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UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS:

Jobsite Safety Committee
Tuesday, March 20
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
HBA lower level conference
room

Contact: Chérie Talbert
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**Government Affairs
Committee**
Tuesday, March 27
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
HBA Board Room
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**Jobsite Safety Training
Orientation**
Tuesday, March 27
8:00 – Noon
HBA Education Room
Contact: Chérie Talbert
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Builder Product Expo
Thursday, March 29
3:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Hyatt Regency DTC
Contact: Jeff Whilton
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Stormwater Committee
Thursday, April 12
3:00 – 4:00 pm
HBA Board Room
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Aurora Joint Task Force Oil and Gas Subcommittee

The City of Aurora Joint Task Force has formed an Oil and Gas Subcommittee to receive input on the regulations they are considering. The Subcommittee had its first meeting March 9th. The PED&R Committee of the City Council will meet on March 19th to consider proposed regulations. For more information, please contact Steve Ormiston.

Aurora Architectural Features and Design Standards Update

City of Aurora staff is finalizing amendments to the city's Architectural Features and Design Standards for review by a committee of the City Council in early April. The final ordinance language is now being reviewed by the City of Aurora Attorney's Office. The amendments include more flexibility to homebuilders in meeting the standards while achieving quality architecture. For more information, please contact Chérie Talbert.

Castle Rock Performance and Warranty Surety

On February 29th, a meeting was held among department heads, the Town Attorney, and two representatives from a brokerage firm. The Public Works Department is gathering information on the types and amounts of sureties the town collects to help inform Council if staff decides to move forward with a change to the ordinance, potentially either to the percentage required or the form of the surety. For more information, please contact Steve Ormiston.

Parker Kiosk Signage

Builders are seeking support from the Town of Parker for an off-site directional signage program to help potential homebuyers find housing in new neighborhoods. This week a meeting was held with the Town to provide design and location layouts. The Town was receptive to these changes. A meeting will be scheduled in the next two weeks for HBA members to review the program and determine the number of new signs and locations. For more information, please contact Chérie Talbert.

Castle Rock Mayor and Council Elections

The first results for next month's Town Council election have already been revealed. District 1 candidate and current Mayor Paul Donahue and District 6 candidate and current Mayor Pro Tem Clark Hammelman were running unopposed, and nobody filed to run as a write-in candidate against them by the March 2nd deadline. Therefore, Town Council voted to cancel the election in those Districts and deemed Donahue and Hammelman reelected to their Council seats. Because there are still multiple candidates in Districts 2 and 4, the election is still on in those districts. The MHC will be offering candidate interviews next week for the following: District 2 Chris Horton, Brian Logan and Mark P. Heath. District 4: Langford Jordan and Chip Wilson. There are no Town wide issues on the ballot and the election will be held on April 3rd. For more information, please contact Chérie Talbert.

Vacant At-Large Aurora Council Seat

Bob Fitzgerald, long-time Councilman resigned from his At-Large post on Monday to accept a job as a municipal prosecutor in the criminal division of the City Attorney's Office. The Mayor and City Council have 30 days to appoint a successor to Fitzgerald. Several interested parties have contacted the Mayor already. Any Aurora resident who is a registered voter will be able to apply. For more information, please contact Chérie Talbert.

CITY GOVERNMENT
LINKS:

City of Aurora Council
Agenda Link:
www.auroragov.org/auroragov/government/city_council/meetings_agendas_and_minutes/index.htm

City /County of Denver
Council Agenda Link:
www.denvergov.org/default.aspx?alias=www.denvergov.org/citycouncil

Broomfield Engineering Specs and Standards

City staff is conducting research on some of the criteria. Revisions to the engineering specifications and standards will likely go before City Council in May. A revised draft will be made available prior to the Council meeting. For more information, please contact Steve Ormiston.

Lafayette Planning Commission Discusses Comprehensive Plan Goals & Policies

On February 29th, the Lafayette Planning Commission discussed the proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan Goals and Policies. One policy requires new developments to provide an analysis of sustainable elements that can be incorporated into the project. For more information, please contact Steve Ormiston.

Louisville Updating Comprehensive Plan

The City of Louisville is undertaking an update of the Comprehensive Plan. The first step in this process is identifying core values as a community. A community meeting was held March 12th. City staff will bring an update on the core values and vision for the Plan to an April Council Study Session.

Lone Tree Lowers Fees

On March 6th, the Lone Tree City Council approved a reduction of the fee for a replat/vacation/lot line adjustment from \$800 to \$500 along with a reduction of the fee for Uses by Special Review from a flat fee of \$1200 to a range from \$600 to \$1200.

Regional Issues Updates

CAHB Oil and Gas Task Force

The newly formed CAHB Oil and Gas Task Force met March 14th. The group is tasked with monitoring COGCC rule making, legislation and the Governor's Task Force on Cooperative Strategies Regarding State and Local Regulation of Oil and Gas Development. The HBA Oil and Gas Subcommittee are being merged into this Task Force. For more information, contact Jeff Whiton.

Residential Fire Sprinkler Task Force

HBA has formed a Residential Fire Sprinkler Task Force to develop a strategy to stop the adoption and implementation of the 2012 IRC which contains a requirement for one and two-family residences to have fire sprinklers. The Task Force met March 8th. For more information, contact Steve Ormiston or Jeff Whiton.

DORA Calls for Regulation of HOA Management Companies

The Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) has issued a report calling for homeowner association management companies to be regulated. Currently nine states and the District of Columbia license or regulate community managers.

Other News

Denver City Council Redistricting to Impact Stapleton and Green Valley Ranch

The Denver City Council is redrawing council district boundaries to reflect the growth in Stapleton and Green Valley Ranch. Redistricting occurs every ten years with the goal of achieving an equal number of people in each of the eleven districts. The Council will vote on the issue by the end of April.

City of Centennial to Pick New City Manager

The Centennial City Council has selected four finalists for the City Manager position vacated by Jacque Wedding-Scott in August. A public open house meeting was held March 13th with candidates John Danielson, Ed Green, Laurie Kadrich and Dave Zelenok.

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