

District Supports Community Reaction

The most recent monthly Stonegate Village Metropolitan District board meeting was well attended by the community on Wednesday, May 18, 2016. Over 50 District residents turned out to express their concerns and desires to either retain the existing usage of the smaller activities center, and or possibly find an alternative location for the district offices.



Pictured above is the old District Offices/Activities Center building.

In 1981, the District originally designed, built and established the District building as an office location for District business and operations. In 2006, the District began planning the construction of a dedicated multi-million dollar recreational and community use facility for District residents. In 2008 the District opened the Stonegate Community Center with a larger and more modern meeting room with a kitchen and many expanded amenities. The new Community Center provides residents with a more properly sized recreational facility for their family and organizational events. The plan was that this would help alleviate and diminish any congestion in the use of the original smaller District offices now called the Activities Center.



Pictured above is the District Community Center.

During the May 18th District Board meeting, many residents expressed concerns and strong interest to the District Board Members to reconsider the current plan to convert the old District office/Activity center into the new onsite district office. The District Board heard the community, and is moving forward with a new plan to engage with District residents through a new independent planning committee with the specific purpose of looking at the potential repurposing options for the Activities center.

At the recent District Board meeting Lisa Hyvonen, SVMD President and Board Member, read into record the following statement, “As a board, we are managing a complex business organization...as the district’s utility provider. We constantly look out for the greater good of the District priorities, resources, and projects. Throughout our term we have followed the appropriate steps and due processes in our planning and executing of the district’s business. However, we did not anticipate some of the resident’s reaction over the use of the activity center. Please note...we did consider several options, and found the current use was the most cost effective and efficient course of action. As we move forward, the Board understands the importance to further involve the community in this matter. The Board will make a motion to establish and start the process for an independent planning committee made up of district residents...to further explore potential construction options and alternatives for an onsite activities center.”



The formation of this independent planning committee is a very important, and will help residents provide direct input into the future use and location options of the activities center. Moving forward, the District will help the community coordinate this independent planning committee, with a sign up and registration process that will be available to all residents. Please see information on the SVMMD website (www.svmd.org).

The District does recognize and understand the community's inquiry about the repurposing of the activities center, and will continue to proactively work with the new independent planning committee to find a favorable outcome on this issue.

Residents should be reminded that the primary purpose and totality of the District mission is to manage and oversee the 24-hour operations of the many utilities, infrastructure, and services; which includes water and wastewater resources, recreational facilities, open space areas, public landscapes, and drainage-way maintenance. Additionally, SVMMD provides certain services to properties that lie within its borders, including potable water and sewer services to private and commercial properties within the Lincoln Park, E-470 Potomac and Compark Metropolitan Districts.

Another critical role and overarching mission of the District is its participation in the WISE Partnership. The District is actively involved in the regional and statewide water supply project between Aurora Water, Denver Water, and the South Metro Water Supply Authority (SMWSA), that consist of 14 Special District and Municipal members who are focused on developing sustainable renewable water projects, and implementing conservation efforts for the south metro region and around Douglas County.

Furthermore, like a small city the District also supports a variety of special projects and programs that directly enhance and improve the community, and each require constant onsite attention and oversight everyday. The current improvement, maintenance, and service projects within the District include: Community development planning, District business expansion, water plant facilities upgrades, water quality and inspection programs, water well management program, wastewater facility construction projects, water rates study and evaluation, renewable water program, Rueter Hess Reservoir planning, fire hydrant maintenance, street signage improvements, District fence repair and replacement projects, flood and standing water management, Newlin Gulch maintenance, community landscape master planning, community and pool facilities maintenance, snow removal operations and much more!

We encourage all District residents to get involved and help build a better community through recreation, sustainability and conservation.

The Stonegate Village Metropolitan District, located in unincorporated Douglas County, Colorado, is



an independent entity; a separate organization from the Stonegate Homeowners Association and is responsible for four important services for residents and commercial businesses, which include Water and Wastewater, Recreational Facilities, Maintenance of Open Space & Public Landscapes and Drainage-Way Maintenance. Contact the District Manager for more information on Stonegate Village Metropolitan District, and on the many other District projects and programs supporting the community. Please visit the District website at www.svmd.org or call 303-858-9909, or mail us at Stonegate Village Metropolitan District, 7995 E. Prentice Ave, Suite 103E, Greenwood Village, CO 80111.