



**Team Highlands Ranch
Meeting Minutes
Feb 25, 2008**

Attendees

Rochelle Logan
David Starck
Dorothy Hargrove
Wendy Holmes
Melanie Worley
Carolyn Schierholz
Nancy Smith
Vicky Starkey
Terry Nolan
Steve Herzog
Debby Novotny
Gary Debus
Jeff Wasden
Jamie Noebel
Ken Shields
Krista Simonson
Steve Dyer
Jamie Noble

Meeting Convened

Approval of last month's minutes, Hargrove, Debus -passed

Burning Issues (one minute per member) 5:17 – 5:25 p.m.

Chamber Commerce of Highlands Ranch – Jamie Nobel is their new board member. They hope to have their new hire by the end of March.

Douglas County Board of Commissioners – Hosting first Human Needs Summit on March 7th. There is a perception of growing at risk population in county. The summit will try to identify what the at risk population looks like. Chris Gates presentation is available on CD from Wendy – send her an email. They will be in the field with citizen survey in March.

Douglas County Libraries – They are starting a “Your vote matters” campaign. They have also added a Civic Engagement Calendar on their website.

Douglas County School District – They are talking with board about election 2008. They will be having a March 4 work session. There will be budget cuts due to growth being lower than expected.

Highlands Ranch Community Association – They are in the process of giving away 25 scholarships for High School Seniors.

Highlands Ranch Metro District – The Veterans Monument is in design development. Metro District Board of Directors decided to advance the money needed to build the monument this year in conjunction with the final phase of Civic Green Park. Dedication will be on Nov 8 with ground breaking in July. It looks like Governor Owens will be the featured speaker at the dedication.

2008 Goals - Committee Reports

5:25 – 5:45 p.m.

1. Cultural issues to be lead by HRCA, and joined by the Library, County, and Nancy – Objective setting – They reviewed what's in place and the tier structure with SCFD. We are tier 3, would like to go to tier 2. They are suggesting the HR Cultural Affairs Committee would be producer of any cultural affairs in Highlands Ranch, in order to group together any money currently being collected. This could facilitate the needed revenue jump. As a precedent, the City/County of Boulder pooled all of their Tier 3 organizations under one umbrella. Wendy mentioned that they didn't work out revenue sharing at the beginning which was their demise in the long run. HR Cultural Affairs Association plans to approach the County Cultural Commission with that plan before our next meeting. Individual groups would keep their revenue. HRCA board of Directions sits as the board for the Cultural Affairs Association, but they are willing to revisit that if other groups are going to bring money to the Association.
2. Traffic lead by DC and Metro – DC had four staff present, Metro had two present. They are looking to help prioritize the Transportation Improvement Plan, and will report on progress on the TIP. They hope that Team Highlands Ranch will have an influence on spending more money in HR. They are in support of C470 Santa Fe flyover. Melanie is going to DC to get more money for that interchange. The subcommittee thought Team HR could be good vehicle for providing info to the public and assist with easements and landscape repairs. The group wanted to invite a rep from the Sheriff. They noted that the majority of people at HRCA Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting wanted photo radar to catch red light runners.
3. Guidelines lead by School District and joined by Terry, Paul, Steve, Dorothy, Wendy, and Vicky – Debbie sent out an email with first draft, didn't get any comments. Debbie to set up next meeting. It was suggested at the end of the meeting that the committee should look to revamp the mission statement.
4. Citizen Engagement, lead by DC (Wendy), plus the Library, Chamber, HRCA, Steve Herzog, and Carolyn – Committee waited until after the Chris Gates meeting, which more than 300 people attended (250 RSVPed). Old models of public involvement don't work anymore. New places could include Listservs, blogs. Currently there's a shortage of places where people believe that they have been heard.

Website Update

5:45 – 5:50 p.m.

1. Housekeeping for consistency will be done on the member descriptions.
2. We will be listing 2008 goals/activities, leaving 2007 accomplishments, and removing the Future Agenda Items. Krista mentioned that the organization names at the bottom are hard to read. We'll work on this also.
3. Since Sept 2007 we had 1456 unique visitors, averaging 485/month in 2007. In 2008 we've averaged 468/month. 32% are for AA to Z services.

Environmental Sustainability (Possible additional cooperative effort) 5:50 – 6:10p.m.

1. Vicky brought a draft resolution from the Douglas County partnership. Partnership is trying to figure out if they work jointly or in parallel towards further conservation. They are gathering inventory of currently environmentally friendly initiatives. Douglas County is starting a program March 1st. We decided to develop inventories for each of the TeamHR organizations. Wendy mentioned that part of the citizen survey will include questions to understand what the public wants the government to do on sustainability. There is a bill proposed in the state legislature that would limit HOA's restrictions on things such as clothes lines and solar panels. The group's general consensus was to add this to our 2008 projects. The managers could serve as the subcommittee for the inventory portion. It was mentioned that the Thunder Ridge High School Seniors are doing their annual presentation on environmental sustainability at HRCA in April and Metro in March 25.

Administrative

6:10 – 6:15 p.m.

1. Next meeting March 17th – Gary suggested that we start at 5pm and have 5 minutes for food.
2. Food schedule - DCSD

Adjourn

6:15pm