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Team Highlands Ranch

Recommendation:

Team HR should first do the A to Z directory of who does what.
Look at doing a coordinated community calendar.

Top Six - Defined

Traffic Issues

1. Implementation of portions of Douglas County's Highlands Ranch Traffic Improvement Program including such things as:
 - a. Traffic signal timing
 - b. Intersection improvements such as double left turns.
 - c. Permissive left turns where appropriate
 - d. Dedicated right turn lanes
 - e. Signals on flashing yellow/red at night.
2. Continued opposition of toll lanes for C470.
3. Support for Regional Transportation Authority to fund general purpose lanes for C470.
4. Support of reauthorization of the Douglas County Road and Bridge sales tax.
5. Seek strict enforcement of traffic laws, particularly speeding and running red lights. Use electronic measures if deputies not available.
6. Team HR should keep pushing to ensure we get our share.

Cultural Offerings

1. Cooperative efforts to add, improve, enhance cultural programs, events and venues.
2. Work toward Highlands Ranch Cultural Arts Center. This may go beyond Highlands Ranch to include neighboring cities or communities.
3. Work towards SCFD Tier II status - Work together to coordinate all HR cultural events (school, library, chorus, HRCA, HRMD etc.) to reach Tier II status

Visioning and Partnering for Amenities

1. Work together to determine community support find best way to provide major amenities such as Mansion/Historic Park, Cultural Arts Center, Senior Center and Wildcat Regional Park.
2. Find ways to use the strengths of each organization to come up with the best solution.
3. Should include surveying community.
4. This may also include neighboring communities.

Economic Development

1. Continue to work with developers to assist in development. Past examples include building infrastructure early, licenses for crossing High Line Canal, negotiated payment schedules for System Development Fees.
2. Work together to promote Highlands Ranch as a good place to do business.
3. Keep taxes low – particularly property taxes.
4. Support local businesses.
5. Included in this category is coordinating maps/brochures/service provider info for the whole community.

Senior Services

1. Work together to understand the needs of seniors for the next 20 years. Entertainment, meals, transportation, etc. Survey.
2. Cooperate to add, improve or enhance senior programs, events and venues.
3. Push for senior services coordinator.
4. Identify and evaluate providing interim venues such as Station 18 basement.
5. Evaluate building senior center.
6. Cooperatively promote existing senior services.

Children Services

This community is already focused on children. Every park has a playground, every recreation center has areas and programs dedicated to children, countless youth sports opportunities, the schools offer countless opportunities, many community events are directed toward children, Metro offers outdoor education directed at children. Churches offer many youth programs.

Team Highlands Ranch should first focus on something else however at some time Team HR could consider:

1. Sports Fields – Identify needs that are not being met and work to expand as needed with development of Wildcat Regional Park or using future school locations.
2. Other services - Identify gaps in services and work to fill them.