



**Wednesday, December 16, 2015**  
**7:00 am – 9:30 am**  
**Host: Town of Parker**  
**PACE Center – 20000 Pikes Peak Avenue**

## **MINUTES**

### **CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

#### In Attendance:

City of Castle Pines: City Manager Don Van Wormer, Councilmember Roger Addlesperger, Councilmember Tera Radloff+

Town Castle Rock: Town Clerk Sally Misare and Deputy Town Clerk Lisa Anderson

Douglas County: Commissioners Dave Weaver and Roger Partridge and Public Affairs Director Wendy Holmes

Douglas County Libraries: Absent

Douglas County School District: Absent

Highlands Ranch Metro District: Terry Nolan

Town of Larkspur: Town Manager Matt Krimmer

City of Lone Tree: City Manager Seth Hoffman

Town of Parker: Chair Debbie Lewis, Mayor Mike Waid, Councilmembers John Diak and Renee Williams, Town Administrator Randy Young, Deputy Town Administrator Michelle Kivela, Intern Liz Butterfield and Administrative Manager Chris Vanderpool

Guests: Senator Chris Holbert, House Representative Kim Ransom, Senator Mark Scheffel, Representative Polly Lawrence and Andrew Dunkley, Aide to U.S. Senator Cory Gardner

### **WELCOME AND JURISDICTIONAL UPDATES**

#### City of Castle Pines:

- Councilmember Radloff reported the City is working on updating the Comp Plan as well as the Parks and Recreation Plan for the City.
- City Manager Van Wormer reported that the Canyon property will be developed in 2016 and the City is looking forward the development process. He also reported the City is working on improvements to the gateway to the entrances. He added the City has also been working to redevelop the business district in Castle Pines.

#### Castle Rock:

- Town Clerk Sally Misare reported that the Town has been doing a Season of the Star event each week on Saturdays with a different event each Saturday. She also reported the Town is working with Snowflex on a public-private partnership project that would bring indoor skiing to Castle Rock year-round. She also reported that the vote on the Charter change for Council's terms of office passed.

Each Councilmember has an extension to their term to November 2016 and November 2018. The Town is also working on legislation to develop a quiet zone due to the amount of railroad traffic.

#### Douglas County Government:

- Commissioner Weaver reported the Commissioners passed the 2016 budget with an emphasis on transportation. He also thanked the partnership for the continued ability to work together as a united County. He also recognized law enforcement and encourage the partnerships to provide their law enforcement with the tools they need to be successful at their jobs.
- Commissioner Partridge announced that Commissioner Weaver has been recognized as the Freshman Commissioner of the Year by Colorado Counties Inc. He also reported that Douglas County has the 4<sup>th</sup> lowest unemployment rate for Colorado, and that the County is the 5<sup>th</sup> wealthiest county in the country.

#### Highlands Ranch Metro District:

- Manager Nolan reported the District recently approved the 2016 budget. He stated the District will see a reduction in the mill levy, property values have increased, and the District expects to see an increase in revenue for 2016. Manager Nolan reported the County Commissioners, the Metro District Board and the Regional Transportation District met to discuss expansion of service into the Highlands Ranch area. There are no plans in the near future to expand light rail at least not until 2020.

#### City of Lone Tree:

- City Manager Hoffman reported on a new business that recently opened in the Park Meadows Mall on the second level called Lolli and Pops. He also announced a one man show featuring Star Wars at the Lone Tree Performing Arts Center. Hoffman also reported Charles Schwab has finished the third building on its campus. There are only three small parcels available in the Ridge Gate development area.

#### Town of Larkspur:

- Town Manager Krimmer reported on the beautiful holiday light tour in Larkspur at Jellystone Park. Revenues are up due to the increase in attendance at the Renaissance Festival and the Campground has been consistently full of campers. The water tank construction project is still on schedule. The Town is working on a Campground Development Plan which will include a Water and Wastewater Study. He reported the Town held a Comprehensive Master Plan meeting that went very well.

#### Town of Parker:

- Councilmember Lewis reported that the Parker Police Department deployed their body-worn camera program this fall; this program has received national support and recognition, including from the ACLU.
- She also reported that the new Plaza on Main is under construction on Mainstreet, which will feature the new Parker Library, as well as programmed events and seasonal activities such as a spray garden and ice skating, as well as a dog park and disc golf course in the north end of Parker.
- The new Cottonwood King Soopers Market Place is now open, which enhances the Town's northern gateway will have a positive impact on Town revenues.
- She reported that there approximately 650 people came out to enjoy the freezing cold to run in the Turkey Day 5K and the Mayor's Holiday Lighting took place the day after Thanksgiving with 3,000 to 4,000 people braving the cold and snow.
- Parker Makes Another "Best Cities" list: The Town of Parker has been listed No. 10 on WalletHub's list of "Best Small Cities in America" for 2015.

#### **INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

- Senator Scheffel announced the Capitol is alive and well. Renovations are going on and everyone

should come and take a look at the beautiful building. He reminded the group that 2016 is an election year and things could get a bit crazy. There were 692 bills put forward in 2015.

He reported that there will be a bill from the County Clerks regarding a filing system revamp which may impose a fee on the user. He reported that there is clean-up work that needs to happen from last year's Urban Renewal bill.

Scheffel provided a brief update on single paired healthcare, as well as the Hospital Providers Fee. He will continue to work on transportation funding, education reform, business and personal property tax.

- Representative Page reported that the 2016 budget approval may be tough. There will be discussions regarding the Tabor Tax Refund that will need to be addressed. She stated the Hospital Provider Fee needs to go to the vote of the people. She thanked the Town of Parker for their development of the Body Cam Program. They are a model for the rest of Colorado to follow. She has been working on clarifying definitions from last year's Urban Renewal Bill.
- Senator Holbert reported on the Hospital Providers' Fee as known as the Hidden Bed Tax. He does not want to see an Enterprise Zone created. Senator Holbert reported he sits on the Finance and Education committee. Holbert stated the "No Child Left Behind" will be reauthorized by Congress. Holbert stated parents can opt out of annual assessments for their children. He also reported on an issue that is becoming more common as our population ages, which is that single family homes are being converted to commercial group home for seniors. Most everyone has had issues with this in their communities. **On January 6, 2016, at 1 p.m., at the Capitol in Senate Committee Room 354** there will be a meeting to begin to understand this issue and to discuss whether there is a solution. Senator Hobert asked people to be cautious about the information they are being told. He stated we need to understand the legalities of this issue and think it through; it may be useful to send your attorneys to the meeting.
- Andrew Dunkley for Cory Gardner reported on the long-term highway funding bill which includes railroads and their noise. He has been working on a new proposed program called Every Student to Succeed Act. Douglas County Schools is in support of this legislation.
- Representative Ransom stated the Hospital Fee bill did not need to be enterprised. The medical providers have issues with the bill. She serves on the Local Government Committee. She informed the group that she is always accessible by phone.
- Senator Holbert stated that he is a one person office and does not have support staff, so if you need something, send him a text message or call and he will respond.

Parker Councilmember John Diak asked about the Construction Defects Bill. He stated Parker supports reform and Town Council has passed an ordinance making changes to our process. Senator Scheffel is working on this Bill. He also reported there are several other Bills that surround housing issues that he is working on such as: first time homeowner's assistance for down payment money, housing credits, low income funding, and rentership programs.

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