

**Wednesday, September 18, 2019  
7:00 am – 9:30 am  
Host: Douglas County Libraries  
Location: James H. LaRue Library, Highlands Ranch, CO 80129**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Duffy called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**INTRODUCTIONS AND JURISDICTIONAL UPDATES:** Jurisdictions and partners acknowledged those in attendance from their area and gave brief updates on what is happening for their regions.

#### City of Castle Pines: (Mayor Radloff)

- The first sale of a home in the Shea Homes development of the Canyons just occurred marking
- Reconstruction of Castle Pines Parkway and Monarch is underway to improve traffic flow
- The Canyons is seeking a land use increase of 1500 homes on east side of I-25
- The new website has launched, being both more user friendly and device adaptive
- Council is working on a vaping ordinance for those under age 21
- New street signs with the City of Castle Pines logo are being installed

#### Town of Castle Rock: (Mayor Gray)

- With our budget we have
  - Added three police officers
  - Moved money for funding the Crystal Valley/I-25 interchange
  - Set aside \$40 million for water projects
- Whole Foods opens at the Promenade Shopping Center in March 2020
- Trail dedication was held for a 2.5 mile extension of Plum Creek to Crystal Valley Ranch
- The Sturm ACC campus dedication was celebrated
- Deputy Zach Parrish III Memorial Park was dedicated
- New trail was opened at Gateway Mesa Open Space
- Construction will begin on the seven-story building and parking garage next to Town Hall, tripling downtown parking.
- Castle Rock was listed 40<sup>th</sup> in Money Magazine's "Best Places to Live in America", one of two Colorado cities making the list

Douglas County Government: (Commissioner Thomas)

- Commissioner Partridge is returning from an international bridge conference and is unable to attend
- September is National Fire Preparedness Month and we are in a state of elevated fire danger – Sept National Fire Preparedness Month
  - The contracted water helicopter is on exclusive use and ready if needed
- After months and many work sessions to get to 2040 on the Transportation Master Plan, there is a concern that we won't have the funds to complete the Plan so the County is taking a revised ballot proposal to the voters for the extension of a portion of the Justice Center sales tax, scheduled to expire, and a portion of that sales tax that exists in perpetuity, to be dedicated to roads.
- Chambers Road construction to increase capacity and relieve congestion is underway
- The Highway 85 project between Louviers and Sedalia will go out to bid next month. Over \$5 million has been spent securing right-of-way for that project
- The Parker Community Response Team (CRT) is getting ready to launch. The amount the County has allocated to the entire CRT program will be \$330,000/year. Over forty partners have joined us in these efforts with safety and our mental health initiative to improve the quality of life for Douglas County citizens

Commissioner Laydon

- Expressed gratitude for Commissioner Thomas' passion and commitment for our kids and their safety
- Good news from Washington DC and the Western County Commissioners meeting:
  - Vice President Pence reiterated that the best government is closest to the people. It is great to know that this administration believes in what we are doing on the local level
  - Kendall Ehrlich, deputy director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy shared that 94% of fentanyl is coming from China or up through Mexico
  - Interior Secretary Bernhardt plans to move the Bureau of Land Management to Grand Junction, Colorado
- We are pleased for the partnership and collaboration with the school board around school security.
  - The application deadline was yesterday for schools to apply for the funding and 94% of Douglas County schools have applied for the \$10 million the county has dedicated to school safety
  - Two committees, one concerned with mental health and one focusing on physical security, made recommendations on various mental health programs and security measures that could be funded with the \$10 million
- The east/west regional trail from Highlands Ranch to Parker will open in October
- Ways to allow public access at Sandstone Ranch are under consideration
- Saturday, September 21, at 9am - 1pm at Echo Park Stadium in Parker there will be free recycling station for electronics

Clerk and Recorder Klotz

- Fall election ballots went to the printer. Timeline is in place for first leg of four back-to-back

elections. Each takes 150 days. We have four overlapping

- Douglas County has a system that prints out the same ballot for in-person voting as mail ballots which has protected them from the concerns heard recently in the news

Douglas County Libraries: (Board Vice-President Cole)

