

TEAM HIGHLANDS RANCH
MINUTES FOR JULY 16, 2007

Attending the meeting of Team Highlands Ranch were the following individuals: Jeff Wasden (HRCA), Dave Weaver (Sheriff), Rick Owens (Metro), Paul Meyers (HRCA), Michelle Colaizzi (Chamber), Kristie Simonson (Chamber), Gary DeBus (HRCA), Rochelle Logan (Library), Steve Herzog (DCSD), Jerry Goings (DCSD), Dave DeBord (County), Steve Ormiston (Shea), Sheri Eppers (Metro), Wendy Holmes (County), Nancy Smith (Metro), Terry Nolan (Metro) and acting Secretary, Glenn Hagen (at large), Jeff Wasden facilitated the meeting.

Sheriff Weaver reported that his office is studying the possibility of a mil levy to meet current needs of his department, and advised those attending to be aware of a “scheme” to charge monies for a sexual predator’s list, which is available free on line. Gary DuBus reported on on-going discussions as to the Wildcat Park, with the possibility of an ice arena, and the on-going Summer concert series. There was mention of a historic park with The Mansion plan. The Chamber reminded all concerned of its golf tournament on August 20, 2007. Rochelle reported on the library sponsored Shakespearean Festival scheduled in Highlands Ranch for the end of July. Wendy Holmes provided a web update, with demonstrations for www.teamhighlandsranch.com. The other names of .org and .net have also been acquired. Any Google search on this website will be specific to Highlands Ranch concerns and responders.

Nancy Smith lead a discussion on the “A-TL-Z” project with a discussion as to the criteria to be imposed for selection of entities, whether they should be merely HOA, clubs, parks and schools, or if it should also include private businesses and those in the entrepreneurial sector. It was agreed that there would be no listing of private schools or private day care centers; however, there will be a full listing of public and charter schools in Highlands Ranch. Contacts will be made to the 6-member organizations of Team Highlands Ranch, as well as inclusion of the Douglas County Sheriff’s Department.

Steve Ormiston of Shea provided his year-end report in areas of residential, commercial, public facilities, non-urban areas and fulfillment of Highlands Ranch development issues. It is projected that Highlands Ranch is now at 90% build-out; and, it was noted that the Back Country Development will be the last single family development commenced within Highlands Ranch. It will have additional amenities to include the Sundial Lodge, opening September 2008, which will serve as a “private club” for the subdivision residents including meeting rooms, restaurant, bar and pool.

On the commercial side, Ralph Schomp will be moving forward with its 70,000 square foot showroom for BMW products; the Valor School will be opening in the Fall of 2007 with 1,200 students at a cost of \$90,000,000.00; and, the Town Center continues to expand. The Stone Mountain Elementary School will be the 15th and final elementary school completed for Highlands Ranch, with an estimated date of January 2008. Space has been reserved between the City Green Park and the Town Center for a performing arts center.

Steve Herzog reported for the Douglas County School District that there are 3 sites available (not “surplus sites”) to be used by members of Team Highlands Ranch, with an emphasis for children’s activities. Toepfler Park isn’t likely to be used for a school; therefore, the District would entertain proposals for use of the vacant land, on a long term lease basis, with nominal costs, until a final decision is made by the School Board as to release of the property.

At the conclusion of the agenda, it was agreed that the next meeting for Team Highlands Ranch would be moved to August 27, 2007 due to conflicting schedules. Jerry Goings of Highlands Ranch High School noted that in June 2009 the school will be hosting 2,000 students from around the country for a 5 day event, with approximately 200 advisors. As the dates unfold, Team Highlands Ranch will be advised for coordination of activities. It was also reported that there is an \$11,000,000.00 remodeling project for Crest Hill Middle School for the year 2008. Sheriff Weaver indicated he is actively searching for a location for a substation for his officers to be located in Highlands Ranch, moving from the current location in Lone Tree. Thereafter the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn W. Hagen,
Recording Secretary