

**BURLAND HOA BOARD**  
**Minutes of General Membership Meeting 11132021**

Attendees: all via Zoom

Board: Beth Fisher, Bill Beggs, Debra Stephen, Jack Roberts, Stuart Rhodes, Tim Peterson

Members and guests: Chad Johnson (US Connect), Carrie Marsh, Carrie Hurich, Mike Fisher, Michele Peterson, Mark Evert, Pat White, Martina MacLean, Carlos Vasquez, Paula Marquez, Howard Hansen, David Shipley (SPT), Charlotte Wytias, Terry ?, Cary Marshall, Keith Doubleday, Peter and Linda Chase, Renee Fouts

**Agenda Items**

1. Stuart called the meeting to order at 9:04AM.
2. Welcome guests and opening comments. Stuart welcomed all and thanked them for attending.
3. Broadband update from David Shipley, South Park Telephone: David introduced Chad Johnson as the Colorado Operations Manager. David went thru a Powerpoint of significant items. SPT Broadband is now doing business as Highline Internet. He spoke about doing business in six states, lots of experience. No changes to local staff or contact information with the name change.

David spoke about the four phases and explained that the ordering was based on demand (signups). He then went through the schedule: Ph. 1 11/15/21-6/15/22; Ph. 2 3/1/22-10/15/22; Ph. 3 6/1/22-12/31/22; Ph. 4 8/1/22-4/15/23. He said they expect to be done ahead of schedule as everything is in place. The state actually allows up to two years to complete the project but they should beat that.

David spoke about the new lower pricing structure, from \$89 - \$149 depending on speed. Also costs for renting their equipment if you don't use your own. Voice service with unlimited long distance and porting your current landline number will be \$29.

Questions from the gallery:

- Will this voice service replace current landline? Yes.
- Will the new infrastructure bill affect our pricing? No. They also participate in the low income lifeline program for reduced rates.
- Are the dates actual service dates? Yes. There will be two crews; mainline working the road, and drop crew feeding your home.
- Can we buy our own router instead of renting? Yes.
- Excited about the reduced pricing for the 1Gig service.
- Is Bailey Mountain in any of the published phases? David will have to look at specific addresses. Once the "grant" portion of the project is done they should be able to look at expanding the

reach.

-Curious about what the \$200 deposit applies to? That is a commitment that covers the entire installation. The initial presentation to the HOA asked for a 50% commitment from the total homes. We fell short of that figure, but SPT felt they could move forward with the grant application anyway. We are currently at 240 commitments. There have been shifts in the subject community over the period of acquiring the grant. They would still like to reach the 50% figure during rollout if they could.

David spoke about how to sign up if you have not already. Use the web site [highlinefast.com](http://highlinefast.com), click on Colorado, and populate your physical address. The ongoing service will be by credit card.

One member said the service desk told him there would be a two year commitment. David said that was correct initially, and is probably still in place for the initial service, but seasonal residents may be able to turn that off and on. David will get more clarification on that.

David spoke about tiered pricing depending on market penetration initially. The new price chart is firm.

David's presentation will be put on the HOA web site.

Carrie Marsh still gets phone calls based on earlier advertising. One question she has had is will customers be able to stream TV, etc. David said the 25meg service should be adequate depending on how many devices are active inside the home.

Is there a data cap? No.

(Technical glitch caused the meeting to end. Tim restarted it.)

4. Park update: Debra thanked Bill and Tim for their help, and mentioned there have been other folks helping out. With the high winds recently, two more trees have fallen and will be taken out. Weeding has been done on the lower trail and around the port-a-potty. Rocking horse has been repaired, toddler swing replaced, broken bench and table removed, mail boxes moved farther back from the road for safety, fence and parking lot are complete. Still need to do some staining work, install car stops in the parking lot, and put up some signage. The signage may be changed over time as we see what goes on. Future work for the park committee: review insurance needs, work on security, improve the grounds, keep the tower work in mind for construction of the new tower (may require a short park closure for helicopter work). She has received lots of good comments from park users, including a four-year-old girl who was very

impressed.

