

MCGC Neighbors' Notes to Provide Context: A Special Edition of the MCGC Neighbors News Blast was published on [August 30, 2015](#), to inform communities about 2 Oil & Gas Development Applications. Only a portion of the article appeared in that News Blast. The entire text of the article is below.

Oil & Gas Development Applications

MCGC Neighbors has been notified about 2 Oil & Gas Well Permit applications: 1 new and 1 existing. We received notification about the new application, DA-2010-00, on August 13, 2015. Unfortunately, due to our current shortage of volunteer help with development application review, we didn't have the resources to notify the community until now. We received notice about the existing application, DA-1957-00, on August 24, 2015.

[DA-2010-00](#) - Grande 4-65 20-19 1DH 1CH 1BH 1AH - 1189 South Powhatan Road (Powhatan and Mississippi)

The major significance about this well site is that 4 wells are planned for a single pad, instead of just 1 well. So, the density of the site will be much greater than the current well sites. Also, a phased approach to construction is proposed. With some phases of construction requiring 1 month, a phased approach will prolong the disruption to the environment and to the nearby communities 4 times longer than with a single well. If construction takes 1 month per well, and the construction process is phased, then the total disruption time to the communities will be 4 months, instead of just 1 month. Also, with 4 wells on the pad, that will mean 4 times the amount of truck traffic, 4 times the amount of noise, 4 times the amount of 24-hour disruption, 4 times the amount of flaring, etc., etc. - all phased so that the disruption will extend for at least 6 months, instead of under 2 months.

While we encourage you to read EVERYTHING about this development application, if you only want to read 1 document, we suggest that you read ConocoPhillips responses, through its consultants, to the [Pre-Application notes](#). We suggest this document because it describes the city's concern for Adonea residents, due to the proposed haul route, Powhatan Road, suggested by ConocoPhillips. The response is interesting, because Conoco wants to use the most direct route, instead of the suggested route, and cites concerns from Arapahoe County regarding the use of its county road (Watkins Road) to avoid the city's road (Powhatan). When the county and the oil company side together, what do you think the outcome will be? This discussion is contained in item 1.1B.

Item 2.2A mentions that a Traffic Impact Study is not required at this time, however, it leaves room for neighborhood comments. If you are considering sending any [comments](#) to the city, this might be a very good item to comment on and request a Traffic Impact Study.

For those of you who are very interested in the proposed regional trail system out here on the prairie, you might want to read the section entitled [Parks, Recreation & Open Space Department \(PROS\)](#). PROS have requested that the proposed well site be relocated or redesigned to not lie within the Open Space area of the Eastern Hills community, as that will negatively impact the view corridor of the regional trail system. There are several more paragraphs under this heading, and when you read Conoco's response, please note that relocation or redesign of the well site to preserve the view from the trail system is not mentioned. Instead, the response reads, "...The Site Plan is being submitted as originally designed, as agreed to in the July 28th meeting." If you are at all interested in the Regional Trail System, you might want to [comment](#) and ask what was agreed to in that meeting.

Click here to submit your [comments](#) to the city by Monday, August 31, 2015. Or, you can email [Stephen Rodriguez](#) with your comments or call him at 303-739-7186.

[DA-1957-00](#) - Cherry Creek Vista 4-65-28-1H - 2185 South Monaghan Road (Jewell and Monaghan)

If you have been reading MCGC Neighbors' News Blasts, you will know that after we pointed out that the city wasn't following its own rules regarding oil and gas waivers, instead of complying with its own rules, the city voted to change the rules to match its actions. Therefore, the four waivers we originally objected to are no longer necessary, effectively silencing us. Once

again, we encourage you to read EVERYTHING about this development application, but if you can only read 1 document, we suggest you read the applicant's response to the [3rd Review Comments](#). This is a perfect example of why the [Coloradans for Community Rights](#) group and its ballot initiative for community rights over corporate power is the best option available to us when dealing with big corporations.

Item 1.1A. shows the city requesting that ConocoPhillips respond to MCGC Neighbors' comments issue by issue. Instead, ConocoPhillips responded with this comment, "...MCGC comments were responded to with "Acknowledged", due to the nature of the comments. Generally, they are not specific to the technical character of land use permit the applicant is seeking." So, we are asked to take our time to ask questions and make comments, but, apparently, if the nature of the comments isn't what ConocoPhillips wants to address, they simply won't respond. So much for being good neighbors!

Click here to submit your [comments](#) to the city by Tuesday, September 1, 2015. Or you can email [Stephen Rodriguez](#) with your comments or call him at 303-739-7186.

Action Items

[DA-2010-00](#) - Review all [files](#), or just review Conoco's response to the [Pre-Application notes](#). Click [here](#) to fill out the Comment form on the city's website; email [Stephen Rodriguez](#) with your comments; or call him at 303-739-7186.

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Register your HOA with the City

If your community's HOA is NOT registered with the city, your HOA will NOT receive notice of development applications for your area. If you don't know if your HOA is registered, contact your HOA board or management company to find out. The Murphy Creek HOA is registered with the city and does receive notices, however, it doesn't always pass the information directly along to residents. Sometimes the management company notifies MCGC Neighbors, which it did regarding the DA-2010-00 application. We didn't receive any information from the HOA regarding the DA-1957-00 development application. Or, go to the [Development Review](#) section of the city's website and subscribe to receive your own notices of the development applications you are interested in.

[Community Rights over Corporate Power](#)

Take a look at this group's website and decide for yourself if you think their ballot initiative makes sense to you. If it does, volunteer your time to help this grassroots organization help all the citizens in Colorado take back their right to local self-government.

[Get Involved](#)

[Join](#) MCGC Neighbors and/or [volunteer](#) your time to help us review the development applications so we can keep the neighborhoods informed. You do NOT have to live in Murphy Creek to join MCGC Neighbors or volunteer.