



**Wednesday, January 21, 2009**  
**7:00 a.m. – 10 a.m.**  
**Town of Larkspur**  
**Pony ExpressO Coffee and Tea Café**  
**9080 Spruce Mountain Road**

### **MEETING AGENDA**

- 7:00 a.m.    **Breakfast/Networking**
- 7:30 a.m.    **Call to Order & Introductions** – David Casiano
- 7:35 a.m.    **Welcome and Jurisdictional Update** – Town of Larkspur
- 7:40 a.m.    **Jurisdictional Updates** (*Please limit to 5 minutes each*)
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| Castle Pines North | Douglas County                 |
| Castle Rock        | Douglas County Libraries       |
| Larkspur           | Douglas County School District |
| Lone Tree          | Highlands Ranch Metro District |
| Parker             | Guest                          |
- 8:30 a.m.    **Discussion of Countywide Synchronized Usage (land, water etc.)**  
Presentation for further discussion on the issue of synchronized land usage, water usage, etc. countywide. The school district would like to propose a method by which to create a streamlined process for determining land use, tap fees, etc. as it relates to negotiations between county entities (like the libraries, schools, and DC government), and city entities. 15 minutes - Kristine DCSD
- 8:45 a.m.    **Environmental Sustainability Subcommittee Recommendation**  
15 minutes – County Commissioner Jack Hilbert
- 9:00 a.m.    **Youth Involvement in Partnership Douglas County Government**  
Carla Turner has suggested ways to increase Youth Involvement in our work at the PDCG 10 minutes – Jamie LaRue
- 9:10 a.m.    **Local Vendor Outreach** 10 minutes – Wendy Holmes

- 9:20 a.m.    **Proposed Partnership 2009 Goals** 30 minutes – David Casiano, Town of Parker.
- 9:50 a.m.    **Monthly Updates**  
Communication Subcommittee  
Environmental Sustainability (above)
- 9:55 a.m.    **Listing of Action Items from Meeting**
- 10:00 a.m.    **Adjourn** (*note time over*)

**NEXT MEETING:**  
*Hosted by*  
***Douglas County***  
***February 18, 2009***

Map to Pony ExpressO  
December 17, 2008 Meeting Minutes  
Youth Leadership Hand Out  
Youth Youth Involvement Hand Out  
2009 Meeting Schedule



**December 17, 2008**  
**Hosted by Douglas County Libraries**  
**Phillip S. Miller Library**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**MEMBER ATTENDEES:**

Castle Pines North: Doug Gilbert, Alan Lanning

Castle Rock: Randy Reed, Sally Misare

Larkspur: Sherilyn West, Matt Krimmer

Lone Tree: Patricia Braden, Jackie Millet, Michelle Kivela, Jennifer Pettinger

Parker: David Casiano, Scott Jackson, Jeannene Bragg, Phyllis O'Reilly, Patti McKee

Douglas County: Melanie Worley, Doug Debord, Wendy Holmes

Douglas County Libraries: Mark Weston, Demetria Heath, Jamie LaRue

Douglas County School District: Kristine Turner, Steve Herzog

Highlands Ranch Metro District: Tom Hoby, Vicky Starkey, Terry Nolan

**GUESTS:**

Senator Ted Harvey

Senator-elect Mark Scheffel

Kevin Bommer, CML

Bonnie Osborn, Douglas County Housing Partnership

Carla Turner, Douglas County Youth Initiative

Ryan Parker, CP Green

**CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS – PATRICIA BRADEN**

Chairman Braden called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. and welcomed Senator-elect Mark Scheffel's schedule.

Attendees introduced themselves.

Senator-elect Mark Scheffel introduced himself and stated he looked forward to serving with everyone. He said, although he will not be sworn in until January, he has been

selected to serve on the joint select committee on job creation and economic growth and has begun work on that committee. Senator-elect Scheffel also said he is working on a bill for the total elimination of the business personal property tax. He stated he is calling for a discussion and is proposing a twenty-year phase out. He noted his email is not yet up and running but will let everyone know when it is. He also noted that his door is always open and thanked everyone for the opportunity to come today.

### **WELCOME – DOUGLAS COUNTY LIBRARIES**

Mark Weston welcomed everyone and said that he would keep his report concise. He said they are holding a planning session in mid-January due to the budget constraints.

### **JURISDICTIONAL UPDATES**

**Castle Pines North** – Doug Gilbert reported their first budget has been approved. He introduced their new City Manager, Alan Lanning. Mr. Gilbert stated they are planning to move City Hall into the Castle Pines North Metro District facility. He gave an update on current building projects. He noted that Castle Pines Green will be a key task for them next year.

