



May 21, 2008
Hosted by Town of Larkspur
Larkspur Fire Station

MEETING MINUTES

MEMBER ATTENDEES:

Castle Rock: Randy Reed, Doug Lehnen, Sally Misare

Larkspur: Sherilyn West, Matt Krimmer, Joe Jeske, Eve Curry-Harbison

Lone Tree: Sharon Van Ramshorst, Michelle Kivela, Jennifer Pettinger

Parker: Phyllis O'Reilly

Douglas County: Steve Boand, Jack Hilbert, Melanie Worley, Wendy Holmes, Doug DeBord

Douglas County Libraries: Mark Weston

Douglas County School District: Kristine Turner, Jim Christensen

GUESTS:

Bonnie Osborn, Douglas County Housing Partnership

Doug Gilbert, City of Castle Pines North

Vicky Starkey, Highlands Ranch Metro District

Terry Nolan, Highlands Ranch Metro District

CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS – ELTON WINTERS

Chairman Van Ramshorst called the meeting to order at 7:44 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Attendees introduced themselves.

WELCOME – LARKSPUR

Sherilyn West welcomed everyone and noted this was first time Larkspur has hosted a meeting. She noted the Fire Station is in progress to be remodeled. She also reported a task force has been formed to investigate the underpass feasibility and funding. Ms. West also gave an update on economic development in Larkspur.

JURISDICTIONAL UPDATES

Castle Rock – Randy Reed gave an update on their recent election. He reported on the opening of Rhyolite Regional Park last weekend. He also stated Castle Rock's Ducky Derby was May 10 and the grand prize was worth up to \$1 million. Mr. Reed also noted on May 28th at 10:30am the ground breaking for the new I-25 and Plum Creek Parkway Interchange will be held. Doug Lehnen noted the first roundabout is being constructed in Castle Rock. Mr. Lehnen also invited everyone to the 4th July celebration which will be held at Rhyolite Regional Park.

Lone Tree – Sharon Van Ramshorst gave an update on Lone Tree's Election. She reported two of the three ballot issues passed and Jim Gunning was elected Mayor as well as Harold Anderson (Council Member District 1), Jackie Millet (Council Member District 1) and herself (Council Member District 2). She noted that ballot issue 2C (pedestrian tunnel) failed.

Douglas County – Melanie Worley thanked Larkspur for hosting and commended them on the progress they are making. Wendy Holmes stated the Douglas County Treasurer will host an Economic Outlook Forum on May 29th. Melanie Worley also stated information regarding June 6th Digital Government is on their website. She also noted the Commissioners are holding dinner meetings with each Council. Ms. Worley noted the County recently signed an IGA with Parker Water and Sanitation District regarding the Hess Road extension. She also noted they are working with CDOT on the C470 and Sante Fe connection. Ms. Worley requested the Partnership reevaluate the Highlands Ranch Metro District membership.

Douglas County Libraries – Mark Weston gave an update on their November election. He said the Library District is encouraged by the results of Lone Tree's election. Mr. Weston noted the Shakespeare Event will be June 25, 26 and 27th.

Parker – Phyllis O'Reilly noted Debbie and Jeannene are attending the ICSC (International Council of Shopping Centers) conference. She stated the Parker Country Festival will be June 14 & 15. She also stated the downtown road construction is scheduled to be completed the end of October. Ms. O'Reilly noted Costco has pulled a building permit and will begin construction. She also noted they are working on Hess Road.

Douglas County School District – Jim Christensen stated they will have almost 4,000 graduates. He explained the upcoming budget cuts. He also said they are finishing step

two of the parental system. Mr. Christensen noted a positive response in their polling regarding bond issues.

HIGHER EDUCATION UPDATE

Jim Christensen summarized the report that was distributed to the Partnership in December. He explained the methodology and the feedback they received.

Discussion was held regarding the report and recommendations. The consensus was to discuss the commitment with each Council and Board and it will be added to next month's agenda.

YOUTH CONGRESS VIDEO RECAP

Due to technical difficulties the Youth Congress Video Recap was tabled to the next meeting.

PUBLIC ART PROGRAM UPDATE

Wendy Holmes gave a presentation on the Art Encounter/Public Art program. She noted the program is funded through Scientific and Cultural Facilities District and the Philip S. Miller Trust (Castle Rock). Ms. Holmes stated the public art pieces will be on display in Castle Rock, Highlands Ranch, Lone Tree and Parker. She encouraged other entities to participate.

MONTHLY MANAGERS UPDATE

Civic Engagement

Wendy Holmes reported the committee is still gathering information.

Environmental Sustainability

Jack Hilbert gave an update. He stated the committee is updating inventories this week and is using a two track approach; one to develop an awareness program and two to consolidate programs. He said they are researching the possibility of a single contract/resource. He suggested each member organization earmark \$1,000, or whatever an entity can afford, in the 2009 budget for a funding a consultant. He also suggested including special districts (water and metro) and HOA associations in the subcommittee meetings and inventory. Discussion was held.

Joint Dispatch

Michelle Kivela stated a consultant was hired to complete a cost analysis and she is expecting an update the first part of June.

DISCUSSION OF JUNE MEETING

Discussion was held concerning conflicts during the week of June 18. The consensus was to move the meeting to June 25.

LISTING OF ACTION ITEMS FROM MEETING

Wendy Holmes stated the PIO group will be working on the Environmental Sustainability Report.

Melanie Worley encouraged everyone to ask for clarification if they hear rumors during this election season.

Chairman Van Ramshorst adjourned the meeting at 9:16 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Pettinger, CMC
City Clerk, Lone Tree

*NEXT MEETING:
Hosted by Douglas County
June 25, 2008
Location: TBD*