



HIGHLANDS RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
62 W. PLAZA DRIVE
HIGHLANDS RANCH, CO 80129

March 28, 2017

Jim Worley called the Board meeting of the Highlands Ranch Metropolitan District to order at 6:00 p.m. **The Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

Roll call was taken

Board of Directors: (Chairman in bold face: * = absence; **= excused absence)

Jim Worley

Vicky Starkey

Allen Dreher

Carolyn Schierholz

Nancy Smith

Renee Anderson

Rick Owens

STAFF

Terry Nolan, General Manager

Jeff Case, Director of Public Works

Carrie Ward, Director of Parks, Recreation & Open Space

Stephanie Stanley, Financial and Budgeting Analysis Manager

Sherry Eppers, Community Relations Manager

Cammie Ellis, Human Resources Manager

Forrest Dykstra, Manager of Developmental Engineering

Camille Mitchell, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS

Tony Spurlock, Douglas County Sheriff

Norm and Fran Fox, Carlos and Brandon Culebro, and Shawn Harrahm, Highlands Ranch residents

Special Presentations

Sheriff Tony Spurlock presented a Douglas County Sheriff quarterly update. Topics discussed were:

1. Auto and home thefts due to keys, purses and garage door openers left in cars.
2. Speed monitoring on Highlands Ranch Parkway.
3. Sheriff participating in legislative process with bills concerning law enforcement.
4. Cooperation between the Sheriff's traffic unit and Douglas County's traffic division to address hazardous areas.

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Public Comments or Questions

Resident Norm Fox requested the Board consider allocating funds in future budgets for improvements to Johnny's Pond. Carrie Ward with the Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces department thanked him for his concerns and input and informed him that the department is currently working on a plan for improvements to Johnny's Pond to be presented during the 2018 budget process.

Resident Shawn Harrahm asked if a traffic light could be installed at Plaza and Ridgeline. This intersection does not meet the warrants required for a traffic light.

Reaffirmation of Disclosure

No changes

Staff Presentations

Stephanie Stanley gave a budget update summarizing changes that have occurred since the adoption of the 2017 budget and possible outcomes resulting from these changes. (*Addendum 1*)

Discussion Items

An enhanced version of the Project Tracker was presented. (*Addendum 2*)

Staff recommended the board consider delaying the following items listed on the Project Tracker until the June Board retreat when the updated Residential Assessment Rate will be available.

1. Delay moving forward with the senior services feasibility study. *The Board majority was not in favor of this delay.*
2. Delay moving forward with the parkway landscape conversion study. *The Board majority was in favor of this delay.*

It was also recommended that the Board delay the process of locating and designing the proposed additional fire station until there is more information regarding the potential fire and emergency services unification. *The Board was in favor of this delay.*

Carrie Ward informed the Board that repairs to Red Stone Skate Park will be delayed due to a schedule conflict for our contractor. Rick Owens recommended Metro seek a discount for this delay.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes (*Schierholz/Starkey*) 7-0 motion passed

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Received and Filed (*Schierholz/Dreher*) 7-0 motion passed

February 22, 2017 Finance Workshop Notes

February 22, 2017 Study Session Minutes

Public Hearing

None

Approval of Business Agenda (*Starkey/Schierholz*) 7-0 motion passed

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Approved the following Consent Agenda Items (Starkey/Anderson) 7-0 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 and heard on its respective place on the Agenda.

HRMD - 118

Ratify February 2017 Cash & Investment Transactions including Expenditures

HRMD – 119

Adopt Resolution No. 17-119

Approve 2017 Arbor Day

HRMD – 120

Adopt Resolution No. 17-120

Approve Verizon cell site leases

HRMD – 121

Adopt Resolution No. 17-121

Approve Local Government Investment Pool participant

General Business Items

None

Special Reports

District Staff:

Terry Nolan –

- Conveyed an invitation from the Board of Directors of the Highlands Ranch Community Association to the Metro Board for an informal gathering on June 1, 2017. The Board accepted the invitation. Time and location to be determined.
- Presented the amended Fire Unification Decision matrix recapping the changes. Vicky Starkey asked staff to add ‘Innovative-training/equipment’ to the column labeled *South Metro*, row labeled *High Quality Service*. (***Addendum 3***)

Legal Counsel: None

Chairperson: None

Individual Directors:

Renee Anderson conveyed Representative Van Winkle’s concerns regarding HB17-1242 *New Transportation Infrastructure Funding Revenue*. Highlands Ranch sales tax would increase 20%.

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Resident Carlos Culebro expressed his dissatisfaction with feasibility studies in general.

Chairman Worley thanked the public for attending the board meeting and addressing the Board.

Adjournment

At 7:14 p.m. motion to adjourn (*Dreher/Schierholz*), adjournment was declared by Chairman Worley