



HIGHLANDS RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
STUDY SESSION MINUTES

The Board of Directors of the Highlands Ranch Metropolitan District met for a study session on Wednesday, May 22, 2019, in the District boardroom and opened the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

ATTENDANCE (Chairman in bold face: * = absent **=excused absence)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

J. Worley
A. Dreher
V. Starkey
C. Schierholz
N. Smith
R. Anderson
M. Dickerson

STAFF

Terry Nolan, General Manager
Stephanie Stanley, 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
Carolyn Peters, Recreation Manager
Dirk Ambrose, Parks and Parkways Manager
Jodie McCann, Active Adult Coordinator
Camille Mitchell, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS

Seventeen residents of Highlands Ranch

GUEST PRESENTATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Three residents addressed the Board.

- The first spoke in opposition of a stand-alone senior center and asked the Board to open discussions with Highlands Ranch Community Association about the possibility of a facility joined to one of the recreation centers. The resident also handed out a paper describing and justifying his position. (*Addendum 1*)
- The second asked the Board to keep in mind the seniors in favor of the stand-alone senior center who have been attending meetings for the past two years.
- The third expressed her concern of future 5G cell poles in neighborhoods and the impact of these radio frequencies on public safety and health. She urged the Board to take action against the construction of these poles in Highlands Ranch.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Allen Dreher recapped his conversation with RTD's board member for the region covering Highlands Ranch, Doug Tisdale, regarding possible acquisition of their land at Highlands Ranch Parkway and Blake for the Highlands Ranch Senior Center. Doug Tisdale explained that RTD is conducting a study of their current services and properties which will take a minimum of two years to complete. Should RTD make any of their land holdings available for purchase, the properties would be offered for sale and most likely go to the highest bidder. Allen also thanked Jeff Case for providing necessary background information prior to this meeting. He also explained that Mr. Tisdale suggested that the Metro District attempt to form a coalition of contributors to come up with approximately \$20 million to accelerate the extension of the Southwest Light Rail into Highlands Ranch. If successful it would be much more likely that the Metro District could acquire the Town Center Park-n-Ride land.
- Jim Worley opened a discussion concerning the recent STEM School incident and the courage of Kendrick Castillo by reading a letter he received from a gentleman in Freeland, Washington commending Castillo and expressing his sorrow for the community. The Board discussed opportunities to help those most deeply affected by this tragedy and agreed that the District will reach out to the School Board to let them know we are here, and are interested in helping out when the identified need is determined.

AGENDA ITEMS

HRMD – 123 (*Consent*)
Ratify June 2017 Cash & Investment Transactions including Expenditures

HRMD – 118 (*General*)
Adopt Resolution No. 19-118
Approve Intent of the Highlands Ranch Senior Center

HRMD – 124 (*General*)
Adopt Resolution No. 19-124
Motion to Receive and File 2018 Audited Financial Statements

HRMD – 125 (*Consent*)
Adopt Resolution No. 19-125
Approve Capital Project Appropriation Rescissions and Adjustments

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- One resident commented that the senior programming offered at the Highlands Ranch Recreation Centers all have costs associated with them.

CONTINUED FINANCIAL WORKSHOP

Stephanie Stanley gave a quarterly financial update. (*Addendum 2*)

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COMMENTS

- Vicky Starkey asked for a brief update on the Service Center Improvements Project. Carrie Ward responded:
 - Requests for Proposals for architectural services for design were sent out last Friday.
 - Staff will review and bring a board communication to the July board meeting.
- Carolyn Schierholz informed the Board that, as a citizen of Highland Ranch, she will be sending a letter to South Metro Fire Rescue in opposition of the proposed architecture for the new Fire Station No. 20. Carolyn expressed a concern that the design was not consistent with the surrounding area.

Meeting concluded at 6:54 p.m.