



HIGHLANDS RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
STUDY SESSION MINUTES

The Board of Directors of the Highlands Ranch Metropolitan District met for a study session on Wednesday, January 22, 2020, in the District boardroom and opened the meeting at 6:00 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
Forrest Dykstra, Manager of Developmental Engineering
Austin Long, Project Engineer
Carolyn Peters, Recreation Manager
Dirk Ambrose, Parks and Parkways Manager
Nick Adamson, Natural Resources Manager
Ken Standen, Construction and Facilities Maintenance Manager
Brittany White, Park Planner
Jodie McCann, Active Adult Coordinator
Camille Mitchell, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS

George Teal, Re-imagine RTD Committee member
Four Highlands Ranch residents

GUEST PRESENTATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Worley acknowledged George Teal, a Douglas County representative on RTD's Re-imagine RTD Committee in attendance. Jim then opened the topic of Re-imagine RTD and asked the Board and public for their comments or suggestions regarding RTD service to Highlands Ranch. The Board majority agreed that they would like to review the information previously provided by Staff and educate themselves more before commenting.

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Two members of the public commented:

- One asked how Highlands Ranch got included in the RTD taxing district. Jeff Case answered that Mission Viejo Company, original developer of Highlands Ranch, made a commitment in the adopted 1979 Development Plan to support public transportation with public or quasi-public organizations. Jeff did not know the precise process for including the property into RTD, but indicated he could research if necessary.
- Another resident commented that:
 - The cost to ride Access-A-Ride is prohibitive for most seniors and there are so many parameters for eligibility to qualify to use the service that many seniors in the community are not eligible.
 - The ridership might increase if there were more bus stops throughout the community for better access to the bus system.

Regarding Access-A-Ride, Terry Nolan referred to the RTD's 2018 Service Performance Report that detailed that the subsidy by RTD for a single Access-A-Ride boarding is \$46.14. Terry Nolan also explained to the Board and the public that RTD is funded through sales tax and not through District contributions.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

- Forrest Dykstra gave an update on the proposed US 85 Highway construction project. (*Addendum 1*)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

No Items

AGENDA ITEMS

HRMD – 100 (*Consent*)
Ratify December 2019 Cash & Investment Transactions including Expenditures

HRMD – 101 (*Consent*)
Adopt Resolution No. 20-101
Approve West Fork Disc Golf Course
(*Addendum 2*) *Nick Adamson informed the Board that the District has received a check from South Suburban Parks and Recreation District for \$160,000 for the West Fork Disc Golf Course.*

HRMD – 102 (*Consent*)
Adopt Resolution No. 20-102
Approve University corridor parkway landscape renovations

HRMD – 103 (*Consent*)
Adopt Resolution No. 20-103
Approve Mansion front yard and courtyard improvements

HRMD – 104 (*Consent*)
Adopt Resolution No. 20-104
Approve Dad Clark Park Playground Replacement final payment and release of retainage

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HRMD – 105 (*Consent*)

Adopt Resolution No. 20-105

Approve Redstone Park scoreboard replacement

HRMD – 106 (*Consent*)

Adopt Resolution No. 20-106

Approve Marcy Gulch Mountain Vista to Wildcat channel stabilization

HRMD – 107 (*Consent*)

Adopt Resolution No. 20-107

Approve Amendment to Exhibit A to the Highlands Ranch Water and Wastewater Agreement (*Addendum 3*)

HRMD – 108 (*General*)

Adopt Resolution No. 20-108

Approve Overlapping district consent

(*Addendum 4*)

- *Carolyn Schierholz requested that the information email for the Centennial Water and Sanitation District (CWSD) Inclusion Election have a CWSD email address.*
- *Allen Dreher recommended an informational insert on brightly colored paper be included in the water bill as one method to inform residents of the inclusion election.*

HRMD – 109 (*Consent*)

Adopt Resolution No. 20-109

Approve designated posting location for District board meetings

COMMENTS

Forrest Dykstra introduced the District's new team member Austin Long, Project Engineer.

Meeting concluded at 7:33 p.m.