



HIGHLANDS RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
STUDY SESSION MINUTES

The Board of Directors of the Highlands Ranch Metropolitan District met for a study session on Wednesday, February 19, 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

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
Carolyn Peters, Recreation Manager
Nick Adamson, Natural Resources Manager
Ken Standen, Construction and Facilities Maintenance Manager
Brittany White, Park Planner
Jodie McCann, Active Adult Coordinator
Kari Larese, Community Relations Coordinator
Camille Mitchell, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS

Doug Tisdale, RTD Director for District H
Eight Highlands Ranch residents

GUEST PRESENTATIONS

No Items

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Doug Tisdale, RTD Director for District H, gave a presentation on the current situation regarding a shortage of operators and the proposed service reductions and changes being considered to address this problem. Specific to service in Highlands Ranch, RTD is proposing to eliminate bus route 403. (*Addendum 1*) The Board expressed their concerns indicating that the sales tax that Highlands Ranch sends to RTD is significantly more than the cost of the services provided in Highlands Ranch. They requested that bus route 403 not be eliminated or if current services must be reduced,

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that RTD find a way to avoid eliminating all service on any of the existing routes. They requested Tisdale report back to the District after sharing their concerns with RTD's Board of Directors.

- Stephanie Stanley addressed two memos the Board received for consideration. Both memos sought approval to increase budget for vehicle replacements and website redevelopment with the understanding that the 2020 budget might need to be amended. The memos addressed were:
 1. Vehicle Replacement Memo - \$17,000 increase
 2. Website Redevelopment Memo - \$7,700 increase

The Board approved moving forward with both requests.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Five members of the public addressed the board. Three commented on RTD's proposed service reduction:

1. One member suggested merging bus 403 with bus 401. He also said RTD needs to make it work for Highlands Ranch.
2. The second member expressed her concern with the loss of bus 403 and suggested using the \$10 million RTD receives in sales tax from Highlands Ranch to improve the parking at the Mineral Light Rail Station, including a possible parking garage that will help Highlands Ranch residents find parking.
3. The third member suggested RTD recruit operators from other states.

Two members of the public commented on the future Senior Center:

1. One member suggested that the District partner with Douglas County Schools (DCSD) to document with notes, videos and pictures the planning and building of the Senior Center as a training/teaching opportunity for students. She also suggested that the facility be more inclusive of all ages.
2. In response to the above comment, one member stated that she feels including younger people would not be compatible with the needs of the senior community. She said she did not like her experiences at the recreation centers with multiple generations.

In response to the suggestion of partnering with DCSD, Renee Anderson suggested that it would be worth investigating and, as the Douglas County School liaison, suggested having a conversation with DCSD to consider its feasibility.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

- Forrest Dykstra gave a Service Center Project update. (*Addendum 2*)
- Jeff Case gave a Senior Center Next Steps update. (*Addendum 3*)

AGENDA ITEMS

HRMD – 110 (*Consent*)
Ratify January 2020 Cash & Investment Transactions including Expenditures

HRMD – 111 (*Consent*)
Adopt Resolution No. 20-111
Approve Mansion Driveway Landscape Improvements

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PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments

CONTINUED FINANCIAL WORKSHOP

Stephanie Stanley gave a 2019 preliminary year end actual versus budget update.
(Addendum 4)

Meeting concluded at 7:38 p.m.