5. Review of member survey: Tim reviewed the results of the survey. Survey response was close to industry standards if we look at just members. We got 13 out of 140 members with email addresses.
6. Firewise update: Jack pushed address markers again. This is important for your safety. Sign up on the HOA website or send a check to PO Box 372. He spoke about the chipping effort. The wildfire module is back in town and is now working on the piles that property owners collected over the summer. It's not too late to get involved in this effort. They are working under a \$25,000 grant that costs the HOA nothing. Please look around zone 1 on your property (close to the home, no vegetation), then look at zone 2 (intermediate zone, 20 feet between trees, increase that on slopes), then zone 3.

Saws & Slaws: We accomplished four projects this year. We typically do five or six, but circumstances limited us this year. He gave specifics on the properties that were done. Significant work was accomplished with lots of participants, which we are thankful for.

TAR (Temporary Areas of Refuge): The Burland ball fields are approved and being maintained. The Deer Park Valley Association chose not to participate, so the meadow at the end of Kudu Trail will not be available as a TAR.

HOA members may be reimbursed up to \$75 for paying for contractors, hauling their own slash, or buying equipment needed to do the work themselves. Go to [burlandhomeowners.org](http://burlandhomeowners.org) and click on the Firewise tab. There is lots of information for doing your own mitigation or helping the committee with their projects. This committee meets the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm in the Bailey Library.

The slash site is closed for the season. Do NOT dump anything at the gate, or this site may be closed permanently.

Fire Adapted Bailey is still active and focusing on evacuation routes from all the communities in the area. This group has partnered with CUSP (Coalition for the Upper South Platte). They submitted for a federal grant to help with the slash site. At the state level, the grant was viewed positively, but at the federal level was not awarded any money.

The wildfire mitigation team is looking at doing mitigation along the rights of way for the major routes. There are four work groups involved in this effort. One is looking at neighborhoods with only one evacuation route. The second is working on the TAR sites for refuge if you can't get out. Another team is working on education, with presentations to be

given to the community. The last workgroup is looking at the schools and associated issues there. Much of this information is not made available publicly due to security and safety issues for the students, but a plan is in place with first responders.

We are working to get water rights for the ponds in the area that have value for fire-fighting. Initially, 11 ponds were looked at. Nine of those have been approved for the project to get water reclamation rights, etc.

One member asked about coordination for the slash chipping. Jack said just call the main fire department number and Annie will put you on the list.

Carrie Marsh (part of the Firewise Committee) mentioned that they will gladly accept donations for their work. She asked if there was a minimum acreage to be included in the schedule for mitigation. Jack said no. There is still a \$10 annual permit required for any burning on your property. The commissioners meet on Tuesday mornings, available by Zoom, and we should attend to support continuing this permit structure.

One member asked if evacuation routes would be affected during the broadband installation project. Jack said he had not heard of any total closures being planned, but there would most likely be temporary lane closures. Mike Fisher compared this to the electric upgrade that was done in part of Burland a couple of years ago, with the ability to move equipment out of the way fairly quickly if the need arises.

7. Treasurer's report: Jack gave the HOA treasurer's report.
8. Stuart gave a quick update on several things. Senior Alliance is available for seniors to provide transportation to medical appointments. This group does a lot for our seniors. The Bailey Community Center gives out FEMA boxes (shelf stable food supplies) on Thursday afternoons from 1:00 to 3:00. There will also be one more Thursday offering of COVID boosters. There is an open house from CDOT at the meeting room in Fairplay to discuss the upcoming upgrades to CO-9/US285 intersection in Fairplay.
9. Carrie Marsh said there is a blood drive in Conifer this afternoon at 1:00. They are taking walk-ins. Also, Senior Alliance was copies of living wills, advanced directives, etc. that are valid in all 50 states. Consider doing this if you have not already.

Debra spoke about the Halloween bash. Several volunteers helped to prepare for this. This event is considered a success with quite a bit of participation for our first year. We got \$185 in donations from local businesses. Lots of positive comments for

hosting this event. We are looking at doing the Christmas lighting contest again, and possibly an Easter Egg hunt next spring.

10. Unfinished business: Stuart spoke about the bylaw revisions. The meeting from September did not have a quorum, and in light of responses from the survey any changes will be in the future. There was a question on the number of board members. We are currently at six. The current bylaws allow eight, but this will be considered along with the bylaw changes. There was also a request to have minutes available for the meetings. Stuart responded that this should be available on the website in the future.

11. Motion to adjourn from Jack Roberts, Carrie seconded.  
Meeting adjourned at 10:23AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tim Peterson, Secretary