



Wednesday, January 20, 2016
7:00 am – 9:30 am
Host: Douglas County School District
630 Wilcox Ave., Castle Rock

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

In Attendance:

Library: Robert Pasicznyuk

Castle Pines: Rex Lucas, Don Van Wormer, Jeff Huff, Tera Radloff,

Castle Rock: Sally Misare, David Corliss

Douglas County: Jill Repella, Barbara Drake, David Weaver, Roger Partridge

Highlands Ranch Metro District: Terry Nolan, Vicky Starkey

Larkspur: Matt Krimmer

Lone Tree: Jackie Millet, Seth Hoffman

Parker: Debbie Lewis, Joshua Rivero, Michelle Kivela, Chris Vanderpool

School Board: Anne-Marie Lernieux, Bonnie Betz, Dr. Liz Fagen, Meghann Silverthorn

Guests: Andrew Dunkley, Sen. Cory Gardner's Office;

Diane Leavesley, Douglas County Housing Partnership

Mike Del Fono, South Metro Fire Rescue

WELCOME AND JURISDICTIONAL UPDATES

Chair Debbie Lewis welcomed the group at 7:30 a.m., and thanked the School District for hosting the meeting. She asked each entity to provide an update since the meeting in December.

School District: Meghann Silverthorn reviewed the highlights of the previous night's School Board meeting. The Board reviewed and passed the budget, and viewed a presentation and update on online schools and heard comments from students regarding the program.

Castle Pines: Reported the opening of the Library will take place in a few months as the finishing touches are being completed on the building. The new Library will also function as the City Hall going forward. An update was provided on the continuing development projects within the City. Announced there will be a new senior living facility at Castle Pines Parkway and Monarch.

Castle Rock: Reported that the Town processed 870 building permits, 52 for commercial buildings. The Castle Rock Parkway Interchange should be done this summer. The Town has several redevelopment projects going on in the Downtown area. Festival Park will be redone this year which will include an amphitheater.

Douglas County: The County has been working on transportation funding, HUD issues and the Secretary of State's issue with the voting machines being used in this year's election. Since the economy is so robust with an increase in revenues, more services need to be provided. The County will be investing more dollars in infrastructure and safety. Commissioner Repella is working with the South Denver Economic Development Partnership to meet with business in Douglas County to gather data and determine what the business community's issues are and the needs they have looking into the future. The research will be compiled and then shared at a later date. The commercial group home issue was address at the Capitol the beginning of January. Federal law trumps state and local laws in the matter. The new Director for E-470 is Ken Stewart and this year's Miss Rodeo is a resident from Castle Rock.

Douglas County Libraries: Reported that the new library in Castle Pines will open in April, Lone Tree's will open in June, and Parker's library is scheduled to open in August. He added that they have been looking ways to use the existing library spaces and are considering using the space for their program Work with Young Minds. Currently, there is a program running at Highlands Ranch Library if you would like to stop and see what the program looks like.

Highlands Ranch Metro District: The District is 35 years old this year and will be holding many events in celebration. The District is nearly its build-out of 100,000 and is currently at 95,000 residents.

Larkspur: Reported the Town will be holding April elections with 3 seats and the Mayor position open. The current well project is three-fourth complete; it will not be operational until the treatment plant is complete however. A veterinary animal hospital will begin construction in Town in March. A mixed use development is set for a public hearing in February. Jellystone Campground will also be expanding their facilities due to the increase in business. There is commercial developer interested in the property at the north end of Town; the developer is suggesting a Truck Stop which would be great for Larkspur. The Corner Market is expanding with a restaurant and deli. The Front Range Trail construction continues and staff is working with Douglas County to complete of the segments of the trail that are within the County's boundaries. Lastly, the Elementary School has begun using the Park facilities for some of their activities through an Intergovernmental Agreement.

Lone Tree: Mayor Pro Tem Jackie Millet thanked Senator Gardner for his support of the Southeast Light Rail expansion. The City will be doing a mail ballot election with 2 council seats and the Mayor's position open. Lone Tree recently opened a new police substation at Park Meadows Mall. Announced that Lone Tree is soliciting for nominations for the Outstanding Youth of Lone Tree, and the Douglas County Youth Initiative recognition will be held on April 25 in the Commissioners Meeting Room in Castle Rock. There is a nomination form online on the Douglas County website. Mayor Pro Tem thanked the County Commissioners for their investment in transportation and infrastructure. Announced Lone Tree would be holding a Transportation Summit on March 22 at the Lone Tree Art Center to discuss the transportation projects in the corridor area. Reported the Regional Air Quality Council is increasing federal rules and standards from 2008, The air quality at the Lone Tree monitoring site failed these standards. They are working on submittals for several local grants to develop programs to address air quality issues in Lone Tree. Some suggestions have been to try things to get people out of their cars, a lawnmower education program, etc. We need to think about projects that we can do and support that will help to reduce air pollution. She also suggested that Brake Management is a big issue.

Parker: Reported that Parker will be hosting "Out of Bounds" a bullying summit on February 3 and 4 the PACE Center and all are invited to attend. Parker's State of the Town will be held on February 23. Announced Chief King was recognized for his commitment to law enforcement and received his executive certification from the Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police. Parker held the Cram the Cruiser event in December and collected 10,000 individual servings of food for the Parker Task Force's Back Pack Program. The Town will be working on the Parker Road Corridor Plan.

Andrew Dunkley aide to Senator Cory Gardner : Thanked the group again for allowing him to attend the meeting. He added they are very informative. He reported Congress is getting back in session after the holiday break. It was his opinion that fire arms are going to be a big issue this year.

INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Fagan gave an overview on what the School District has been doing over the past five years. She presented the strategic plan which will be updated in 2017. She thanked all of the representatives in Douglas County for working with the School District on various issues. She noted safety has been an issue and continues to remain in the forefront for the District. The District took what was learned from Sandy Hook Elementary and implemented changes. She added they will take the report from the Arapahoe High School and implement anything that is learned from that incident. She added that safety was added to the Strategic Plan in 2014. Several programs have been added that have had a positive impact on students feeling safe, which are the Marshall Program, wireless GPS for buses, threat assessment and mental health, and online safety.

Choice of education was also introduced into the District with the introduction of Charter schools. The District has received some feedback that the system is hard to navigate unless you are already inside the system. The District is working to address this issue.

The District continues to strive to provide world class education. With this challenge comes the need for more personnel and as the District grows, that need becomes even greater. The funding that is available is limited and that presents more challenges. It is tough getting good teachers as the number going into the profession is down. She explained the District wants to get the best of the best so the District has to be very creative in recruiting and retention. Salaries are a big issue, with no pay raises for four years it is hard to catch up. Even a one percent increase in salaries is about \$3 million dollars. The District is looking for funding opportunities and continues work with the legislature. Every dollar is maximized to get the highest and best use. Dr. Fagan concluded by stating an updated strategic plan will be presented in the spring of 2017 which will take the District through 2020.

OTHER REPORTS:

Lone Tree Mayor Pro Tem Millet reminded the group about the upcoming Youth Awards Program. She also thanked the District for approving the IGA.

Parker Mayor Pro Tem Rivero mentioned the recent accident at a retention pond in Parker and thanked South Metro Fire for all of their assistance.

Barbara Drake reported the Youth Initiative is working on expanding Teen Court opportunities and is working on a pilot program with six to eight students from the County with regard to access to the Teen Courts in Parker, Lone Tree, and Castle Rock.

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