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COUNTY CONTINUES WORK WITH HILL-N-PARK RESIDENTS

WELD COUNTY, CO—Last month, Weld County Commissioner Julie Cozad and several staff members from the Weld County Planning Department met with residents of the Hill-N-Park neighborhood in unincorporated Weld



County. This meeting, one of the visits Cozad makes to the area monthly, was intended to give community members a chance to speak about issues of mobility, and to discuss possible solutions with Cozad in an informal setting.

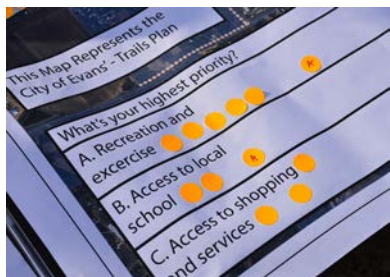
“This was a time to listen,” said Cozad. “And it was a good opportunity to pass out surveys and gather information about the community’s specific concerns.”

Cozad hopes that by gathering this information, she, her fellow commissioners, and partnering agencies can continue working to help the community become more self-sufficient.

Last year, in collaboration with University of Colorado Denver graduate students, Colorado Center for Community Development, and the University Technical Assistance program, Weld County conducted a study in Hill-N-Park to identify potential solutions to the mobility issues in the area.

Several of these solutions (both short and long term) were found, and included ideas such as renting a community van, connecting gaps in bike and foot paths, creating a ride-sharing notice board, and establishing an area community council to empower the residents of Hill-N-Park on a variety of issues.

Now, with the study complete and potential solutions identified, Hill-N-Park residents are able to consider what options address their problems and concerns. During the August 22nd meeting, residents had a chance to speak with Cozad about these options, and to receive more information.



According to Cozad: “We are committed to working with our partners to help the community find solutions to the problems they are facing. Ultimately, we hope to help them on the way to becoming self-sufficient.”

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Commissioner Julie Cozad and staff from the Weld County Planning Department, the North Front Range Metropolitan Organization and the City of Evans met with residents from the Hill-N-Park neighborhood to talk about trails and transportation needs of the community.

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