



**July 15, 2009
Town of Parker
Fieldhouse, 18700 E Plaza Drive
Parker, CO 80138**

MEETING MINUTES

MEMBER ATTENDEES:

Castle Pines North: Doug Gilbert

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

Larkspur: Matt Krimmer

Lone Tree: Patricia Braden, Sharon Van Ramshorst, Michelle Kivela

Parker: David Casiano, Phyllis O'Reilly, Patti McKee, Rosemary Sietsema

Douglas County: Jack Hilbert, Wendy Holmes, Doug Debord

Douglas County Libraries: Demetria Heath, Jaime LaRue

Douglas County School District: Kristine Turner,

Highlands Ranch Metro District: Terry Nolan, Vicky Starkey

GUESTS:

Fran Santagata, Douglas County

Paul Banon, Douglas County School District

Bonnie Osborn, Douglas County Housing Authority

CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS – David Casiano

Chairman David Casiano called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Attendees introduced themselves.

WELCOME – Town of Parker

David Casiano welcomed everyone to the Parker Fieldhouse.

JURISDICTIONAL UPDATES

Parker – David Casiano reported that the Parker Area Reinvestment (PAR) Project had passed. Becky Hogan, Economic Development Director, is on staff now and working on several projects involving urban development. The Certificate of Purchase (COP) will be up for 2nd reading during the Monday Council Meeting which will allow the Town to purchase bonds necessary for the Civic Center and Police Building projects. The Parker Chamber has appointed Marcie Maxwell as their new CEO. Parker has been chosen to host nine Iraq students again this year from July 29 to August 10.

Castle Pines North – Doug Gilbert reported that their July 4 celebration was a success. Budget adjustments had been made and it appears Castle Pines will enter 2010 with a positive fund balance. Castle Pines is working with the Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT) to develop an economic development process with the County, City and Chamber. The Canyon's annexation is progressing and should be complete by October 2009.

Castle Rock – Randy Reed shared with the group that their July 4 celebration started out well, but the weather turned and they lost a lot of their participants. Two to three hundred people came back for the fireworks in the evening. At the last council meeting there was more conversation regarding the North Meadows extension, which included the expected "no" decision from the Railroad regarding moving rails. The Rock-Your-Renovations Program kicked off on July 1, with twenty-seven thousand in waived permit fees in the fourteen day period. The Rock-Your-Dollars Program will run September 1 to September 30 whereby shoppers spending five hundred dollars in that month will receive fifty dollars worth of certificates that can be redeemed in the month of October.

Doug Lehnen reported that the Rocky Mountain Rail feasibility study was at its conclusion and he feels it is headed in the right direction. The Governor is in support of the high speed corridor project, but it will be a long term effort.

Highlands Ranch Metro District – Vicki Starkey reported that the Veterans Memorial dedication, which is located at the HR Town Center, was attended by over a thousand people. Three hundred and twenty four veterans were recognized at the event and over one hundred and eighty-five thousand dollars was raised. The main speakers were Retired Governor Bill Owen and Major General Edwards. The public process for evaluating the renovation of the Highlands Ranch Mansion is beginning.

Larkspur – Matt Krimmer reported that their July 4 celebration doubled its attendance over last year. Part of the entertainment was the Renaissance Fair's elephant trimming of the park grass and trees. The park enhancement project has been started with the first phase expected to be completed in October and the new playground starting in the next phase. The Larkspur fire station is scheduled to be complete by the end of July. The campground annexation is still under negotiation. The new trash facility is open seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and is open to the public. Douglas County Road

Department is helping with the proposed extension process of Douglas Boulevard from West Perry Park Avenue to Fox Farm Road.

Lone Tree – Pat Braden reported that their July 4 celebration started with a “Firecracker Run” with proceeds going to Hearts Across the Miles. Later they had a parade, games in the park and fireworks which were very successful. The concert series started on Jun 13 in Sweetwater Park. The Taste of Lone Tree and Arts Festival experienced trouble with the weather, so it was not as successful as hoped. June 29 and 30 public meetings were held to introduce the Lone Tree Cultural Center concept designs. There will be repaving work on sections of park Meadows Drive and Parkway Drive. Lone Tree will also be following Castle Rock in waiving permit fees for certain types of renovations.

Douglas County – Jack Hilbert reported that the Commissioners are looking for appointments for their Liquor License Authority and will select one from each of these districts. Jack mentioned the recent articles from Money and Forbes Magazines where Douglas County was named number five in the Nation for “Where the Jobs Are” and number five for “Best Places to Relocate”. Under “Best Place to Relocate”, Parker was listed at number four, Castle Rock at number five and Highlands Ranch at number twenty in the Country. Douglas County was the fastest growing county in the nation beginning in 1990. The Fair and Rodeo is scheduled for August 7, 8 & 9. Jack encouraged everyone to come out and enjoy the various music groups, rodeo, competitions and open classes for food and crafts. The County is also working on putting together an Economic Development Advisory Council, working on the waving of building permit fees, working on an ED forum to be held at the library on July 16 and is kicking off an Economic Development web site so that more information is easily obtained by search companies looking to relocate. Jack also mentioned that the County is still working on changes to the Land Use Policies.

