

**Wednesday, September 19, 2018**

**7:00 am – 9:30 am**

**Host: Highlands Ranch Metro District**

**Location: 62 Plaza Drive, Highlands Ranch CO 80129**

## **MINUTES**

### **Attendees:**

Castle Pines: Tera Radloff, Deborah Mulvey, Melissa Coudeyras, Tracy Engerman, Michael Penney

Castle Rock: Dave Corliss

Douglas County: Roger Partridge, Lora Thomas, Barbara Drake, Diane Holbert

Highlands Ranch: Terry Nolan, Vicky Starkey

Larkspur: Matt Krimmer, Dorothy Hise, Linda Black, Sharon Roman

Library: Bob Pasicznyuk, Ron Cole, Patty Owens-Delay

Lone Tree: Seth Hoffman, Cathie Brunnick, Jay Carpenter

Parker: Debbie Lewis, Michelle Kivela

School District: Chris Appleton, Dr. Thomas Tucker, Kristin Holtzman

Guest Presenters: Becky Nelson, Frank Gray, and J.J. Ament,- DC Economic Development Forum; and Kevin Bommer, -CML

**CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS** – Larkspur Mayor, Gerry Been, was unable to make the meeting so it was called to order at 7:30 a.m. by Lora Thomas, Douglas County Commissioner

### **JURISDICTIONAL UPDATES**

Terry Nolan, Highlands Ranch Metro District host, welcomed the group at 7:30 a.m. and everyone introduced themselves.

**Highlands Ranch Metro District:** Vicky Starkey spoke

- We are working with an architect in developing plans to build a senior center.
- We were exploring a partnership with Douglas County and South Suburban Parks and Recreation to add another ice arena; however, it was decided not to do so at this time.
- The Douglas County Chemical Roundup was a huge success—we counted 1,147 vehicles participating.

**City of Castle Pines:** Tera Radloff spoke

- We are taking ‘home rule’ to the ballot in November.
- We have more residents moving into Castle Pines and are looking at regulating short-term rentals.

- We are moving forward on the Castle Pines budget.

#### Town of Castle Rock: Dave Corliss spoke

- Castle Rock completed their budget meeting and adopted their 2019 Budget.
- The School district was sent an affidavit request for a middle school. Our discussions included snowplows, impact fees, and removing grocery tax (generating \$7 million for the Town). Of the top 10 industries in Castle Rock, 7 are grocers; therefore, the grocery sales tax is an important policy.
- A police fire road is an important issue as well as a new entrance for Crystal Valley Estates at the south end of Castle Rock. It will be need in 10-12 years.
- We are opening the southwest portion of Dawson Ridge.
- We granted 850+ building permits this year.
- Whole Foods signed a 20-year lease and should open late this year—no word on Trader Joes yet.

#### Douglas County: Lora Thomas spoke

- Public Safety reported an elevated fire danger for 2018 and has Transair Helicopter on Titan and Moore Road on standby.
- We broke ground on I-25 on August 30.
- County Assessor, Lisa Frizell, was presented with a Health and Human Services award.
- A video presentation on mental health was viewed at this point, showing how help is provided to people. (We have saved \$1.7 million through this program by people not going to emergency rooms or hospitals or jails, but receiving help when they are most vulnerable. The numbers continue to improve.)

#### Douglas County Libraries: Ron Cole spoke

- We are planning a major renovation of the Highlands Ranch library in late fall wrapping up in March 2019. With funding from our reserves, renovation will focus on upgrading restrooms, electrical systems, security, learning areas, including laptop lending which proves to be popular. The second floor will be used for older clients. There will be an event hall, study rooms, furniture replacement (1/3 of the furniture will be mobile and can be moved around within 2 hours). The drive-up book return will also be reworked.
- Castle Rock Library will be increased 40,000 sq. ft.
- Douglas County Libraries at Castle Rock will host the annual joint meeting between the Aurora Chamber of Commerce's Defense Council and the Colorado Springs Economic Development Chamber's Military Affairs Council on October 25. Both Councils are focused on improving the relationship between the cities and their local aerospace, defense and military organizations. Around 110 folks are expected.

#### Douglas County School District: Chris Appleton spoke

- On August 21, we put a Mill Levy Override (MLO) bond issue on the ballot. There have been no bond issues in 12 years and after reviewing our 4<sup>th</sup> quarter financials we moved forward. Dr. Tucker and Richard Cosgrove were introduced and presented school financial handouts. We have 91 schools in Douglas County and most of them are over 20 years old. We need to take care of what we have and the MLO will put more money into education and other help (bus drivers, maintenance, etc.) The MLO will ensure 1 counselor to every 250 pupils.

- We need to have equitable funding and will pass through that funding to charter schools.

#### Town of Larkspur: Matt Krimmer spoke

- There is a bear alert in effect. Bears are creating havoc with businesses and residences. We have reports of daily sightings and one appeared at a Town Hall meeting. Be mindful and aware of the bears—there are lots of cubs around.
- I-25 Gap construction between Castle Rock and North of Larkspur is impacting Larkspur. Traffic is diverting through Town on Spruce Mountain Road. We are working with CDOT to provide traffic management during peak time. There are more cars so be aware of speed limits because many people ignore them.
- The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Arts & Craft Festival was the best one yet. Attendance exceeded previous years and was between 1500-3000 each day of the two-day event.
- We will be holding a blood drive in conjunction with the Fire Department. The mobile unit is being provided by Centura Health.

#### Town of Parker: Debbie Lewis spoke

- We have 10 candidates for 3 seats on the Town Council and in 2 years we could conceivably have 5 new members.
- We are planning our budget retreat for this Friday.
- The Parker Road Master Plan has identified deficiencies and CDOT is participating present in the meetings and recognizes we have limited space and need smart answers.
- Dutch Brothers has received administrative approval for a coffee shop.
- Chip seal has been applied to main roads, Jordan Road is done and Chamber and Ridgeway are moving along.
- We installed a web design that makes it easier to access our Town records.
- Parks and Rec had a great Parke Days and now plan to open the pool for dogs—it's a yearly event.
- Police Department reported it is National Preparedness Month. Trainees receive life-saving, crime prevention, safety training, and self defense skills.
- Night Intrigue is at the PACE Center and is a fundraiser. Chorus Line is coming soon and there will be an art sale and show at the Field House for Halloween.

#### Town of Lone Tree: Cathie Brunnick spoke

- An Art Center Guild gala is being scheduled.
- We are also partnering with Schwab to do a Concert in the Park.
- Potential building projects include Tri Hotel, Pinnacle, Ridgeway Apartments and the Retreat by Cabellas and the Ridgeway improvements.
- The LT Link has free bus service and has given 13,000 rides since August 17, 2018.

### **INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

**Douglas County School Funding, presented by Dr. Thomas Tucker and Richard Cosgrove;**

**Douglas County Economic Development Overview, presented by Becky Nelson, Frank Gray and J. J. Ament;**

Kevin Bommer, Colorado Municipal League (CML) presented an overview of Colorado Statehouse amendments affecting Douglas County.

**PARTNERING REPORTS**

None

**ADJOURNED – 9:20 am.**

**Next Regional Manager Meetings:**

3pm - Wednesday, October 3, 2018 - Hosted by Douglas County

**Next Partnership Meeting will be the Elected Officials Reception:**

6 p. m., Thursday, November 8, 2018-Hosted by Douglas County Libraries

Douglas County Library in Parker

2105 E. Mainstreet, Parker CO