public prior to house by house collection of data helped to assure wide spread support of the goals for Redzone and represents an important step to keep Genesee as safe as possible in our urban/wilderness interface zone.

Redzone was a coordinated effort where the Genesee Foundation and GF&R worked together to make Redzone implementation a reality.

GENESEE WATER & SANITATION: Jerry Hintz

The District board approved the sale of two water and two sewer taps. The sale was contingent upon an April 1, 2010 deadline for approval of the subdivision of the property by Jefferson County or the inclusion process will be forfeited.

District voters approved a 3.0 property tax mill levy to establish a restricted reserve fund for capital replacements. The District fulfilled its obligation to residents in February 2009 by transferring \$300,000 to the Capital Replacement Fund. (\$150,000 in March 2009 and \$150,000 in August 2009).

The District modified its existing Participation Agreement with CCOERA (401(a) Retirement Plan Documents and Participation Agreements) by adopting a five year vesting schedule for new employees and approving a loan provision for employees who have five year tenure with the District.

The Finance Committee is looking at how the District can meet its financial obligations. The District is looking at a \$1.6 Million shortfall in 2014 and the possibility of a \$3.0 million shortfall if there is a requirement for membrane filtration. The Finance Committee is reviewing revenue sources such as rates and fees, selling taps, and the possibility of additional debt. Another option is the Build America Bonds in which the Federal Government will subsidize the interest rate.

The Districts 2009 projects included the replacement of two Pressure Release Valves (PRV). A total of eight PRV's are scheduled for replacement. One PRV will be done each year, except in 2013 when two will be done with the last one in 2014. Another project, the Aster Sewage Lift Station, was originally planned for replacement in 2011, but the Board is considering moving it up a year by doing the engineering this year and construction next year. Finally, a major project adopted by District early in the year was to modernize its mapping database. The mapping would include surveying all the manholes and fire hydrants.

RECREATION/SOCIAL: Chris Henderson

New Resident Reception: The Board held two receptions to welcome our newest residents to our community. Nearly 40 new residents were invited to the two receptions held in May and October. Both receptions were well attended by both new residents and current residents who came to meet and welcome our newest neighbors. A good time was had by all.

Fourth of July: Once again, our annual 4th of July celebration was record setting and our most attended community event. Children, adults, and all residents enjoyed such events as the Fun Run, the Uncle Sam's Parade, kid's and teen's games and activities, a bake sale, great food and beverages, and a fun DJ. This great event is such a success due to the hard work of our Genesee staff and especially the many resident volunteers who plan the events, set up facilities, and prepare and serve the food and beverages. Thanks to the Genesee Fire Department for helping with the Fun Run and hosting the Uncle Sam's Parade.

Weight Room: This year saw the implementation of a new Personal Trainer's Policy. The policy, which is designed to ensure we have properly licensed and insured trainers training in our facilities, was well received. The Weight Room Committee has recently tested three new pieces of cardio equipment to add to the weight room. Look for the new equipment soon!

Concerts: This past summer, Genesee expanded our musical concert scene hosting two Music in the Meadow events and one Poolside String Quartet Concert. The events were once again a big hit and the attendance was great. This year the concerts featured both a big name Denver band along with local Genesee musicians. Attendees to the events had fun gathering with neighbors, enjoying picnics and beverages out in the beautiful Genesee settings, and of course listening to great music.

2009 Board of Directors

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