



HIGHLANDS RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
STUDY SESSION MINUTES

The Board of Directors of the Highlands Ranch Metropolitan District met for a study session on Wednesday, April 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
Jim Collins, Attorney
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
Camille Mitchell, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS that signed in

Jason Longsdorf, HDR Inc.
Art Griffith, Douglas County
Members of the Littleton Hockey Association: Ivan, Lucy, Max and Susan Sarkissin, Christina Stuu, Jim Gromer, Gary Manchulenko, Christian Dicker, Charlie Host, Tiffany Alexander, Samantha Grazier, Kelly Knoedler, Chris Gossman, Kristen Kingbury, TJ, Kim and Travis Tanberg, Kitty Whitley, Kyle Hurt, Darrin Joncas, Kris and Craig Givant, Scott LaDrash, Cindy Nead, Gessy Lane, Brian Tenyck, Marty Lepper, Beth Lindenmaw, Kim Tanberg, Michael Smith, Cathy and Lucas Knoedler, Matt Bitler, Mark Sharp, Frank Diehl, Mike Gempler and the Hendersons

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GUEST PRESENTATIONS

Jason Longsdorf from HRD Engineering briefed the board on the proposed US 85 corridor improvements. (*Addendum 1*)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kim Tanber, Brian Tenyck, Jim Gromer, Lucy Sarkissin, Darrin Joncas, Tiffany Alexander, Gary Manchulenko, Kristen Kingsbury, and Samantha Grazier all expressed their support and desire for the District to participate in the construction of a new ice arena.

Rick Owens said the discussions of a potential ice arena are in the very early stages. Also, anyone interested, may obtain a copy of the Feasibility Study conducted for an ice arena by contacting Bruce Lebsack.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

Jeff Case gave background information on the Plum Valley Heights NWDC Water Project outlining the scope and benefits of the project in preparation for an easement request that will be presented in May. (*Addendum 2*)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Bruce Lebsack gave an update on the 2016 debt refinancing. An Authorizing and Parameters Resolution will be presented to the board at the April board meeting. (*Addendum 3*)

AGENDA ITEMS

HRMD – 120 (*Consent*)

Ratify March 2016 Cash & Investment Transactions including Expenditures

HRMD – 121 (*General*)

Adopt Resolution No. 16-121

Approve Changes to temporary sign rules

Carolyn asked that the language in the amended temporary sign rules be consistent; word all the times of sign removal as ‘before sunset’.

COMMENT

Carrie gave a storm update:

- a) Approximately 300 trees damaged by the recent snow storm have been pruned so far.
- b) Many outdoor programs were postponed and staff is working to reschedule them.
- c) The batting cages were damaged for the second time this spring as the result of a snow storm and it may take up to a few weeks to get them repaired.
- d) Very proud of her staff. The snow stopped mid-day Sunday and by 9:00 a.m. on Monday morning most of the trails and sidewalks were plowed and they had a tree recycling center set up and will be open to Highlands Ranch residents for the next two weeks.

Nancy asked that Carrie let her team know the board appreciates them.

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There will be an Executive Session at the end of the April 26th board meeting for personnel matters per §24-6-402(4)(f), C.R.S.

No date has been set for the fire partners social.

Terry Nolan will attend the LFPD board meeting this coming Monday.

Renee will be the representative of the elected officials at the Douglas County Youth Initiatives Awards and is proud that the District supports this program.

Renee and Jim met with AT&T regarding changing the current 18” cell phone canisters to 24” canisters on the streetlight poles. A majority of the Board did not support the proposed change.

Bruce distributed an email he received from PFM Asset Management LLC informing him that an investment that the District holds in the 3M Company was downgraded by Moody’s to A1 from Aa3 but was not downgraded by S&P. Consistent with the investment policy, the recommendation at this time is to hold the securities to maturity. (*Addendum 4*)

Meeting concluded at 8:28 p.m.