



Wednesday, March 16, 2016
7:00 am – 9:30 am
Host: Douglas County Government
500 Fairgrounds Drive, Castle Rock

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

In Attendance:

Douglas County Libraries: Robert Pasicznyuk
Castle Pines: Don Van Wormer, Tera Radloff, Roger Addlesperger
Castle Rock: Sally Misare, George Teal
Douglas County: Jill Repella, David Weaver, Roger Partridge, Dru Campbell
Douglas County School District: None
Highlands Ranch Metro District: Terry Nolan, Vicky Starkey
Larkspur: Matt Krimmer
Lone Tree: Seth Hoffman
Parker: Debbie Lewis, Michelle Kivela, Chris Vanderpool
Guests: Annie Larson and Andrew Dunkley, Sen. Cory Gardner's Office
Tim Harris, WSPI PB

WELCOME AND JURISDICTIONAL UPDATES

Chair Debbie Lewis welcomed the group at 7:30 a.m., and thanked Douglas County for hosting the meeting. She asked each entity to provide an update since the meeting in January.

Castle Pines: Reported the City's Comprehensive Plan Review has been completed and will be working on more park and recreation amenities as a result of the review. Reported the opening of the Library will take place in April as the finishing touches are being completed on the building. The new Library will also function as the City Hall going forward. An update was provided on the continuing development projects within the City. The "Bike Wild" event will take place in May. Announced Castle Pines was voted by Zippya as the smartest city in Colorado.

Castle Rock: Will be expanding the Town's partnership with the Zipline vendor to open an Ariel Trekking Course on May 14 at Phillip S. Miller Park. The Castle Rock Parkway Interchange should be done this summer. The Town has several redevelopment projects going on in the Downtown area. The Plum Creek Reconstruction Project to improve the interchange and intersection for better traffic management will be starting in the very near future. Castle Rock will be working on the Canyon South Annexation as well as the Scott Walker Properties' Annexation.

Douglas County: Commissioner Weaver reported that the number of people who are going without food in Douglas County is increasing. We need to be mindful of our homeless population as it is slowly growing. Reported that he sits on the Criminal Justice Committee and is working to get the DNA Bill passed this year as it is a very important piece of legislation that will have a huge impact on the way crime is investigated and reported. Douglas County still has a low crime rate compared to other Colorado counties. Reported AARP is against the hold harmless clause in the Older American Act. The County is working on the I-25 Traffic Study which includes the highway portion from Castle Rock to Monument. Commissioner Repella reported the unemployment rate is at 2.4% in the County and thanked the municipalities for all of their hard work. The unemployment rate is the lowest it has been in 14 years. Property values are rising. She has been meeting with area businesses to get valuable feedback on what is working, what is not working, and any other suggestions businesses want to offer. She is also working to build a business retention program that will help the County and municipalities assist the business community.

Douglas County Libraries: Reported that the new library in Castle Pines will open in April, Lone Tree's will open in June, and Parker's library is scheduled to open in August.

Highlands Ranch Metro District: Xcel is expanding the gas line from Sterling Ranch and the neighborhoods are not in support of the project. The Metro District will approve the easement for the project. Reported that May 3 will be Election Day for the Metro District. Reported the District has signed an IGA with CDOT for water quality improvements along the C470 Corridor.

Larkspur: Reported the Town will be holding a May election with 3 seats and the Mayor position open. The current well project is three-fourth complete; it will not be operational until the treatment plant is complete. The treatment plant is currently being designed. Reported on the I-25 Traffic Study from Castle Rock to Monument by stating Larkspur is seeing an increase in traffic cutting through Town to avoid a portion of I-25 and hopes the study will provide some options to address this issue.