- Supporting one of our key goals, elevating our community by inspiring a love of reading, we brought reading to life with our Summer Reading Celebration, “The Great Summer Reading Roadtrip.” We registered 14,071 participants, hosted over 5600 people in 51 programs. We road tripped our activities, with our summer reading crew visiting 29 Douglas County community locations to share the fun of reading
- Douglas County Libraries continues to attract New York Times bestselling authors. Author, Jodi Picoult will be hosted by the library on September 24 at CU South Denver
- At the end of 2019, we will have three open trustee positions on our board. If you know someone who wants to join us in elevating our community, please direct them to us for more information. If they are ready to apply, you can direct them to the Douglas County website

Douglas County School District: (Director Ray, District F, President)

- School is back in session
  - Meadow View Elementary experienced a 6” fire fire sprinkler main break resulting in 5’ of water in the building crawlspace. This major flooding wiped out the building, had an empty facility to move kids into – really appreciated the teamwork of our team to open a school in three or four days. Making repairs – targeting winter break
  - Friday for the first time in 12 years the District is putting the entire employee group under one roof at the Pepsi Center (8400 people) for strategic plan rollout, celebrating our aligned direction for what we want to do for kids. Started the strategic plan with the kids, then town halls, and then staff. The plan is a reflection of all those interactions. It is aligned and focused around our kids
    - September 24, at Chaparral High School at 6pm the strategic plan will be revealed and celebrated
  - Sky Ridge Medical Center and Kaiser Permanente have donated to the cause of keeping kids healthy. School district is collaborating with them on an event on the dangers of vaping. So pleased for those who have come alongside us and all our kids in these efforts
  - International Rotarians recognize four youth groups every year worldwide. This year two of the four are two Douglas County schools who received the “gold” recognition, Legend High School and Cimarron Middle School
  - Great news - the employee retention rate is spiking and has increased over the past few years
- Director Leung, District E
- Under this leadership, we have regained the trust of our parents and our community.
  - 1. Focus on students – we are here for our students. Board has a student advisory committee of 100 students that helps us form policy
  - 2. Parent engagement – parents are the basis of our students success. Every school has an accountability program in place.
  - 3. Teachers are seeing our value of them

- Within all that is security for our schools. We appreciate partnership with the Commissioners
- The Strategic Plan will be online at:  
[https://www.dcsdk12.org/about/leadership/superintendent/dcsd\\_strategic\\_plan](https://www.dcsdk12.org/about/leadership/superintendent/dcsd_strategic_plan)

Highlands Ranch Metro District: (Board Vice Chair Starkey)

- The Fallen Hero Memorial was dedicated and jointly funded by Highlands Ranch Metro District and the Douglas County Sheriff's Office
- The district continues to work on a proposed senior center in Highlands Ranch. A 22k square foot facility is planned but no location has been identified yet

Board Member Anderson

- On South Metro Fire Protection Board. Have reestablished boundaries for districts to have citizen representation on the board.

City of Lone Tree: (Council Member Carpenter)

- The Lone Tree Arts Center has a great season kicking off
- Working on roads in and out of Lone Tree
- Ichiban and Urban Village are coming to Lone Tree
- The city has launched a new website
- Working on the budget

Town of Parker: (Council Member Rivero)

- The Lazlo Hotel will anchor the new west-end City Center
- Will have on the ballot this fall request for an excise tax on new residential –having development pay for development to help cover an estimated \$48m shortfall over next the ten years.
- Charter clean up on the ballot, too.
- Noise regulations – got rid of blue law – commercial businesses can now play music outside of their business. Will revisit if needed.
- My Mainstreet, our community engagement website won a Silver Circle Award out of 900 submissions from 3CMA
- Cimarron Middle School, Legend High School and Frontier Valley all participated in a clean project. Proud of our kids

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Douglas County Libraries staff Bob Pasicznyuk, Executive Director, Cliff Davidson, Department Head Youth Services, Tiffany Curtin, Adult Literacy Specialist, Mehrnaz Mashhadi, Adult Services Librarian and Lisa Casper, Community Relations Liaison highlighted library services:

- A glimpse in time for how our collection circulates
  - 50% Children's and Young Adult
  - 30% Adult
  - 17% Media
- Circulating items that might surprise you:

