



**Team Highlands Ranch
Draft Minutes
March 17, 2008**

Attendees

Rochelle Logan
David Starck
Dorothy Hargrove
Wendy Holmes
Carolyn Schierholz
Nancy Smith
Vicky Starkey
Terry Nolan
Steve Herzog
Debby Novotny
Gary Debus
Jeff Wasden
Krista Simonson
Steve Dyer
Dave Weaver

Burning Issues

Chamber Commerce of Highlands Ranch – Gala at the end of next month

Douglas County Sheriff – Prostitution taken care of.

Douglas County Libraries – Downloadable movies now available. Content is mostly IMAX and classics. They are tearing out walls for new sorter.

Douglas County School District – Congratulations to the girls Highlands Ranch High School for 1st place in the State Basketball Tournament. Also, congratulation goes to the boys Thunder Ridge High School basketball Team for 2nd place in the State. They are working on election planning for Nov. They are currently the lowest funded school district in Front Range.

Highlands Ranch Community Association – Their decision to pull out of the Mansion negotiations was mentioned. Their Board elections are tomorrow (3/18). They have 5 candidates for 3 spots. Their political affair committee will hold a public forum to gather information to help answer the questions - should HRCRA have a role in any future incorporation study?

Highlands Ranch Metro District – Director Elections are on May 6 – One can vote at any Middle School, at the Metro District Office Building, or request a mail in ballot (see www.highlandranch.org to make the request). Any voter in HR can vote for the candidates for all regions.

Transportation Improvement Plan Update Presented by Jeff Case from Metro, Alex Larson and Art Griffith from Douglas County

1. Accomplishments Colorado/HR Parkway/University – Added video. Quebec Corridor Improvements still underway- Signals will be better aligned. Fiber Optics funding from Feds allows for real time signal monitoring implementation.
2. Planned for 2008/ Wish list projects –
 - Glen Eagles, Timberline, and the Post Office will get new median and/or concrete panels.
 - Quebec will be widened to three lanes each way by removing the sidewalk and adding a Pedestrian Bridge on east side.
 - The currently closed County Line segment (between Colorado and University) will be reopened mid May. Outlining work will continue for 12 to 15 months.
 - Fiber optics on HR Parkway, Broadway to HR Parkway and McArthur Ranch will allow signal monitoring.
 - Timing updates will occur for HR Parkway from Colorado past Wildcat.
 - Timing updates also for University from County Line to 25.
 - Timing for Quebec Corridor as construction completes.
 - Message boards off of Quebec and Lincoln.

2008 Goals Subcommittee Reports

1. Cultural – Gary Debus - We did not present to Cultural Council yet, as we are still working through SCFD details. He also mentioned July 4th parade, and requested a marching band from the schools.
2. Guidelines – Debby Novotny – Distributed handout, please review and send comments to Debby. Note that the mission statement has changes! The Decision Making section puts the emphasis on communication instead of quick decision making. Jeff suggested that we double check the schedule for November and December to confirm if the handout should say 10 or 11 meetings. The suggestion was for “no fewer than 10 meetings per year.” Jeff suggested that we need a PR liaison listing in the guidelines. The committee will review at the next meeting.
3. Civic Engagement – Wendy Holmes – The committee did not meet, as Wendy wanted to get more direction before proceeding. Civic engagement studies on Environment Sustainability. Wendy suggested that we do an inventory of civic engagements from each organization before proceeding.
4. Environmental Sustainability – Terry Nolan – A template of current practices was received and will be distributed. Vicky mentioned that more things can be added to the template. We decided to start by sending out this one. Gary distributed an example of the things that HRCA is doing and will allow (with approval) residents to do. We also discussed the Computer Recycling and Hazardous waste recycling. We also discussed promoting our efforts on our websites.

Economic Gardening Update – Steve Dyer

Handout from the consultant was distributed. First interviews for counseling position have occurred. Do we want a link from TeamHR website to Economic Gardening? Yes, as the Chambers website is not at full production.

Administrative

1. Next Meeting/food provider for April 21st HRCA
2. Roster Updates – None
3. Managers meeting – Each manager is invited. Should Vicky attend? The Team thought it appropriate. Vicky and managers to discuss. Everyone is encouraged to add items to the agenda.