Lone Tree: The City is cancelling their election in May as the candidates are running unopposed. The new members are Councilmembers Winshaw, Brunick, and Jackie Millet as Mayor. Reported on the Transportation Mobility Summit on March 22 at the Lone Tree Art Center took place to discuss the transportation projects in the corridor area, such as the South Extension of Light Rail, Bike Path Improvements, C-470 Expansion, and the Arapahoe I-25 Construction Project. Twenty-five people attended. Reported that DRCOG is looking at projects to fund in the southern areas of the metro area.

Parker: The Town will be working on the Parker Road Corridor Plan. Reported the East/West Trail Project will begin soon. Announced the Muckfest Event will take place in June as well as the Tour de Cure event in September in Parker. Reported Parker has designed a Teen Court Scholarship program. The Town is also working on the Pine Curve Rezoning issue. Reported the CVS Store is coming to Parker.

Andrew Dunkley aide to Senator Cory Gardner : Thanked the group again for allowing him to attend the meeting. He introduced Annie Larson who is also with Cory Gardner's office. He added they are very informative. Reported his office has taken several calls regarding the Xcel project. Reported the VA Choice Program is having serious issues with not getting paid. The Senator's staff is working to get the issue fixed.

INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Susan Saint Vincent with the Parker Water and Sanitation District provided the Partnership with an update on the Reuter-Hess Mater Plan Project. The Water and Sanitation Board realizes that recreation needs to be a part of this drinking water Reservoir. In 2015, the IGA was signed between the County, Castle Rock, Lone Tree, Castle Pines, and Parker to appoint board members to a Board that would make recommendations regarding recreation opportunities and help fund the Recreation Master Plan for the reservoir. Since the

reservoir is a drinking water vessel, the Board will have the final say in what kind of recreational opportunities are offered at the reservoir.

Susan explained the 404 Permits process for the reservoir and what those permits say can and cannot be done at the reservoir. Motorized vehicles will not be allowed on this reservoir which is written into the Impact Statement for the reservoir and is also noted in the 404 Permit documents.

The vision for the reservoir includes minimizing the risk to water quality, preserving the natural habitat and open space character, and protecting the tranquil and serene qualities of the site. The District did an RFP for passive water activities. Due to the fluctuating water levels at the reservoir, there will be no swim beaches because there could be a trash problem and they do not want the trash ending up in the reservoir. There is a five-year plan to introduce fish to the reservoir. There may be opportunities for educational groups at the reservoir, as well as, entertainment such as Dancing under the Stars.

A survey was done with 4,000 people responding to provide input regarding the Reuter-Hess Master Plan. Hiking trails were the number one request that came from the surveys and the open houses. There were three open houses: Parker with 300 attendees, Lone Tree with 150 attendees, and Castle Rock with 150 attendees. The initial open house part of the process is complete. The Concept of the Preferred Recreation Plan is due on April 14, 2016. On April 20, there will be an open house at the PWSD to display the Preferred Recreation Plan for the Reservoir from 4 to 6 p.m. From May 16 to June 16 will be setting the phasing for the plan which include cost estimates, funding and budgeting, and a general business plan for the Reservoir.

There was a question about parking at the site. Susan stated that are four areas proposed: at the current entrance, at the well house, on the east side of the water, and on the north side away from the water.

The Recreation Board is looking at partnering with a company to bring in non-motorized boats to ensure that mussels are not introduced to the reservoir. Susan added once the mussels species are introduced to the reservoir, they cannot be gotten rid of and will have a major impact on the water treatment facility.

There was a question asked as to how full the reservoir currently is. Susan stated the reservoir is about a third full.

The group thanked Susan for her presentation.

OTHER REPORTS:

Debbie Lewis added that Leanne Womack will be at the PACE Center on May 26.

Castle Rock stated that a pedestrian bridge is being constructed at Wolfenburger as a connection to the open spaces near the Highway.

The Douglas County Libraries will be partnering with RTD and the Highlands Ranch Metro District regarding parking at the Highlands Ranch Park-n-Ride as it is right across the street from the Highlands Ranch Park-n-Ride.

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