

HIGHLANDS RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT  
SENIOR CENTER WORKSHOP ADDENDA

April 30, 2019

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- Amended Board Communication by Nancy Smith

**HIGHLANDS RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT**

**BOARD COMMUNICATION**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>AGENDA NUMBER</b>
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April 24, 2019                      INTENT OF THE HIGHLANDS RANCH SENIOR CENTER                      19-122

**INITIATED BY**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt Resolution No. 19-122 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.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Highlands Ranch Metro District serves a community of almost 100,000 residents, of which a significant percent are at a stage of life where they desire interaction with other seniors at a Senior Center, as evidenced by the fact that the age 65 and above population of Highlands Ranch tripled between 2000 and 2010. The senior 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 our seniors.

The Board authorized staff to move forward with an evaluation of a potential facility which will offer:

1. Socialization opportunities through meals, interest groups, crafts, trips, games, etc.
2. Minor health and wellness services and check-ups that benefit our senior population.
3. Information, resources, and referrals for seniors’ needs.
4. Life-long learning educational opportunities for seniors.
5. The Silver Sneakers Program and a limited scope of senior specific fitness opportunities that are designed for seniors but do not duplicate what HRCA and other entities are able to offer

The Board authorized contracting with an architect to work with staff on facility options that would accommodate the programs identified. The architect’s concept plan includes an approximately 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.

**Board Goals**

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

- Metro District to own and operate facility to offer senior programs and services for the long term

- Activity spaces and amenities to support the five program area priorities
- Do not duplicate services or facilities already provided in the community
- Design to accommodate the needs of an older population
- Creating an inclusive community gathering place
- Partnerships in providing services and programs
- Public Involvement
- Wise use of resources

**HIGHLANDS RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-122**

**INTENT OF THE HIGHLANDS RANCH SENIOR CENTER**

WHEREAS, the Highlands Ranch population, aged 65 and above tripled between 2000 and 2010, and is the fastest growing age segment in Highlands Ranch; and

WHEREAS, the senior population is at a stage of life where they desire a Senior Center because they face greater challenges for socialization and activities after retirement, and these challenges are exacerbated for those who have mobility issues; and

WHEREAS, The Board wishes to include the Silver Sneakers Program and a limited scope of other fitness opportunities designed for seniors that do not duplicate what HRCA and other entities are able to offer; and

WHEREAS there is a need for expanded facilities, for these socialization opportunities and essential services for seniors, and the District is a provider of recreation services and already provides senior outreach services in partnership with Douglas County; 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 through meals, interest groups, crafts, trips, games, etc.
2. Minor health and wellness services and check-ups that benefit our senior population.
3. Information, resources, and referrals for seniors’ needs.
4. Life-long learning educational opportunities for seniors.
5. The Silver Sneakers Program and a limited scope of senior specific fitness opportunities that are designed for seniors but do not duplicate what HRCA and other entities are able to offer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, if practical and 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 30th day of April, 2019

Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Abstained \_\_\_\_\_ Absent \_\_\_\_\_

Certified by \_\_\_\_\_, Secretary