



July 16, 2008
Hosted by City of Lone Tree
City of Lone Tree Civic Center

MEETING MINUTES

MEMBER ATTENDEES:

Castle Rock: Randy Reed, Sally Misare, Mark Stevens

Larkspur: Sherilyn West, Matt Krimmer

Lone Tree: Patricia Braden, Sharon Van Ramshorst, Jim Gunning, Jack Hidahl, Michelle Kivela, Jennifer Pettinger

Parker: Scott Jackson, Jeannene Bragg

Douglas County: Doug Debord, Wendy Holmes, Dave Weaver, Tim Moore

Douglas County Libraries: Mark Weston, Jamie LaRue

Douglas County School District: Jim Christensen, Steve Herzog

GUESTS:

Terry Nolan, Highlands Ranch Metro District
Jeff Wasden, Highlands Ranch Community Association
Doug Gilbert, Castle Pines North

CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS – PATRICIA BRADEN

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

Attendees introduced themselves.

WELCOME – DOUGLAS COUNTY

Jim Gunning welcomed everyone to Lone Tree. He noted in an effort to be more “green”, the Lone Tree’s City Council Members each walked to the meeting last night. He also noted due to the ballot issue that was recently passed they are beginning construction on a new pool, park and cultural arts facility. Mr. Gunning noted city revenues are on track and the sales tax is ahead of the projections. He said the Vistas at Park Meadows is now open and invited everyone to visit and shop. Mr. Gunning announced the Light Rail

Bridge connection to Park Meadows Mall is projected to be completed in November. He also noted a Site Improvement Plan was approved for Lincoln Commons/RidgeGate last night. Mr. Gunning said he has received several emails concerning RTD's reduction of service.

JURISDICTIONAL UPDATES

Castle Rock – Randy Reed characterized their July 4th celebration as Red, White & Boom. He said the residential/non residential interface regulations will be presented for second reading at next week's meeting. Mr. Reed noted the I-25 and Plum Creek Parkway Interchange Project started last month. Mark Stevens noted the approval of \$75 million in Certificates of Participations (COP) for financing long term water projects and participation and expansion of the Reuter Hess Reservoir and water system connection. He also noted Council approved the use of alternative fuel vehicles. Mr. Stevens also announced Council's approval of a Downtown Development Authority which will be on a special ballot on November 14th.

Larkspur – Sherilyn West noted three new businesses have opened; including a Coffee Shop, and a Beauty Shop/Tanning Salon. She said a Business Expo will be held on September 6, to showcase the local businesses. She also noted they are breaking ground on a 4500 sq. ft. office building. Ms. West also said they are working on a Special District for the Spruce Mountain Development and campground annexation. Matt Krimmer stated their 4th of July celebration was successful and close to 200 attended the event. He noted there are three weekends left for the Renaissance Festival.

Parker – Scott Jackson stated they have an election coming up and there were no fireworks for their 4th of July celebration. He noted that a joint meeting was held with Castle Rock City Council. He also stated Main Street is still under construction. Mr. Jackson said City Council has decided there will be no property tax question placed on the November ballot.

Douglas County – Doug Debord noted the Commissioners are attending the National Associations of Counties conference. Jack Arrowsmith gave an update regarding the primary and November elections. He noted 53,000 mail ballots have been mailed for the primary, which is twice as many as has voted in a primary election. He noted there will be a live feed from the ballot counting room on Election Day. Mr. Arrowsmith also said the county will have kiosks available to be placed in municipalities where voters can look up their voter registration information. Dave Weaver noted the deputy sheriff that was shot is recovering. He also noted the Sheriff's Office is working on a number of burglaries in the Castle Pines area, as well as two armed robbery in Highlands Ranch and Castle Pines. He explained the community safety volunteer program. Wendy Holmes stated the legislative process has begun for the County.

Douglas County Libraries – Mark Weston said they completed their formal public opinion survey yesterday and that they did not have the results yet. Jamie LaRue thanked the Lone Tree Police Department for the excellent police work in regard to the sexual assault that occurred at the Lone Tree Library. He noted with some luck the suspect has been arrested. Mr. LaRue announced DC8 is up for an Emmy for a library commercial they produced. He encouraged everyone to work with DC8.

