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100 North Wilcox Street • Castle Rock, Colorado 80104

Wednesday, July 19, 2017

7:00 – 9:30 am

Host: Douglas County Libraries

Location: Parker Branch – 20105 E. Mainstreet, Parker

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS – Mayor Jackie Millet

In Attendance:

Castle Pines: Melissa Coudeyras, Jeff Huff, Tera Radloff

Douglas County: Roger Partridge, Laura Leary, Wendy Holmes, John Thompson

Douglas County Libraries: John Beckwith, Patti Owen-Delay

Douglas County School District: Gautem Sethi, Erin Kane, Meghann Silverthorn

Town of Castle Rock: Dave Corliss, George Teal

Highlands Ranch Metro District: Vicky Starkey, Terry Nolan

Town of Larkspur: Matt Krimmer

Town of Parker: Debbie Lewis, Michelle Kivela

City of Lone Tree: Cathie Brunnick, Jackie Millet, Steve Hebert, Michelle Kelloff

Guests: Mike Dell'Orfano – South Metro Fire

WELCOME AND JURISDICTIONAL UPDATES

Chair Jackie Millet welcomed the group at 7:40 am, and had everyone introduce themselves. She thanked the Library District for hosting the meeting. Each entity was asked to provide an update since the last meeting.

Douglas County Libraries – the branch we are in today is almost one year old. The district is making plans for the future with a remodel for the Louviers branch and possible enlargement of the Roxborough branch. The Library Foundation is planning their gala in October and handed out a pamphlet about the Foundation.

Castle Pines – will see the grand opening of a 245 new home development in Castle Pines Valley in August. They are busy with summer road improvements including upgrading bike lanes and cross walks. They are looking to redevelop the former Safeway Center once a new anchor is found. Castle Pines will have Party in the Pines the last weekend in August beginning with Vino in the Village on Friday followed by Party in the Park on Saturday which will include kid fun, live music, fireworks and food trucks. Sunday will round out the weekend with the Run Wild! event which is a four or nine mile race, and also a one mile Color Run with proceeds going to Y.E.S.S. (Youth Education and Safety in Schools).

Douglas County – Commissioner Partridge reported that fire restrictions have been lifted in the county, but there is still a great concern and outside fires should continue to be discouraged. They have been busy with business retention visits mostly in the unincorporated areas of the county. The concerns they continue to hear are about housing and transportation. The Commissioners voted 2-1 against shifting sales tax money from the

county justice center to roads and transportation. It is Douglas County Fair time – the 99th year! The Fair parade is July 29th in Castle Rock and the Dutch Oven Cook-off is August 6th – judges are still needed. The I-25 coalition is going strong with a letter being drafted to send to State and Federal legislators about transportation funding. The Unified Metropolitan Forensic Crime Lab that will serve Douglas County, Arapahoe County and City of Aurora broke ground. The Emergency Vehicle Operations Center opened Tuesday and is a phenomenal facility that will provide a driver training track for public safety drivers.

Douglas County School District – the Board passed Financial Literacy Colorado Academic Standards for students and Director Peck would like to start a Financial Literacy Task Force made up of citizens in financial fields. The Master Capital Plan is in front of the Board and currently unfunded. The Teddy Lane facility is on track for occupancy in October. School starts on August 10th.

Castle Rock – is busy working with Douglas County on the fair, the Castle Rock Chamber is very involved too. Castle Rock feels it is a privilege to be the County seat. July 28th they will have Western Heritage Welcome with a steer drive down Perry Street and a Bar B Que, the Fair parade is July 29th. The Riverwalk project is underway and has spurred interest in downtown development. Festival Park will be ready for the star lighting this year. The Promenade Project continues and has seen sales taxes up.

Highlands Ranch – Central Park is under construction, the radio communications tower has been erected and should be ready for use in the fall. The windmill at the ranch had to be renovated due to a windstorm that blew the blades off. They are still in discussion with South Metro Fire. The ice cream social saw approximately 2500 people in attendance and benefitted Bonfils Blood Center.

Larkspur – started Music in the Park with 250 people attending, which was quite successful as there was bad weather that evening. August 4th is the next one, depending on its success they might plan an entire series for next year. Renaissance Fair runs two more weekends, they are seeing increased attendance. This is the seventh year for their Arts and Craft Fest which will be held September 16 and 17 with 100 vendors/food trucks. The Campground expansion is moving along with the ground breaking taking place later this year, and completion projected for next July/August. Plans to break ground for the water treatment plant are in August. The book exchange has been very successful and hours have been expanded on Saturdays and a couple hours on Thursdays. They hosted an author book signing which was also well attended.

Parker – The July 4th celebration changed its name to Stars and Stripes and saw 10,000 people attending. Applications are being accepted for the fall Civic Academy. PACE Center kicked off their season, this year some of the offerings will be: Hairspray, Little Mermaid, The Full Monty, Wilson Phillips, ABBA Mania and Tanya Tucker. Discovery Park opens the splash park from 10:00 am – 10:00 pm and is lighted in the evening. Their Summer Concert Series in Discovery Park has seen attendance between 800 and 2700. New construction includes American Academy, an assisted living facility, and Raising Cane's restaurant. A new dog park/disc golf named after fallen Marine Sonka opened in June. Harvie Park is located on 70 acres transferred from the County and will include trails and develop as a passive open space use area. Over 200 kids attended the Chauncey Billups basketball camp. MS MuckFest had over 2700 participants. The Chili's Tip-a-Cop event raised \$4400 for Special Olympics. Teen Court won first place as Defense at the Mock Trial Competition.

Lone Tree – the Arts Center won three Henry Awards Monday evening - Best Lighting Design: Jen Kiser for Evita, Best Musical Direction: Max Mamon for Evita, and Best Musical Production for Evita. The next Tunes on the Terrace concert takes place July 21st with After Midnight Orchestra. Lincoln Avenue will be closed to erect the Leaf and bridge deck July 21st at 8:00 pm through Monday, July 24th 5:00 am. County Line Road Improvements have begun and will have lane closures from Chester Street to Park Meadows Center Drive. The Lone Tree Hub has been so well received that the operating hours have expanded to six days a week – Monday through Saturday 10:00 am – 6:00 pm. The Independence Day celebration was a big success with approximately \$10,400 going to Hearts Across the Miles. Staff has worked with 15 Douglas County Master

Gardeners to survey all public and privately owned trees located within the City. The information gathered will provide data about the composition and health of our urban forest and guide the City in developing a tree plan. Approved a drug store liquor license for Costco. Also reported on the fire on the bluffs that occurred on July 4th and thanked South Metro Fire for their quick response in putting it out with no damage to homes.

Guests – John Thompson with Open Data Initiative updated the group about an app for Douglas County outdoors. They are adding more parks and if you notice any that are missing please let them know so it can be added. They are also working on a Douglas County app that will feature community calendars, if you have Amazon Echo you can check it out.

Mike Dell'Orfano with South Metro Fire – they are hosting/taking part in the Police and Fire Games this week.

INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Wendy Holmes, Douglas County Director of Public Affairs, provided copies of the Douglas County 2017 voter opinion poll and discussed survey findings for the 2017 Douglas County Citizen Survey with a power point presentation. She encouraged the group to compare their own surveys with what Douglas County found. Castle Rock brought copies of their results to share.

PARTNERING REPORTS

None given.

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Next Partnership Meeting: Wednesday, September 20, 2017

Host: Highlands Ranch Metro District

Highlands Ranch Mansion

9950 E. Gateway Drive, Highlands Ranch