



**Team Highlands Ranch
Draft Minutes
May 19, 2008**

Attendees

Rochelle Logan
Dorothy Hargrove
David Starck
Wendy Holmes
Carolyn Schierholz
Nancy Smith
Vicky Starkey
Terry Nolan
Gary Debus
Todd Landgrave
Jeff Wasden
Krista Simonson
Steve Dyer
Jack Arrowsmith – Douglas County
Larry Perkins – HRCA
Doug Harris - HRCA
Pam Krider - HRCA

Burning Issues (one minute per member)

HRCA – Board elections - Laura, Dave, and Paul were elected. Incorporation report to be discussed later in the meeting

Library – Statewide libraries got some funding. This hasn't happened in a long time. Colorado is 49th in the country for funding. Rochelle and another board member spent four days in DC meeting with local representatives about library issues.

Douglas County – Results of citizen survey are in. The Commissioners have announced their priorities for the year – Sustainability (waste reduction, going green, etc) Human Services issues, Adequate Water Supply (which was #1 in survey priority). On the Redwing gate issues – they are waiting to hear the outcome of the citizens meeting and the consultants review. They hope to have a conclusion in June.

HRMD – Elections results – Nancy Smith and Ryan Stuart were re-elected. Vicky Starkey was elected to replace Gary Dani.

Sheriff – Absent

Chamber – At their April gala, they recognized two businesses – As You Wish Pet Sitters, and Skyridge Medical Center. Frank Wright was voted into their hall of fame. For Economic Gardening, on the 29th they have a business banker meeting to learn what is prep work is needed to fund small businesses. They have also met with the County IT department about GIS to map out competition, etc.

School District – Absent

Elections - Jack Arrowsmith, DC Clerk and Recorder

For community outreach, their department is hosting Community Coffees. The last one is Wed 21st at 9am and is open to anyone. Also, on June 6th at 9am they are hosting the Chief Information Officer from Center for Digital Government to speak on digital websites.

Thank you to HRCA, Library, and Schools for their recent help. They sent out 160,000 mail-in ballot forms, and have received 50,000 back. The primary is Aug. 12th, with voting on local and state elections (not Presidential, spread the word). Early voting the weeks before will be from 8a to 5p at any of the 5 locations. (Hours subject to change.) There will be 40 places to vote for Election Day, with assigned polling places - locations received in the mail. Electronic equipment will be used in early voting. Both electronic and paper will be used on primary day. They will have 800 election judges. About 200 of these will be junior election judges between 16 years old to one day shy of 18. (Their pay will go back to the school.)

They had 30% mail ballots in 2006. They had 300 pieces of equipment in 2006, and now have 350. They are also adding paper polling booths for a total of 800. Based on 10 minutes per voter, they should be able to do 7000 voters per hour. There will be one state referendum on the ballot. There are 74 voter initiatives currently collecting signatures.

There website is Douglasvotes.com - please check it out! They are going to try streaming video from the ballot counting area on election night. They will update counts every 30 minutes. If there is one thing Jack is worried about, it's the new statewide voter registration database. They will have many backup plans in place.

HRCA's PIC Committee Presentation

Larry Perkins, Doug Harris, and Pam Krider attended. PIC's assignment from the Board – If there were an incorporation study should the HRCA play a roll? Objectives were distinguished between “HRCA's role”, “study” and “incorporation; to anticipate impacts on HRCA; examine association responsibilities.

They conducted interviews with PIC and neighbors, reviewed documents including the feasibility study from 1999, had public meeting April 15, and reviewed a book on how another community created a city. They prepared a written report to the HRCA Board. They are still looking at annexation implications. They are quietly looking at costs to put in the file.

(The following is from their presentation slides.)

Recommendations – HRCA should not assume lead roll in any feasibility or implementation study program. HRCA should provide public information and education. HRCA should lend guidance and participation in TeamHR as the suggested leadership organization in such an effort. HRCA should further collaborate with DC & Metro to suggestion re-allocation of functions in any future municipal entity. HRCA should continue community association and recreation management functions, regardless of future municipality type. HRCA should near term, acquire broader feedback to develop a consistent understanding of residents' positions.

Referral to Team HR rational: Members are stakeholders in HR's Future. Organizations have potential influence in any eventual HR incorporation. Comprehensive planning for inevitable Douglas County growth. Further strengthens logical "partnership" amongst members.

Further suggestions: Consider formalizing the TeamHR (or similar group) in an incorporation relationship, at an appropriate time. Review 1999 Feasibility Study Report & other references, for key background insight. Determine whether or not, and when, a new study is suitable. Determine and solicit funding sources for a study. Select and experienced professional entity to determine whether incorporation is practical, feasible relevant and viable. (End of PIC's presentation.)

Jeff said that incorporation runs the spectrum in opinions. He also suggested looking at the tax base as part of any decision making when and if it does happen. Wendy said that no commissioner has taken a public stand. They (BOCC) believe that the community should do what the community believes is best. Wendy believes that the commissioners would support in any way they can.

Krista asked about cost. Larry said they were looking to find a number. Krista also asked (as an independent person) why they were looking for cost when there hasn't been a groundswell, and numbers could be inaccurate in the future. Larry indicated that they could not forecast a future study cost.

Vicky reviewed our operational guidelines with Larry about how each organization would need to go back to their member organizations in order to move further.

Castle Pines apparently spent \$17,000 on their study according to Jeff.

The Chamber asked for copies of the 1999 study. Gary will PDF the Executive study and send over a hard copy of the rest.

Jeff asked that each group go back to their boards and ask them to consider TeamHR for taking the lead in an education effort on their own boards and then come back with directions.

David asked if the HRCA board was recommending this as opposed to the PIC committee recommending. Jeff said that the HRCA Board possibly could do that if necessary.

Vicky suggested that we next discuss this topic at the August meetings as the June and July ones are pretty full.

2008 Goals Subcommittee Reports

1. Guidelines – Debby Novotny – Vicky reported that Debby would like us to look at new changes and send thoughts to her. Plan on voting on them at the next meeting.
2. Civic Engagement – Wendy Holmes - Citizen Survey was done April 17 through 20th, with active voters in telephone survey. 517 people were split among commissioner districts. A sense of economic anxiety was found. Each commissioner district was very different. HR was “happy, very engaged”, but dissatisfied with snow plowing, and road maintenance. Adequate water supply was the highest priority at 80%, traffic light synchronization at 53%, regional planning to manage growth was third, open space was fourth. Vicky suggested that Wendy bring back more of this information next month.
3. Environmental Sustainability – Vicky – Nothing until after meeting tomorrow.

Administrative

Next Meeting/food provider for June 16th - Douglas County

Ranch Wrap

We ran out of time.

Adjourn