



January 21, 2009
Hosted by Town of Larkspur
Pony ExpressO Coffee and Tea Cafe

MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS ATTENDEES:

Castle Pines North: Kim Hoffman

Castle Rock: Sally Misare, Doug Lehnen

Larkspur: Sherilyn West, Matt Krimmer, Sheryl Jones, Kristine Cutbirth, Joe Teshe

Lone Tree: Michelle Kivela, Pat Braden, Jackie Millet

Parker: David Casiano, Scott Jackson, Jeannene Bragg, Phyllis O'Reilly, Patti McKee

Douglas County: Jack Hilbert, Wendy Holmes, Steve Board

Douglas County Libraries: Jamie LaRue, Demetria Heath

Douglas County School District: Kristine Turner

Highlands Ranch Metro District: Terry Nolan, Vicki Starkey

GUESTS:

Bonnie Osborn, Douglas County Housing Partnership

Andy Merritt, Congressman Mike Coffman staff

Terrence Quinn, Douglas County Planning - Sustainability Committee

Randy Burkhardt, Douglas County Parks - Sustainability Committee

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS – DAVID CASIANO

Chairman Casiano called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. and welcomed guests.

Attendees introduced themselves.

JURISDICTIONAL UPDATES

LARKSPUR – Sherilyn West reported that construction continues on two new sites on the north east side of Larkspur, one of which will be a candy and ice cream shop. Also, noted was that the campground annexation is proceeding slowly and the first phase of the town park enhancement project is underway and includes new playground equipment, a picnic shelter and restrooms.

CASTLE PINES NORTH – Kim Hoffman announced Alan Lanning as their new City Manager. She reported that build out of the City Center continues with an expected completion in March. Also noted was that an RFP for trash recycling had been sent out. Douglas County was thanked for all their assistance in snow removal.

DOUGLAS COUNTY – Jack Hilbert announced that Bid Net is now available on their website and that the County has entered into a new revenue sharing program with Highlands Ranch Metro District.

CASTLE ROCK- Doug Lehnen announced construction negotiations were underway with South Metro on renewable water. Doug also asked for input from others on cost cutting measure and economic development efforts.

DOUGLAS COUNTY LIBRARIES- Jamie LaRue explained that the Libraries would need to tighten their belts and he and the board had set a goal of making DC Libraries the most efficient in the country. Jamie also stated that when the economy was better they will again look at new library construction for Parker. He anticipates a seven to ten percent reduction in revenue and the loss of twenty-four full time employees through attrition.

DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT – Kristen Turner said the district expects a \$37 million budget cut this year. There will be an increase in class sizes, a limited replacement of staff, and restructuring of the bus routes with fewer stops. They will be looking for innovative ways to service students and looking to partner with other entities.

LONE TREE – Pat Braden said they had recently met with homeowners regarding the tennis court construction particularly as it relates to lighting, parking and traffic. They will be looking at limiting programming and at lighting at night. At their recent retreat they spent time discussing budget cuts and an increased focus on economic development. A future cultural facility and a new youth commission were among their retreat topics.

HIGHLANDS RANCH – Vicki Starkey reported that the board awarded a contract for the construction of a new monument/memorial at Veteran’s Park. She also stated that the IGA with the Youth Initiative was approved and they contributed \$18,000 to the group.

PARKER – Scott Jackson gave an update on the opening of Hess Road to Jordan. It was reported that the Council had an upcoming retreat scheduled where economic planning

would be a major topic of discussion. Scott also spoke of the recent changes in personnel at the Chamber of Commerce and their plans for reorganization.

GUESTS – Andy Merritt from Representative Coffman’s office reported that their new office is up and running and that the office phone number would remain the same. Representative Coffman would like to meet with officials to discuss their community resources and services, as well as public land and water issues. His office will be contacting officials to set appointments, but probably not until after the Legislature session closes.

DC HOUSING AUTHORITY – Bonnie reported that the Housing Authority had received word that they *may* receive \$3.7 million for affordable housing opportunities, and also that they were partnering with Arapahoe County.

