



March 19, 2008
Hosted by Town of Parker
Town of Parker Field House

MEETING MINUTES

MEMBER ATTENDEES:

Castle Rock: Randy Reed, Fritz Sprague

Larkspur: Sherilyn West, Matt Krimmer

Lone Tree: Elton Winters, Sharon Van Ramshorst, Michelle Kivela, Seth Hoffman,
Regina Dennehy

Parker: Debbie Lewis, Jeannene Bragg, Scott Jackson, Phyllis O'Reilly

Douglas County: Doug DeBord, Melanie Worley, Wendy Holmes

Douglas County Libraries: Jamie LaRue, Priscilla Queen, Barbara Dash, Elizabeth
Kelsen Hubert

Douglas County School District: Kristine Turner, Steve Herzog

GUESTS:

Terry Nolan, Highlands Ranch Metro District
Vicki Starkey, Highlands Ranch Metro District
Jill Morales, Resident

CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS – ELTON WINTERS

Chairman Winters called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Attendees introduced themselves.

WELCOME – TOWN OF PARKER

Debbie Lewis welcomed everyone to the meeting and reported on the planned state of the art park complex, located just west of the Fieldhouse, which will include tennis courts, a new skateboard park, playground, and access to the Cherry Creek Regional Trail. She gave an update on the Hess Road Extension Project and noted there will be reconstruction of Main Street in the near future. Costco is expected to open in August 2008.

Scott Jackson stated there will be a ballot issue in November for the construction of a new police department.

JURISDICTIONAL UPDATES

Castle Rock – Randy Reed reported that City Council adopted a downtown master plan. The first non-residential water budget was approved and a one-hundred and twenty day suspension of regulatory guidelines for commercial and non-commercial areas with abatements was imposed.

Larkspur – Matt Krimmer presented on information on the upcoming election, which will include a ballot question giving the town authority to collect a lodging tax. A town meeting was held on February 21, 2008 and was well attended by the community. There was discussion regarding the railroad underpass initiative. There will be an expansion of the recreational vehicle campground.

Lone Tree – Sharon Van Ramshorst reported on Lone Tree's upcoming election, which will include three ballot issues. The Site Improvement Plan for a retirement community in Ridge Gate was approved by City Council.

Chairman Winters presented information on an accident at an elementary school in which two children were hit by a vehicle but luckily were not injured. He expressed the valuable assistance provided by the Partnership members when such situations arise.

Douglas County – Jack Hilbert presented information on lobbying efforts for the National Association of Counties. He reported on the status of the Hess Road construction project, which is pending approval from the Army Corps of Engineers. The Colorado Department of Transportation approved the frontage road from Castle Pines to RidgeGate. The 2030 Comprehensive Master Plan should be finalized soon.

Twenty teenagers who overcame personal adversity were honored at the Metropolitan Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award recognition event on March 18, 2008. The swearing in ceremony for Castle Pines North elected officials was held on March 10, 2008; it was noted that Castle Pines North officials should be approached to join the partnership.

Douglas County Libraries – Jamie LaRue discussed the Library's 2008 financial analysis. He noted twelve applicants applied for the board vacancies and two recommendations were forwarded to the County Commissioners.

Douglas County School District - Kristine Turner discussed the District's bond and budget issues that will be on the ballot. She reported there have been discussions with the community regarding moving to a traditional school schedule,

Steve Herzog presented an update on future school openings and renovations to the Douglas County High School.

Melanie Worley recommended the formation of an Ad Hoc committee to discuss election issues and ramifications of all the issues within the county, so that there would not be competition for the citizens' dollars.

The Election Ad Hoc committee will be comprised of: Melanie Worley, Debbi Lewis, Kristine Turner, Sharon Van Ramshorst, Matt Krimmer, Randy Reed, and Barbara Dash. It was recommended that the committee check for any special district and state election issues. Michelle Kivela will send an email to schedule a date for the first meeting.

Guests:

Terry Nolan, Highlands Ranch Metropolitan District, reported on the Highlands Ranch Community Association and their role in the incorporation study.

Civic Engagement

Wendy Holmes reported the raw footage of Chris Gates' presentation was converted to DVD; copies will be available for the Partnership. The presentation will be converted to a story format and will be available on the Partnership website and will be shown on Douglas County Channel 8. Ms. Holmes discussed the need to take inventory on what members are doing to engage the public in government.

It was proposed that a subcommittee of elected officials and one staff member be created to come up with the best practices and next step.

There was discussion regarding the upcoming elections and strategies for citizen education in the election process.

Chairman Winters suggested beginning with the election and discuss issues in cities and counties. He suggested using the initial sub-committee for elections so the Partnership is not burdened with too many committees.

Early Childhood Coalition

Priscilla Queen, Douglas County Libraries, presented information on the Douglas County Early Childhood Coalition. She discussed the history and objectives of the coalition and distributed information on SmartStart Colorado-Building an early childhood system.

She requested the Partnership pass a resolution recognizing and endorsing the Douglas County Early Childhood Coalition. A draft copy of the resolution was distributed to members.

Chairman Winters asked the members to share and discuss the resolution with their elected officials and that the Resolution be added on the April 16, 2008 agenda for approval.

Youth Congress

Seth Hoffman discussed the First Annual Douglas County Youth Congress which will be held on April 12, 2008. At least 100 students from high schools and alternative schools are expected to attend. A panel of state legislatures will be present and the Partnership and elected officials are encouraged to attend the event.

MONTHLY MANAGERS UPDATE

Environmental Sustainability

Doug DeBord presented an update and suggested a sub-committee made up of elected officials and staff members be formed and to determine the goals, values, scope and draft a resolution. An inventory is under way and there will be an update at the next meeting.

Randy Reed will provide Doug DeBord with the names of the members who will participate on the sub-committee; he requested Jill Morales, citizen guest, be included on the committee. Elton Winters, Jamie LaRue, Doug DeBord, Vicki Starkey volunteered to service on the committee.

Joint Dispatch

Doug DeBord noted there was a need to demonstrate the result of the joint dispatch would be better service and less cost. The goal is to have a recommendation by April 16, 2008.

Partnership Award Proposal

The proposal for a Partnership Award was discussed and the members were in agreement with the recommendation.

LISTING OF ACTION ITEMS FROM MEETING

Wendy Holmes presented information on the current Partnership activities and discussed best practices and identifying the best collaborative opportunities.

Chairman Winters adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Regina Dennehy
Deputy City Clerk, Lone Tree

NEXT MEETING:
Hosted by Douglas County Libraries
April 16, 2008
Location: to be determined