



**September 17, 2008**  
**Hosted by Douglas County School District**  
**Gold Rush Elementary**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**MEMBER ATTENDEES:**

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

Larkspur: Sherilyn West, Matt Krimmer

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

Parker: Jeannene Bragg

Douglas County: Melanie Worley, Doug Debord

Douglas County Libraries: Demetria Heath

Douglas County School District: Kristine Turner, Steve Herzog

**GUESTS:**

Ian Hanson, Douglas County Youth Leadership

Kristina Murri, Douglas County Youth Leadership

Christine Staberg, Capstone Group

Don Howell, Castle Pines North

Vicky Starkey, Highlands Ranch Metro District

Jeff Wasden, Highlands Ranch Community Association

Gary Debus, Highlands Ranch Community Association

Bonnie Osborn, Douglas County Housing Partnership

**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 SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Steve Herzog welcomed everyone to Gold Rush Elementary. Mr. Herzog noted Gold Rush Elementary is one of this year's new elementary schools from the 2002 bond funds.

He said the District is hoping to hold the 2009/2010 graduation ceremonies in the new Parker Stadium, which will have a nine lane track and 5,500 seats. Kristine Turner gave an update on their bond and mill levy election. She passed out an information sheet regarding election facts. She requested each entity's support and suggested they pass a resolution of support. Mr. Herzog stated that the proposed bond will have 55% of the funds allocated to new building and 45% allocated to renovation due to the fact that many of the District's buildings are 20 years old. Mr. Herzog will forward a draft resolution of support to Jennifer Pettinger. Ms. Pettinger will forward the resolution to the membership.

### **JURISDICTIONAL UPDATES**

**Castle Rock** – Randy Reed stated the groundbreaking for the Reuter/Hess Reservoir Expansion was held the week before last and had over 230 attend. He announced their City Council will be holding their retreat at the Cherokee Ranch. He also announced that this coming Saturday, Castle Rock will host a household hazardous waste drop off. Doug Lehnen said the Artfest, which was held last week, was very successful. Mr. Reed thanked the Library for the use of their parking lot. Mr. Lehnen encouraged all municipalities to join the Rocky Mountain Rail Authority.

**Larkspur** – Sherilyn West said their Chamber of Commerce held a Poker Run/Business Expo. She stated it was very well attended and they hope that it is the first of many community events. Ms. West also said the Fire Department is renovating their administration building and bays. She noted they are beginning their first road project in fifteen years. She also said that the new office building that is under construction is fully rented. Ms. West also stated that Council held a public hearing to approve the Special District to fund bonds to pay the infrastructure for the campground annexation.

**Lone Tree** – Jackie Millet said the realignment for the I-25 construction is projected to be completed in November. She also said the interchange is projected to be completed in late spring. She announced the Lone Tree Police Department Open House will be held on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Millet also announced the Lone Tree Symphony will hold its first fall concert on October 10<sup>th</sup>. She related what a great sport Mayor Gunning was with the dunk tank at a recent Community Movie Night and BBQ. She noted the funds raised at their Independence Day Celebration were donated to Hearts Across the Miles.

**Douglas County** – Melanie Worley stated the Douglas County 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Water Summit will be held on October 1<sup>st</sup> at the Wildlife Experience. She also said Douglas County is hosting a Transportation Funding Forum on October 2. She encouraged everyone to attend and share their opinions. Ms. Worley also stated Douglas County will be holding a Shred-a-Thon for all Douglas County residents on November 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:30am – Noon at the Douglas County Justice Center. She said there will be a 3 box limit for shredding, no limit on electronics recycling and cell phones will be recycled for soldiers use in Iraq. She stated last Saturday, Senior's Day was held to educate seniors to the services that are available to them. She noted there were 80 vendors and over 350 attended.

**Parker** – Jeannene Bragg said Debbie Lewis and Scott Jackson were unable to attend today’s meeting. She stated planning on the new Police Station and Civic Center is moving forward. She also stated they have 8 candidates running for 3 council seats during the November election. She noted the Family Safety Fair and Oktoberfest will be held this coming Saturday.