Sheriff Dave Weaver gave an update on home safety practices in light of a recent incident in the Stonegate area. He stated that although our community is very safe, we need to be more aware of what is going on around us; to lock our doors and windows and keep our garage doors closed. He will be sending out a letter to all the Stonegate residents about the incident in their neighborhood and provide some safety tips.

Douglas County Libraries – Demetria Heath reported that there would be an Economic and Small Business Forum at the Lone Tree Library to include Jack Hilbert and several other speakers. She also mentioned that Douglas County Libraries was named the number one library in the nation, and that a new library would be opening in Castle Pines at the end of August.

Douglas County School District – Kristine Turner reported that the school board would not be going out for a bond and budget election this fall. She stated that the district would try to be more creative in managing the budget, such as expanding class sizes/rooms and that the changes would be forthcoming in the way education is delivered in the future.

Guests – Bonnie Osborn with the Douglas County Housing Authority updated the group as to the status of the 3.6 million dollar allocation to Douglas County. Allocations are based on number of foreclosures, number of sub-prim loans, number of delinquent mortgages and number of vacant and abandoned properties. A four block area in Castle Rock was recommended for the allocation, but the Housing Authority is working on a better distribution of the funds county wide. An offer is being made on eleven acres foreclosed on in Parker that could provide 204 rental units to the northern area of Douglas County.

Final comments: Randy Reed mentioned the upcoming Wine Fest being held at the Grange in the Meadows subdivision in Castle Rock.

David Casiano asked what the group thought of putting together a list of county wide community events under one area on the web so everyone could access the information for the entire county.

Jack Hilbert suggested that each of our websites have a link that took everyone to a site with all the listings.

Everyone agreed and decided to have this added to the list of action items.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND PREPAREDNESS – Fran Santagata

*Please see handout.

Fran explained about a proactive exercise that first responders would be doing on August 24. The exercise will focus on a simulated pandemic outbreak, with first responders going to a location, picking up medical supplies and bringing back to a distribution location. Fran stressed that these drills have been going on since 2005 and that the County was very prepared in the event of a real emergency happening.

Fran also spoke about the recent weather the county has experienced. She explained that a siren system was not a good choice because of the terrain in Douglas County which would block most of the sound waves. She encouraged residents to use weather radios, be aware of the conditions when out of doors and not to depend on any one type of notification that would create a false sense of security. The weather radio and news weather alerts are the fastest way to be notified because they receive the weather warnings at the same time the County does. Reverse 911 would be used when a small area is at risk. Twitter and Facebook would be two other options for getting the weather report alerts.

DCSD BUSING SCHEDULE CHANGES – Paul Banon, Director of Transportation

*Please see handout.

Paul gave an update on the restructuring of bus routes. He explained that routes and magnet stops along corridors are flexible and will be changed if safety or need warrant such action. He also explained the 4-tier system the district would be using. Paul stated that they hoped to cut about a million miles from current bus routes and stressed that the service is still being provided but not at the high level of service the district has provided in the past.

MONTHLY UPDATE

Transportation Committee update – Doug DeBord

Doug announced that Traffic Engineer Larry Corcoran, who headed up this committee, was retiring. He requested that an update from this committee be a topic for the next meeting.

Sustainability Committee/Green partners – Doug DeBord

With a recent focus on grant requests Doug reported that he really didn't have a lot to report. The Partnership has commissioned the group to work on three objectives:

1. An online inventory or Resource Guide for citizens/business owners, which Wendy is working on.
2. Focus on the definition and framework for sustainability.
3. Recycling was the third, but unfortunately with the present economy the recycle center appears to on hold.

Managers Report – Phyllis O'Reilly

At the July Managers meeting Frank Yeager with Parker Water and Sanitation provided an update on the Rueter Hess Reservoir and also spoke of a possible opportunity to partner on future recreation activities. County wide Economic Development was also discussed. ED staff had met and discussed regional issues, the need to bring jobs and businesses to the area. The ED group would meet at a future date and invite SEBP to discuss their work plans and objectives for 2009 and 2010.

Staff representatives from Castle Rock, Douglas County, Douglas County School District and Parker met with a private company to discuss the possibility of a swimming facility. A model similar to the University of Minnesota's was discussed which would include a fifty meter pool. The private group is seeking approximately ten acres of land from one of the entities. Their business plan was viewed as a little over optimistic and there was not a lot of current interest given the cost projection of eight million dollars.

LISTING OF ACTION ITEMS FROM MEETING

- Establish a link on all web sites that would show a list of county wide events.
- Invite RTD to the next Partnership meeting to discuss marketing, ridership and helping with school bus transportation.

David Casiano shared with the group that he had several conversations at the recent CML conference regarding the Partnership and how well it worked and how much the group accomplished as a joint entity. He also spoke about how important it is to attend these types of conferences to network with other communities and to find ways to improve our own. He also mentioned that Randy Reed would be appearing on Comcast to do a five minute promo on Castle Rock.

Chairman David Casiano adjourned the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patti McKee
Executive Assistant, Town of Parker

NEXT MEETING:
City of Castle Pines
August 19, 2009
Location: Castle Pines Community Center
7404 Yorkshire Dr.
Castle Pines, CO