

**Wednesday, April 21, 2010
Douglas County School District
West Support Center
701 Prairie Hawk Drive
Castle Rock, Colorado**

MEETING MINUTES

MEMBER ATTENDEES:

Castle Pines North: Doug Gilbert, Jeffrey Huff

Castle Rock: Mark Stevens, Sally Misare

Highlands Ranch Metro District: Terry Nolan, Vicky Starkey

Larkspur: Sherilyn West, Matt Krimmer

Lone Tree: Pat Braden, Jackie Millet, Michelle Kivela

Parker: Phyllis O'Reilly

Douglas County: Jill Repella, Wendy Holmes, Dru Campbell

Douglas County Libraries: Jamie LaRue, Demetria Heath

Douglas County School District: John Carson, Justin Williams, Steve Herzog, Susan Meek

GUESTS:

Barbara Drake, Director of Douglas County Human Services

Tom Carter, Douglas County Community Foundation

Bonnie Osborn, Douglas County Housing Partnership

Carla Turner and Youth Congress Representatives

CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS – Sherilyn West

Sherilyn West called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. and welcomed the attendees. Attendees introduced themselves.

Mayor West introduced the host for this meeting, Douglas County School District and John Carson, who welcomed the members.

JURISDICTIONAL UPDATES

Douglas County School District – John Carson reported that the new Superintendent has been hired, Dr. Elizabeth Celandia-Fagen, effective July 1, 2010. Dr. Celandia-Fagen comes from a Tucson School District with 56,000 students that has had similar budget challenges and she supports parental choice in education. He further reported that the Board of Education will be implementing a new pay plan for teachers that will be based on performance; a vacancy in the Highlands Ranch District A; the Board is deliberating on revenue/mill levy override election and that they will be seeking input from other elected officials in the County. Steve Herzog explained that the support facility where

the meeting was taking place helped the District eliminate other leased facilities and is home to the Budget, Finance and IT departments; and includes training facilities as well. Justin Williams gave a brief presentation on the revenue shortfall the District is facing and the cuts they are considering.

Castle Pines North – Mayor Huff reported that they have three (3) finalists for the City Manager position that will be interviewed within the next couple of weeks. He further reported that an impact study was in process related to the Urban Renewal Authority being proposed and that they will be contacting other governmental entities for input as well as holding public meetings. The dissolution of the Metro District is still in process, and there is a vacancy on the Council for Ward 1 which is the northern third of the City.

Castle Rock – Mark Stevens reported on the Town's election results. The Council selected Ryan Reilly Mayor, to replace Randy Reed, and Chip Wilson Mayor Pro-Tem. Ryan Reilly will represent Castle Rock on the Partnership.

Highlands Ranch Metro District – Vicky Starkey reported that the District election is May 4th; with one contested seat and 3 uncontested. They sent out 31,000 ballots. She also reported that on April 9th Shea conveyed the Mansion to the Metro District and they will be looking at future uses.

Larkspur – Mayor West reported that Larkspur has three (3) new council members and she will continue as Mayor. They are currently focusing their efforts on the Park improvements.

Lone Tree – Jackie Millet reported that the American Girl store has opened at Park Meadows to impressive crowds. She further reported that their election was cancelled, as there was only one candidate to consider. Susan Squire replaces Pat Braden on the council. The ground breaking for the Cultural Center was March 18th and the new website is live. 100- businesses participated in the Lone Tree Business Expo; the new tennis courts have opened up near the golf course off Lincoln and a Grand Opening is planned for May 1st.

Pat Braden reflected on her feelings about this being her final meeting and expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to be part of the Partnership and its efforts these past few years. Thank you for everything, Pat, you will be missed!!!

Parker – Phyllis O'Reilly reported that the ground breaking for the Parker Cultural Center is this week April 22nd at 4:00 p.m.; they have four (4) candidates for the Town Administrator position and final interviews will be held April 28th & 29th with an anticipated start date for the successful candidate of July 1.

Douglas County –Jill Repella reported on the ground breaking dates for (1) Hess Road project May 17 and (2) Mainstreet/Ridgegate extension May 25. The County was able to take advantage of lower than expected bids on these projects. She further reported about outreach efforts on economic development opportunities and the newly created website promoting the business community in all jurisdictions of the County. She announced that the Commissioners are working with South Metro Water Supply Authority on efforts to bring water into the County through partnerships and will be participating in a lobbying effort in Washington DC in May for funding options that may be available for the infrastructure required. Wendy Holmes reported that the County will be conducting a citizen and business survey in early May, the results of which will be shared with the members at a later meeting.

Douglas County Libraries – Jamie LaRue reported that a Board candidate, Robert Morris, has been recommended to the Commissioners to replace Stevan Strain.

Guest Reports:

Bonnie Osborn – Douglas County Housing Partnership – Bonnie reported that the Housing Partnership has \$900,000 remaining from previously received funding for first time home buyers that must be spent by the end of the year or it will go back to the federal government. The Finance Manager resigned and they are looking for candidates that would like to work 2-3 days per week and the Partnership has received a federal grant for a Housing (foreclosure) Counselor.

YOUTH CONGRESS-SUICIDE PREVENTION POLICY WORK GROUP

Carla Turner introduced three delegates of the Youth Congress who participated in a Suicide Prevention Policy Work Group. They made a very thorough and professional presentation on their studies and recommendations on how to recognize persons at risk and prevention measures identified. Their study will be presented to various organizations and the State legislature to raise awareness that more funding for mental health programs is needed. Good job!

DOUGLAS COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Thomas Carter, Executive Director of DCCF, together with Barbara Drake, Douglas County Director of Human Services, briefed the members on a 2010 Leadership Douglas County project that is looking at human services capacity, gaps and future needs. It is anticipated that a white paper will be completed in early June. Mr. Carter asked the Partnership to endorse the project. A letter of recommendation to consider will be discussed at the next Managers' meeting.

COLORADO PUBLIC ADVOCACY INITIATIVE

Jamie LaRue gave the members a heartfelt and lively demonstration of the presentation that will be made to educate the public on the value and services provided by the Library. The volunteers will be making 575 presentations the months of April through June.

MEDICAL MARIJUANA –PARTNERSHIP WORK GROUP REPORT

Mark Stevens gave an update on the progress of HB 1284. At an April 20th hearing on additional amendments to the Bill, the local control provisions were still included; giving local governments the options to (1) allow and regulate; (2) prohibit by ordinance; or (3) refer to voters. More to come as the bill continues through the process.

GREEN PARTNERS SUSTAINABILITY FRAMEWORK

Business continued from March meeting – Partnership accepts framework of Green Partners and leaves it up to the individual jurisdictions to adopt with changes to fit the local needs/preferences.

**NEXT MEETING:
Town of Parker Hosts
May 19, 2010**

Minutes Prepared by Dru Campbell, Douglas County