COUNTYWIDE SYNCHRONIZED USAGE: Kristine Turner discussed the School District’s wish to streamline the building approval process countywide. Most municipalities felt they were already streamlined and mentioned that state and municipal regulations dictate part of the processes. Also, each area is served by different water districts. Jamie LaRue suggested a best practices template be developed. It was asked that Steve Herzog attend a future meeting to provide examples of problems the School District has experienced and make suggestions for standardization.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATION: Jack Hilbert reported on progress from the sustainability subcommittee which included the addition of a Recycling Resource Guide to the Douglas County web site, a proposed Resolution on County-Wide Sustainability for consideration by all jurisdictions and the possibility of partnering on the construction of three, one-stop, drop-off recycle centers. The cost would be approximately \$1.50 per household. Doug Lehnen asked if they had checked into independent recycle centers or explored options in the commercial market. Jack stated he would like to present more information at a future meeting. Jack also announced that the partnership subcommittee on sustainability had completed its mission and that Douglas County was going to move forward with their own sustainability planning. He stated that Terrence Quinn and Randy Burkhardt would be their Sustainability Committee Chairs. He invited all entities to attend the first meeting scheduled for January 26 if any other entities to learn about the county’s planning.

YOUTH INVOLVEMENT IN PARTNERSHIP DOUGLAS COUNTY

GOVERNMENT - Jamie LaRue presented a proposal regarding youth representation on the Partnership of DC Governments prepared by Carla Turner, which was well received. He also shared that the Youth Congress was scheduled for April 18, 2009 and that several high school age delegates from DC would be attending.

LOCAL VENDOR OUTREACH: Wendy Holmes reported that Douglas County joined the Rocky Mountain E Purchasing Group, along with many others in the partnership. This is an online service that is available to all entities and offers a one-stop shopping

opportunity. It also supports local Douglas County vendors. Wendy asked approval for adding the Partnership Logo to the web site, which was granted. Wendy also reported on two upcoming meetings being held in Douglas County by RTD to discuss reduction in services. She encouraged the group to promote attendance at these meetings to the public. Wendy asked Parker and Highlands Ranch to confirm when and where these meetings would to be held.

PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP 2009 GOALS:

Mayor Casiano asked the group what goals they would like to focus on for 2009. Jamie LaRue suggested one of the goals be Value based government. He encouraged all to look at their performance measures and be stewards of public dollars. Jack Hilbert asked if we were providing the biggest return for the dollars spent. Wendy Holmes felt we should be more transparent by making citizens more aware of why and what we do, deliver on commitments, promote openness, and sustainability by packaging and communicating the good work we are already doing. Jack Hilbert commented that we provide information, but we don't communicate what is good or bad, that we need to define the value comparison for our citizens. David Casiano remarked that unfortunately we are the recipients' of bad press and that it filters down to citizens. Doug Lehnen suggested we show our citizens a comparison with other communities. Final comment from Jack Hilbert was that we need to be masters at communicating what is good government, so our citizens have a sense of pride in their local government.

It was suggested by Doug Lehnen that we look at county-wide Transportation issues.

The last goal suggestion was to keep County-Wide Sustainability in the forefront. It was mentioned that perhaps we could look at adopting county-wide building codes.

The goal discussion ended with a recommendation that the Manager's group bring forward a proposal addressing the following goals:

- Value Based Government
- Transportation
- Sustainability

MONTHLY UPDATES:

Communication Subcommittee - Michelle Kivela stated she had no updates until after the February Manager's meeting.

Environmental Sustainability – (see Jack's report above)

LIST OF ACTION ITEMS FROM MEETING:

- The Youth Involvement proposal will be sent to the managers' group for implementation.
- The Managers' group will also develop plans for each 2009 Goal Area.

- Steve Herzog will be contacted to present ideas on land use and uniformity at the February meeting
- Vendor outreach will be handled by the Communication Subcommittee
- Anyone interested in attending the Douglas County Sustainability meeting was asked to get their email address to Terrence Quinn.

Chairman Casiano adjourned the meeting at 9 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patti McKee, Executive Assistant
Town of Parker

NEXT MEETING:
Hosted by Douglas County
February 18, 2009
Douglas County Event Center
500 Fairgrounds Drive, Castle Rock, CO 80104