**Castle Rock** – Randy Reed said they approved last week their 127<sup>th</sup> budget. Mr. Reed also said they are moving forward on transportation improvements, which will include a circle road around the town that will connect with the new I-25 and Plum Creek Interchange. He noted the improvements are projected to be completed at the end of 2009.

**Highlands Ranch Metro District** – Vicky Starkey noted their \$20 million budget was adopted without a tax increase. She said that was mostly due to bond refunding. Ms. Starkey stated they are looking at the feasibility with Shea Homes of renovating the Highlands Ranch Mansion.

**Larkspur** – Matt Krimmer said their 2009 budget was passed. He stated the Holiday Tree Lighting Event was very successful with over 500 people attending. Mr. Krimmer announced they received a \$200,000 GOCO (Greater Outdoors Colorado) grant for park enhancements. He also noted the building construction is underway with two more buildings planned.

**Lone Tree** – Jackie Millet said they approved their 2009 budget with a 3% reduction. She noted the bonds have been sold for their recreation projects. Ms. Millet also noted they are beginning work on the new tennis facility. She announced the pedestrian bridge connecting light rail to the Park Meadows Mall is opening later this morning.

**Parker** – Scott Jackson announced Hess Road will be opening and progress on Chambers is accelerating. He noted they are working on the Civic Center and Police Department Project and are looking at a late 2010 completion date. Mr. Jackson said there are two new members on council and they will hold their retreat in late January. He also said the Main Street construction is complete. Mr. Jackson said there are many new activities on Main Street including free carriage rides on Friday and Saturday evenings.

**Douglas County** – Doug Debord said the Commissioners held a six hour public hearing yesterday. He noted the 2009 budget was approved and the operating budget was reduced by \$3 million. He stated 2010 will be a challenge for the County. Wendy Holmes reported that 75,000 lbs of electronics and 35,000 lbs of paper were recycled and \$5,500 was donated to Crime Stoppers during the Shred-a-thon.

**Douglas County School District** – Kristine Turner said they are looking at \$37 million in cuts for this school year and next. She stated the District's process for those cuts is expected to be completed at the end of January and will include citizen involvement. Ms. Turner noted 1500 new students are projected for enrollment for next year. She said on a positive note the school improvement reports are in and most of the schools rated in the high and excellent range. Steve Herzog gave an update on current bond projects.

### **Guests**

Bonnie Osborn, Douglas County Housing Partnership, gave an update on the new program they began in September, to assist first time home buyers. She said the Partnership has applied for emergency funds from the Federal Government.

Carla Turner, Douglas County Youth Initiative, asked everyone to save the date of Saturday, April 18, 2009 for the 2009 Douglas County Youth Congress. She said they have further defined the program and would like the elected officials to join the youth for lunch and the afternoon session. Ms. Turner encouraged everyone to invite their Councils, Boards and Commissions to the Youth Congress. She also said if anyone is interested, they are invited to attend the full day. Ms. Turner also gave information about the WrapAroundD Program and spoke about the program and the cost savings. She also noted there have been several unrelated suicides (both teen and adult) and stated if anyone would like more information or to help with the suicide prevention program to contact her. Discussion was held regarding suicide prevention.

### **NOVEMBER 2008 ELECTION FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION**

Randy Reed stated they had their Downtown Business Authority which was a tax increase pass. He also stated the Town will be matching the funding and it was also de-bruced. Kevin Boomer noted other successful municipal elections. Jamie LaRue stated his concern with overlapping tax indebtedness. He said some new housing developments can be assessed with high mill levy and residents are unable to support tax increases for schools and libraries. Mr. LaRue suggested a dialogue on what type of community can we afford and how are going to handle it?

### **2009 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Chairman Braden thanked Senator-elect Mark Scheffel for his earlier comments.

Senator Ted Harvey thanked everyone and recognized Melanie Worley's service to the County. He explained Mike May's delayed retirement and the reasons for it. Senator Harvey stated this upcoming year will be different due to the many freshmen lawmakers and difficult due to the economy. He said there will be \$150 million in cuts to next year's budget (which begins in June), and if the courts rule against the Governor's mill levy freeze, there could be an additional \$350 million in cuts. Senator Harvey stated he is

proposing a bill to allow rain water harvesting, which will include 10 pilot projects. He said Sterling Ranch is interested in participating and that will make Douglas County on the forefront. He explained Colorado Water Law in regard to water recycling. Senator Harvey said the legislative agenda will focus largely on jobs. He said he believes our fiscal responsibility will assist us in weathering this economic crisis. David Casiano asked about obtaining a cost analysis for participating in the project. Senator Harvey said it would be available.

Jamie LaRue asked how Representative May's replacement would be picked. Senator Harvey explained the process.

