



Colorado Springs

El Paso County

Manitou Springs

Green Mountain Falls

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, August 8, 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 Mark Morland

City of Colorado Springs Directors

Councilmember Jerry Heimlicher

Mayor Lionel Rivera

Town of Green Mountain Falls Director

Mayor Pro Tem Dick Bratton

MEMBERS ABSENT

City of Colorado Springs Directors

Vice Mayor Larry Small, Chair

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

El Paso County Director Williams established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Colorado Springs Director Jerry Heimlicher made a motion to approve the agenda. El Paso County Director Sallie Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mr. Tim McCloy, Yorkshire Estates, has a concern on The Woodmen Road project regarding noise mitigation and funding of landscape maintenance.

Ms. Ann DeVere, Brookwood Homeowners Association HOA and co-founder of the Woodmen Enhancement Committee, said she has been working with the City of Colorado Springs for 10 years on the improvement project. She has a concern over funding for ongoing landscaping maintenance. Ms. DeVere said that one of the funding options still continues to suggest that the residents of the area fund the landscaping maintenance. She

provided 312 letters that have been signed by businesses and residents along the intersection stating that they are not in favor of a special improvement district to fund the landscape maintenance.

Colorado Springs Director Lionel Rivera arrived at 1:32 p.m.

Manitou Springs Director Mark Morland arrived at 1:36 p.m.

El Paso County Director Wayne Williams indicated that the ongoing landscape maintenance issue is with the City of Colorado Springs. The ballot language does not provide for ongoing landscape maintenance. El Paso County Director Williams said that 35% of sales tax revenues fund maintenance and the City of Colorado Springs receives a portion of those funds. The City of Colorado Springs determines where the funding will be allocated, and the PPRTA Board does not have authority to direct an entity where their funding should be allocated.

Ms. Ann DeVere inquired if there is an opportunity for the City of Colorado Springs to come to the PPRTA Board to fund the ongoing landscape maintenance. El Paso County Director Williams indicated that he does not know whether the ballot language would allow for funding that type of maintenance. Mr. Ed Icenogle, PPRTA Counsel, indicated that the ballot language speaks only of transportation and transit, and he will research the issue.

Colorado Springs Director Jerry Heimlicher suggested that Ms. Ann DeVere attend the Colorado Springs City Council meeting next Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. at City Hall. He said that they would make every effort to maintain the landscaping. Ms. Ann DeVere said that to have the residents and businesses of the Woodmen Road Intersection pay for landscape maintenance is not a viable alternative.

Mr. Wayne Smisek, resident of Brookwood, recently purchased a residence in the area. He said that a project being improved for the betterment of the community should be funded by the community.

Mr. Jerry Parma, resident of Brookwood, said he supports the comments of Ms. DeVere and Mr. Smisek. Mr. Parma requested that vegetation not be planted that cannot be maintained and gave an example of Woodmen Road on the other side of I-25.

Ms. Joanne Wormsbacher, resident of Yorkshire Estates, is concerned about the traffic noise and wanted the Board to consider how high the roadway will be constructed and how high the wall will have to be constructed to have a maximum noise level of 60 dba. She is also concerned about the additional traffic to the Yorkshire neighborhoods.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY 11, 2007 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Colorado Springs Director Jerry Heimlicher made a motion to approve the minutes. El Paso County Director Dennis Hisey seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

5. CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MONTHLY REPORT

There were no questions.

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 change orders and three contracts.

1. Blue Ridge Construction, Inc. Change Order 4, Capital (Academy Boulevard Intersection Improvements), \$144,461.63
2. Kleinfelder Change Order 1, Capital (Academy Boulevard Intersection Improvements), \$5,714
3. Barbarick, Inc. dba ASAP Companies, Capital (Pikes Peak Greenway Improvements), \$152,521/PPRTA: \$50,000 – City: \$102,521
4. CMS, Inc., Maintenance (2007 Concrete Curb/Gutter/Sidewalk and Pedestrian Ramp Program--Northern Section), \$600,000
5. Blue Ridge Construction, Inc., Maintenance (2007 Concrete Curb/Gutter/Sidewalk and Pedestrian Ramp Program--Southern Section), \$600,000

Mr. Jeff Haley, Colorado Springs Parks and Recreation, discussed contract #3 regarding the Pikes Peak Greenway improvements, a capital project, pertaining to ADA compliance issues and resurfacing the trail along the Goose Gossage Sports Complex on Mark Dabling Boulevard (between Fillmore and Garden of the Gods Road).

Colorado Springs Director Lionel Rivera made a motion to approve two change orders and three contracts for the City of Colorado Springs. El Paso County Director Dennis Hisey seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

El Paso County

Mr. John McCarty, El Paso County DOT Director, requested the approval of three contracts.

