



July 16, 2014
Hosted by Highlands Ranch Metro District
Highlands Ranch Mansion, 9950 E. Gateway Dr.
Highlands Ranch, CO

Attendees

Castle Pines: Jeffrey Huff, Rex Lucas, Tera Radloff and Don Van Wormer
Castle Rock: Mark Stevens and Sally Misare
Larkspur: Matt Krimmer and Gerry Been
Lone Tree: Kim Monson, Jackie Millet and Seth Hoffman
Parker: Michele Kivela and Debbie Lewis
Douglas County: Barbara Drake, Wendy Holmes, Anne Walton and Roger Partridge
Douglas County Libraries:
Douglas County School District: Kevin Larson
Highlands Ranch Metro District: Vicky Starkey, Rick Owens and Terry Nolan

Call to Order and Introductions: Castle Pines Mayor Jeffrey Huff called the meeting to order at 7:40 a.m.

Jurisdictional Updates

Town of Parker:

- The PACE Center summer season productions are in full swing with great upcoming events
- The Rec Center remodel is underway with 14-16 months to complete
- Salisbury Park planning process is underway; had 200 in attendance at the public meeting
- Had a highly successful basketball camp

City of Castle Pines: Mayor Jeff Huff reported:

- Run Wild and Octobefest coming in September
- Summer road construction projects are underway
- Council will consider a Ward 3 appointment at the next meeting
- DCI/Library Sub-Area study is underway to visit traffic flow, walkability and other aesthetic improvements to enhance sense of place/community

Douglas County Libraries:

- No report was presented

Douglas County: Commissioners Partridge & Repella reported:

- The Interim Commissioner will be named next week
- Relationships with area water providers is good and continues to improve as all recognize the need for cooperation and collaboration
- Douglas County unemployment rate is 4.4% - below the State and National average

City of Lone Tree: Jackie Millett reported:

- RTD Board voted 10-1 to approve the SE Extension of light rail. Anticipated 2016 start date
- Jackie Millet, Mayor Pro-tem will be the next DRCOG Chair

Town of Larkspur: Matt Krimmer reported:

- Was a banner year for the Renaissance Festival; revenues were up over previous years; festival is moving to include more family style themes
- Town Hall project nearing completion with half of staff moved into the new building
- Karaoke in the Park August 9
- Working on negotiating a land purchase for joint City/County Facility

Town of Castle Rock: Mark Stevens reported:

- Special Election set for August 9 with 2 ballot questions on open carry
- Thanks to Colorado for cooperation on the Chatfield Reservoir expansion
- Miller Park opening will occur in late October; Council will approve a zip line contract
- I25 interchange project this fall

Highlands Ranch Metro District:

- Summer events are in full swing

Douglas County School District:

- No ballot questions in 2014
- Opted out of the Federal School Food Program; better operated locally; the Federal one-size fits all approach to nutrition is not the best model for Douglas County Schools
- Continued dialogue concerning capital needs
- Extremely high retention rate of well qualified teachers

Overview of Boardroom to Barnyard Event and County Fair – Commissioner Partridge

Invited local elected leaders and corporate leaders. Emphasized the importance of agriculture in local, state and national economies. Praised 4H and FFA for the important role they have in the development of youth. There are 8000 head of cattle and 5500 horses in the County.

D C Citizen Survey – Wendy Holmes

Provided an overview of the citizen survey: conducted on businesses every two years and citizen surveys every two years. 63% favorability score for County Government vs. 7% for Federal Government. Residents find the County to be stable, optimistic, trust levels are high, sentiment about H2O is up and the full report is available at the County.

Recovery Plan/Hazard Mitigation – Vicky Starkey

Work is underway and progress is being made. The final product will address emergency management's needs.

Adjournment

Mayor Jeffrey Huff adjourned the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Van Wormer, City Manager
City of Castle Pines

Future Meetings – Hosted by Town of Parker

Manager's Meeting – 3:00 p.m. - Wednesday, Aug. 6 – PACE Center

Partnership Meeting – 7:00 a.m. - Wednesday, Aug. 20 – Rocky Vista University