

HD3 & HD2 Monthly Meeting Minutes:

Saturday, January 21, 2012

The last pre-Reorganization HD3 Monthly Meeting was held on January 21st at the Friends Meeting House (Denver County). Members from the new HD2 district were invited to join this meeting since many members from the former HD3 would be members of the post-reorganization HD2. These meeting minutes document the discussion items at this meeting.

Kevin Williams, HD3A Captain, and Ray Ehrenstein, HD3A Co-Captain, chaired the meeting.

Legislative Update

Mark Ferrandino, the House District 2 Representative and newly appointed Colorado House Minority Leader. Mark's comments included the following:

- Gave a brief update on activities he is planning for the 2012 Legislature Session that started on 11 January 2012. His priority and the Democrat's priority will be to sponsor and support bills that help the economy.
- Co-sponsoring a bill submitted by Daniel Kagan called a 'Skills for Jobs Bill: *Connecting companies and colleges so that we can identify the labor needs of Colorado, and developing our workforce to custom-fit those needs.*
- Co-sponsoring a bill submitted by Dave Young called a 'Technology Transfer Bill: *Help transfer concepts/programs out of the University/College Labs into the Marketplace.*
- One of Mark's major bills that he will sponsor this year is the re-vamping of the Colorado Personnel department in order to increase wages and streamline/clarify administrative aspects.
- He indicated that he and Senator Stedman are searching for a Republican House member to co-sponsor with Senator Stedman the Civil Union bill. If a Republican House member can not be found, the Mark will again co-sponsor it with Senator Stedman.
- He is holding his Town Hall meetings, on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, 6-7:30 pm, at the Hirschfeld Towers, 333 W Ellsworth Ave. All are welcome.
- He handed out Ferrandino Flyers to the new HD2 members so that they could contact him by email or phone.
- Informed the members to give him a call or email to let him know when their various Neighborhood Association (NA) meetings are held, and he indicated that he tries to attend all NA meetings at least once a quarter.
- Get involved and visit Representative Ferrandino's website at: <http://www.markferrandino.com/>

Senator Irene Aguilar, Senate District 32 (which includes precincts 212-250 of our new HD2), was in attendance and her comments included the following.

- She is continuing her work for universal health care through the Colorado Health Care Cooperative, taking the effort to the private sector this year after pushing her bill for a feasibility study last year. The goal is to complete a blueprint implementation plan this year and get the Cooperative on the ballot next year.
- The bills she will be working this session are described in more detail below, thanks to Owen Perkin's help.
 - SB12-020, the 911 Good Samaritan Law, would give immunity from certain criminal offenses for those who stay on the scene and make 911 calls in good faith on behalf of someone suffering from a drug or alcohol overdose. The bill would encourage more people to stay and call for help when they might otherwise fear being charged in conjunction with the drug or alcohol use. (Bipartisan bill with House sponsor Ken Summers.)
 - SB12-070, a Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant's Rights bill, would bring Colorado up to speed with 22 other states that have adopted similar legislation since 1972. The bill protects tenants as well as landlords and implements more stringent standards before evicting tenants. The bill will address landlords giving notice for visits, fixing essentials like heating and plumbing in a timely manner, and giving tenants the ability to recoup legal fees from landlords if the landlord is at fault. The bill should make evictions less common, eliminating a source of poor credit ratings that can make it hard to secure new housing, often leading to homelessness.
 - SB12-074, a bill concerning Guardianship of Adult Children with Disabilities, enables parents of disabled children eighteen and over to serve as back-up caregivers for their child and to receive Medicaid support. Currently, parents who are guardians of their adult children with disabilities cannot serve as their home care provider or C.N.A. under the Consumer Directed Attendant Support program.
 - A bill concerning Hospital Charity and Prices for the Uninsured would provide transparency in pricing and collections procedures and put an upper limit on charges to uninsured patients receiving hospital care. The bill will ensure hospitals screen uninsured patients for Medicaid eligibility and provide fee guidelines based on actual costs and capped at a reasonable percentage of the patient's income.
 - A bill concerning Integrity in Elections will hold people accountable for distributing false information about election details, including giving the wrong eligibility criteria and giving the wrong dates and locations for polling places.
 - A bill prohibiting school vouchers was meant to address a disability discrimination issue that could have allowed public education money to

have been reallocated to schools rejecting admittance to students with disabilities on the basis of not being equipped to meet the students' special needs. The bill was pulled because the issue is already addressed constitutionally in the state court's injunction to prohibit Douglas County from issuing vouchers to families who opt out of the public school system.

