



June 25, 2008
Hosted by Douglas County
Philip S. Miller Building

MEETING MINUTES

MEMBER ATTENDEES:

Castle Rock: Doug Lehen, Sally Misare, Fritz Sprague, Mark Stevens

Larkspur: Matt Krimmer

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

Parker: Patti McKee

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

Douglas County Libraries: Demetria Heath, Jamie LaRue, Barbara Dash

Douglas County School District: Kristine Turner, Steve Herzog

GUESTS:

Art Morales, Castle Rock Fire Department

Vicky Starkey, Highlands Ranch Metro District

Terry Nolan, Highlands Ranch Metro District

Jeff Wasden, Highlands Ranch Community Association

Erica Boand, Community Member

CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS – PATRICIA BRADEN

Chairman Braden called the meeting to order at 7:31 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Attendees introduced themselves.

WELCOME – DOUGLAS COUNTY

Melanie Worley welcomed everyone. Ms. Worley announced the upcoming 90th Anniversary of the Douglas County Fair which will be held August 2-10 at the Fair Grounds. She noted the Commissioners will be attending the annual NACO (National Association of Counties) Conference on July 10-16. Ms. Worley gave an update on the Urban Growth Boundary meeting DRCOG held last night. She also gave details

regarding the \$20,000 energy grant. Jack Hilbert spoke about the Site Improvement Process changes they are making. He stated the NACO Technical Committee has a new grant process for communication and their website has additional information. Mr. Hilbert announced he will be the President of the Front Range Communities for CCI (Colorado Counties Inc.). Steve Board stated they are accepting applications for the sustainability program award. He also noted that application to participate in the Douglas County Fair Parade is on the Castle Rock Chamber of Commerce website.

JURISDICTIONAL UPDATES

Castle Rock – Doug Lehnen stated their July 4th celebration will be at Rhyolite Regional Park. He said the celebration activities will include a fly over from Buckley AFB, and a fireworks display. Mr. Lehnen noted the art dedication was held at Festival Park. He said Council had a discussion last night regarding their residential and commercial interface, which will be discussed again on July 8. Mark Stevens noted the competition of several capital projects including the Rhyolite Regional Park and the trail system up to Corey Mesa. He also noted Castle Rock has signed an agreement with Parker Water and Sanitation District regarding the Reuter Hess Reservoir. Mr. Stevens announced they have partnered with Douglas County School District on two new schools that open this fall and on the tennis facilities at Douglas County High School.

Larkspur – Matt Krimmer said the Renaissance Festival opened last week to the largest crowd in the past 5 years. He said they also will have an old fashioned down home 4th of July event for the first time in 10 years. He said the event will run from 11:00am until 3:00pm. He noted Perry Park County Club will be holding their annual fireworks display. Mr. Krimmer said two businesses will be holding grand openings; a Coffee Shop and a Beauty Shop/Tanning Salon. He also noted they are partnering with Douglas County to improve their trail system. Mr. Krimmer said a new business is looking to locate at the north end of town; it would be a Teepee Village which would provide camping and pioneering history.

Randy Reed and Debbie Lewis stopped by during their Bike to Work Day Event.

Lone Tree – Sharon Van Ramshorst noted she attended the ground breaking ceremony for Riverstone Academy, a child care in RidgeGate, on June 10. She said the VIP reception for the Art Encounters in the Vistas was held on June 12th. Ms. Van Ramshorst also said the first annual Taste of Lone Tree was held and was very successful. She also noted the second phase of the pedestrian light program project had begun. Ms. Van Ramshorst remarked Council held its first HOA Summit and the participation was nearly 100%. She said they hope to hold them quarterly. She noted the first summer concert was held on June 14th and the second concert will be the Colorado Symphony on July 26th. Ms. Van Ramshorst advised that Photo Red Light Cameras will be installed next month in Lone Tree. She also said the Park Meadows Metropolitan District is finishing up on the median project on Yosemite Street. She also encouraged everyone to attend the CML Conference.

Parker – Patti McKee passed out invitation cards to the Elected Officials Caucus and noted the event will be held on Thursday, November 6 at the Denver Marriott South.

Douglas County Libraries – Jamie LaRue announced they have a new interactive website. Mr. LaRue distributed and explained a Community Analysis & Demographic Trends information sheet. He also noted the District will be conducting a second David Hill survey regarding tax sensitivity.

