



Wednesday, August 19, 2009
Castle Pines North
Castle Pines Community Center

MEETING MINUTES

MEMBER ATTENDEES:

Castle Pines North: Maureen Shul, Doug Gilbert

Castle Rock: Randy Reed, Doug Lehnen, Sally Misare

Larkspur: Sherilyn West, Matt Krimmer

Lone Tree: Patricia Braden, Jackie Millet, Michelle Kivela

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

Douglas County: Larry Corcoran, Jack Hilbert

Douglas County Libraries:

Douglas County School District: Kristine Turner

Highlands Ranch Metro District: Terry Nolan, Vicky Starkey

GUESTS: Carla Turner, Youth Initiative and Peter Ericson, I-Wake
Fran Santagata, Douglas County Sheriffs Office-Emergency Management
Jack O'Boyle and Bruce Abel with RTD

CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

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

Attendees introduced themselves.

WELCOME

Maureen Shul welcomed everyone to Castle Pines North.

JURISDICTIONAL UPDATES

Castle Pines North – Maureen Shul reported that the Community Development Department has been coordinating with Canyons Development towards a successful annexation of the property east of I-25 to Castle Pines North. Maureen thanked Jack Hilbert for his help with their Economic Development Committee. The new city library will be opening in September and there will be a book sale of over 50,000 books to help with the fundraising. The American Academy Charter School will be opening soon. The first city park ground breaking took place on Aug. 14 and they are hopeful that a church and daycare will be added to this area. Although they have a lot on their plates, Maureen is very proud to say they are still pursuing their goal of lowering property taxes and are poised to enter 2010 debt free and on very stable ground. Maureen thanked everyone especially Jack Hilbert and Randy Reed for all their help in getting their city to this place.

Castle Rock – Randy Reed handed out an informational packet on their Rock your Dollar Program that will be in effect from Sep. 1 to Sep. 30, 2009. *See details in packet or on their web site.* Sep. 4 is a staff furlough day which will give the staff a nice four day weekend. Their program to waive permit fees has been very successful and will be continued until Oct. 30 or when they have used the allocated \$100,000. It was stated that \$73,000 has been waived so far. Randy said that it had been a very successful program and stated he was sorry that they are only doing it once given all the work the staff had done.

Doug Lehman said they have been told that Lowe's and Home Depot have seen an increase in sales. He also reported that the Rocky Mountain Rail Feasibility Study was being finalized and the Town should be hearing something by Sep. 1. Check the web site for more information at www.rockymountainrail.org.

Highlands Ranch Metro District – Vicky Starkey reported that work was taking place on the regional trail near Lone Tree west to Redstone and that expansion of the Shea Stadium parking area and the Spring Gulch Equestrian area is underway.

Larkspur – Matt Krimmer reported that the Renaissance Fair was very successful this year and, that the park enhancements were underway. Due to the closing of the C-DOT rest areas Larkspur was offered the opportunity to acquire all the buildings by paying the moving costs. The restrooms would be moved to areas where needed and the balance would be sold. The recently opened trash recycle center had to close due to lack of a demand. The Planning Commission recommended denying the petition for PD Zoning at the Bear View campground.

Lone Tree – Pat Braden spoke of the recent water audit they had completed which indicated an eight million gallon water savings if corrections were made. The city is working with HOA's and businesses, giving incentives to encourage them to make needed changes. Improved pedestrian lighting in Lone Tree along Lincoln and the Park Meadows district is in process. The Cultural Center is becoming more of a reality. An

IGA with the County to improve the Lincoln exit at I-25 has been established. The Lone Tree's citizens survey will be going out in October.

Parker – Scott Jackson invited everyone to view Parker's redesigned web site. The Town received a AA rating for financing of the Police and Civic Center, which was significantly higher than the previous rating. National Night Out was held in O'Brien Park along with Parker Chamber's movie night. The Town recently hosted teenagers from Iraq for two weeks in our community and will be working with Castle Rock to get them into the program to host next year. Friday will be the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Police facility.

