



HIGHLANDS RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
STUDY SESSION MINUTES

The Board of Directors of the Highlands Ranch Metropolitan District met for a study session on Wednesday, January 21, 2015 held in the District Boardroom and opened the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

ATTENDANCE (Chairman in bold face: * = absent **=excused absence)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

R. Owens
A. Dreher
V. Starkey
C. Schierholz
N. Smith
R. Anderson
J. Worley

STAFF

Terry Nolan, General Manager
Bruce Lebsack, Director of Finance and Administration
Jeff Case, Director of Public Works
Carrie Ward, Director of Parks, Recreation and Open Space
Sherry Eppers, Community Relations Manager
Angie Kim-Frisch, Human Relations Manager
Stephanie Stanley, Financial Reporting Analyst
Forest Dykstra, Manager of Developmental Engineering
Carolyn Peters, Recreation Manager
Brian Muller, Park Planning and Facilities Manager
Karl Ferguson, Park Project Coordinator
Camille Mitchell, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS

John Kilrow, Met 5
Julio Jimenez, Jimenez Design Group
Walter Sharp, Highlands Ranch Resident

GUEST PRESENTATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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STAFF PRESENTATIONS

- Carolyn Peters and Julio Jimenez presented the assessment and renewal plans for Northridge park.(*Addendum #1*)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Forrest Dykstra addressed the Board with the need for channel stabilization at Big Dry Creek with the start of the project to begin in late spring and, weather permitting, be completed by late June. (*Addendum #2*)
- The Board discussed topics for address at the next Metro District/Highlands Ranch Community Association Board to Board meeting.
- Rick Owens updated the Board members on some changes with the Partnership meetings; the Managers will still meet every month, but the elected officials will now meet every other month. Special meetings can be called as needed. Rick also stated that the operational guidelines are being modified.
- Rick Owens addressed a concern in how the laws governing construction defects are currently written. Legislation is to be introduced in the Colorado General Assembly to reform construction defects litigation. The Board of Directors asked Terry Nolan to draft a resolution in support of reform.
- Terry updated the Board on House Bill 15-1107 sponsored by Representative Van Winkle and Senator Holbert concerning limitation on the ability of a municipality to annex into communities of more than 70,000 residents that are served by a metropolitan district. Representative Van Winkle recommended we hire a lobbyist. Requests for quotes were sent to three lobbyists, of which two responded. It was recommended we retain Mary Kay Hogan; the Board agreed. (*Addendum #3*)
- The Board retreat is tentatively set for Friday, April 10, 2015 beginning at 3:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 11, 2015. Terry handed out a list of potential agenda items for the Board to consider.(*Addendum #4*)

AGENDA ITEMS

HRMD – 100 (*Consent*)

Ratify December 2014 Cash & Investment Transactions including Expenditures

HRMD – 101 (*General*) (*Addendum #5*)

Adopt Resolution No. 15-101

Approve Personnel Practices and Policies Manual

Angie Kim-Frisch explained the changes to the Personnel Practices and Policies Manual.

HRMD – 102 (*Consent*)

Adopt Resolution No. 15-102

Approve Storm drainage pipe 79 and channel stabilization

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HRMD – 103 (*Consent*)

Adopt Resolution No. 15-103

Approve Amendment to Exhibit A to the Highlands Ranch Water and Waste Water Agreement

HRMD – 104 (*Consent*)

Adopt Resolution No. 15-104

Approve Filing 143 Spaces Trail reimbursement

COMMENT

Meeting concluded at 8:08 p.m.