



**January 16, 2008**  
**Hosted by Douglas County School District**  
**Stone Mountain Elementary School**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**MEMBER ATTENDEES:**

Castle Rock: Randy Reed, Mark Stevens, Fritz Sprague

Larkspur: Sherilynn West, Matt Krimmer

Lone Tree: Elton Winters, Sharon Van Ramshorst, Jack Hidahl, Michelle Kivela,  
Jennifer Pettinger

Parker: Debbie Lewis, Jeannene Bragg

Douglas County: Melanie Worley, Wendy Holmes

Douglas County Libraries: Mark Weston

Douglas County School District: Kristine Turner, Steve Herzog

**GUESTS:**

Terry Nolan, Highlands Ranch Metro District

Vicki Starkey, Highlands Ranch Metro District

Jill Repella, citizen and candidate for Douglas County Commissioner

**CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS – ELTON WINTERS**

Chairman Winters called the meeting to order at 7:37 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**WELCOME – DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Christine Turner welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated the District has received their accreditation report. She stated the report strongly supported the direction the District is heading in. Christine Turner noted the lack of direction from the business community in the Higher Education Report. Michelle Kivela stated there would be a presentation of the Higher Education Report at the March meeting. Steve Herzog gave information regarding the online courses.

## **JURISDICTIONAL UPDATES**

**Castle Rock** – Randy Reed said everything is great in Castle Rock and reminded everyone that Castle Rock had been chosen by Family Circle as one of the Best Places to Raise a Family. He also stated they have passed their budget and was recognized by the Douglas County Land Conservancy for their effort to preserve Quarry Mesa as open space. Randy Reed stated they will be holding their municipal elections on April 1<sup>st</sup> and will have 4 seats up for re-election and maybe a 5<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Winters noted the article on the Partnership in the Douglas County News Press.

**Larkspur** – Matt Krimmer stated that he believes 2008 will be a milestone year for Larkspur. He also said a commercial development is slated to break ground this summer. He noted a new business district is planned for the north end of town. Matt also stated that they are looking at pushing forward with the railroad underpass.

**Lone Tree** – Sharon Van Ramshorst said that the Citizen's Recreation Advisory Committee (CRAC) gave recommendations for recreation facilities to be provided by the City. She also noted that they also received an update on bike lanes within the City. Sharon noted that they are looking at a May ballot for funding for Recreation and cultural facilities. Chairman Winters explained the formation of the CRAC. He also noted that the City received a \$200,000 GOCO grant and signed a contract last night with a new waste management provider which will save the City \$180,000 annually.

**Parker** – Debbie Lewis stated that everything in Parker is safe and sound and that they passed their budget. She stated they have concerns and are looking at economic development since the number one industry in Parker, which is the housing industry, is at an all time low. She also noted that they will be holding Council Retreat on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

**Douglas County** – Melanie Worley stated they have started their economic development program with the pilot program in Highlands Ranch. She also noted the legislature is in session and highlighted one of the five bills they are working on regarding legal notices. Melanie Worley stated it will be the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the County Fair in August. She also noted that she was chosen Chairman of the Board for the Commissioners.

**Douglas County Libraries** – Mark Weston stated they are engaged in a listening exercise following the election. He stated that they held a study session with Parker to address crowding issues especially in Parker. Mark Weston announced Patty Owen-Delay has accepted a new position and will be leaving the District effective February 15<sup>th</sup>. He also noted there are currently two vacancies on the Library Board and applications are being accepted until January 18<sup>th</sup>. Vicky Starkey noted Jamie LaRue has been working on a draft sustainability resolution and is hoping to make a presentation in March.

Attendees introduced themselves.

**Guests:**

Terry Nolan, Highlands Ranch Metro District said they will be holding a May election for three board members. He noted this will be the first election since the merge and they will have five vote centers throughout Highlands Ranch. Terry Nolan also noted that they will be building their 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> park this year and beginning a 20 year/\$25 million fence replacement program.

Jill Repella, Citizen, stated she is running for District 3 Douglas County Commissioner and asked for everyone's support.

### **2008 PRIORITY SETTING**

Elton Winters explained the 2008 priorities.

#### **Civic Engagement**

Michelle Kivela presented information on Civic Engagement. She also noted that next month the Partnership will host a Civic Engagement Speaker, Chris Gates. Discussion was held concerning Civic Engagement and expanding speaker involvement. It was decided that personal email invitations will be sent to all Board Members and information will be sent out to the general public inviting them as well.

#### **Regional Dispatch Center**

Jack Hidahl gave a report on the regional dispatch center. Discussion was held concerning the regional dispatch center. It was decided that the Manager's and Chief's will continue to work on a regional dispatch center and submit a written report to the Partnership after each meeting.

#### **Other Priorities**

Mark Stevens suggested the Partnership collaborate and share resources regarding Environmental Issues since we share interest and common ground. He suggested a Douglas County-wide statement of policy and principals; what is important to Douglas County. Mark Stevens also suggested that we formalize what everyone is currently doing. He also suggested researching sustainability and feasibility. Wendy Holmes stated that Douglas County will be doing a citizen survey and suggested that might be a good place to test for priorities. Discussion was held. It was decided to add Environmental Issues to the 2008 priorities and form a sub-committee. Mark Stevens, Jamie LaRue, Christine Turner, Matt Krimmer, Jack Hilbert and Elton Winters will serve on the committee.

### **MONTHLY MANAGERS UPDATE**

#### **Cultural Committee**

Wendy Holmes stated Douglas County is looking at updating the Cultural Plan.

#### **Communications Committee**

Wendy Holmes noted that she is the Chair and Seth Hoffman is the Vice Chair. She noted they are currently looking at coordinating publicizing board and commission vacancies and improving citizen engagement.

**Membership Criteria Committee**

Michelle Kivela reported that there was no update, the committee held one meeting and only half of the members were able to attend, they are currently scheduling the next meeting for February 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Leadership Training Committee**

Mark Stevens stated that they are still working on Leadership Training. Jeannene Bragg reported that the purchasing group has been very successful.

**Regional Recreational, Cultural, Educational and Government Operation Facilities**

Jack Hidahl noted that there has not been any success in coordinating private enterprise. He noted there is a sub committee that has formed to look at joint governmental facilities.

**LISTING OF ACTION ITEMS FROM MEETING**

Wendy Holmes noted the following items; drafting a release regarding the progress of the purchasing group and promoting the Chris Gates event to the public.

Chairman Winters adjourned the meeting at 9:17 a.m. attendees were invited for a tour of Stone Mountain Elementary School.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jennifer Pettinger  
City Clerk, Lone Tree

*NEXT MEETING:  
Speaker, Chris Gates  
February 20, 2008  
9:00 a.m.  
Castle View High School*