Douglas County – Jack Hilbert gave updates on the Lincoln interchange, the Ridge Gate completion and the 470/Sante Fe overpass. Douglas County joined with Castle Rock recently in waiving certain building permit fees. Jack spoke of the recent interest in extending the term limits for the Sheriff and Coroner appointments. Also, increasing the Commissioners from three to five members had been discussed, along with the procedures it would take to make this a reality.

Douglas County Libraries – No update at this time.

Douglas County School District – Kristine Turner announced that they had renewed their contract with Jason Hoffman who would be working as a community liaison to represent the school district at the community level. Kristine went on to say that there had been a lot of discussion on the economic indicators which was not looking very hopeful. The school district is looking at contracts for more online programming which was proving to be very successful.

Doug Lehnen asked for more information from Kristine on bringing higher education to locations in Castle Rock and the possibility of bringing in satellite facilities.

Guests:

Fran Santagata from the Sheriffs Department spoke about the recent arrest of an online predator. In response to a resurgent of acid/pipe bombs in the middle and high schools, the department has put together a PSA for the web site. In November there will be a mock drill to practice Hazardous Response Training which will include water facilities, flood incidents and the H1N1 health emergency. These drills will include all of the metro area response groups.

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT UPDATE – JACK O'BOYLE

Jack gave updates on what RTD is doing and where they are on construction projects. Bruce Able accompanied him in giving the information and answering questions. *Please see attachments on "Program Update."* Jack also commented on article in the Denver Post on August 19.

Bruce Able gave a brief description of RTD their plans and challenges. *Please see "Partnership" attachment.*

Questions:

Kristine Turner asked if they had any plans to do magnet stops, if this would become the new standard. *We have always had magnet stops and accessory services such as Call-n-Ride. Special Service reports help to determine what our expectations of ridership should be in various areas. We don't expect ridership to be as strong in suburban areas as it is in downtown Denver. We work with DCSD to provide access to the rail services and other locations, but we are limited by the Federal funding we receive. We cannot compete with private or for-profit providers and we have to serve the mass commuters not a select group such as students.*

Doug Lehnen asked if RTD was open to other transit providers using their drop offs. *Bruce responded that he was sure that management would be happy to sit down and discuss a facility use fee. Jack said Call-n-Ride can be used by students to get to locations if they are in the busing district and if they call and make arrangements, it is first-come first-serve. Service levels are changed three times a year: January, May and September. Services are cut back in areas where usage drops. In 2009 they saw a significant drop due to layoffs and a drop in gas prices.*

Randy Reed asked about the timeline for getting a new Director in the position. *Jack's reply was, "a tentative timeline of the first of 2010."*

DOUGLAS COUNTY YOUTH INITIATIVE – CARLA TURNER

Carla introduced Peter Erikson, President of I-Wake. Carla reminded everyone that the DC Youth Congress has been moved to Oct. 3 and will be held at the Villa Parker. She encouraged everyone to attend and to please try to come to the lunch even if you couldn't stay for the day. Peter spoke of the Youth Bill of Rights and how it helps teens to get proper representation. Students will develop a Statement of Community Rights through the school year and bring it back at the 2010 Youth Congress. Please RSVP as soon as possible.

MONTHLY UPDATE

Jeannene Bragg mentioned that the Managers had met and discussed their projected budgets for 2010 and had discussed projected health insurance costs for 2010. She then introduced Larry Corcoran, Chair of the Transportation subcommittee.

Larry reported that the transportation subcommittee had held three meetings to date with the purpose of organizing all groups in the South East Corridor to achieve funding from DRCOG and other entities for joint projects. He said the group will begin looking at the 2030 Transportation Plan, the Douglas County Transit Plan and Human Services. The subcommittee meets on the 2nd Monday of each month for the next six months. July's topic was school transportation and other projects such as the school crossing guard training videos to improve safety. Larry stated that Douglas County needed to band together to get noticed!

LISTING OF ACTION ITEMS FROM MEETING

Let Carla Turner know if you plan to attend Douglas County Youth Congress, especially during lunch.

Acting Chairman Scott Jackson adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patti McKee
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Town of Parker

NEXT MEETING:
Douglas County Libraries
Phillip S Miller Library
100 S. Wilcox, Castle Rock, CO
September 16, 2009