Randy Reed thanked Senator Harvey for his support in eliminating the Business Personal Property Tax. He asked for clarification on water rights. Senator Harvey explained further.

Kevin Bommer, Colorado Municipal League (CML), gave an update on the upcoming legislative session which he said will include infrastructure funding and budget cuts. He noted his focus is on water, liquor, pension and collective bargaining. Mr. Bommer said he has been authorized to support legislation to assist small disadvantaged communities for water and waste water projects. He noted the CML Legislative Workshop will be February 25<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Bommer stated they are planning a legislative conference call with municipalities this year.

Chairman Braden thanked Senator-elect Scheffel, Senator Harvey and Mr. Bommer and presented each with a commemorative pen.

#### **PARTING COMMENTS FROM 2008 CHAIR**

Chairman Braden stated it has been a pleasure to chair the Partnership since May. She said it has been Lone Tree's honor to chair this year. She thanked staff for their assistance. She highlighted several of the accomplishments this year including; defining the membership criteria, acceptance of the City of Castle Pines North and Highlands Ranch Metro District, working together on election issues, decisions made regarding Joint Dispatch, as well as the ongoing Youth Initiative, Housing Partnership and Environmental Sustainability.

#### **COMMENTS FROM 2009 CHAIR**

David Casiano stated this is a challenging time and reminded everyone of the importance of working together. He offered his assistance to Jim Christensen and the School District. Mr. Casiano asked Carla Turner to invite youth to attend the meetings. He stated we will have to work together to keep Douglas County strong and viable.

#### **LISTING OF ACTION ITEMS FROM MEETING**

Wendy Holmes stated she will be working on the orientation packet for our delegation and will contact each entity to compile the contact information. Senator Harvey requested cell phone numbers be included.

#### **DOUGLAS COUNTY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM**

Michelle Kivela stated the Douglas County Leadership Program is developing a brochure for recruitment and promotion and has requested endorsement from the Partnership. There was informed consent to endorse the Douglas County Leadership Program.

Chairman Braden passed the gavel to the Town of Parker and David Casiano. Chairman Braden adjourned the meeting at 8:46 a.m.

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

*NEXT MEETING:*  
*Hosted by Town of Larkspur*  
*January 21, 2009*  
*Location: Pony ExpressO Coffee and Tea Cafe*



## Youth Leadership Douglas County

**The mission of Youth Leadership Douglas County is to cultivate leadership qualities in teens through education, experience and mentoring; and to encourage responsible, informed and involved citizenship.**

Youth Leadership Douglas County is a three year program designed to foster leadership qualities in Douglas County teens. Each year 25 sophomores are selected to participate in seminars and activities that teach them about the community and their place in it. Each month's day-long session explores a different aspect of leadership with an eye toward building interest in local issues. Students will develop their leadership potential through active participation in ropes courses, law enforcement training activities, speaking in front of a camera, visiting with local legislators and county commissioners, and thoughtful discussion of current issues.

As juniors, the students are responsible for mentoring the incoming sophomore class and planning one of the eight leadership sessions. As seniors, students are given the opportunity to give back to their community through service learning, planning of the Youth Congress, and representation on local boards.

Youth Leadership Douglas County needs sponsors to continue to grow and serve our teens. To become a sponsor contact Director Kristine Turner at 303-909-8980.

# **PROPOSAL**

## **Youth Representation on the Partnership Of DC Gov'ts**

**Suggestions from the Managers' Group**

### **WHO**

- High school-age delegates from the Douglas County Youth Congress
  - 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders from across Doug Co
  - Teens representing the diversity of our community
- Transition-age participants from the Youth Congress
  - 18 – 25 year olds who are typically underrepresented in policy processes

### **HOW**

- There will be four or five policy workgroups at the Youth Congress
- Three youth delegates from each policy workgroup (12 – 15 teens) + one or more transition-age participant will get matched with a manager from the County, a municipality, the schools and the libraries.
- Each manager will mentor his/her youth delegates, which could include the following:
  - Supportive activities to follow up on policy suggestions from the Youth Congress
  - Occasional invitations to attend and participate in Partnership of DC Gov'ts meetings
  - Opportunities for leadership experiences such as ride-alongs with law enforcement, public/business meetings, etc.
- INCENTIVES: Scholarship; excused absences; CS credit; class credit; other ideas?
- LOGISTICS TO CONSIDER: Transportation; excused absences; class credit; etc.

### **WHY**

- This strategy would increase the likelihood of follow-up on Youth Congress work
- Youth voice & participation would be encouraged and coordinated with consistency
- The Partnership of DC Governments would continue its reputation as a model collaborative