



Colorado Springs

El Paso County

Manitou Springs

Green Mountain Falls

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, July 11, 2007 - 1:30 p.m.
PPACG Main Conference Room
15 S. 7th Street, Colorado Springs**

MEMBERS PRESENT

El Paso County Directors

Commissioner Wayne Williams, Vice Chair

Commissioner Sallie Clark

Commissioner Dennis Hisey

City of Manitou Springs Director

Mayor Pro Tem Mark Morland

City of Colorado Springs Directors

Vice Mayor Larry Small, Chair

Councilmember Jerry Heimlicher

Mayor Lionel Rivera

Town of Green Mountain Falls Director

Mayor Tyler Stevens

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Ed Icenogle, Legal Counsel

Mr. Rob MacDonald, Board Secretary

Ms. Barb Louricas, Recording Secretary

Ms. Beverly Majewski, Finance Manager

Mr. Rick Sonnenburg, Program/Contracts Manager

Citizens and Member government employees

1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

Colorado Springs Director Larry Small established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

El Paso County Director Wayne Williams made a motion to delete Agenda Item No. 8B, *Presentation By The Resource Exchange*, and approve the revised agenda. Colorado Springs Director Lionel Rivera seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mr. Louis Guzman, member of Woodmen Enhancement Committee and Cottonwood Creek Town House Association, addressed the PPRTA Board on funding for noise abatement along the Woodmen expansion/improvement corridor. Mr. Guzman said that the costs should not be borne by the residents along the corridor.

Mr. Sam Faraj, resident of Cottonwood Creek Town House Association, requested that a traffic light be provided where the residents of the Cottonwood Creek Town Houses exit their housing development onto Woodmen Road. He also requested that funding be provided for landscape improvements along the Woodmen improvement corridor.

Colorado Springs Directory Larry Small asked City personnel about the design schedule and public input schedule so that the residents can bring their concerns to the Colorado Springs City Council.

Mr. Robin Kidder, Colorado Springs City Engineering, indicated that the design phase of Woodmen Road corridor will be completed by the end of the year and construction is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2008. Mr. Kidder indicated that there is a subcommittee, made up of members of the Woodmen Enhancement Committee and City staff, that meets regarding the intersection landscaping/aesthetics. Mr. Kidder said that current funding will allow improvements through just east of Sams. The improvements to the area of Woodmen Road/Union Boulevard will be part of Phase 2, for which design and construction is 3-5 years away.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 13, 2007 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

El Paso County Director Wayne Williams made a motion to approve the minutes. Mayor Mark Morland seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

5. CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MONTHLY REPORT

Mr. Tom Harold, Chair of PPRTA Citizens Advisory Committee, indicated they met on July 3. Mr. Harold reported that citizens from Brookwood and Yorkshire neighborhoods voiced their concerns over equitable treatment by the City of Colorado Springs regarding a sound wall. Mr. Harold reported that the Public Outreach Subcommittee has been made a formal standing subcommittee of the PPRTA CAC and their purpose was further defined. Mr. Harold said the majority of the meeting was spent discussing the presentation by The Resource Exchange.

Mr. Tom Harold reported that Ms. Beth Kosley, representative from the Town of Green Mountain Falls on the PPRTA CAC, sent in a letter of resignation.

6. 2007 CAPITAL, MAINTENANCE, PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, AND ADMINISTRATION CONTRACTS

City of Colorado Springs

Mr. Ron Mitchell, City of Colorado Springs Public Works Director, requested the approval of two contracts and one change order:

1. Wildcat Construction, Inc., Maintenance (2007 Bridge Repairs, Phase 1), \$442,993.50
2. Blue Ridge Construction, Inc., Maintenance (2007 Bridge Repairs, Phase 2), \$378,724
3. Even-Preisser, Inc., Capital (Change Order for Fillmore—Hancock to Union project), \$131,596.44

El Paso County Director Wayne Williams made a motion to approve the contracts for the City of Colorado Springs. Colorado Springs Director Lionel Rivera seconded the motion.

El Paso County Director Wayne Williams inquired about the initial construction dates of the bridges. Mr. Ron Mitchell said that annual inspections are conducted and bridge repairs are made as required to extend the life of the bridges.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

El Paso County

Mr. John McCarty, El Paso County DOT, requested the approval of two contracts:

1. Carter & Burgess, Capital (Phase 2 South Academy Boulevard Improvement Project), \$849,928
2. URS Corporation, Capital (Meridian Road North Improvements), \$480,050

El Paso County Director Wayne Williams made a motion to approve the contracts for El Paso County. Colorado Springs Director Lionel Rivera seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS AND REPORTS

Financial Reports

Ms. Beverly Majewski, PPRTA Financial Manager, reported that the sales and use tax for May is \$454,022 behind budget and \$1,374,946 behind the year-to-date budget.

