



**Team Highlands Ranch
Meeting Minutes - Draft
June 16, 2008**

Attendees

Rochelle Logan
Dorothy Hargrove
David Starck
Debby Novotny
Melanie Worley
Doug Debord
Carolyn Schierholz
Nancy Smith
Vicky Starkey
Terry Nolan
Gary Debus
Laura Hopkins
Jeff Wasden
Krista Simonson
Steve Dyer

Burning Issues (one minute per member)

HCRA – No burning issues

Library - July 1 at 6pm join them for groundbreaking of the Veteran's Monument.

Douglas County – Budgeting is starting for 2009. Cuts are expected in the \$3.5 million range. They continue to work on the HR sheriff substation. The new scanner at the Justice Center has been occasionally causing hiccups. They are working with Metro on IGA for roads. A Redwing final decision is expected in mid-July.

HRMD - No burning issues

School District – Bond issue still being worked on.

Chamber – Back from Steamboat from an economic gardening summit. They are doing a joint business afterhours with Castle Rock and Parker. Aug 18th is their annual golf tournament.

2008 Goals Subcommittee Reports

1. Guidelines – Debby Novotny – Approved by Consensus as distributed.
2. Civic Engagement – Doug DeBord - Citizen Survey – 528 Respondents, divided equally between commissioner districts, conducted Apr 17-20. 2008 margin of error +-4.3%. Responses include:
Perception of being on the right direction – 69%.

People in HR were 81% in the right direction. Parker 66%, Castle Rock 60%.
Impression that people were pensive about the economy.

Doug asked about race relations. The chamber asked about a good place to start a business. The county thought they were coming to middle ground on the tax issue. Relatively few people are feeling the sting at the grocery; some are at the gas pump. We noted that Food Insecurity was a perception of the community question, rather than a personal response. It looks like people are very tentative on tax increase. We noticed the 13 year downward trend in financial situation. Krista noted that so many voters were registered 5 years or less, and wondered how this would effect elections. The number one way that people get information about their community is their local weekly newspaper, yet 98% people have internet access. We asked Douglas County to drill down to HR in specific. Gary asked how many people refused to answer the survey. Vicky asked if HRCA is going to do a survey, and if so, ask about their specific services or a wider array of services. If they ask about other services, could other organizations participate? Jeff was concerned about the scope if too many people participated, so that they didn't have to do too much education before getting valid answers. Vicky asked if they have a timeline. Gary thought that it would take several months.

3. Environmental Sustainability – Vicky – Douglas County is going to contract with a consultant for community outreach that will be a product in about 3 months time. Debby noted that there is a great resource guide dedicated to kids, put out by Carla Turner. Debby to email to Vicky.
4. Cultural – Gary - Submitted for Tier 3 to Douglas County, looking forward to finding out the results. Art Encounters kickoff happened last week.

Economic Gardening – Steve Dyer

They just got back from Steamboat Springs where they heard two days of 45 minute speakers from as far away as Australia and Japan. Twenty other states were represented. They found out that they are far ahead of most people in the process. Looking at July 1 to get some clients in to start working with.

Ballot Issue Consideration Process – Vicky

With upcoming Nov ballot issues, if TeamHR were asked to endorse, it might behoove member organizations to go to each member board to get an endorsement that could roll up to TeamHR. We would need to have those prior to our Sept 15th meeting. The Library mentioned that their board needed to decide by August. The goal would be for Team HR to put out a press release after the September meeting if approved.

RTD Proposed Service Cuts – Jeff Case, HRMD

RTD has been hit with some major financial hits. Their staff was asked about a change to schedule to help reduce costs. Proposed discontinuations in Highlands Ranch include AT(Skyridge), Route AT, HR Call-n-Ride, and Light Rail GLine - Lincoln Station to Parker Road (Nine Mile Station). 40 residents (a large number) showed up for a June meeting on the subject. Some residents were willing to work with adjusted schedules or higher rates. RTD has an operations committee that meeting pre regular board meeting. They indicated that Call-n-Ride could be adjusted to last until year end. Ridership has gone up in the last two weeks. The 470 route is also likely to go. At the RTD board meeting, these issues are going to be on general

business, not consent. Melanie suggested that the decision might be postponed so that several area commissioners could meet with the RTD board. Jeff Wasden asks if HR was taking a bigger hit than other areas. Jeff Case said that appears to be the case. Some of the Call-n-Rides that are doing well tie to the light rail stations. Melanie suggested that transit works well if you are going in and out of Denver, but not well suburb to suburb.

Administrative

Next Meeting/food provider for July 21st – Metro District
The Chamber's annual golf tournament is the same day as our August 18th meeting. TeamHR will be cancelled for August.

Ranch Wrap We adopted guidelines, accomplishing one of our goals. July 4th parade, Clint Hurdle is the Grand Marshall.

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