

HIGHLANDS RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
BOARD COMMUNICATION

DATE	SUBJECT	AGENDA NUMBER
05/28/2019	INTENT OF THE HIGHLANDS RANCH SENIOR CENTER	HRMD 19- 118

INITIATED BY Terry Nolan

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Adopt Resolution No. 19-118 with the following action:

- Stating the Board's intent regarding the expansion of the District's senior programs and services;
- Stating the Board's intent to seek a location and to build the Highlands Ranch Senior Center, of approximately 20,000 square feet, to support the expanded programs and services offered by the District and other organizations.
- Stating the Board's intent to work closely with partner organizations to help market and share information about all senior services and programs in the community.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Highlands Ranch Metro District serves a community of almost 100,000 residents, of which approximately 20% are 55 years of age and older. This portion of the population is expected to grow substantially in the future. As a provider of recreation services, the Metro District desires to expand the services offered to this population.

In 2008 Highlands Ranch Metro District, in partnership with Douglas County began providing Senior Outreach Services. The program has evolved to meet the needs of the community and has become a component of our recreation programs.

Recent Work

In 2017, the Board authorized a study to better understand:

- Current programs and services provided in the community
- Needs and community priorities
- National trends for senior services and facilities
- Model for service delivery
- Programmatic and space needs for a facility
- Input from stakeholders, staff, service providers and the public
- Partnership opportunities
- Challenges and opportunities.

The Board did not adopt the consultant's final report, but did adopt the recommended Action Plan on July 31, 2018 and authorized staff to move forward with an evaluation of a potential facility. Part of that effort was the formation of a work group that included representatives from various partner organizations and citizens to help define program and service needs.

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION CONT.

The Work Group identified four program area priorities:

1. Socialization opportunities
2. Health, wellness, fitness and recreation programs
3. Life-long learning opportunities
4. Social services: information, resources, and referrals.

The Board concurred with these program areas with the caveat that the Senior Center would not duplicate services provided by HRCA. Details of the proposed programming are included in the attached Proposed Programming document. The proposed program includes programs and services that would be delivered at the Senior Center by the Metro District and partner organizations and to work closely with partners to market and share information about other programs in the community to help people find information and get involved in a variety of programs and activities in the community.

The Board authorized contracting with an architect to work with staff on facility options that would accommodate the programs identified, including passive and active uses. The architect developed the building program and concept plans which included an approximate 20,000 square foot building, outdoor event and activity space and amenities. The estimate of the cost of the facility and associated amenities is between \$8,000,000 and \$12,000,000.

The next step looked at four potential sites in 2018. A preferred site in the Town Center was chosen, but after more detailed evaluation, the Board decided not to pursue that location and then directed staff in 2019 to begin the process to find another site for a stand-alone facility.

Board Goals

The Board desires to expand opportunities and services for the senior population. After extensive evaluation it has been determined by the Board that a stand-alone facility is necessary. Key priorities in development of this facility include:

- The Metro District to own and operate a facility where senior programs and services will be offered for the long term
- Public Involvement
- Partnerships in providing services and programs
- Wise use of resources
- Creating an inclusive community gathering place for active and passive uses
- Activity spaces and amenities to support the four program area priorities
- Provide programs and services in keeping with the work group's recommendations
- Do not duplicate services or facilities already provided in the community
- Design to accommodate the needs of an older population

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WHEREAS it has been determined that approximately 20% of the Highlands Ranch population is 55 years of age or older and that percentage is expected to grow significantly, and

WHEREAS there is a need for expanded facilities, programs and services for this age group, and

WHEREAS the Metro District is a provider of recreation services and already provides senior programs outreach services in partnership with Douglas County, and

WHEREAS the Board desires to expand programs and services for the senior population, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that it is the Board's intention to expand senior programs and services in partnership with others and for the Metro District acquire a suitable site and build a stand-alone facility of approximately 20,000 square feet to be named the Highlands Ranch Senior Center, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the services will be provided in the following program areas:

1. Socialization opportunities
2. Health, wellness, fitness and recreation programs
3. Life-long learning opportunities
4. Social services: information, resources, and referrals, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the services and programs will not duplicate those provided by HRCA and other organizations in Highlands Ranch, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, if practical and if an agreement can be reached with Douglas County, the Board will consider adding approximately 10,000 square feet to the Highlands Ranch Senior Center facility for use by Douglas County to provide services.

Adopted this 28th day of May, 2019

Ayes _____ Nays _____ Abstained _____ Absent _____

Certified by _____, Secretary