Douglas County School District – Jim Christensen noted that 15,000 children returned to school last week and 40,000 more will begin on August 11th. He thanked everyone for their support as they pursue their bond issue. He stated the board is scheduled to approve the bond issue on August 26th. Mr. Christensen also noted there are 200 volunteers who will be working on the ballot issue and training kits are available with information. He noted the website is citizens4dcschools.com. He said the District is discussing drug testing. Steve Herzog said the school district is celebrating its 50th Anniversary. He noted the District has settled their contracts with all their employee groups.

Guests

Doug Gilbert, Castle Pines North, said their Independence Day celebration was held on July 5. He noted their sales tax becomes effective on July 1. He stated they are working on an integrated service plan with two metro districts. Mr. Gilbert also noted they are negotiating a City Manager contract with CH2M Hill. He also noted their first zoning application is out for approval. Mr. Gilbert also said the metro district is working on bonds for the Rueter Hess Reservoir. He announced they will be moving into their City Hall on September 1.

Jeff Wasden, Highlands Ranch Community Association, noted Highlands Ranch has received recognition as the 12th best small city. He said they are working on the back country development area. He also noted their community survey is going out to residents. He announced Clint Hurdle was the Grand Marshall for their parade. He noted Team Highlands Ranch will be meeting next week.

Terry Nolan, Highlands Ranch Metro District, advised everyone that the Highlands Ranch Veteran's Monument broke ground on July 1st. He stated they are holding an ice cream social tonight. He noted they are sponsoring a hazardous material collection last Saturday in July at Redstone Park.

HIGHER EDUCATION UPDATE

Jim Christensen stated he felt the best way to proceed with the Higher Education Subcommittee Report was to convene a committee to begin reviewing the recommendations. Mr. Christensen will send out an email request for interested committee members. He also gave background regarding the Governor's P-20 Council.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION DISCUSSION

Michelle Kivela stated there have been some concerns that holding the legislative session in December is too late to have an impact on the legislature. Michelle Kivela noted that changing the meeting would require a by-law change. Wendy Holmes asked what the objective of the session is. Discussion was held. Wendy Holmes will put together a proposal for the next Manager's meeting.

DNC EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS REPORT

Dave Weaver, Douglas County Sheriff, gave an update on the Democratic National Convention (DNC). Wendy Holmes talked about the impact the DNC will have on Douglas County. Tim Moore, Douglas County Sheriff's Office, stated the Sheriff's Office has partnered with Colorado Emergency Preparedness Partnership to enhance disaster preparedness and community awareness during the DNC. He stated that individuals can sign up to receive free citizen alerts via email or text messages. He also stated business owners and municipalities can join the Business Emergency Operations Center. He noted more information is available at www.thecepp.org. He also noted the deadline to sign up is August 15th, this is due to training requirements.

MONTHLY MANAGERS UPDATE

Communications Subcommittee

Wendy Holmes reported the committee has been focusing its efforts on Environmental Sustainability.

Environmental Sustainability

Wendy Holmes stated the Communications Subcommittee is looking at repackaging the information. She said they are revising a spread sheet and reorganizing the content. She also stated they are working on designing a logo. Ms. Holmes said she had samples if anyone is interested in viewing them.

Joint Dispatch

Mark Stevens said the subcommittee has been working with the consultant and has met with the Chiefs. He stated the next step will be to meet with the Managers and then they will draft their report to the Partnership. He noted the cost savings are not equal between the jurisdictions. Mr. Stevens hoped to have the in depth review next month.

Membership Criteria Committees

Jamie LaRue stated three groups are interested in membership; Castle Pines North, Highlands Ranch Metro District and Highlands Ranch Community Association. He noted the subcommittee will be meeting on July 23 and will be presenting a recommendation to the Partnership in August.

LISTING OF ACTION ITEMS FROM MEETING

Wendy Holmes stated the PIO group will be promoting the www.douglasvotes.com, which has a precinct search capability for voters. She also noted the presentation at the August meeting regarding the legislative process.

Randy Reed reminded everyone the Douglas County Fair and Rodeo will be August 2-10.

Chairman Braden adjourned the meeting at 9:12 a.m.

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

*NEXT MEETING:
Hosted by Town of Castle Rock
August 20, 2008
Location: TBD*