



**April 15
Town of Castle Rock
Pegasus Restaurant
313 Jerry Street, Castle Rock, CO**

MEETING MINUTES

MEMBER ATTENDEES:

Castle Pines North:

Castle Rock: Randy Reed, Doug Lehnen, Sally Misare, Mark Stevens

Larkspur: Sherilyn West, Matt Krimmer

Lone Tree: Patricia Braden, Jackie Millet, Michelle Kivela, Jack Hidahl

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

Douglas County: Doug Debord, Jack Hilbert, Wendy Holmes,

Douglas County Libraries: Demetria Heath, Jaime LaRue

Douglas County School District: Kristine Turner, Steve Herzog

Highlands Ranch Metro District: Terry Nolan, Vicky Starkey

GUESTS:

Andy Hough with Douglas County

Bonnie Osborn with Douglas County Housing Partnership

CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS – Jeannene Bragg

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

Attendees introduced themselves.

WELCOME – Town of Castle Rock

Randy Reed welcomed everyone to The Pegasus Restaurant, the unofficial Commissioners hang out in Castle Rock. Randy asked everyone to take note of the award winning Parking Garage that includes display windows used for advertising local businesses and upcoming events. Randy thanked all the entities that were involved in making this development happen.

JURISDICTIONAL UPDATES

Castle Pines North – No report

Larkspur – Matt Krimmer announced that enhancements to the park had begun. He reminded the group of the Town’s and Larkspur’s Chamber of Commerce sponsored “Spring Fling” on May 31.

Lone Tree – Jackie Millet spoke of the success of recent fundraising events in their community, provided a short update on their future Art Center and reminded everyone about the upcoming Youth Congress.

Parker – Jeannene Bragg spoke of Parker’s future plans to break ground for a new Police Building and a new Civic Center, as well as, her plans for advertising and filling an Economic Development position with the Town.

Douglas County – Jack Hilbert told of the recent decision to revoke all RFP’s for rural plans. The county will be updating their process to make it more transparent.

Douglas County Libraries – Demetria Heath spoke of a recent vote to set up capital funds for new buildings and the decision to postpone changing from a regional to an urban regional for now. Jamie LaRue spoke of the “Power Wall” located just inside of the Castle Rock Library door way, there has been an increase in books being checked out of 17% in the last year, with 61% of all books being out compared to the national average of 20%.

Douglas County School District – Kristine Turner commented that it would probably be two to three years before they went back to the public election process. The big push will be focusing on whole body wellness which will encompass both physical and mental health and creating a welcoming atmosphere. June 23 they will be hosting Dr. Tess, a guru in health and wellness, and invite the elected officials to attend. More information will be available at the next meeting.

Highlands Ranch Metro District – Vicky Starkey announced that Highlands Ranch had received the Tree City award for the 22nd year.

Guests: None

INNOVATIONS AND CHANGES IN COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

Power Point Presentation

Chairman David Casiano congratulated Randy Reed on his re-election as Mayor of Castle Rock.

DOUGLAS COUNTY HOUSING PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

Bonnie Osborn: Spoke about a recent grant that the Partnership received with an 18-month window to spend it. She went into a few of the stipulations that would regulate who would be eligible to receive these funds. More information on this program can be found at the following website:

<http://www.douglascountyhousingpartnership.org/index.htm>.

Bonnie also handed out information covering Neighborhood Stabilization programs and Shared Equity programs. She asked if land owned by the School District could be used for affordable housing when it is unsatisfactory for a school. She sought the group's opinion as to whether it should be looked into. Consensus was reached to look at all options.

Jack Hilbert also talked about a successful project in Pueblo to build affordable housing. David Casiano mentioned the success of the housing project in Eagle County. Mark Stevens agreed it was good to look at all options.

MONTHLY UPDATE

Environmental Sustainability – Andy Hough presented a list of possible grants they will be pursuing. The list of grant options will be going to the Commissioners on Monday.

REGIONAL MANAGERS REPORT: Jeannene Bragg reminded everyone about the Youth Congress. David Casiano mentioned that DDC's Parkerfest might be a good place to have a booth to reach out and meet citizens and hear their comments on sustainability.

LISTING OF ACTION ITEMS FROM MEETING

None at this time.

Chairman David Casiano adjourned the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patricia McKee
Executive Assistant

*NEXT MEETING:
Highlands Ranch Metro District
May 20, 2009
62 West Plaza Drive
Highlands Ranch, CO*