



Wednesday, January 18, 2017
7:00 am – 9:30 am
Host: Douglas County School District
Location: 620 Wilcox Street, Castle Rock

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS – Mayor Jackie Millet

In Attendance:

Castle Pines: Tera Radloff, Roger Addlesperger

Castle Rock: Dave Corliss

Douglas County: Barbara Drake, David Weaver, Roger Partridge, Merlin Klotz, Lora Thomas

Douglas County Libraries: John Beckwith, Bob Pasicznyuk

Highlands Ranch: Renee Anderson, Vicky Starkey

Larkspur: Matt Krimmer

Lone Tree: Jackie Millet, Cathie Brunnick, Jay Carpenter, Seth Hoffman, Michelle Kelloff

Parker: Michelle Kivela, Debbie Lewis, Joshua Rivero

School District: Erin Kane, Gautam Sethi, Bonnie Betz, Richard Cosgrove

WELCOME AND JURISDICTIONAL UPDATES

Chair Jackie Millet welcomed the group at 7:30 a.m., and thanked Douglas County School District for hosting the meeting, Parker for trading chair responsibilities with Lone Tree last year, and gave Castle Rock a “hats-off” for how beautiful the community looks with the lighting of the trees on Wilcox Street and the star on the rock. She stated that she served on PDCG 8 years ago when she was first elected to council and is happy to be serving as chair for 2017. Jackie also welcomed the newest member – Commissioner Lora Thomas who was sworn-in last week. She asked each entity to provide an update since the last meeting.

Douglas County School District reported that the Board approved the purchase of the Teddy Lane property in Lone Tree for School needs.

Castle Pines: Plans to join DRCOG, explore home rule, now has a full council seated, that Shea properties will start residential in the Canyons and that houses in Lagae Ranch will be going in this year.

Douglas County: Commissioner Partridge again welcomed Lora Thomas as a new commissioner and stated that he is the new Board Chair and Commissioner Weaver is the Vice-Chair. The commissioners are watching the confirmation hearings on the appointment of Dr. Ben Carson as the secretary of HUD and the future of the Fair Housing Act since the Board turned down funding. They already have an appointment with Utah Senator Mike Lee who has introduced the “Local Zoning Decisions Protection Act”. He also mentioned the launch of SparkDC which

formalizes the County's business retention and expansion in unincorporated Douglas County noting that 80% of new hires come from existing businesses. Commissioner Thomas stated that she is in awe of the background knowledge that Commissioner Partridge has about "how we got where we are", and that Commissioner Weaver has a lot of information about law enforcement. Commissioner Weaver followed up with a few comments about mental health issues and law enforcement stating that there needs to be changes at the state level on how we deal with mental health and that jail isn't where most of these cases should end up. He also mentioned that the crime lab has been approved and will be located off Peoria by the airport hangar. He ended with telling the group about a donation from Dave Liniger for a training track.

Douglas County Libraries: There are plans for expansion to the Castle Rock and Highlands Ranch branches based on growth and need. Preliminary designs have been received.

Castle Rock: Saw robust growth numbers in 2016, are expanding town hall and festival park, had an urban renewal meeting, and announced a collaboration with Arapahoe Community College, the School District and CSU.

Highlands Ranch: A consultant has been hired for senior services, plans are in the works with South Suburban for a 3 sheet ice arena at County Line Road and Broadway. The Board will be a part of the conversation and decision making about the future of fire emergency services and the possible merger of Littleton Fire Rescue, South Metro Fire Rescue and Cunningham Fire Protection District.

Larkspur: 2016 saw some growth for the first time in a long time and it looks to be continuing in 2017. There is work on the new water tank and well, also pipelines to meet community needs. Engineering plans are moving forward for the wastewater treatment plant. It is planned that their portion of the Front Range trail system will be completed and connect to the Douglas County trail to the north this spring/summer. Negotiations for an archery range are also in the works.

Parker: The ice skating ribbon in Discovery Park has been a great success. Boondocks has opened and has been well received. Construction has begun on a combined dog/disc golf park. The Town hosted branding and marketing media familiarizing trips for area journalists. Work is ongoing to make the website what the citizens want, community development will hold its quarterly open house, retreat is at the end of the month, there are plans to hire a social/digital media-communications expert, they have received preliminary plans for the Trails at Crowfoot housing development which currently plans 824 new single family homes, and PACE Center will present Beauty and the Beast – sales are up 60% overall for the center.

