

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**TEAM HIGHLANDS RANCH**

*May 21, 2007*

On this date a meeting was held of representatives of Team Highlands Ranch. Representing the Douglas County School District was Debby Novotny; HRCA, Gary Debus; Douglas County Government, Commissioner Melanie Worley, Wendy Holmes and Administrator Doug DeBoers; Metro Districts, Nancy Smith, Sherri Eppers and Jim Worley; Chamber of Commerce, Cindy Walters, Michelle Colaizzi and Kristi Simonson; and, the Douglas County Library, Pam Nissler, David Stark and Rochelle. Also in attendance was Attorney Glenn Hagen.

Each organization provided a brief update as to activities in the community. HRCA stated that discussions were continuing on the mansion; the circus would be in town commencing June 1<sup>st</sup>. A Taste of Highlands Ranch was successful; 24 Foundation scholarships were issued through 9 different schools; a carnival will be sponsored from June 9 through 17; and, the Annual Summer Concert series has been scheduled. The Library District indicated it is engaged in due diligence for a possible mill levy for November 2007. Metro District is continuing to raise funds for a Veterans Memorial, is engaged in volunteer projects, and will have a Kid-Fest on June 16<sup>th</sup>. The Chamber reported that there will be a legislative forum on May 21<sup>st</sup>, its Golf Tournament on August 20<sup>th</sup>; and, the 5-K Run on Thanksgiving. The County reported that the area near the Miller administration building is now under construction for a parking garage, with a new administrative building scheduled to commence construction in Fall 2007. The County is actively working toward a graffiti ordinance in coordination with the Sheriff's Department. The School District reported that there were 3,400 graduating seniors; and, to assist in the future elections, the District will use its high schools as election sites.

Team Highlands Ranch collectively noted that the 6 priority topics were traffic concerns, cultural offerings, visioning and partnering for amenities, economic development, senior services and children services. Nancy Smith suggested that the Team HR immediately move forward with the development of a community calendar and a pamphlet (and web site) entitled "Highlands Ranch from "A to Z". Similar brochures have been generated in Douglas County, and as among groups; however, it was important to have one exclusively for the Highlands Ranch community. There was a consensus among those attending and this will be placed at the highest priority for immediate tasking.

As to the 6 long-range plans, consensus was reached that the first project undertaken will address traffic concerns. This is a high visibility item that should promote community awareness of Team Highlands Ranch. Topics under traffic would include street improvements; repaving for arterial and residential streets; in Highlands Ranch; sidewalk and curb maintenance; coordination of traffic signals; Highlands Ranch traffic ordinances; repairs (pot-holes and cracks); signage; emergency routes; maintenance issues; snow removal; and, continued awareness of the Colorado Blue Ribbon Commission studying state concerns for transportation, including RTD and C-470.

Doug DeBoers stated that the County was available for presentations on signal timing, snow removal and future plans for Highlands Ranch.

Upon discussion, the attendees reached quick consensus (with Douglas County approval) that a presentation be made on traffic matters at the next scheduled meeting of June 18, 2007. The meeting would commence at 5:00 PM, with anticipated adjournment at 6:30 PM. The food would be provided by the Chamber of Commerce. Due to the public interest as regards traffic concerns, representatives of local newspapers will be advised of the meeting and are welcome to attend.

Commissioner Worley suggested that the manager/administrator of each of the Team Highlands Ranch groups join together in a meeting, once per month, between the 2 generally attended meetings for all representatives. This management meeting would have as its purpose to establish the Agenda for the general group. By consensus, this procedure was adopted unanimously. The Agenda will also suggest anticipated outcomes.

It was noted that Douglas County and the Metro Districts already have a web site providing information which could be a part of the "A – Z" pamphlet for the Highlands Ranch community. The Library District will be issuing a new web site in September which will have similar information; the Chamber has much information as to local businesses and community matters in its own membership directory available to the public. This "A – Z" pamphlet would also be recognized as a necessary tool for the larger topic of economic development for Highlands Ranch. Each of the participating groups at the meeting agreed to implement "links" on their web sites to all other participants within Team Highlands Ranch as it would be a benefit to members of the community seeking information through the Internet.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:15 PM. Gary Debus served as acting Chairman; Glenn Hagen as Recording Secretary.