**Douglas County Libraries** – Demetria Heath said the Board voted to include the mill levy issue on the November ballot. She said the website for information supporting the issue is [www.yestolibraries.com](http://www.yestolibraries.com). She also noted the District is hosting a Literacy Summit on Friday, September 19. Ms. Heath reminded everyone the District is hosting an evening with Dave Barry on September 25.

### **Guests**

Jeff Wasden, Highlands Ranch Community Association, introduced Community Manager, Gary Debus. He said they were honored to put an application for membership to the Partnership.

Vicky Starkey, Highlands Ranch Metropolitan District, stated Terry Nolan was unable to attend today’s meeting.

Don Howell, City Manager, Castle Pines North, noted that even though they became a city in February things are really beginning as they began staffing on August 13<sup>th</sup>. He stated they are focusing on budget and revenue stream problems. Mr. Howell said the City’s website, [www.cpngov.com](http://www.cpngov.com), was launched last week. He also noted the City will have a November ballot issue to clarify a question on property tax. Mr. Howell also stated their first major rezoning was just approved and they are working on policy and procedures.

Bonnie Osborn, Housing Partnership, reported the first family was approved to participate in the Shared Equity Program. She announced plans after the election to hold an Open House for elected officials to educate them about the Housing Partnership.

### **YOUTH CONGRESS ISSUE TEAM BRIEFING**

Ian Hanson and Kristina Murri presented the briefing on the Youth Congress. They stated the group they participated in was focused on after school activities. They noted that 3:00-6:00pm is a very important time and that 23% of school children are on their own during that time. They encouraged increased participation in positive activities during this time period and shared their ideas. Some of the ideas included: setting up new afterschool activities/clubs, high school students mentoring middle school students, provide transportation for activities, local business partnerships. Discussion was held as to what the next steps would be.

### **MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA REPORT**

Pat Braden presented the recommendations from the committee. Discussion was held. Jackie Millet suggested the guidelines be clarified to address the concern about more than one vote per jurisdiction. There was informed consent to instruct the committee to revise

the operational guidelines per the discussion and to have them presented at the next meeting.

### **DISCUSSION OF GROUPS REQUESTING MEMBERSHIP STATUS**

Melanie Worley asked if there was a general consensus to move forward with the Membership Committee Recommendations regarding membership status. Everyone was in agreement. Vicky Starkey asked if the membership wanted presentations next month. Everyone was in agreement that presentations were not needed.

#### **City of Castle Pines North**

Kristine Turner asked since the City of Castle Pines North fits the profile for the membership criteria is there consensus to admit to membership the City of Castle Pines North. Everyone was in agreement.

#### **Highlands Ranch Metro District**

Kristine Turner asked since the Highlands Ranch Metro District fits the profile for the membership criteria is there consensus to admit to membership Highlands Ranch Metro District. Everyone was in agreement.

#### **Highlands Ranch Community Association**

Kristine Turner stated since Highlands Ranch Community Association does not meet the definition of government, the committee did not recommend admitting Highlands Ranch Community Association to membership. Everyone was in agreement.

### **ELECTION UPDATE**

Christine Staberg, The Capstone Group, gave a summary of the 18 proposed referendums and amendments that will be on the November ballot. Melanie Worley encouraged everyone to either vote by mail or to vote early. She noted Douglas County's ballot will be 2 pages long. Discussion was held on how to educate voters. Ms. Staberg will send the Secretary of State's link for voter education to Jennifer Pettinger. Jennifer Pettinger will forward the information to the membership.

### **MONTHLY UPDATE**

#### **Communications Subcommittee**

There was no report.

#### **Environmental Sustainability**

Vickie Starkey stated the subcommittee met yesterday. She passed out a summary on Environmental Program Enhancements, which reflect impacts from low to high. She stated the committee is currently working on public education.

Steve Herzog announced the Governor's office will be hosting an Energy Summit in mid-October which includes grant writing information. He will send the summit information to Jennifer Pettinger. Jennifer Pettinger will forward the information to the membership.

**LISTING OF ACTION ITEMS FROM MEETING**

Jennifer Pettinger summarized the action items.

Chairman Braden adjourned the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

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

*NEXT MEETING:*  
*Hosted by Town of Parker*  
*October 15, 2008*  
*Location: Parker Field House*