



Wednesday, February 18, 2009
Douglas County
Event Center, 500 Fairgrounds Drive, Castle Rock, CO 80104

MEETING MINUTES

MEMBER ATTENDEES:

Castle Pines: Doug Gilbert

Castle Rock: Randy Reed, Doug Lehnen, Sally Misare

Larkspur: Matt Krimmer

Lone Tree: Patricia Braden, Jackie Millet, Jack Hidahl

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

Douglas County: Steve Boand, Doug Debord, Jack Hilbert, Wendy Holmes

Douglas County Libraries: Demetria Heath, Jaime LaRue

Douglas County School District: Steve Herzog, Kristine Turner

Highlands Ranch Metro District: Terry Nolan

GUESTS:

Teri Coe, Douglas County Assessor

Sandy Gregory and Priscilla Queen, Douglas County Early Childhood Coalition

Bonnie Osborn and Bill Shaneyfelt, Douglas County Housing Partnership

CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS – JEANNENE BRAGG

Acting Chairman Jeannene Bragg called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Attendees introduced themselves.

WELCOME

County Commissioner Jack Hilbert welcomed everyone to the Douglas County Event Center in Castle Rock.

JURISDICTIONAL UPDATES

Douglas County: Jack Hilbert welcomed members of the partnership to the meeting and took a few minutes to promote events at the DC Event Center. He reported that the Commissioners were working on flattening the budget further as a result of declining revenues. Jack also encouraged members of the partnership to take a look at their recently completed parking structure and that there was an opportunity for the jurisdictions to use the large window areas for advertising. Vicki Starkey would be the contact for information.

Castle Pines: Doug Gilbert mentioned that Castle Pines was celebrating their first anniversary. He also reported that signs were now up at the entrance ways to the city, that franchise fees had been imposed, that the city was looking at conducting an analysis regarding high property tax costs, working on renewable water issues and that they had hired a new City Attorney.

Castle Rock: Randy Reed reported that Plum Creek now had a full service interchange west to Wolfensberger Road and would be called the Plum Creek Parkway. The parkway would connect the south end of town from Ridge Road to Wolfensberger. Castle Rock Council passed a resolution to waive up to 100 percent of fees for new affordable housing.

Highlands Ranch: Vicki Starkey said a recent survey had been sent to their residents with questions focusing on facilities and services. They are also working on the ownership of the mansion and enhancements needed along with a focus on sustainability.

Larkspur: Matt Krimmer spoke of their Town Council's focus on completion of their Master Plan and the annexation of the campground. A Board has been formed for the Spruce Metro District and Larkspur Heights has a possibility of new homes being built.

Lone Tree: Pat Braden's update included several upcoming events, that the city had purchased recycle carts for 950 residents, that a focus was being placed on pedestrian traffic with more public awareness and increased police visibility due to three pedestrian traffic accidents in the last six months. The increase in coyote incidents is also being discussed.

Parker: Jeannene Bragg reported that the Police station should be breaking ground in the fall and the Civic Center in the spring of 2010.

DC Libraries: Demetria Heath spoke of the budget and its finalization in July.

DC School: Steve Herzog told the group about the recent policy changes to graduation requirements from 25.5 credits to 24 credits. Steve also mentioned proposed changes in school bus routes and the possibility of going from a 7 class hour day to a 9 class hour day if the student population continues to grow as expected. This change would make it possible to house more students because they would not all be there at the same time. Open campuses are also being considered for upper classmen.

DC Housing Authority: Bonnie Osborn spoke on the affordable housing assistance their board has been researching. Once the application has been completed it could mean \$3.6 million for areas in northern Douglas County that may meet the requirements. DC Housing will be hosting several public meetings to discuss the program.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP DOUGLAS COUNTY: Kristine Turner invited the first group of graduating students from the Leadership program to speak to the Partnership. There were eight students, each spoke of how much they appreciated the program, the opportunities it has provided, the people they have met and worked with and the interest in their community and politics it has inspired. The students also spoke of this year's project of sponsoring a Health and Wellness Month, which will encourage student to participate in a "Pedometer Challenge" learn about nutrition, self-esteem, social interactions and healthy physical development. Students also spoke of how much they appreciated the opportunity to speak with elected officials at last years Youth Congress and hoped they would all participate in this year's event on April 18.

Chairman Casiano thanked the students for coming, wished them luck in their future.

REAPPRAISAL PROCESS: Teri Cox presented a power point that explained the process of the property revaluation that happens every two years. Taxes will be based on the value of the property on June 30, 2008. Teri mentioned more information could be found on their web site.

*The power point is attached.

EARLY CHILDHOOD COALITION: Priscilla Queen and Sandy Gregory spoke on the Community Needs Assessment Executive Summary. Sandy spoke of the disparity between the perception that everyone living in Douglas County is wealthy and the reality that most incomes are below the median income of \$94,658. Most residents require two incomes; have longer commutes and work longer hours than those in other counties. Childcare costs are higher and harder to find. The Coalition feels they need to improve public awareness of the services they provide and eliminate the stigma families have of needing to use this type of service.

** Handout is attached.

TRANSPORTATION DISCUSSION: Jeannene Bragg asked for more clarification on the Partnership's Transportation Goal. In summary, officials want to form a committee to address transit solutions for all of Douglas County. Possible solutions include looking at alternative sources such as Rocky Mountain Rail or working with RTD, looking at legislative solutions, offer to subsidize until rider volume can be increased, work as a

group to have input on reorganization of bus route redesign, and look at the potential of trying in an alternative system to RTDs system. Need to start a campaign to encourage ridership.

MONTHLY UPDATES:

Doug Debord said work was continuing with the three sub committees:

Recycling Centers -Tom Hobie

Resource Guide – Phyllis O’Reilly

Green Agreement – Vicki Starkey

Vicki passed out a Green Partners Memorandum regarding the local sustainability initiative. *** Handout attached.

LIST OF ACTION ITEMS FROM MEETING:

The Managers group will be looking at solutions for reaching our transit goals at the next meeting. The Partnership asks that its members encourage their organizations to sign up and attend the Youth Congress on April 18th.

Chairman David Casiano adjourned the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patti McKee, Executive Assistant
Town of Parker

NEXT MEETING:
Hosted by Lone Tree
March 18, 2009
Arapahoe /Douglas Works
5500 S Quebec Street, Ste 175
Greenwood Village, CO 80111