

HIGHLANDS RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 29, 2008

Gary Herbella called the Board meeting of the Highlands Ranch Metropolitan District to order at 7:01 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
R. Mapp
R. Akers
K. Pennock

STAFF:

Terry Nolan, General Manager
Bruce Lebsack, Director Finance &
Administration
Tom Hoby, Director of Parks, Recreation &
Open Space
David Hahn, Staff Attorney
Stefanie Quintana, Administrative Assistant
Stephanie Stanley, Financial Reporting Analyst

Kyle Ormiston, Community Relations Intern
Forrest Dykstra, Development Engineering
Manager
Brian Muller, Park Planning Manager
Bill Dailey, Natural Resources Manager
Jerry Hunter, Parks Manager
Nick Adamson, Open Space Supervisor

OTHERS:

D. Vasquez, Met 5
Robyn Lydick, HR Herald
Jamie LaRue, Douglas County Libraries
David Stark, Douglas County Libraries
Rick Young, Littleton Fire Rescue
Jim Hofstra, Littleton Fire Rescue
John Mullin, Littleton Fire Rescue
Roland Seno, Littleton Fire Rescue
Brian Delasantos, Littleton Fire Rescue
Randy Watt, Villages at HR Subassociation
Carolyn Groom, HR Resident
Joel Christensen, HR Resident
Steve Cox, HR Resident
Denise Doerr, HR Resident
Kathi & Jeff Rudolph, HR Resident

Michael & Julia Cahill, HR Residents
Karen King, HR Resident
Dot Barwinski, HR Resident
Sai & Don Bishop, HR Residents
Michelle & Jim Nevelle, HR Residents
Buzz Sawyer, HR Resident
Ben Campbell, HR Resident
Roger & Maxine Dowell, HR Residents
Christie Lawren, HR Resident
Joanna Culbertson, HR Resident
Steve McGill, HR Resident
Jeanie Waner, HR Resident
Fred Stephan, HR Resident
Colleen & Mike Fitzgerald, HR Resident
Jeff & Denise Connick, HR Resident
Sherry Newhouse, HR Resident

Guest Presentations

Jamie LaRue with Douglas County Libraries spoke to Board members about a proposed mill levy increase question that may be brought to voters in November. He identified four Douglas County Library proposed projects that would benefit from the mill levy increase. He indicated that the demand for library resources continues to rapidly grow.

Fire Chief John Mullin spoke with Board members and residents about recent fires in Highlands Ranch. The Fourth of July Holiday is always the busiest day for fire calls, however there has not been property damage in Highlands Ranch from fires before July 4th, 2008. There were two wildland fire calls responded to this year, Grigs fire and Dad Clark Gulch fire. Tom Hoby gave Board members a presentation on the Dad Gulch fire (see addendum). Board members, residents and Littleton Fire Rescue members discussed possible ways to prevent fire damage to homes that back-up to open space. Residents would like the Metro District to consider expanding the breadth and frequency of mowing of open space behind their homes. The Metro District will work with Littleton Fire Rescue to identify potential problem areas and prevention steps for these areas. They will also inform residents how to help prevent these fires and carry out a public education campaign before the annual 4th of July event.

Public Comments or Questions

Residents representing both the Wildcat Ridge and Weatherstone areas voiced their concerns to Board members regarding the growing prairie dog population where they live. They indicated that prairie dogs are destroying the open space behind their homes and damaging their backyard properties. They would like to see a more aggressive approach by the Metro District to remove the prairie dog population. Board members will review the revised recommendations made by the prairie dog conservation task force and would also like staff to make a recommendation. Board members thanked residents for attending the meeting and voicing their concerns.

Reaffirmation of Disclosure

Board members reaffirmed that there are no potential conflict of interest disclosures.

Staff Presentations

Bill Dailey gave a presentation to Board members outlining the proposed revisions to the prairie dog conservation plan by the prairie dog conservation task force (see addendum). Board members discussed the costs of current actions to remove prairie dogs and options for a more aggressive removal approach. Board members would like to see a staff recommendation on this issue.

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

HRMD – 170

Adopt Resolution No. 08-170

Approve Adoption of the 2006 Edition of the International Fire Code

Stuart – motion/Owens – second

Discussion – None

Motion passed

Jim Hofstra explained the changes to the fire code.

Staff Presentations Continued

Jerry Hunter gave a presentation to Board members describing how drought conditions have affected the parkways and strategies to respond to the conditions (see addendum).

Brian Muller gave a presentation to Board members showing revised veteran's monument concepts (see addendum). Board members thanked Brian for his creativity and dedication to this project. They would like to have a recommendation from the Veteran's Monument Committee on the proposed concepts.

Discussion Items

Board members discussed the upcoming meeting with the Board of County Commissioners. They would talk about the Road & Bridge IGA, road maintenance, stormwater utility and traffic light synchronization in Highlands Ranch.

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The following actions were taken:

- Approval of **Board Meeting Minutes** – 6/24/08 (*Dreher/Starkey*) *motion passed*
- **Receive and Filed** Study Session Minutes – 7/23/08 (*Starkey/Dreher*) *motion passed*
- **Public Hearing** – None
- Approval of **Business Agenda** (*Starkey/Dreher*) *motion passed with amendment to move General Business item*
- Approved the following **Consent Agenda Items** (*Dreher/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 - 169

Ratify June 2008 Cash & Investment Transactions including Expenditures

HRMD – 171

Adopt Resolution No. 08-171

Approve Cell Phone Antenna Redstone Park, AT&T Lease Agreement

HRMD – 172

Adopt Resolution No. 08-172

Approve Cell Phone Antenna Quebec, T-Mobile Lease Agreement

HRMD – 174

Adopt Resolution No. 08-174

Approve Channel Stabilization Otero Tributary C-470 to County Line Road,
Appropriation & Consulting Contract

HRMD – 175

Adopt Resolution No. 08-175

Approve Channel Stabilization Upper Big Dry Creek Middle Tributary, Appropriation &
Consulting Contract

HRMD – 176

Adopt Resolution No. 08-176

Approve East Fork, Big Dry Creek Trail Repair, Appropriation

HRMD – 177

Adopt Resolution No. 08-177

Approve Broadway, University and Quebec Entries Restoration Planning, Appropriation
& Consulting Contract

HRMD – 178

Adopt Resolution No. 08-178

Approve Lucent Medians Contract for Design Services, Appropriation, Consulting
Contract

- **Special Reports**

Terry Nolan reported the dinner meeting with the HRCA board will take place on August 28th at 6pm at the Old Blinking Light.

Gary Herbella indicated that majority vote is to name Park N9 Sparrow Hawk Park.

Public Comments or Questions

None

Adjournment

At 10:40 pm motion to adjourn (Dreher/Stuart) was declared by Chairman Herbella.