Ms. Beverly Majewski indicated that page 2 outlines a monthly comparison from 2007 to 2006 for the sales and use tax receipts. The monthly comparison for May is 2.64% lower than 2006; and year-to-date is .14% lower than 2006.

Ms. Beverly Majewski indicated that the interest revenue is \$654,898 ahead of budget. The sales tax collection fees are \$316,760 behind budget.

Colorado Springs Director Jerry Heimlicher requested a status report on the Cimarron Street Bridge. Mr. Rob Kidder said that the Cimarron Street Bridge design is complete. A Request For Proposal (RFP) has been initiated and the contract will be presented to the PPRTA Board in October for approval. Mr. Kidder indicated that the project is anticipated to begin construction on the south side of the bridge on October 15 and completed by spring 2008, with completion to the north side by November 2008.

Colorado Springs Director Lionel Rivera requested that updates be provided to the area business owners.

Additional Investment Option

Ms. Beverly Majewski indicated that the PPRTA utilizes American National Bank for banking and investment needs and receives an interest rate of the 91-day T-bill plus 25 basis points for funds invested in the money market account. The rate has been favorable until recently when economic conditions have changed. Ms. Majewski said that to maximize interest revenue, she is requesting the PPRTA Board to approve the investment of a portion of the PPRTA funds in the COLOTRUST PLUS+ investment account.

El Paso County Director Wayne Williams made a motion to give PPRTA Administrative staff authority to invest a portion of PPRTA funds in the COLOTRUST PLUS+ investment account and approve the Resolution to Invest Funds in Colorado Trust (Colorado Local Government Liquid Asset Trust). El Paso County Director Dennis Hisey seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Staff Field Review Report

There were no questions.

8. OTHER ACTIONS AND REPORTS

Resolution Approving PPRTA to Become a Member of the Rocky Mountain Rail Authority

Ms. Sherre Ritenour, Colorado Springs Transit Services Division Manager, requested that the PPRTA become a voting member of the Rocky Mountain Rail Authority (RMRA). The cost of membership is \$10,000 and will be funded out of the Transit budget. Ms. Ritenour requested that the PPRTA Board also elect primary and alternate Board members.

Colorado Springs Director Jerry Heimlicher indicated that he is a Board member representing the City of Colorado Springs and Councilmember Jan Martin is the alternate Board member from the City of Colorado Springs.

Mr. Ed Icenogle, PPRTA Counsel, disclosed that his law firm serves as legal counsel to the RMRA.

Colorado Springs Director Jerry Heimlicher made a motion to approve the membership to the Rocky Mountain Rail Authority. El Paso County Director Sallie Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Colorado Springs Director Lionel Rivera made a motion to appoint El Paso County Director Wayne Williams as Board member to the Rocky Mountain Rail Authority. El Paso County Director Sallie Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

El Paso County Director Sallie Clark made a motion to appoint El Paso County Director Dennis Hisey as Alternate Board member to the Rocky Mountain Rail Authority. Colorado Springs Director Jerry Heimlicher seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

City of Colorado Springs Presentation on Terminal Blend Tire Rubber Asphalt

Mr. Saleem Khattak, Colorado Springs Street Division Manager, provided preliminary information on results of the City of Colorado Springs/PPRTA experimental program using Terminal Blend Tire Rubber Asphalt.

Mr. Saleem Khattak indicated that there are over 4,700 lane miles of streets in Colorado Springs and 125 miles of alleyways.

Mr. Saleem Khattak discussed the current resurfacing program and explained numerous reasons for experimenting with new materials. Mr. Khattak discussed the advantages and disadvantages of each of the manufacturing methods and cost comparisons of the various materials. Mr. Khattak indicated that studies are ongoing to determine how the materials and various application methods compare to each other.

City of Colorado Springs Monthly Change Order Report

There were no questions.

9. PIKES PEAK RTA MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. John McCarty indicated that there is an annual Work Session on Wheels sponsored by the El Paso County DOT for the El Paso County Commissioners, Highway Advisory Commission, as well as citizens at large. The Work Session on Wheels is scheduled for Tuesday, July 31, and will include a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Hodgen Road extension opening. The RTA Board and staff are invited. Reservations can be made at 520-6460.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Colorado Springs Director Small adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.