

Highlands Ranch Mansion Feasibility Process

According to the Highlands Ranch development agreement, Shea Homes must convey the Mansion to an organization that will operate it for the public benefit. As the local government in Highlands Ranch, the Metro District is allowed by state statute and its service plan, to own, renovate, maintain and operate the Mansion for the public benefit.

The Metro District Board's goals in conducting this evaluation of the Mansion are to determine:

1. The costs associated with renovation and operation
2. Adequacy of available funding sources
3. Appropriate uses
4. If there is public support for renovation and operation
5. If the Metro District should accept ownership, renovate and/or operate
6. Governance
7. Timeline for ownership and operation

Please visit www.highlandsranch.org for updates regarding this process.

October 2008: The Metro District Board voted to proceed with a feasibility study regarding potential ownership of the Mansion. A contractor/consultant was hired to evaluate the buildings and develop renovation cost estimates from November 2008 through January 2009.

March - May 2009: Questions about this project will be included in a citizen survey. The board will hold a retreat to discuss possible governance, funding, facility uses, and the public involvement process.

September - December 2009: The board will decide whether to proceed with ownership of the Mansion. If they decide to move forward, the Metro District will negotiate an agreement with Shea Homes and Douglas County.

January 2009: The Metro District Board will hold a visioning retreat to discuss projects, including the Mansion and future Historic Park.

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June - September 2009: The Metro District will conduct a thorough public involvement process to exchange information with Highlands Ranch residents.