- Senator Aguilar will have a Town Hall at the Pipefitters Union on Jan 23rd from 6:30 to 8 pm. All are welcome.
- Senator Aguilar will also join Mark at his 3rd Wed Town Hall meetings at the Hirschfield Towers.
- Get involved and visit Senator Aguilar's website at: <http://www.aguilarfor32.com/>

City Councilman, Chris Nevitt, District 7, and City Council President, spoke for a few minutes and answered questions. He indicated that the new Denver Districts will be decided in April, but the current Council people will represent their own districts through 2015. His website is:

<http://www.denvergov.org/Default.aspx?alias=www.denvergov.org/councildistrict7>

Jeff Walker, RTD District D Board Member was also present and he indicated he was available to the community if they have any questions or comments regarding the RTD system in this area. His phone is: 720-626-0342, and his email contact information can be found at this website: <http://www.rtd-denver.com/BoardDirectors.shtml>

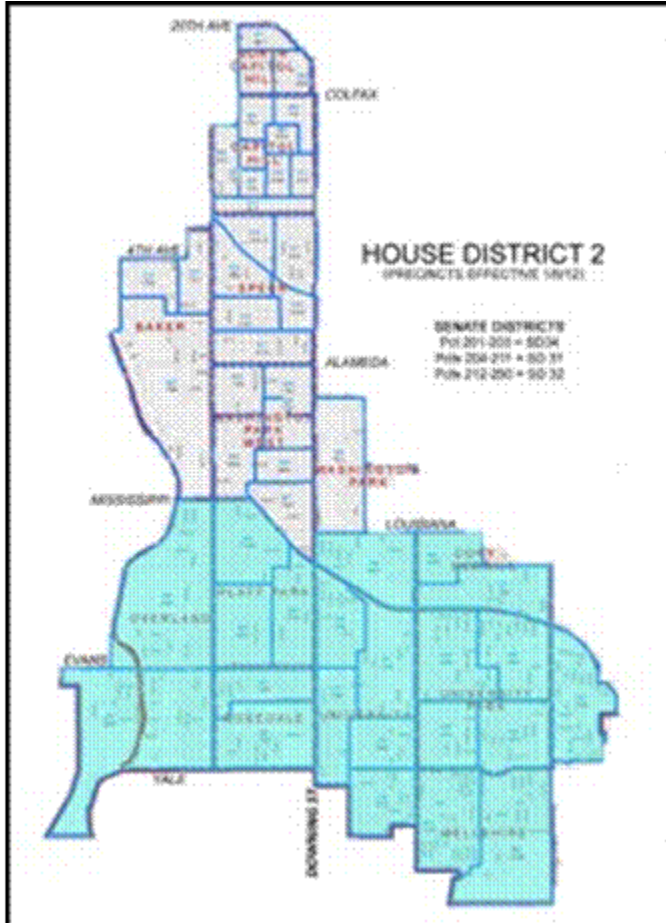
2012 Colorado House and Senate Races

Representative Ferrandino and Senator Aguilar discussed the 2012 Colorado races and the goals to Retake the Colorado House and Keep the Senate. Most of the Denver County races are fairly safe, and Representative Ferrandino and Senator Aguilar encouraged the group to volunteer in the races that are more contested. The races that we should help volunteer at are listed below. The HD2 leadership will work with our elected officials and maintain a "2012 Colorado Race Watch List" on our Denver Democrat Portal website to keep our members informed.

