



Wednesday, March 18, 2009
City of Lone Tree
Arapahoe/Douglas WORKS!
5500 S. Quebec St., Ste 175
Greenwood Village, CO 80111

MEETING MINUTES

MEMBER ATTENDEES:

Castle Pines: Kim Hoffman,

Castle Rock: Randy Reed, Mark Stevens

Larkspur: Matt Krimmer, Sherilyn West

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

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

Douglas County: Doug Debord, Jack Hilbert, Wendy Holmes, Vicky Starkey, Andy Hough

Douglas County Libraries: Demetria Heath, Jaime LaRue

Douglas County School District: Steve Herzog, Kristine Turner

Highlands Ranch Metro District: Terry Nolan, Tom Hoby

GUESTS:

Sarah Ann Zuber and Tina Sun both were job shadowing Wendy Holmes Carla Turner with Douglas County Youth Initiative

CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS – SCOTT JACKSON

Acting Chairman Scott Jackson called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked City of Lone Tree for hosting at the Arapahoe/Douglas Works Workforce Center.

Attendees introduced themselves.

JURISDICTIONAL UPDATES

Castle Pines North: Kim Hoffman spoke of the Castle Pines North Library Pledge program to bring a satellite Library to their city.

Lone Tree: Pat Braden reported on the three bond issues that were passed last May. A new pool is planned to open on Memorial Day with the slide project moving along and under budget. The tennis complex is still in the planning stages and an RFP has been sent out for the planned Cultural Center with a tentative opening in 2011. The city continues to look for service projects, increase their communication and advertise in new ways. Two electronic message boards have been installed on Yosemite to inform their residents of upcoming events. Pat also mentioned a recent Girls Scout food drive that brought in over 14 tons of food and \$5,000 in cash donations.

Castle Rock: Randy Reed spoke of a new reading program, One Book, One Castle Rock, which the city and library are working on to encourage residents to read more. Each month a book by a Colorado author will be chosen and highlighted from the adult, teen and children sections. Citizens will be encouraged to read the book and discuss it with others. The Town purchased 105 acres of property between Wolfensberger and Meadows Creek Trail and is building a new trail system from Crystal Valley to the Meadows. Randy also reported that Castle Rock is now on Facebook and Twitter.

Highlands Ranch: The District approved \$44,500 to improve and maintain sport fields at various elementary schools.

Larkspur: Mayor Sherilyn West announced the opening of the Creek Side Office Complex which includes a dental and orthodontist office and a defense contractor. An Ice Cream and Candy shop opened across from the Town Community Park. Also the Town will be issuing a Invitation for Bids for the Park Enhancement Project to add parking, new restroom facilities and other amenities.

Parker: Scott Jackson spoke about Chambers Road and preparing for increased traffic when the new stadium is completed. Scott also mentioned that the Police station is scheduled for completion in September 2010 and the Civic Center ground breaking is scheduled for fall of 2009.

Douglas County: Jack Hilbert gave an overview of the reorganization that is currently underway at the County offices and shared with the group what the Commissioners hope to accomplish.

Jack also spoke of RTD's proposed route changes and the County's plan to work with RTD in possibly subsidizing these routes until ridership can meet the required 930 riders. They are also asking for input in the redirection of routes for better participation. Jack said Jack O'Boyle has really worked hard and is doing a good job of representing us with RTD.

Douglas County Libraries: Demetria Heath mentioned that the Library Board met recently to approve the budget. Jamie LaRue spoke of the need to focus on educating the public on the value of government given the increase in demand for library services with less staff to support those services. Jamie said the library has also joined the world of Facebook and Twitter. He also mentioned that after the recent closing of the Rocky Mountain News, newspaper editors are saying that the daily newspaper will most likely be non-existent in five years. He asked the group to think about the impact of this and to blog him with thoughts and opinions.

Douglas County School District:

Steve Herzog spoke of the joint meeting with Parker and Castle Rock Councils. The growing need for more pools in Douglas County was the main topic of the joint meeting, which included a discussion on how to finance aquatics projects. Steve also spoke of the recent Apple Awards Event where over 900 people attended to recognize outstanding teachers. An open house to review proposed school bus route changes is planned. School construction projects approved in 2006 are moving forward with additional elementary schools in Castle Oaks, Plum Creek Academy and Cimarron, as well as a gymnasium at Douglas County High School. The School District's acquisition of a Castle Rock lumber yard will provide warehousing and new offices, saving dollars previously used for leasing space. Steve also shared that he had a meeting with the School Board and had personally been involved in several meetings concerning the changes in the health care program that will be offered to School District employees.

UPDATE ON YOUTH CONGRESS: Carla Turner reminded everyone how important it was for elected officials to participate in the Youth Congress suggesting that the afternoon session would be ideal time for them to come. The agenda for April 18th was distributed.

MONTHLY UPDATES:

- **Sustainability:** Wendy Holmes discussed a future E-cycle event with possible sites in Castle Rock and northern Douglas County.
- **Green Partners:** A goal update was provided by Tom Hoby. He mentioned that stimulus money in the form of energy grants was becoming available through the state for sustainability projects, but there were tight timelines for applying for these grants. It was reported that a select group of Douglas County staff would be assisting in gathering and presenting data to the Green Partners Committee as well as possibly assisting in the writing of grants. Jack Hilbert spoke of the "New Belgium Brewery" in Boulder that is completely sustainable and suggested we look more towards encouraging green industry to come to Douglas County.

LIST OF ACTION ITEMS FROM MEETING:

None at this time.

Acting Chair Scott Jackson adjourned the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Arapahoe/Douglas WORKS: Joe Barela gave a brief overview of their program, and how it benefits citizens of Arapahoe and Douglas Counties. The group was invited to tour the work force center and many took advantage of the opportunity.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patti McKee, Executive Assistant
Town of Parker

NEXT MEETING:
Hosted by Town of Castle Rock
April 15, 2009
Pegasus Restaurant
313 Jerry Street, Castle Rock, CO