



June 17, 2009
Douglas County School District
Castle View High School

MEETING MINUTES

MEMBER ATTENDEES:

Castle Pines North: Doug Gilbert

Castle Rock: Randy Reed, Sally Misare

Larkspur: Matt Krimmer

Lone Tree:

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

Douglas County: Wendy Holmes, Jack Hilbert, Doug Debord

Douglas County Libraries: Demetria Heath, Jaime LaRue

Douglas County School District: Kristine Turner

Highlands Ranch Metro District: Terry Nolan, Vicky Starkey

GUESTS:

Anton Kaleth, Denver University – Job shadowing Jamie LaRue
Meme Martin, Douglas County Economic Development Manager

CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS – SCOTT JACKSON

Acting Chairman Scott Jackson called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Attendees introduced themselves.

WELCOME – Douglas County School District

Kristine Turner welcomed everyone to Castle View High School.

JURISDICTIONAL UPDATES

Douglas County School District – Kristine Turner reported on the June 16 School Board meeting. The Board is moving forward with a budget election in November on the premise that “if we don’t ask we have already failed.” A four day work week was looked at, which could result in as much as a 20% savings if the facilities were closed for one day per week. She mentioned that perhaps technology could be used to fill in the gaps. Changes in bus routes and transportation services were also on the agenda.

Castle Pines North – Doug Gilbert reported that the city was rapidly moving forward with annexation plans for The Canyons.

Castle Rock – Randy Reed welcomed everyone to Castle Rock. The Council recently met with the Castle Pines Council which Randy stated was very informative and a good opportunity to get to know the individuals and problems their cities are facing.

At a recent Council meeting they discussed testing the market to see if a water budget for residential areas would be feasible as a water budget for commercial sites is already in place. They also discussed several economic stimulus ideas such as waiving the residential permit fees for bathroom, kitchen, deck and basement remodels. The Town normally receives approximately \$17,000 per month in these fees but agreed to waive them for three months starting in July to help motivate citizens to spend their money at local retailers. Another idea that came out of the meeting was to give gift certificates to people who spend over a certain amount. For example, someone who purchases \$500 worth of products could receive five \$10 certificates that could be spent anywhere in Castle Rock. There would be stipulations on what types of items would be eligible.

Terry Nolan mentioned that Highlands Ranch has had a residential water budget system in place for over five years and offered to help with any of the municipalities that are looking to do the same.

Larkspur – Matt Krimmer announced the opening of the Renaissance Festival, which will be continuing for seven more weeks. He also stated that the festival has new entertainment and facilities. A new Recycling dump site has opened and will accept recyclables for a small fee from non-residents. It is operated by a local start up business. Fischer Enterprises was appointed the contract for the park construction which should start after July 4.

July 3 will be the day of their Fourth of July event. Larkspur is still working on the annexation of the campground north of town with two public hearings coming up.

Lone Tree – None at this time.

Parker – Scott Jackson made everyone aware of the July 4 “Let Freedom Sing” event in Parker. He also stated that Chamber Road was scheduled to open soon.

The Police and Civic Center are moving forward on schedule. The Town hired Becky Hogan as its first Economic Development Director and is looking forward to the future.

Douglas County – Jack Hilbert said they have a committee working with the business community to find out what the County is doing right and what they could do to improve their economic development process. They are making changes in the rural development framework and revamping the process for more public input. Jack said the Commissioners would govern under a policy management framework, with a focus on long term, long range, and high level goals and let the staff do their jobs. He stated that they have empowered Doug DeBord to do more of the day-to-day, enabling him to restructure and hire an assistant manager to help create stronger staff structure. Jack mentioned that Daniels Parkway had opened and shared that it was a beautiful drive with a lot to see. He went on to say that the County is also continuing to work on sustainability and that the County Fair is scheduled for August 1 – 9 with lots of improvements and many of things to see and do. A Mayors tractor pull had been scheduled, but Jack mentioned that it maybe called off. After some discussion with each jurisdiction, it was felt it could be resurrected with Commissioners involvement.

Douglas County Libraries – Demetria Heath spoke of Library usage going from 5% to 17%. She stated that the library district plans to present speakers on controversial topics. On July 17 Michael Roberts will speak on the disappearance of the newspaper.

Highlands Ranch Metro District – Vicki Starkey said the district is nearing their build out and paving the final road construction on Town Center Drive and Highlands Ranch Parkway. The results of the citizen’s survey have been emailed to everyone, and they are very pleased with the outcome. July 1 will be the dedication ceremony for the new Veterans Monument if anyone would care to attend.

Guests- No comments

PROMOTING VALUE BASED GOVERNMENT –JAMIE LARUE

*Handout.

Our constituents’ still have a negative perception of government entities. Do you agree we should continue with a marketing effort that explains what government does and the value of Government? If we do not educate they are left to their own information. We need to consciously select language that reflects the values and intent of our decisions and actions and promote this information on our web pages, internet and overall branding.

2009 MELANIE WORLEY CIVIC AWARD CRITERIA – WENDY HOLMES

Wendy stated that she had gained agreement with the managers to move forward with this award and asked the partners to start thinking about submitting nominations for an

individual/s that have inspired the community. A time line and information will be forthcoming.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FORUM – MEME MARTIN

**Handout, copy of proposal.

Meme asked the Partnership to select a staff person to serve on a subcommittee to explore and clarify economic development goals and service delivery within the County. The committee would look at ways we can work closer together on economic issues. It is agreed that staff will be selected and will meet once to confirm if this needs to be an ongoing committee.

Doug posed a question regarding use tax incentives stating that the County could not give incentives unless all the municipalities were participating in some way. He asked if everyone would be interested in looking into doing something even if it was just one project so the County can also participate. It was determined that each of the jurisdictions would go back and discuss with their council members and report back at the next meeting.

DCSC transportation – Kristine Turner reminded everyone about the upcoming presentation by David Katz, M.D on “Turning the Tide: Food, Health & the Fate of Nations”, being held on June 24. She also spoke of proposed actions to provide healthier options for student lunches and ways parents could be more aware of what their children are eating.

Multiple county entities have expressed the need for more information on how the proposed magnet bus stop changes would affect their communities. The school district will hold a meeting with the public and elected officials on Monday, June 22 at 6 p.m. to voice their concerns and suggest solutions.

Jack Hilbert mentioned that local libraries maybe a possible location for magnet bus stops. He also spoke regarding RTD and how they and other transportation providers may be able to be of some help in transporting students.

MONTHLY UPDATE

Environmental Sustainability

Green Partners – The County’s Recycle event was successful; traffic was steady and the event made over three thousand dollars which was donated to Crime-Stoppers – Wendy Holmes.

Communications Subcommittee

There was no report.

Managers Meeting

Jeannene Bragg commented that most items had been covered during the course of the meeting.

LISTING OF ACTION ITEMS FROM MEETING

- Schedule Communications Committee meeting following the next Partnership meeting in July.
- Meme Martin will be sending out invites to staff participating in the Economic Development Forum.
- Mayors Tractor Pull
- Discuss building fee issue with Councils

Jack Hilbert noted how great the library lighting was at the Phillip S Miller Library, stating that a video of it could be seen on “You Tube”. Jack also mentioned the success of other counties who have had sustainability audits done on their facilities.

Acting Chairman Scott Jackson adjourned the meeting at 8:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patti McKee, Executive Assistant
Town of Parker

NEXT MEETING:
Town of Parker Fieldhouse
Parker, CO
July 15, 2009