

HIGHLANDS RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 24, 2009

Gary Herbella called the Board meeting of the Highlands Ranch Metropolitan District to order at 7:00 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

R. Mapp

STAFF:

Terry Nolan, General Manager

Bruce Lebsack, Director Finance &  
Administration

Tom Hoby, Director of Parks, Recreation &  
Open Space

Jeff Case, Director of Public Works

David Hahn, Staff Attorney

Stefanie Quintana, Administrative Assistant

Forrest Dykstra, Development Engineering  
Manager

Sherry Eppers, Community Relations  
Manager

Stephanie Stanley, Financial Reporting  
Analyst

Brian Muller, Park Planning Manager

Bill Dailey, Natural Resources Manager

Jerry Hunter, Parks Manager

Nick Adamson, Open Space Supervisor

Laura Lacerte, Park Ranger

Kat Wentworth, Park Ranger

Rich Cuellar, Open Space Tech

Meagan Wilhite, Park Ranger

Scott Nelson, Park Ranger

Jeremy Grinwald, Park Ranger

Will Dykstra, Park Ranger

OTHERS:

T. Kershnik, Met 5

D. Vasquez, Met 5

Chief Holly Nicholson-Kluth, DC Sheriff's  
Office

Robyn Lydick, HR Herald

Steve Taraborelli, HR Resident

Tara Peters, ThunderRidge High School

Maritza Cruz, ThunderRidge High School

Miranda Carey, ThunderRidge High School

Chief John Mullin, LFR

Jeff Wasden, HRCA Board of Directors

Paul Meyers, HRCA Board of Directors

Fran Santagata, DC Sheriff's Office

Crystal Peterson, Division of Wildlife

Joel Heinemann, Littleton Fire Fighters  
Association

Chuck Reid, Park Meadows Metro District  
Board

Nancy Lattimore, HR Resident

Chris Allen, HR Resident

Gerd Noebel, HR Resident

### **Special Presentations**

Littleton Fire Rescue Chief John Mullin and the Metro District Board Chairman Gary Herbella recognized Patricia Prince, Marilou Foley and Sara Lebofsky for their efforts in aiding an injured motorist during an automobile accident in Highlands Ranch.

Jeff Wasden thanked Board members for their efforts in collaborative projects with the HRCA and also hopes to have a continued commitment between the two entities.

### **Staff Presentations**

Nick Adamson gave a presentation to Board members showing the 2008 Ranger Report Summary (see addendum).

### **Special Presentations**

Chief Holly Nicholson-Kluth from the Douglas County Sheriff's office administered the swearing in of the Metro District Park Rangers. This will allow the rangers to enforce parking restrictions in Highlands Ranch parks and open space.

Fran Santagata, the new Douglas County Emergency Management Director, introduced herself to Board members and discussed the new emergency mass notification system. Residents can log onto the DC Sheriff's web site and sign up for this service.

ThunderRidge High School students gave a presentation to Board members describing their senior project titled "Energy City of Highlands Ranch" (see addendum). Board members asked to receive an update on their research and findings.

### **Public Comments or Questions**

Joel Heinemann, President of the Littleton Fire Fighters Association, presented his views of the Littleton Fire Rescue level of service with regards to response times in Highlands Ranch with Board members. He also discussed the Operational Efficiency Study which Board members will use to assist them in improving fire rescue services in Highlands Ranch. As part of the survey which will be mailed to random Highlands Ranch residents, questions related to fire service will be asked that will assist Board members in improving services. The Operational Efficiency Study is on the District website at [highlandsranch.org](http://highlandsranch.org).

Chuck Reid indicated that the Park Meadows Metropolitan District has the design for the Quebec & C470 landscape improvements have been completed and requested that the District review.

Matt Sauter and Gerd Noebel spoke to Board members about renaming Springer park to Case park. A petition was given to Board members with signatures of residents who are opposed to changing the name of the park (see addendum).

Rick Owens gave a brief history of both John Springer and Jeff Case.

Board members will review this issue and staff will provide recommendations.

### **Reaffirmation of Disclosure**

None

### **Staff Presentations**

Bill Dailey gave a brief presentation to Board members on Co-existing with Coyotes (see addendum). Crystal Peterson, Division of Wildlife, discussed the partnership between the Metro District and the DOW and how they manage this issue together.

Brian Muller gave a presentation to Board members showing alternatives for the Veterans Monument Plaza Sculpture design (see addendum). Board members approved the use of the "Tribute" eagle on a concrete base.