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- Microscopes
  - Colorado State Park passes and backpacks with binoculars and trail maps
  - Davidson exemplified an aspect of story time. With over 130,000 kids and parents at library story times entertain while building the foundation of reading skills
  - Curtin overviewed the Adult Literacy program where the community 17 and older are connected to ESL, GED and citizenship exam support
  - Mashhadi shared the experience of being an immigrant seeking assistance to learn the language and get citizenship and the support received through Douglas County Libraries
  - Casper talked about Douglas County Libraries bringing in big name authors for our community, like upcoming Jodi Picoult
  - Casper shared Colorado authors in a book talk of suggestions of great reads
- Trustee Cole
- The library has vast resources to support business and entrepreneurs

## PARTNER/GUEST REPORTS

### Parker Water and Sanitation (Klotz)

- Seeing benefits of WISE program. Pipelines are in and water is flowing. Ten south metro districts with Denver and Aurora working together to provide water. The WISE program changed history of water in south metro area
- Discussion with Castle Pines North Metro District (veering the City of Castle Pines) to combine resources that would put all of the city's water in Parker Water and Sanitation District.

### Douglas County Youth Initiative (Carpenter)

- Annual Youth Congress will be held October 1st at the Capital. All are invited to support the youth as they learn about government (Carpenter)

**ADJOURN** – Chair Cole adjourned the meeting at 8:47 a.m.

## NEXT MEETINGS:

Wednesday, October 2, 2019	3:00 PM	Regional Managers	Douglas County Libraries	Philip S. Miller Library, 100 S. Wilcox Street, Castle Rock - LaRue Conference Room
Wednesday, November 6, 2019	3:00 PM	Regional Managers	Douglas County School District	Douglas County School District, 620 Wilcox Street, Castle Rock, CO 80104 - 3rd Floor
<b>UPDATED WITH DATE, TIME AND LOCATION</b> Thursday, November 7, 2019	6:00 - 8:00 PM	Elected Officials Reception		Cherokee Ranch & Castle, 6113 Daniels Park Road, Sedalia, CO 80135



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**ATTENDANCE:**

<b>JURISDICTION</b>	<b>PERSON</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>9/18/19</b>
<b>DOUGLAS COUNTY GOVERNMENT</b>	Abe Laydon	Commissioner District I	YES
	Lora Thomas	Commissioner District III	YES
	Merlin Klotz	Clerk & Recorder	YES
<b>DOUGLAS COUNTY LIBRARIES</b>	Sean Duffy	Board Chair	YES
	Lawrence Falter	Board Member	YES
	John Beckwith	Board Member	YES
	Ron Cole	Board Vice Chair	YES
	Bob Pasicznyuk	Executive Library Director	YES
	Patti Owen-DeLay	Executive Administrator	YES
	<b>DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT</b>	David Ray	Director District F, President
Kevin Leung		Director District E	YES
Richard Cosgrove		Chief Operating Officer	YES
<b>CITY OF CASTLE PINES</b>	Tera Radloff	Mayor	YES
	Melissa Coudeyras	Mayor Pro Tem	YES
	Deborah Mulvey	Council Member	YES
	Michael Penny	City Manager	YES
<b>CITY OF LONE TREE</b>	Jay Carpenter	Council Member	YES
	Cathie Brunnick	Mayor Pro Tem	YES
	Kristin Baumgartner	Deputy City Manager	YES
<b>HIGHLANDS RANCH METRO DISTRICT</b>	Vicky Starkey	Board Vice Chair	YES
	Renee Anderson	Board Member	YES
<b>TOWN OF CASTLE ROCK</b>	Jason Gray	Mayor	YES
	Dave Corliss	Town Manager	YES
	Norris Croom	Fire Chief	YES
<b>TOWN OF PARKER</b>	Joshua Rivero	Council Member	YES
	Michelle Kivela	Town Administrator	YES
<b>GUESTS / PRESENTERS</b>			
<b>Douglas County Libraries</b>	Lisa Casper	Community Relations Liaison	YES
	Tiffany Curtin	Adult Literacy Specialist	YES
	Cliff Davidson	Department Head Youth Services	YES
	Mehmaz Mashhadi	Adult Services Librarian	YES