

Council Candidate Biography: Cheryl Poage

What is your occupation?

Retired from South Metro Fire Rescue and teach for the South Metro Safety Foundation, and am an instructor for the National Fire Academy. Currently, I serve as the President of a large home owners association (over 4,800 Acres) serving 1,600 properties.

Which subdivision do you live in and how long have you lived there?

Rowley Downs. I have lived in Parker since 1972.

What other governmental service have you been involved in?

I became involved with Parker Fire Protection District in 1975 and retired from South Metro Fire Rescue in 2016. In 1981, with the incorporation of Parker; my family was heavily involved with the initial development of the Town, there were only 110 registered voters. Initially I served on the Douglas County effort to create a master plan, then in 1986, I was appointed to the Douglas County Parks and Open Space Commission and became the Chair of that Commission. In 1991, I started the Parks and Open Space Commission with a group of concerned citizens and succeeded in starting the Cherry Creek Trail, establishing additional parks, the recreation center, implementing planning policy to ensure that new developments provided their share of impact fees and pocket parks, and passing a funding mechanism to fund future parks and recreation which is still providing these resources in Parker. I have worked with the following agencies as a grant writer and/or a grant manager and became a consultant for the U.S. Department of Commerce, NTIA: Colorado Office of Emergency Management U.S. Department of Commerce, NTIA, TOP U.S. Fire Administration Federal Bureau of Justice-OJJDP National Institute of Health, Material and Child Health National Institute of Health, Centers for Disease Control National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Colorado Department of Public Safety, Division of Fire Safety Colorado Department of Health and Environment Colorado Department of Transportation Colorado Forest Service University of Colorado Medical Center, Department of Surgery.

What is your educational background?

Public Policy and Administration, Political Science B.A., University of Colorado-Denver Adult Education and Technical Communication M.A., Graduate Honors, Regis University Doctoral Studies, Dept. of Education, Instructional Technologies, University of Wyoming Fire Science Technology, A.A.S., Red Rocks Community College

What community activities are you/have you been involved in?

With the Fire Department and the South Metro Safety Foundation, I implemented as large number of safety programs for businesses and communities ranging from youths to seniors. I also served on the Incident Management Team with Douglas County for a number of years.

What are your hobbies?

My primary hobbies are to spend time with my family and grandchildren, boating, scuba diving and fishing.

What made you decide to run for Town Council?

I am dedicated to maintaining the quality of life and small town feel for Parker residents. My focus is controlled growth, reduced tax burden on residents, open space, and revising zoning requirements to maintain the unique charm of old town Parker and surrounding areas. Having served in numerous governmental capacities along with my educational background, I would like to provide the citizens of Parker with my expertise from a resident perspective not clouded outside interests.

What will your top priorities be if elected to Town Council?

- Preserving open space
- Change adopted Town development guidelines to control the excessive proliferation of commercial and high density residential development
- Adopt policies supporting “controlled” growth
- Re-establish a Parker Parks, Open Space, and Recreation Commission

More information:

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