



Wednesday, December 13, 2017

7:00 – 9:30 am

Host: Town of Castle Rock

Location: Mill House at Philip S. Miller Park – 1375 West Plum Creek Parkway

## **MINUTES**

### **CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS** – Lone Tree Mayor Jackie Millet

#### **In Attendance:**

Castle Pines: Melissa Coudeyras, Tera Radloff

Douglas County: David Weaver, Lora Thomas, Barbara Drake, Roger Partridge, Wendy Holmes

Douglas County Libraries: John Beckwith, Bob Pasicznyuk, Ron Cole

Douglas County School District: Gautam Sethi, Erin Kane, Krista Holtzman

Town of Castle Rock: Dave Corliss, Lisa Anderson, George Teal, Kristin Zagurski

Highlands Ranch Metro District: Terry Nolan, Renee Anderson

Town of Larkspur: Matt Krimmer, Dorothy Hise

Town of Parker: Joshua Rivero, Debbie Lewis

City of Lone Tree: Jackie Millet, Jay Carpenter, Seth Hoffman, Jeff Holwell, Michelle Kelloff

Guests: Mike Dell'Orfano, Bob Baker, Robin Coran, Diane Levesley, Merlin Klotz, Kevin Van Winkle, Chris Holbert, Jim Smallwood, Kim Ransom

### **WELCOME AND JURISDICTIONAL UPDATES**

Serving as Chair for the last meeting before handing off to Larkspur, Mayor Millet welcomed the group at 7:30 am, thanked the host, Town of Castle Rock, and asked each entity to provide an update since the last meeting.

**Town of Castle Rock** – welcomed the group to the Mill House and thanked everyone for attending stating that the Philip S. Miller Park is a showcase for the Town. They held a special election in November that amended the Town charter and how they elect their Mayor. They plan to appoint a Citizen Advisory Committee. The renovations of Town Hall and Festival Park have been completed.

**City of Castle Pines** – Has been busy with the open data initiative. They held their election in November and will seat their newly elected officials on January 8th. A reception will be held for out-going Mayor Jeff Huff on January 3rd.

**Douglas County** – the budget was completed yesterday, the mill levy was unchanged. The largest change was for transportation dollars, it increased 20% (\$152M more). The County accepted a 520-acre donation of land from a private company, plans are for open space and trails.

**Douglas County Libraries** – stayed busy in December with kids programming. It was noted that one way to evaluate usage is by how full the parking lots are – the libraries are serving the County well. Santa has been sighted at many of the libraries – including Santa that signs and opportunities for children on the autism spectrum to interact with the jolly fellow. This year, City of Lone Tree and the library branch in Lone Tree partnered on the first Merry Days celebration to great success.

**Douglas County School District** – the new School Board members were seated and proceeded to elect the Board President and Vice-President. The voucher program was rescinded and discussions were held on how to pursue additional funding for the District. Development projections are currently coming in flat.

**Highlands Ranch Metro District** – will have a ballot question to decide on unification with South Metro Fire Rescue in May 2018. If passed the Board believes inclusion will provide improved response times and enhanced service delivery.

**Town of Larkspur** – held the 35<sup>th</sup> annual tree lighting event with people attending from town and surrounding areas such as Castle Rock, Colorado Springs – even as far as Thornton. Estimates were that one third were children. They enjoy adding trees to the display and each is sponsored and decorated by individuals, families or businesses.

**Town of Parker** – they are reviewing the site plan for 20 Mile Village which will become 240 single family homes. The Harvie Park Open Space is in the design phase, Cottonwood Drive widening is also in the design phase. They held a Coffee with a Cop event that was well attended. The Christmas Carriage Parade was held over the weekend and saw the highest attendance in part due to the pleasant weather that day and Cookies with Santa was also held. Tanya Tucker performed last Sunday and the PACE Center presentation of The Nutcracker runs from the 14<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup>.

**City of Lone Tree** – Money Magazine just named Lone Tree as the # 5 Best Place to Raise a Family. Sierra held their soft opening, the teen court held 68 hearings this year, the annexation of OmniPark is moving along, the budget was accepted last week, Coffee with Council was held at the Hub. The City held its first Merry Days celebration which was a collaboration with the Lone Tree Library branch and MorningStar Senior Living. Back by popular demand the Arts Center is presenting Home for the Holidays. They also just eclipsed the one million dollar mark in sales. Michael Martin Murphey, Viva Las Vegas, The Good Humor Men will play before the end of the year. The community development department has been busy with plans for Lone Tree's eastside and a third parking garage wrapped on two sides with commercial tenant space on the Charles Schwab campus.

**Guests** – South Metro Fire tagged on to Highlands Ranch's report about their excitement about the possibility of unification, and also their merger with Cunningham Fire Protection District in January.

## **INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

**Legislative Workshop** – Mayor Millet welcomed the members of the Legislature that were in attendance: Senator Chris Holbert, Senator Jim Smallwood, Representative Kim Ransom and Representative Kevin Van Winkle.

Senator Holbert reported that the Legislative Session begins January 10<sup>th</sup> and that they are in session for 120 days a year. In 2016 56% of the 685 bills introduced passed and in 2017 that number was 62% of the 681 bills introduced passed. He spoke about the transportation funding issues and Senate Bill 267 which authorized

\$1.9 billion in financing for transportation projects. He believes the number one goal in 2018 should be transportation.

Senator Smallwood told the group which committees he serves on and spoke mostly about Health and Human Services. His concern is healthcare inflation – solutions in place do not address the underlying problem which is costs. Senate Bill 65 passed this year and will go into effect in 2018, it is the Transparency in Healthcare Prices Act which requires that pricing for services is made available to the public so that consumers can make decisions about their healthcare procedures with pricing/cost information at hand.

Representative Ransom was called away so Representative Van Winkle wrapped up the Legislative Workshop by saying he hopes the legislature keeps killing bad bills and keeps passing good bills. He feels that K-12 education is a top priority for 2018 along with transportation. He spoke about transparency and related reform in the judicial branch and PERA's need for serious reforms.

They opened the floor for a few follow-up questions. All of the questions revolved around transportation funding and asked for more specifics about SB 267. The list of properties for the lease/purchase agreements has not been completed/provided. The termination date on the leases will be considered on a case by case basis, but 20 years is the maximum amount of time for any certificate. When asked how likely that something will come out in 2018 for transportation – there is hope as spending money for roads and bridges currently has bipartisan support.

**PARTNERING REPORTS** - no reports

**ADJOURN**

Next Partnership Meeting: Wednesday, January 17, 2018

Host: Town of Parker

PACE Center

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