Lone Tree: Kirk Wilson was sworn in as the new police chief January 17 at a standing room only ceremony with thanks to/ and support from Castle Rock/Parker Police departments and Douglas County Sheriff office in attendance. Six new officers were sworn in January 4 – the department is once again at full staff. The second meeting for Smart Cities Collaborative was held in Washington DC and attended by staff. The lobby art piece by Michele Gutlove will have its dedication tomorrow at the Arts Center. MorningStar Senior Living had its grand opening last week. Muscle Shoals will play at the Arts Center in February. Seth mentioned the Smart Cities Forum scheduled for March – (attached). (<http://files.constantcontact.com/5f276bdf001/dd892aa8-99eb-4b89-a359-331fb9ad7721.pdf>)

Guest: Merlin Klotz spoke on behalf of Parker Water and Sanitation and the partnerships of nine S. Metro Districts to provide water and access to Denver water projects and the progress being made towards sustainable water supplies and renewable sources.

INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Erin Kane, interim superintendent of Douglas County Schools, presented a program on the State of Douglas County School District (attached) – She followed with a short question/answer segment.

DISCUSSION ITEMS – Discussion of 2017 Partnership Priorities

- a. South I-25 Widening – Commissioner Partridge informed the group that CDOT found \$15 million to put towards the project for the section between Castle Rock and Monument. CDOT will hold a public meeting (listening tour) Thursday, January 26th at the Douglas County Fairgrounds from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Mayor Millet thanked the commissioners for their leadership on this project.
- b. Mental Health Initiative – Barbara Drake gave an overview of how the county is moving forward with a pilot program with Castle Rock Fire, the Police Department and a mental health professional to help make sure that the response to mental health emergency calls do not necessarily end up in jail or the emergency room, but are assessed by a paramedic for health problems, law enforcement to make sure the situation remains safe, and a behavioral health professional to help evaluate and work on getting the person helpful services. She noted that in the span of a year there were 109 calls generated from 7 callers. The program currently has 20 plus partners including the District Attorney, schools, and police. There is also a prevention project in the school district to help children within affected families.
- c. County-wide Traffic Congestion Reduction – Commissioner Partridge stated that we all know it is an issue and that it is being addressed by looking at funding, work schedules, timing of lights. Commissioner Weaver added that we need to think outside the box.
- d. Long-term Renewable Water Supply – Dave Corliss notified the group that Castle Rock will be drinking WISE (Water Infrastructure and Supply Project) water this summer, that progress has been made and that long term water supply is a top priority.
- e. Construction Defects Legislation Reform – until the state does something to address the problem the County can't really do much. Communities would like to see less apartments and more home ownership possibilities. A conversation was had about helping to educate the legislature on this issue as they have passed SB 17-45, but it only deals with the insurance element and doesn't solve the problem. The County has tried to lead the way to show the state that we're united, and it was decided that this should be addressed at a future managers meeting.
- f. Business Retention and Attraction – Metro Denver has become a national model for business retention and has formed an Economic Development Forum. Seth Hoffman stated that we all have an Economic Development role.
- g. Open Data Initiatives – this was begun by the Treasurer and Assessor, the County has a host of information online for citizens, but sometimes residents have a hard time finding what is available. Plans are to expand and have links to all partnerships, services and non-profits throughout the website.
- h. Year-end Public Presentation/Celebration – Commissioner Weaver thanked those that attended the State of the County and sent kudos to those involved.

PARTNERING REPORTS

Joshua Rivero reported on the Youth Initiative – Youth Congress has been moved back to the State Capitol. The Youth Initiative will be asked to create resolutions to take back to their councils/boards. Sources of Strength is an “upstream” program that helps to build a student's support system of connections to peers, schools and caring adults that help protect kids from suicide. Seven “saves” have been documented in Douglas County.

ADJOURN

Next Partnership Meeting – Wednesday, March 15, 2017
Lone Tree Arts Center – 10075 Commons Street, Lone Tree
7:00 – 9:30 am