Douglas County School District – Kristine Turner said the District has decided to place a bond and mill levy override on the November ballot. She stated the ballot will upgrade security, technology and teacher salaries. Steve Herzog reviewed some of the building projects they are completing with the 2006 bond funds. He also noted there was no change in the last two months to their tax sensitivity survey. Mr. Herzog also stated the “Citizens for DC Schools” website is up.

Guests

Terry Nolan, Highlands Ranch Metro District, invited everyone to the Highlands Ranch Veterans Monument on July 1st. He stated dedication tiles are for sale. He also stated they are interested in partnering for the Wildcat Regional Park. Mr. Nolan noted HRMD is working with Douglas County on IGA for road repair.

Jeff Wasden, Highlands Ranch Community Association, explained the community association trails and their history.

HIGHER EDUCATION UPDATE

Doug Lehnen stated Castle Rock’s City Council approved a motion to support the Higher Education Subcommittee Report. Discussion was held regarding the next step concerning the report and committee. Consensus was to add the item to next month’s agenda when Jim Christensen is available to lead the discussion.

YOUTH CONGRESS VIDEO RECAP

Kristine Turner introduced the Youth Congress Video Recap. Discussion was held concerning the Youth Congress event. Sharon Van Ramshorst stated she found it very worthwhile but was concerned with the attendance in the afternoon by the elected officials. Melanie Worley suggested a change in the format of the event and defining the elected official’s role. Wendy Holmes noted there was a state legislature conflict this year and suggested looking at conflicts prior to setting next year’s date. Discussion was held concerning how to receive feedback from the students for the event. Michelle Kivela will coordinate scheduling the Youth Congress Issue Teams Briefings with Carla Turner for future meetings.

JOINT DISPATCH UPDATE

Art Morales, Castle Rock Fire Department, gave an update regarding the Joint Dispatch project. He stated Management of America has been hired as a consultant to assist with the cost comparison and facility options. He noted they are looking at two facilities: the Lincoln Hills Substation and the Justice Center. Mr. Morales also stated the draft of the

final report will be presented to the Chiefs and the Managers the first of July for their consideration and will be presented to the Partnership after that.

DOUGLAS COUNTY 2008 SURVEY SUMMARY

Wendy Holmes presented and explained Douglas County 2008 Survey. She noted 95% of the homes have internet access and that 50% receive their news from a local weekly paper. Discussion was held regarding the survey. Wendy Holmes suggested Douglas County, Douglas County Libraries and Douglas County School District share their survey information.

MONTHLY MANAGERS UPDATE

Civic Engagement

Wendy Holmes reported no work has been done. She noted the committee has been focusing their efforts on Environmental Sustainability.

Environmental Sustainability

Jack Hilbert gave an update. He stated the next step is to take the inventory to the next level, how to best categorize the work, and understand who is doing what? Vickie Starkey passed out information on Current Environmental Sustainability Practices Inventory and Consultant's Scope of Work. Wendy Holmes stated the Public Information Officers (PIO) Group would be meeting tomorrow and would focus on specific areas; how do we re-package the projects, how do we maximize opportunities to publicize, and how can we communicate what every member is doing? She noted a consultant has been hired by the County to research other environmental programs within in the County. Vicky Starkey also noted that we need to identify larger, collaborative opportunities and programs and the cost associated with them. She stated the information would be compiled and brought to the Partnership for the next step and long range planning. Jamie LaRue suggested we look at high impact programs. Vicky Starkey suggested having a goals and mission discussion regarding the policy statement at the next meeting. Mark Stevens thanked the committee for their work. He also asked if the policy or principal/compact was still on their agenda. Discussion was held.

Elections Subcommittee

Melanie Worley gave an update regarding the November election. She stated the Library District is still deciding on whether or not to place a ballot issue, the County will not, the School District and Parker will. She also stated Castle Rock will have a separate mail ballot election concerning a Downtown Development Authority. Ms. Worley said there will be 21 initiatives on the ballot.

Membership Criteria Committees

Jamie LaRue stated he has been unsuccessful in scheduling a meeting for the committee. He asked if it makes sense to have set criteria or to judge on a case-by-case basis. Discussion was held. Consensus was that the discussion would be held at a committee level and committee members would meet at the end of the meeting to set a meeting date and time.

LISTING OF ACTION ITEMS FROM MEETING

Wendy Holmes stated press items would include the trail system collaboration between Larkspur and Douglas County and a sustainability update.

Chairman Braden adjourned the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

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

NEXT MEETING:
Hosted by Lone Tree
July 16, 2008

Location: City of Lone Tree Civic Center, 8527 Lone Tree Parkway