1. U.S. Roads LLC, Maintenance (Milam Road at Kettle Creek), \$1,066,893.92
2. Lawrence Construction, Capital (South Academy Boulevard Improvement Project Phase 2—bridges over State Highway 115 and B Street and road widening), \$7,782,330.10
3. Qwest Communications, Capital (Baptist Road), \$76,833.03

Mr. John McCarty reported that contract #3 pertains to utility relocations and Qwest indicated that the cost would not be more than \$20,000, and he believes there will be a cost savings in the contract amount.

El Paso County Director Dennis Hisey made a motion to approve three contracts for El Paso County. Manitou Springs Director Mark Morland seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS AND REPORTS

Financial Reports

Ms. Beverly Majewski, PPRTA Financial Manager, said that the sales tax receipts were not received and there is nothing to report. Ms. Majewski handed out the final copy of the December 31, 2006 audit of the financial statements.

Staff Field Review Report

There were no questions on the staff field review report.

8. OTHER ACTIONS AND REPORTS

City of Colorado Springs Request for Line Item Funds Transfer

Mr. Rob Kidder, Colorado Springs City Engineering, requested approval of an internal fund transfer of \$137,822 from Austin Bluffs/Nevada Interchange improvements project to Constitution/Circle Intersection improvements project in the amount of \$112,822 and two Academy Intersections at Fountain Boulevard and Pikes Peak Avenue in the amount of \$25,000. Mr. Kidder reported that the intersection at Austin Bluffs/Nevada is completed with remaining funds.

El Paso County Director Sallie Clark made a motion to approve the line item funds transfer in the amount of \$137,822 for the City of Colorado Springs. Colorado Springs Director Jerry Heimlicher seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

City of Colorado Springs Use of PPRTA Funds for Grant Match

Mr. Rob Kidder indicated that the City of Colorado Springs will utilize PPRTA funds in the amount of \$25,000 to obtain a \$225,000 grant for a Hazard Elimination and Intersection Safety (HES) project for improvements to the Fillmore/El Paso intersection.

Green Mountain Falls Director Dick Bratton made a motion to approve the use of \$25,000 in PPRTA funds for the City of Colorado Springs' Fillmore/El Paso intersection improvements project. Colorado Springs Director Jerry Heimlicher seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

City of Colorado Springs Update on Cimarron Street Bridge Over Conejos Street

Mr. Robin Kidder provided an update on the Cimarron Street Bridge Over Conejos Street project. Mr. Kidder indicated that a pre-solicitation notice was completed on July 12 and e-mailed and faxed to prospective contractors and was posted to the website on July 26. A pre-proposal conference was held on August 2 with proposals due on August 23. Mr. Kidder said that the negotiations are expected to be wrapped up in late September/early October. Mr. Kidder requested that the PPRTA CAC hold a special meeting if the contract was not ready for the CAC's September meeting. El Paso County Director Wayne Williams said that provisions allow for special meetings.

Colorado Springs Director Jerry Heimlicher requested information about safety checks on the bridge. Colorado Springs Director Heimlicher also inquired about the feasibility of closing the entire bridge to reconstruct it in one project instead of in two phases. Mr. Robin Kidder said that a professional engineer inspects the bridge daily and in addition every Friday a structural engineer inspects the bridge. The rating of the bridge is 66. Mr. Kidder said that a full closure of the Cimarron Bridge is being considered because the winter freeze/thaw cycle is hard on the bridge. Mr. Kidder said that one-half of the newly constructed south half (four lanes) would be open in the spring of 2008 and the north half would be open in the fall of 2008.

Mr. Cam McNair, Colorado Springs City Engineer, said that the Downtown Partnership also inquired about construction of the entire bridge versus the phased approach. Mr. McNair said that the businesses are

concerned about keeping the bridge open at all times. Mr. McNair said it will take six months to construct the south half of the bridge and when it opens there will be no weight restrictions.

City of Colorado Springs Monthly Change Order Report

There were no questions.

El Paso County Director Sallie Clark departed the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

9. PIKES PEAK RTA MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

El Paso County Director Wayne Williams reported that the Baptist/Hodgen connection capital project is now open. An invitation for "Get The Scoop" was distributed, which is a celebration for completion of the Union Boulevard Improvement project.

Mr. Rob MacDonald said that CD's were handed out that contain Board-adopted policies.

Mr. John McCarty indicated that there is a meeting after the PPRTA Board meeting about the West Colorado Avenue "no man's land" issue. Mr. McCarty indicated that the Minneapolis bridge collapse reiterates the need for funding for infrastructure maintenance.

10. ADJOURNMENT

El Paso County Director Wayne Williams adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m.