

**Wednesday, February 17, 2010
Town of Castle Rock
Red Hawk Ridge Golf Course Clubhouse
2156 Red Hawk Ridge Drive
Castle Rock, CO 80108**

MEETING MINUTES

MEMBER ATTENDEES:

Castle Pines North: Doug Gilbert, Jeffrey Huff

Castle Rock: Randy Reed, Mark Stevens, Sally Misare

Highlands Ranch Metro District: Terry Nolan

Larkspur: Eve Curry-Harbison, Sherilyn West, Matt Krimmer

Lone Tree: Pat Braden, Jackie Millet, Michelle Kivela

Parker: Scott Jackson, Phyllis O'Reilly

Douglas County: Jill Repella, Wendy Holmes, Dru Campbell, Maureen Waller

Douglas County Libraries: Absent

Douglas County School District: Absent

Guests: Tom Carter, Douglas County Community Foundation
Carla Turner – Douglas County Youth Initiative
Youth Congress Students

CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS – Sherilyn West

Sherilyn West called the meeting to order at 7:45 a.m. and welcomed the attendees. Attendees introduced themselves and Carla Turner introduced the students and others present.

Mayor West introduced the host for this meeting, Castle Rock Mayor Randy Reed, who welcomed the Partnership.

JURISDICTIONAL UPDATES

Castle Rock – Mayor Reed reported that the new Sprouts opened February 13 to a large crowd. Town's election will be April 6 for four (4) council seats; Randy Reed and Doug Lehnen are term limited. There will also be a charter amendment to change the council terms from three 2-year terms to two 4-year terms. Redistricting will also change to every six (6) years if the council term changes passes. He also stated that a meeting of the Castle Rock Council and Lone Tree Council was held but no details were reported.

Castle Pines North – Doug Gilbert reported on the dissolution of the Castle Pines North Metro District and that they are working on an integration plan. He also reported that the Council approved a moratorium on medical marijuana and adult businesses. Economic development is high on their list of priorities. Mayor Huff reported that they are working on bringing city management services more in-house with a Communications Manager and a City Manager.

Highlands Ranch Metro District – Terry Nolan reported that they are working on a Memorandum of Understanding on the Highlands Ranch Mansion and that they are adding an additional ambulance with a paramedic that will improve response time by 30 seconds. He further reported that Centennial worked out a deal with Castle Pines North Metro District to recover some water.

Larkspur –The Town’s election is April 6th; three seats are up as well as the Mayor. One Council member is term limited and two will not be running for a second term.

Lone Tree – Pat Braden reported that they have been focusing on the Lone Tree Art Center; that an Executive Director has been hired, Lisa Peterson; and they anticipate breaking ground in March and open in August 2011. Jackie Millet reported on a program they have for strategies for women and a Photo Art Show to be held February 24th.

Parker – Scott Jackson reported that they continue their search for a new Town Administrator; construction is in progress on the new Police Station (and offered to arrange a tour for anyone interested); and they are anticipating a ground breaking on their new Arts Center in April.

Douglas County –Jill Repella reported that the County will be participating in an economic development effort, Accelerate Colorado, that pulls together elected officials and business leaders (to include Sky Ridge and Lockheed Martin) to advocate for federal support and meet on policy for economic development. She also reported that the County will launch the Economic Development web site on March 1st. Other activities include: looking at options for congestion relief on C-470; collaborative efforts on medical marijuana legislation and regulations; and the County’s efforts for participation in the WISE Agreement with Denver Water, Aurora and South Metro Water Supply Authority. Through this effort, the County has a verbal agreement with Aurora to provide water to Roxborough. Wendy Holmes reported that a meeting will be held on February 19th with the Executive Director of the Colorado Dept of Human Services to discuss changes to the TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) allocation formula. The County will be at the table to ensure that Douglas County gets its fair share of these funds.

DOUGLAS COUNTY YOUTH INITIATIVE –REPORT FROM THE COYOTE MANAGEMENT POLICY WORKGROUP OF THE YOUTH CONGRESS

Students presented the recommendations from the Policy Workgroup on the topic they were assigned - When Humans & Coyotes Collide. The presentation included information on their research on best practices, public input and conclusions for the protection of both humans and coyotes through community education.

DOUGLAS COUNTY YOUTH INITIATIVE – YOUTH ACCESS TO TOBACCO

Carla Turner reported that this has been delayed for now due to some legislative changes that may affect the conclusions.

REPORT ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FORUM CEO ROUNDTABLE

Mark Stevens reported on the CEO Roundtable; 8 CEOs of companies with 150 or more employees participated. They provided input on what attracted them to Douglas County and what they think can be done better. They also indicated a desire to help integrate business in this effort. He also reported that the Forum will be exploring the economic development service delivery gaps as a result of the SEBP reorganization.

COST REDUCTION/BEST PRACTICES

Wendy Holmes reported the work was continuing on the Cost Reduction Plan and best practices; how to get through the next 3-5 years; working with Managers to get ideas on what is being done. A forum will be convened and recommendations will be made.

HOUSING PARTNERSHIP TASK FORCE STATUS

Maureen Waller reported that the Sustainability Task force met February 16th which included representatives of the Home Builders Association and Douglas/Elbert Realtors. The topics discussed were how to keep the Housing Partnership sustainable now that the County no longer charges fees that have been passed on to the Housing Partnership. A nexus study is planned to gather data in order to have meaningful discussion on what works. The Partnership members will be receiving information on the study and sharing the cost. She stated that by having a Housing Authority, the County is eligible to get Federal monies for program. The Housing Partnership's most recent focus has been on the foreclosure program which has been successful.

REPORT ON 2010 STATE BALLOT INITIATIVES

Wendy Holmes reported that the draft financial model is near completion and a meeting is scheduled for February 18th to review the draft. She also reported that there is a group, Coloradoans for Responsible Reform, supporting the ballot measures that is raising campaign funds.

MEDICAL MARIJUANA – PARTNERSHIP WORK GROUP DISCUSSION

Mark Stevens reported that the work group has been meeting weekly and the attorneys for the jurisdiction have also been involved and suggested that anyone wanting to attend these meetings is welcome. They are held every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in the Tower Room of the County's Building at 301 Wilcox. The County has developed a land

use/zoning proposal. Members encouraged to review the County's proposal. Mark Stevens explained the provisions of the Massey Bill – HB 1284. The hearing on the Bill is scheduled for March 4th in the House Judiciary Committee. The work group is pursuing amendments for more local authority and control. Local controls and restrictions are supported by both Colorado Counties, Inc. and Colorado Municipal League. Also, the Metro Area County Commissioners will be discussing best practices when it meets on February 26th.

OTHER BUSINESS

Maureen Waller reminded the members of the Metro Mayors and Commissioners Youth Awards event on March 17th at the County building at 100 Third Street.

Minutes Prepared by Dru Campbell
Douglas County

NEXT MEETING:
Highlands Ranch Metro District Hosts
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