



August 20, 2008
Hosted by Town of Castle Rock
Red Hawk Golf Course

MEETING MINUTES

MEMBER ATTENDEES:

Castle Rock: Randy Reed, Doug Lehnen, Mark Stevens, Sally Misare, Fritz Sprague, Tony Lane

Larkspur: Sherilyn West, Matt Krimmer

Lone Tree: Patricia Braden, Jackie Millet, Jack Hidahl, Jennifer Pettinger, Steve Hasler

Parker: Debbie Lewis, Fred Starr, David King

Douglas County: Steve Board, Jack Hilbert, Melanie Worley, Doug Debord, Wendy Holmes, Dave Weaver, Jill Morales

Douglas County Libraries: Mark Weston, Jamie LaRue

Douglas County School District: Kristine Turner, 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 7:33 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

WELCOME – TOWN OF CASTLE ROCK

Randy Reed welcomed everyone to Castle Rock and the Red Hawk Golf Course. He shared some of the history of the municipal course which was designed by Jim Engh and opened in 1999.

Attendees introduced themselves.

JURISDICTIONAL UPDATES

Douglas County School District – Steve Herzog gave an update on their current capital improvement projects which include 10 new elementary schools, a middle school in Highlands Ranch, and a high school in Castle Rock. Mr. Herzog noted the District has 2400 new students and is projecting 2500-2600 by the October 1st count date. He also noted Douglas County School District is the 3rd largest in the state. He said Jefferson County is the largest followed by Denver Public Schools.

Douglas County Libraries – Jamie LaRue said the Library Board will vote on Thursday regarding the mill levy increase. Mr. LaRue noted they have been working on Author's Evening. He stated the first event will be at the Wildlife Experience with Author Dave Barry. Mr. LaRue also stated the Library District is working on negotiations with a software vendor and researching open source systems. He suggested at some point the Partnership might want to look into open source systems.

Douglas County – Melanie Worley stated the Douglas County Fair was very successful. She noted the Commissioners purchased and donated back the Grand County Lamb. She also announced that she won this year's tractor pull contest.

Parker – Debbie Lewis stated Monday night the Council committed to build a new Police Department and Civic Center with COP's (Certificates of Occupancy). She said they hope to break ground by Spring 2010, with a projected completion date of March 2011. She noted Costco is opening on Friday. Ms. Lewis also noted that Parker Adventist Hospital is expanding.

Lone Tree – Jackie Millet updated everyone on Michelle Kivela's new baby, Sienna who was born on August 13th. She also noted the Fireworks were restaged on Saturday evening. Ms. Millet invited everyone to Lone Tree's first Community Movie Night on September 6th. She stated council approved the issue of the bonds for the new park, recreation and cultural facilities. She said they were very pleased to receive a AA rating. Ms. Millet also invited everyone to the Vistas at Park Meadows, which is adjacent to Park Meadows Mall. She stated the RidgeGate interchange is on time and on budget and is expected to be completed in April. She advised everyone that red light cameras have been installed at Park Meadows Drive and Lincoln Avenue.

Larkspur – Sherilyn West said she has gained some notoriety from the DC8 tape. She noted City Council will be holding a Public Hearing to review their first ever Special Metro District at the north end of town. She said the plan includes development of 16 acres and 14 pad sites. Ms. West noted the new businesses are doing well and the Renaissance Festival had a very good year. She announced one of the actors from the comedy team Puke & Snot passed away last week.

Guests

Bonnie Osborn, Housing Partnership, gave details on a new shared equity program they are implementing with funding from the County.

Doug Gilbert, Castle Pines North, said they signed last week with CH2MHill for City Manager services. He noted they are planning a joint meeting with elected officials from Japan. Mr. Gilbert also noted they will have a TABOR question on the November ballot. He also announced they are starting the Master Plan process.

Jeff Wasden, Highlands Ranch Community Association, noted the Town Center North project is moving forward and will include an outdoor pavilion with synthetic ice rink. He also noted they are working on the back country conveyance. Mr. Wasden also said they are issuing an RFP for legal services.

Terry Nolan, Highlands Ranch Metropolitan District, there was no report.

JOINT DISPATCH UPDATE

Art Morales, Castle Rock Fire Department, gave an update and stated the committee has concluded there is no cost effectiveness for a joint dispatch facility. He noted cost transference would affect smaller agencies. Jack Hidahl thanked Chief Morales and the subcommittee for their work. Mr. Hidahl noted there is a continuing effort to look at joint software to assist with communication. Steve Hasler noted the superior cost comparison that was achieved with staff rather than the consultant. Dave Weaver noted the agency cooperation that has been achieved. Dave King explained CopLink which will help multi-agency communication. Tony Lane also commended the cooperation between departments.

YOUTH CONGRESS ISSUE TEAM BRIEFING

Pat Braden stated the Youth Congress Issue Team Briefing will be tabled until September.

MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA REPORT

Jamie LaRue explained the report. Discussion was held. Pat Braden suggested everyone discuss the changes with their entity. There was consensus to table the decision until the September meeting and to discuss the applicants then. Discussion was held concerning advertising the criteria changes if made.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION DISCUSSION

Wendy Holmes asked if there was support for creating an orientation packet for newly-elected legislators. There was informed consent.

MONTHLY MANAGERS UPDATE

Communications Subcommittee

Wendy Holmes reported the committee did not meet in July and has been focusing its efforts on Environmental Sustainability.

Environmental Sustainability

Vickie Starkey introduced Jill Morales who has been contracted by the County. Ms. Morales passed out and explained a current practices report and spreadsheet. She stated they will have a report on the recycling center at the next meeting.

LISTING OF ACTION ITEMS FROM MEETING

Wendy Holmes stated the PIO group will be working on the legislative orientation packet. She reminded everyone to do their homework on the membership criteria.

Randy Reed reminded everyone the Democratic National Convention will be next week.

Chairman Braden adjourned the meeting at 9:27 a.m.

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

*NEXT MEETING:
Hosted by Douglas County Schools
September 17, 2008
Location: TBD*