



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 20, 2016, in the District boardroom and opened the meeting at 6:30 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
Carrie Ward, Director of Parks, Recreation and Open Space
Jeff Case, Director of Public Works
Sherry Eppers, Community Relations Manager
Stephanie Stanley, Financial Reporting Analyst
Forrest Dykstra, Manager of Developmental Engineering
Brian Muller, Park Planning and Facilities Manager
Nick Adamson, Open Space Supervisor
Bill Dailey, Natural Resource Manager
Camille Mitchell, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS

Andy Abner, Principal of Rock Canyon High School
Rich Cosgrove, Director of Planning and Construction, Operations, Douglas County School District
Justin Olson, Colorado Parks and Wildlife District Wildlife officer serving Highlands Ranch
John Kaufman, CWSD General Manager
John Kilrow, Met 5

GUEST PRESENTATIONS

Bill Dailey announced his retirement after 17 years of service to Metro District and expressed his thanks to the Board for their leadership, vision, and support.

Douglas County School District (DCSD) Director of Planning and Construction, Operations, Rich Cosgrove and Andy Abner, Principal of Rock Canyon High School requested that the District approve of the land disposal application to Douglas County for a parcel of land located at the southwest corner of Monarch Blvd. and McArthur Ranch Road that is currently designated for a fire station to be used for additional school parking. At this time the Board agreed that they would approve of a temporary easement of the parcel to be used for additional parking. A written statement of their decision will be given to DCSD.

(Addendum 1)

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A presentation of beaver activity in Marcy Gulch and Dad Clark Gulch was presented by Nick Adamson and Forrest Dykstra concluding with staff recommendations. Justin Olson of Colorado Parks and Wildlife discussed beaver habitat, and John Kaufman of CWSD discussed the positive effects beavers can have on water quality. The board majority supports staff's recommendations to:

- remove the beaver from Marcy Gulch and to restore areas impacting stormwater facilities;
- leave the beaver and their dams in Dad Clark Gulch
- monitor culverts
- protect high value trees
- research dam overflow pipe structures to lower water levels below the trail crossing.

Staff will evaluate the effectiveness of these actions over the next year and may come back with additional recommendations that could include elevating the West Fork Trail crossing, removing the beaver or other measures. (Addendum 2)

Allen Dreher updated the Board on the progress with the C-470 construction. Both the environmental impact and noise study have been approved by the Federal Government and their findings stand. RFPs will be requested in January and are due by March 1st with the decisions made by the end of March. Construction is expected to start in June.

AGENDA ITEMS

HRMD – 100 (Consent)

Ratify December 2015 Cash & Investment Transactions including Expenditures

HRMD – 101 (Consent)

Adopt Resolution No. 16-101

Approve Appropriation and contract for parkway/median landscape design

Brian presented an aerial map to illustrate the locations of the three different types of landscape improvements. (Addendum 3) Nancy Smith asked if a monument could be built south bound on Monarch north of Castle Pines.

HRMD – 102 (Consent)

Adopt Resolution No. 16-102

Approve Appropriation and contract for Marcy Gulch trail

HRMD – 103 (Consent)

Adopt Resolution No. 16-103

Approve Change orders and final payment for Falcon Park parking lot

HRMD – 104 (General)

Adopt Resolution No. 16-104

Approve Amendment to Exhibit A to the Highlands Ranch Water & Wastewater Agreement *(Addendum 4)*

HRMD – 105 (Consent)

Adopt Resolution No. 16-105

Approve designation of posting locations

COMMENT

- Terry Nolan asked the Board if they are in support of HB 16-1011, authorizing all metro district's to engage in economic development. The Board is in support of this bill.
- A vacancy needs to be filled on the Douglas County Library Board of Directors. Terry asked the Board if they knew of any candidates to be recommended.
- Jeff Case reported that the new audio-visual system will be installed in the boardroom next month.
- Terry informed the Board that we have received an open records request from Kurt Huffman. Also, he has not heard back from the Colorado Civil Rights Division.
- John Kilrow gave an update on the Big Idea.
- Terry met with representatives from Valor High School and South Suburban Parks and Recreation (SSPR) about interest in and possibly partnering an ice arena.
- The Fairview sidewalk plans for the area adjacent to the Cherry Hills Community Church will be done in house and will probably go out for bid in March with construction beginning in early spring.

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- Bruce informed the Board of the time sensitivity of the bond refinancing. This decision will have to be made by mid-February in order to close by May 1st. The latest possible date for a closing is June 1.
- Renee updated the Board on the Douglas County Youth Initiative. The Youth Congress will be meeting at the PACE Center to accommodate their growth. Teens who live in the unincorporated parts of Douglas County will be able to use the teen courts already established in the municipalities.
- Nancy Smith inquired about the feasibility of a mobile panic button for security purposes. Staff has been reviewing alternate security options and the viability of a panic button will be considered as part of that review.

Meeting concluded at 8:12 p.m.