

**Backcountry Wilderness Area Tour
Metro District and HRCA Boards
June 10, 2016
Notes**

Attendees:

Metro District – Renee Anderson, Allen Dreher, Rick Owens, Carolyn Schierholz, Nancy Smith, Jim Worley and Terry Nolan
HRCA – Brock Norris, Melissa Park, Dennis Seymour, Jeff Suntken, Jerry Flannery and Mark Giebel

The HRCA Board of Directors hosted the Metro District Board on a tour of the Backcountry Wilderness Area (BWA) with a focus on the developable areas and the future Wildcat Regional Park (WRP). The tour departed shortly after 5:00 p.m. from Southridge Recreation Center.

Areas of Discussion

1. HRCA has retained a consultant to develop a plan for the developable areas of the BWA. The process will include stakeholder and public involvement. Some of the programs/facilities to be considered are a pavilion, equestrian, archery, ropes course, mountain bike course. The OSCA fund currently has approximately \$4 million that could be used for these facilities.
2. The HRCA Board reviewed their meeting with the Douglas County Commissioners including the commissioners' refusal to give the WRP property to HRCA and the commissioners' desire for the Metro District and the HRCA to work together on an initial concept.
3. Some expressed the belief that WRP and BWA planning should be integrated so the facilities and activities work well together. Some HRCA Board members expressed their opinion that the park should not have a lot of facilities – more passive or low intensity uses.
4. The boards briefly discussed problem fencing areas on collector streets. The Metro Board indicated that there is nothing the District can do for these privately owned fences that are not along District built roads.

The tour progressed to the Law Enforcement Training Center and HRCA's facilities in the vicinity where the boards shared dinner.

The tour/meeting concluded at approximately 8:00 p.m. back at Southridge.