- HD3 Daniel Kagan (Arapahoe County)
- SD 19 Evie Hudak (Westminister)
- SD 22 Andy Kerr (Lakewood) - New District
- SD 25 Mary Hodge (Aurora)
- SD 26 Linda Newell (Littleton)

New HD2 A/B Splits

The HD2 Sub-district A and B divisions have been approved Democratic Party of Denver, and the approved divisions were presented to the members. The sub-districts follow a north/south geographic division with the northern part being Sub-District A, and the southern part being Sub-District B. A figure illustrating these divisions and the resulting HD2 Sub-District metrics follow. Detailed breakdowns of these approved Sub-Districts are provided in the attachment, HD2-Sub-A-B-Breakdowns.pdf.



NOTE:

Sorry for the FUZZY Picture; to see a much clear picture, visit the Denver Democrats website (<http://denverdemocrats.net>) and click on the HD2 Map.

The picture on the website does not show the Sub-District A and B splits, but it will in a future update.

Sub-District	#Precincts	#Precincts	# Residents	# Voters	#Active Voters
A	201 to 228	28	41,422	22,131	19,348
B	229 to 250	22	34,044	18,581	16,358
	Totals	50	75,466	40,712	35,706
A	201 to 228	56%	55%	54%	54%
B	229 to 250	44%	45%	46%	46%

HD2 Meeting Location and Date/Time Decisions

The next HD2 Monthly Meeting will be held at the Friends Meeting House on the 3rd Saturday in February. For the time being, all HD2 monthly meeting will be held at this place and on this date.

Table 2
Next HD2 Monthly Meeting Information

Meeting:	HD2 Monthly Meeting
Location:	Friends Meeting House 2280 South Columbine Street Denver, CO 80210
Date:	18 February 2012
Time:	9:00 - 9:30 am Social Time 9:30 - 11:00 am Business Meeting

(*) The Friends Meeting House at 2280 South Columbine Street, Denver, CO 80210 is 2 blocks east of University and 2 blocks south of Evans and just north of Iliff Ave. Google map the location if you have any questions.

New HD2 2012 Democratic Party Caucus Locations

The HD2 Caucus Locations are still being evaluated and determined. Tom Parson is heading up this site selection process and working with Susan Rogers on this matter.

We learned that South High School is not available for the Caucus, and that will be a significant loss for the new HD2 since a large percentage of our Precincts would have used this school facility.

Denver County Democrat Re-organization Meeting

The Democratic Party of Denver (DPOD) Re-organization meeting will be held on Saturday, January 28, 2012 at South High School, 1700 East Louisiana Avenue, Denver, CO. The agenda is enclosed. The Call for this Re-organization was sent out by the DPOD officers. Look in your emails. The Agenda is copied in these meeting minutes.

There was an open discussion of people announcing their interests in positions that will be decided at the Re-organization Meeting. Separate emails will be sent out to the new HD2 PCPs listing the members interested in the HD2 positions.

Post Reapportionment ReOrg (Mini ReOrg) AGENDA

12:00pm – 1:00pm: Check-In

1:00pm – 2:00pm: Denver County Meeting

- ? Call to Order
- ? Congresswoman Diana DeGette
- ? Financial Update
- ? Proposed Rules Changes
- ? Delegate Selection Plan
- ? Judicial District Vacancy Committee
- ? Upcoming Denver Events
- ? New Business

2:00pm – 2:30pm: Senate District Meetings – Individual Senate Districts meet to elect District Officers and set the vacancy committee for the district.

2:45pm – 3:15pm: House District Meetings - Individual House Districts meet to elect District Officers and to set the vacancy committee for the District. The House Districts will also name representatives to various Colorado Democratic Party positions (State Executive Committee (and alternates), State Central Committee (and alternates), and State Platform).

3:30pm – 4:30pm: Subdistrict Meetings – Individual House Subdistricts meet to elect Subdistrict Officers (Captains and Co-Captains), appoint Finance Chairs, and name representatives to Denver County's various working committees, e.g. Rules, Credentials, GOTV, Platform, Fundraising, Diversity and Outreach, Technology, PermOrg, Public Policy.

4:45pm – 5:15pm: Caucus Training for March 6, 2012

5:00pm – 6:00pm: Clean-Up