### **Discussion Items**

None

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The following actions were taken:

*(Nancy Smith stepped out of Board Room)*

- Approval of **Board Meeting Minutes** – 01/27/2009, Continued Board Meeting Minutes 02/18/2009 and Board Retreat Minutes 01/31/2009 *(Starkey/Dreher) motion passed*
- **Receive and Filed** Study Session Minutes – 02/18/2009 and Finance Committee Notes 01/27/2009 *(Stuart/Owens) motion passed*
- **Public Hearing** – None
- Approval of **Business Agenda** *(Stuart/Starkey) motion passed*
- Approved the following **Consent Agenda Items** *(Owens/Stuart) 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 or any elector at the District and heard on its respective place on the Agenda.

HRMD - 108

Ratify January 2009 Cash & Investment Transactions including Expenditures

HRMD – 109

Adopt Resolution No. 09-109

Approve 2009 Capital Project Appropriation Rescissions and Adjustments

HRMD – 110

Adopt Resolution No. 09-110

Approve Retirement Board Citizen Appointment

HRMD – 111

Adopt Resolution No. 09-111

Approve Filing 150, Tracts B & C Tresana II, Sidewalk Reimbursement, Appropriation and Transfer

HRMD – 112

Adopt Resolution No. 09-112

Approve Elementary School Sports Field Improvements, Appropriation

HRMD – 113

Adopt Resolution No. 09-113

Approve Spring Gulch Equestrian Area, Appropriation, Transfer and Consulting Contract

HRMD – 114

Adopt Resolution No. 09-114

Approve 2008 Wildcat Reserve Parkway Repairs, Change Order and Final Payment

HRMD – 115

Adopt Resolution No. 09-115

Approve Dad Clark Crossing at Toepfer Park, Appropriation and Consulting Contract

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

HRMD – 116

Adopt Resolution No. 09-116

Approve Fire Station #17 Renovations, Appropriation and Consulting Contract

**Dreher – motion/Owens – second**

**Discussion – None**

**Motion passed      Starkey abstained      Smith absent**

**(Nancy Smith back in Board Room)**

HRMD – 117

Adopt Resolution No. 09-117

Approve Wildcat Regional Park GOCO Planning Grant

**Stuart – motion/Dreher – second**

**Discussion –** Terri Kershnik commented that the Metro District should collaborate with HRCA and pointed out that HRCA has the right to comment on future plans for this project as indicated in the 1996 Wildcat Regional Park Agreement. Terry Nolan mentioned that there is a meeting scheduled for Friday to begin that collaborative process with HRCA. Tom Hoby explained that we are at the very beginning stage in the Wildcat Planning process and at this point there are only concepts or ideas. He then explained the GOCO grant process and that Douglas County and the Metro District are the only eligible applicants among the current supporters. In addition, Tom explained the Metro District's interest in being a catalyst to get Wildcat Regional Park built and our interest in raising \$5m in local seed money to help pay for this \$20m+ park. He then mentioned that Wildcat is a very large undertaking that will need partnerships and funding from a variety

of sources to be successful and that counties in Colorado usually do not build developed parks of this scale.

***Motion passed***

HRMD – 118

Adopt Resolution No. 09-118

Approve 2009 Equipment Lease/Purchase Agreement

***Owens motion to reject bids/Stuart - second***

***Discussion*** – None

***Motion passed***

- **Special Reports**

Terry Nolan indicated that Medic 16 will again be manned when there are qualified personnel available.

Nancy Smith gave an update on the Team HR meeting. Team HR members discussed how the group can assist each organization fulfill their missions. Board members will email suggestions to Terry and Gary individually.

Allen Dreher discussed Senate Bill 87, accountability requirement for Special Districts. This bill would require the Metro District to use the Douglas County permanent mail-in ballot list when distributing ballots for special district elections. Board members agreed to contact the Senators individually to voice their opposition.

### **Public Comments or Questions**

Paul Meyers invited the Metro District to participate in the HRCA Volunteer Fair at the end of April. He also asked about the status of the lease for the Redstone batting cages. Tom Hoby responded that the buyout for the lease was finalized last December and the Metro District will begin operation of the cages next month. He also requested information on the status of the acquisition and restoration of the Mansion. Staff responded that the restoration estimate is approximately \$5.5 to \$6 million dollars. The current plan anticipates that HRCA will be included in the focus group portion of the public process related to potential stakeholders.

### **Adjournment**

At 9:51 pm motion to adjourn (Dreher/Starkey) was declared by Chairman Herbella.