



**Team Highlands Ranch
Minutes
April 21, 2008**

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Steve Dyer
Amy Branstedder – Douglas Country Dept. of Transportation
Bob Kinney- Douglas County Dept. of Transportation
Chris Eppers – Chamber of Commerce

Burning Issues (one minute per member) 5:07 – 5:15 p.m.

HRCA – May have public issues committee come to talk about incorporation, probably next month.

Library – The Foundation is sponsoring talk with Tattered Cover on Thursday

Douglas County – The Water summit is Oct. 1st. Please welcome their new hire Bonnie Osborn – Director of Housing Projects.

School District – Budget meetings are taking place, in HR May 5th 6:30pm to 8pm.

Chamber – Their annual gala is coming up on Friday.

Metro – The new reservoir is 1/3 full. Take a look at the new fence on Veneford. Please vote in the Election May 6! Mail in ballots are still available.

Douglas County Transportation Master Plan 5:15 – 5:35 p.m.

2030 Transportation Plan – LSA Associates was hired to help with the plan. This plan will supplement the comprehensive plan. They are looking at multimodal transportation systems, biking etc. They will look at funding and land use. Time frames are 2010, 2020, and 2030. The process will include 9 public meetings, aimed at different groups. Updates are available on county website.

2008 Goals Subcommittee Reports

5:35 – 6:05 p.m.

1. Cultural

- a. Art Encounters – Gary Debus – working with Douglas County and funding from SCFD (\$27,000) to display art on a yearly rotating basis. Terry mentioned that the Metro District Board had approved some money to put Art in the Parks. Check the Douglas County Website under ArtEncounters for more info.
 - b. Museums
 - i. American Indian Heritage & Nature Center – Gary - This is not a project that has been funded. Cost is \$11 million. Started with the OSCA plan. Also worked with a group of Indians, Tall Bull Council, who lease property from the City of Denver in Daniel’s Park. If built, the standards would be high enough to take loans from major museums. A living roof hides the building, natural materials. Site is approximately 300 to 400 yards from the existing trailhead parking lot. Melanie suggested asking Nighthorse-Campbell to be honorary chairman.
 - ii. Childrens’ Museum South – Jamie LaRue was represented by Rochelle– This is a very fresh idea, maybe two weeks old. He was approached by a developer in Castle Rock with some space available in the Meadows. The design may include Theater and Library / Story telling space. Denver is interested in working with us in delivering content.
2. Guidelines – Debby Novotny – A new draft was distributed. Number of Meeting, decision making, and removal of Vice Chair were this month’s major changes. Gary asked if “members” were individuals or organizations? The suggestion was made by Melanie that the last Decision-Making bullet end with Member Organizations for clarity. The question arose about where a ballot issue would require unanimous approval. The group decided that the third bullet needed endorsements added to actions or expenditures, and changing to member organization. Krista thought that we needed to start discussing ballot issues in August. Terry suggested that we start discussing the ballot issues as soon as the issues were decided on. Dorothy asked that Wendy suggest some wording for a section on PR to be distributed prior to the next meeting.
3. Civic Engagement – Wendy Holmes – No responses to the inventory request. Terry suggested that Wendy send it again and set a deadline. Wendy said she would do that and offer ideas.

4. Environmental Sustainability – Vicky & Wendy -Matrix that Castle Rock put together through Douglas County Partnership was adopted and is due to Vicky by April 30th. Waste Management maybe offering a community grant to funnel all information into a website for the entire county. Wendy said that they added 10 questions to the county survey for sustainability.

Economic Gardening Update – Steve Dyer 6:05 – 6:10 p.m. – Chris Eppers

They are focusing on home based and small local businesses. They want to provide resources for marketing, legal, financial etc. They are working on a description of what the program is and what it isn't. They are looking for businesses that have existed for 2 years and are in HR. They are working on quotes for databases – for marketing, angels, etc. An Investors gathering is being planned. Marketing material needs to be promoted. Timeline is for first candidate (the Chamber) in the first of May. They are still looking for the second and third adopter. FYI - There is a Front Range Gardening group also. Thank you to Meme Martin for her help developing this program.

Administrative/Misc.

6:10 – 6:15 p.m.

- Next Meeting/food provider for May 19th - Douglas County Libraries
- Jack Arrowsmith will be attending our next meeting to discuss the next countywide elections.
- Krista asked if any of this will be in the Herald. Wendy suggested that the two inventories are the next ones that we want to promote. It was suggested that yourhub was becoming the focus
- Debby asked about the Human needs summit. The summit had over 300 attendees. The major gap was transportation, affordable housing, and “single point of entry”, and awareness. This was a good example of civic engagement. Wendy will bring the final report to our meeting. Many people from HR had to go to Castle Rock for a food bank.

Ranch Wrap

6:15 – 6:20 p.m.

(Otherwise known as, what do you want to walk out of here and brag about?) Economic Gardening is moving rapidly to fruition. The Public Art Program is expanding to our Recreation Centers and soon to our parks.

Adjourn

6:20 p.m.