



**Team Highlands Ranch
Minutes
January 22, 2008**

Arrival and Food 5:00 p.m.

Meeting Convenes & Introductions 5:15 p.m.

Attendees:

Rochelle Logan

David Starck

Dorothy Hargrove

Wendy Holmes

Melanie Worley

Doug Debord

Carolyn Schierholz

Nancy Smith

Vicky Starkey

Terry Nolan

Steve Herzog

Jerry Goings

Debby Novotny

Sheriff Weaver

Paul Meyers

Gary Debus

Jeff Wasden

Ken Shields

Krista Simonson - Absent

Steve Dyer

Burning Issues (one minute per member) 5:17 – 5:25 p.m.

Chamber Commerce of Highlands Ranch – Economic Gardening is in full swing. They have been working on job descriptions for consulting position and research analyst. At their Feb luncheon Melanie Worley is the speaker.

Douglas County Board of Commissioners – Melanie Worley was elected Chair for 2008 at their Jan 15th meeting. The Board retreat on Jan 31st will set their agenda for the year.

Douglas County Libraries – They are following up on election results. They invited everyone to come by and see new automated book handling machine at the HR location.

Douglas County School District - They have a survey on front page of their website, please give your opinion. They are focusing on operations meeting public demand, thinking about year round schools, start times, and celebrating the 50th anniversary of consolidation.

Douglas County Sheriff – There is a rash of phone solicitation for supposedly for jury duty where the culprits are fishing for Social Security numbers. The recent murder suspect is in jail, as well as some trespassing teenagers.

Highlands Ranch Community Association – They just had a 7.5 hour retreat looking at role in community, strategic planning committee, employee surveys, and a community issue survey.

Highlands Ranch Metro District – The \$16 million fence replacement program has begun on Dad Clark, with West HR Parkway, and the Veneford Ranch Road to follow.

Pastor Group Representative

5:25 – 5:30 p.m.

St. Mark is doing a 5 year plan, looking to be more involved in community. In a meeting with Terry they mentioned the interfaith group, which isn't quite ready for prime time. Should we invite one person from this group to meet with us?

Jeff asked about where do we draw the membership line so that we can handle multiple groups joining in the future? Nancy commented that this is an open meeting - could they come as attendees, rather than voting members? Melanie suggested that we do an advisory group to Team HR. Wendy suggested that we look at priorities to see who is missing to advance the agenda.

Town Meeting

5:30 – 5:40 p.m.

Should we have a town meeting to get the pulse of what we should be doing? We've had joint Town Meetings in the past, which were not well attended. Can we tie in any existing meetings? Can we do this on an annual basis? Would anyone show up? Can we piggyback off of each others' mail survey? HRCA mentioned that they are doing one in 3 or so months. Could we do a web survey? It was suggested that a survey would need to be quick and easy. Library is offering to do an online survey, suggesting a \$25 randomly awarded gift certificate, or a ride in a cop car. Wendy suggested we do this on the TeamHR website.

2008 Goal or Goals

5:40 – 6:25 p.m.

We voted on Goals for the 2008 year, with results as follows:

1. Implement Economic Gardening: Douglas County & Chamber - 3 points
2. Implement Senior Services Coordinator: Douglas County & Metro - 0 points
3. Traffic Issues – 37 points
4. Cultural Offerings – 27 points
5. Visioning and Partnering for Amenities – 17 points
6. Economic Development – 14 points
7. Senior Services – 6 points
8. Children Services – 10 points
9. Adoption of Team Highlands Ranch Operational Guidelines – 30 points

10. Community Calendar on Web Site – 15 points
11. Unused School Site Properties – 0 points
12. Citizen Engagement - 58 Points
 - Voter Turnout (as end result)
 - Cooperative Surveying

In discussion prior to voting it was suggested that we might create a monitoring category in which on going projects reside. So if you think Senior and Economic gardening need even more emphasis, put your votes there. If they can maintain the status quo, put your votes elsewhere. It was also confirmed that we want to avoid having one group taking the lead on all the issues.

After voting issues: How do we work on these goals while complementing other organizations? Other organizations are already working on Citizen Engagement. Wendy encouraged us all to attend a talk on Civic Engagement given Feb 20th at Castle View HS by Chris Gates at 8:30am to 10:30am speaking on Civic Engagement. RSVP to 303/660-7401.

The question was posed should we form a working committee on the Team HR Guidelines? Can we model on the Partnership for DC Government Guidelines? It would cover voting members, groups represented, and statement of vision/strategy. Vicky read the mission statement from the website. Rochelle suggested that this needed to be changed as it isn't lining up with the priorities as we just voted. Gary suggested that we might want to do a 15 minute review on what is happening now on each of these subjects.

Should we create subgroups to work on each of these top projects? General consensus said yes.

- Cultural issues to be lead by HRCA, and joined by the Library, County, and Nancy;
- Traffic lead by DC and Metro;
- Guidelines lead by School District and joined by Terry, Paul, Steve, Dorothy, Wendy, and Vicky;
- Citizen Engagement, lead by DC (Wendy), plus the Library, Chamber, HRCA, Steve Herzog, and Carolyn.

Subcommittees should meet before the next meetings.

Administrative

6:25 – 6:30 p.m.

1. Meeting frequency, dates, time, length, location? Consensus said meeting monthly is crucial for building relationships, more gets done.
2. Date conflicts – Feb meeting would fall on Presidents Day. When asked what day of the week, Mondays seem good with every one. Consensus was for Feb 25th at 5pm. Otherwise meetings will stay with the 3rd Monday in the month.
3. RSVP's. to Carolyn at cschierh@yahoo.com
4. Food schedule. Chamber for Feb. We decided that dinner wasn't necessary, but snacks/light appetizers would be good.
5. The School District asked if we got the food bill resolved from Dec? HRCA to send out email to School District with final bill. The question was raised if we could get a sponsor

or a cash bar for next year to avoid any alcohol issues. The Sheriff promised free rides if needed. Members were also reminded to use their RSVPs wisely.

Adjourn

6:30 p.m.