



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

Attendees

Rochelle Logan
Dorothy Hargrove
David Starck
Dave Weaver
Krista Simonson
Steve Dyer
Ken Shields
Steve Herzog
Carolyn Schierholz
Nancy Smith
Vicky Starkey
Gary Debus
Terry Nolan

Kent Bagley
Jack O'Boyle
Jeff Case

Burning Issues

Libraries – moving on with plan B after election failure. Not sure if they will lose the land deals in Lone Tree/Parker.

DCSD – looking to cut an additional \$20 million

DC Sheriff – attempted abduction – looking for a white van; shred-a-thon was huge

Chamber – Turkey Day 5K – big fundraiser; board elections upcoming

Transportation

Newly elected RTD Board Members Kent Bagley and Jack O'Boyle discussed FasTracks building and funding alternatives, as well as the process they are in to come to that decision. They presented the survey results from the recent series of public meetings. They discussed three options for additional funding: 1) federal, 2) state or 3) local. There was discussion of a possible Regional Transportation Authority that could include transit. Discussion about fare checkers on light rail – not a significant problem. They both offered to return in the future.

2008 Goals Progress Discussion

1. Environmental Sustainability – Vicky – Their group toured several existing recycling sites in the Metro Area. They decided against doing solid waste recycling. Composting was really expensive due to single vendor shipping costs and therefore will not be included. Based on their tours, the group is still developing their plans. A resource guide will hopefully be done by the end of the year. For next year, do we want to keep this on our goals? Krista asked what we as group could actually do without a budget. The general consensus was to wait until plans were in place for a site to decide if we could do more.
2. Cultural – Gary – The HRCAA budget is being adopted next week. Tier 2 status probably not a reality until we have a facility to run the money through. They are looking to increase the advisory committee that reports to the (HRCAA) Board.
3. Civic Engagement – Wendy was not present – Terry reminded the group that Wendy's memo was passed out last time. He asked for any input. Terry said that he and Wendy were suggesting that this work needs to be done on an organization by organization level, rather than as goal for Team HR. TeamHR becomes the body for more information sharing on best practices in this area. Nancy pointed out that we have been having attendance problems. She asked how we do work on Civic Engagement when we don't have participation? Suggestions were made on bringing in businesses to tell us how we can help them as a way to increase our Civic Engagement. Nancy suggested that we look at doing information sharing, not only within the group, but outside the group. Gary suggested that we find more projects with tangible results. David and Steve said our meetings have greatly increased lines of communications between their organization and other groups.

Administrative

Future Meetings

1. December – Thursday December 4th 6:00 p.m. Dinner party, Terry's house, reps +1. The food will be catered, organizations will be asked to contribute.
2. January meeting/food provider – January 19th, Douglas County Libraries – The Chamber reported that they are still checking to make sure they have enough room to host at their site. Terry said that TeamHR could continue to meet in the Metro Boardroom.

Ranch Wrap

Dave suggested that we have "road shows" and go to groups of constituents and see if they can contribute. Ericson was suggested for both their facilities and for the history of knowledge held by their residents.