

Wednesday, May 19, 2010
Town of Parker
Parker Field House
18700 E Plaza Drive
Parker, CO 80134

MEETING MINUTES

MEMBER ATTENDEES:

Castle Pines North: Doug Gilbert

Castle Rock: Ryan Reilly, Mark Stevens, Sally Misare, Sue Morgan, Fritz Sprague

Highlands Ranch Metro District: Allen Dreher, Terry Nolan,

Larkspur: Sherilyn West, Matt Krimmer

Lone Tree: Jackie Millet, Michelle Kivela, Sharon VanRamsharst,

Parker: David Casiano, Jeannene Bragg, Mike Waid, Phyllis O'Reilly,

Douglas County: Wendy Holmes, Anne Duncan

Douglas County Libraries: Jamie LaRue, Demetria Heath

Douglas County School District: Absent

GUESTS:

Caryn Tomasiewicz, Health at Work Wellness Actuaries

Heather Candler, Health at Work Wellness Actuaries

Andrew Sykes, Health at Work Wellness Actuaries

CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS – Sherilyn West

Mayor 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, the Town of Parker and Mike Waid welcomed the members to the Parker Fieldhouse, and encouraged Partnership members to stay and tour the facility following the meeting.

JURISDICTIONAL UPDATES

Parker – The update for Parker was presented by Mike Waid. The Senior PGA will be held May 25th – 30th. Randy Young (currently at Wheat Ridge) has been selected to become the new Town Administrator, replacing Jeannene Bragg. Construction for the Police Station in Parker is expected to finish this October. The Arts & Cultural Events Center is expected to be completed in October 2011. Two additional art pieces have been dedicated. Currently there are plans to widen Mainstreet and add sidewalks. June 12th & 13th is Parker Days.

Castle Pines North – Doug Gilbert announced that Gary Sutter from Snowmass will assume the duties of Interim City Manager for the next 6 to 12 months. The Urban Renewal Authority vote is scheduled for next Tuesday, May 25th. Currently CPN is working on IGAs. The City has selected Hammersmith as their finance consultant. There will be a referral on the upcoming ballot to drop “North” from the City name. Bond council was retained.

Castle Rock – Mayor Reilly gave the results of the Town election, which extended Council terms to 4 years from 2 years and the Mayor term from 1 year to 2 years. The Economic Development Council of Denver named Castle Rock the 2010 Best Large Community for Economic Development.

Highlands Ranch Metro District – Allen Dreher conveyed there has been a quiet month, nothing to report.

Larkspur – Matt Krimmer announced that the Larkspur Park Improvement phases 1 and 2 will be completed by the end of June. Additional facilities have been added, a great picnic area with shelters and BBQ grills. Renaissance Festival begins 2nd week of June. All is quiet on the political front. Come visit!

Lone Tree – Jackie Millet provided the update for Lone Tree, highlighting the farewell 5/18 to Pat Braden. The extension of the mil levy was passed by the citizens and the Medical Marijuana moratorium was extended for another year. Mayor Gunning will be presenting the State of the City address at South Suburban 5/19. Numerous road projects and lane closures can be expected in the coming months.

Douglas County School District – No one was present from DCSD. However, it was announced that Interim Superintendent, Steve Herzog, is leaving the School District to assume the Superintendent responsibilities in Northern California. CFO, Bob Hart is leaving the School District, effective 6/15/2010.

Douglas County – Wendy Holmes thanked the Partnership members for attending the ground breaking for Hess Road May 17 and reminded all of the ground breaking for Mainstreet/Ridgegate extension on May 25th. The Highway 85/C470 flyover project is planned to begin in June. In collaboration with all County Chambers and EDC's, staff has finalized a full page, four-color ad for the 2010-2011 Metro Denver Economic Profile. DC anticipates the 100-page magazine-style publication will be printed and distributed in mid-July to site selectors and among businesses considering relocation to Douglas County. The ad represents all of DC Chambers and EDCs, and will drive readers to the new Economic Development Web site. The County has completed the citizen survey and is finalizing the business survey. The results of the citizen survey will be presented by Dr. David Hill to the Board of County Commissioners at the Business Meeting June 15, 2010. The Partnership members are welcome to attend that presentation. Mayor Casiano asked Ms. Holmes to issue a save the date to all members.

Douglas County Libraries – Jamie LaRue reported that the DC Libraries has been selected as the number one library in the United States for libraries serving communities with a population between 250,000 – 500,000 citizens. The DC Libraries, in coordination with the DC News Press, will be writing 16 DC Economic Development articles, and the librarians will help capture history, information, and stories to augment the articles. The DC Alliance was pleased to bring Mayor Hickenlooper and Senator Scott McInnis to Douglas County for a debate on May 18th. Douglas County has been selected to participate in the National Children’s Study, the largest, long-term study of environmental and genetic influences on children’s health. The study hopes to follow 1,000 children from before birth to age 21. Since some Aurora libraries have closed, Arapahoe County has had an influx of patrons. Jamie LaRue and Wendy Holmes serve on the Community Advisory Board.

Guest Reports:

Coalition for Healthy Families

Presentation was made by the Coalition for Healthy Families highlighting its objectives and members of the Coalition. The Coalition objectives include:

- Finding ways to partner on improving family health
- Learning from Coalition member’s successes and failures
- Ensuring approaches are complementary
- Creating healthy “spaces” together

The Coalition is not a platform for vendors, a fee-based group, and doesn’t require continued participation. The Douglas County School District has been an active participant in this program. The invitation to the Partnership to join The Coalition for Healthy Families will be sent to Wendy Holmes, who will make sure it is disseminated to the Partnership members for Partnership participation consideration.

Medical Marijuana Subcommittee Update: Mark Stevens presented the latest on the bill and that, while there is local control, the bill is not perfect. Wendy Holmes recommended that, given the many unknowns, the MMJ sub-committee remain active. Recommendation was accepted. The next step will be collaboration on transitional provisions and moratoriums, and the issues of grow operations and location privacy. The Partnership had a positive influence on the bill.

Mayor West adjourned the meeting at 8:55 a.m.

NEXT MEETING:

Castle Pines North

June 16, 2010, 7 a.m.

Minutes Prepared by Anne Duncan, Douglas County