

HIGHLANDS RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
62 W. PLAZA DRIVE
HIGHLANDS RANCH, CO 80129

September 29, 2009

Gary Herbella called the Board meeting of the Highlands Ranch Metropolitan District to order at 7:05 pm. The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

Roll call was taken:

BOARD MEMBERS: (Chairman in bold face: * = absence; **=excused absence)

Board of Directors

G. Herbella
A. Dreher
R. Owens
N. Jensen
V. Starkey
N. Smith
R. Stuart

Advisory Board
members

K. Smith
K. Pennock
J. Worley

STAFF:

Terry Nolan, General Manager
Jeff Case, Director, Public Works
Tom Hoby, Director of Parks, Recreation &
Open Space
Bruce Lebsack, Director, Administration &
Finance
David Hahn, Staff Attorney
Stefanie Quintana, Administrative Assistant

Stephanie Stanley, Financial Reporting
Analyst
Sherry Eppers, Community Relations
Manager
Brian Muller, Park Planning Manager
Forrest Dykstra, Manager Development
Engineering

OTHERS:

T. Kershisnik, Met 5
J. Kappes, Met 5
Fran Santagata, DC Emergency Mgmt
Director
Holly Nicholson-Kluth, DC Sheriff Law
Enforcement Bureau Chief
Robyn Lydick, HR Herald
Margaret Potter, HR Resident
David Cork, HR Resident
Bradford Wann, HR Resident
Rick McKinney, HR Resident
Steve O'Neil, HR Resident
Alison Tonelli, HR Resident

Tom Williams, HR Resident

Special Presentations

Holly Nicholson-Kluth reported that there are two new programs in Douglas County. The license plate readers program places these readers in patrol vehicles and assists in finding stolen vehicles. The Rape Awareness & Defense program is geared towards educating high school age girls and will begin next year. The groundbreaking for the new Highlands Ranch substation should occur in November.

Fran Santagata reported that the Metro District Park Rangers are participating in the local emergency planning committee test exercises. There will be a hazmat exercise in November which will include Jeff Case and Sherry Eppers. Douglas County will be offering free H1N1 flu shots.

Public Comments or Questions

Two residents spoke to Board members regarding the Cheese Ranch open space path. They indicated that Douglas County School District no longer providing school bus transportation to Fox Creek Elementary and are suggesting that school children use this path to reach the school. Some neighborhood parents do not feel this is a safe way for their children to travel to and from school. Parents have spoken to Douglas County School District and their transportation office seeking to have this changed. Ryan Stuart volunteered to investigate this issue with the Douglas County School District.

Reaffirmation of Disclosure

No changes

Staff Presentations

None

Discussion Items

None

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The following actions were taken:

- Approval of **Board Meeting Minutes** – 08/25/2009 (*Dreher/Stuart*) **7-0 motion passed**
- **Receive and Filed** Study Session Minutes – 09/21/2009 and Continued Meeting Minutes 09/21/2009 (*Jensen/Starkey*) **7-0 motion passed**
- **Public Hearing** – A public hearing was opened at 7:31 pm for the inclusion of all streets, lots 1 through 225 and tracts A through R in Highlands Ranch Filing No. 118-Q. There were no comments. Public hearing was closed at 7:32 pm.
- Approval of **Business Agenda** (*Jensen/Smith*) **7-0 motion passed**

- Approved the following **Consent Agenda Items (Dreher/Stuart) 7-0 motion passed**

Consent Business Items may be adopted by a single motion. Any Consent Business Items may be removed at the request of a Director and heard on its respective place on the Agenda.

HRMD – 178

Ratify August 2009 Cash & Investment Transactions including Expenditures

HRMD – 179

Adopt Resolution No. 09-179

Approve Paintbrush Park Playground Expansion, Appropriation

HRMD – 180

Adopt Resolution No. 09-180

Approve Elementary School Restrooms, Appropriation

HRMD – 182

Adopt Resolution No. 09-182

Approve 2007 Storm Drainage Pipe 49, Appropriation, Construction & Consulting Contract

HRMD – 184

Adopt Resolution No. 09-184

Approve Change in Compensation Adjustment Dates

- Approved the following **General Business** Items:

HRMD – 181

Adopt Resolution No. 09-181

Approve Highlands Ranch Mansion Ownership

Dreher – motion/Owens – second 7-0 motion passed

Discussion – Board members feel the mansion is a community asset and a unique opportunity to give the facility back to the residents. They are pleased with the public process and feel there is support from residents.

HRMD – 183

Adopt Resolution No. 09-183

Approve Dad Clark Trail Crossing at Toepfer Park, Appropriation, Construction & Consulting Contract

Starkey – motion/Owens – second 7-0 motion passed

Discussion – None

HRMD – 185
Adopt Resolution No. 09-185
Approve Amended 2009 Budget
Starkey – motion/Jensen – second 7-0 motion passed
Discussion – None

HRMD – 186
Adopt Resolution No. 09-186
Approve Wildcat Regional Park Contract, Appropriation, Consulting Contract
Dreher – motion/Smith – second 7-0 motion passed
Discussion – None

Special Reports

Terry Nolan commended Bruce Lebsack for receiving the SDA Distinguished Manager of the year award.

Jeff Case gave a presentation to Board members showing the renovation of fire station #17 (see addendum).

Terry Nolan invited Board members to attend the Youth Congress on October 3rd

Nancy Smith asked for clarification on the trail replacement in Cheese Ranch. Staff replied that it was part of the trail replacement program.

Public Comments or Questions

Residents thanked Board members for listening to their concerns regarding the Cheese Ranch Trail.

Executive Session

Nancy Jensen moved that Metro District go into Executive Session to discuss Fire and Emergency Services. This is pursuant to 24-6-402(4)(e), C. R. S., “Determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations; developing strategy for negotiations; and instructing negotiators;” and pursuant to 26-4-402(4)(b), C.R.S., “Conferences with the attorney for the District for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions.”

The motion was seconded by Ryan Stuart, passed by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the quorum present and the issue was thoroughly discussed. **7-0 motion passed**

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In attendance:

G. Herbella	J. Worley
R. Owens	D. Hahn
N. Jensen	B. Lebsack
V. Starkey	T. Nolan
N. Smith	
R. Stuart	
A. Dreher	

Executive Session concluded at 8:37 pm.

Adjournment

At 8:38 pm motion to adjourn (Starkey/Dreher) was declared by Chairman Herbella.

Submitted by Stefanie Quintana – October 27, 2009