



Colorado Springs El Paso County Manitou Springs Green Mountain Falls

**CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, December 5, 2007 - 1:30 p.m.
PPACG Lower Level Conference Room
15 S. 7th Street, Colorado Springs**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Citizen-At-Large

Mr. Tom Harold, Chair

Ms. Jan Doran, 1st Vice Chair

Mr. Justin McDonald, 2nd Vice Chair

Mr. Victor Andrews

Ms. Bev Johnson

Colorado Springs CTAB

Ms. Jane Dillon

Mr. Brian Risley

Mr. Joe Vaccaro

El Paso County HAC

Mr. Tom Rogers

Mr. Brian L.A. Wess

Green Mountain Falls

Mr. Stern Feinberg, Jr.

Manitou Springs

Mr. Ray Ferguson

Mr. Chris Verlo

MEMBERS ABSENT

Citizen-At-Large Alternates

Dr. Kailash Jaitly

Rev. Albert Loma

Ms. Kit Roupé

Vacant

El Paso County HAC

Mr. David Sealander

Green Mountain Falls

Vacant

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff of Member Governments and Citizens

PIKES PEAK RTA STAFF PRESENT

Ms. Barb Louricas, PPACG Recording Secretary

Mr. Rob MacDonald, PPACG Executive Director

Ms. Beverly Majewski, Financial Manager

Mr. Rick Sonnenburg, Program/Contracts Manager

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Tom Harold established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Mr. Harold read the objectives of the Committee.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Rick Sonnenburg, PPRTA Program/Contracts Manager, said that the City of Colorado Springs requested that an item be added to the agenda: Agenda Item No. 9A, City of Colorado Springs Line Item Funds Transfer for Metro Transit is an action item.

Ms. Jan Doran made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition. Ms. Bev Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mr. Vince Rusinak said that he has been involved with the Woodmen Road and Academy Boulevard Interchange project for two years. Mr. Rusinak said that the voters did not vote for an interchange at Woodmen Road and Academy Boulevard and his studies show that an interchange is not needed at this time.

Mr. Brian Wess arrived at 1:53 p.m.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 7, 2007 REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING

Several corrections need to be made to the November 7, 2007 minutes, as follows:

- Page 4, Public Outreach Subcommittee: amount requested is \$22,000—\$14,000 for Google Earth software to put on the PPRTA website and \$8,000 for a video produced by Colorado Springs staff
- Page 6, 5C title needs to have “Green” inserted before Mountain Falls

Ms. Jan Doran made a motion to approve the minutes with the noted changes. Mr. Joe Vaccaro seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

5. FY-2008 BUDGET: FUNDING FOR HUMAN SERVICE SPECIALIZED TRANSIT PROVIDERS

Mr. Rick Sonnenburg stated that several factors had changed regarding this issue since the last PPRTA CAC meeting:

- Amblicab made a request to the PPRTA Board for funding in the amount of \$150,000. This was an increase from their \$40,000 request to the CAC. They were originally allocated \$40,000 in the Colorado Springs Transit budget.
- An IGA exists between El Paso County and the City of Colorado Springs dated July 2006 regarding Fountain Valley Senior Services funding for the 2008 budget.
- The PPRTA Board asked for a history of public funding to the four human service transit providers.
- A resolution from City of Colorado Springs has been received which designates The Resource Exchange as a city-sponsored transit activity.

Pikes Peak Partnership-Amblicab

Ms. Jane Hammoud, Pikes Peak Partnership-Amblicab Paratransit Program, gave a PowerPoint presentation about the funding history and additional funding request and provided information about specialized transportation services in Colorado Springs.

Mr. Vic Andrews arrived at 2:28 p.m.

Mr. Dennis Crosser, Fountain Valley Senior Services (FVSS) Transportation Supervisor, indicated that all required conditions stated in the IGA have been met. Mr. Crosser said that all reports are available with the number of rides and areas served.

Mr. Brian Wess made a motion to reaffirm the original recommendation from the November 7 PPRTA CAC meeting with the caveat that more information be provided from Fountain Valley Senior Services to the PPRTA CAC for any funding beyond the first quarter of 2008. An excerpt regarding the motion and vote from the November 7 PPRTA CAC meeting minutes is as follows:

Mr. Joe Vaccaro made a motion to recommend to the PPRTA Board that \$50,000 of the \$310,000 human service provider portion of the Colorado Springs 2008 transit budget be paid to Fountain Valley Senior Center for their first quarter obligation, while a procedure is established to determine how the remainder of the funds will be allocated for 2008. Ms. Jan Doran recommended an amendment that the base amount of the human service budget be increased from transit's reserve funds if the PPRTA Board believes that the funds are available. Mr. Joe Vaccaro accepted the amendment. Mr. Brian Wess seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Joe Vaccaro seconded the motion.

Mr. Chuck Brown indicated that he was an El Paso County Commissioner from 1992 to 2004. In 1996, the citizens of Fountain Valley requested transit services for the Fountain Valley area. El Paso County executed a contract with the City of Colorado Springs in the amount of \$250,000 to provide transit services for citizens of southeastern El Paso County. When the El Paso County budget became tight and services had to be cut, the concept of the PPRTA sales tax was developed.

Mr. Rob MacDonald, PPACG Executive Director and PPRTA Board Secretary, indicated that funding is proposed in the 2008 PPACG budget for a Mobility Manager through the Pikes Peak Area Agency on Aging. Mr. MacDonald indicated that by the next budget cycle, the Mobility Manager may be able to recommend an allocation of funding for the specialized transportation providers.

The vote passed by majority vote with seven (7) affirmative votes by Mr. Brian Risley, Mr. Justin McDonald, Mr. Brian Wess, Mr. Joe Vaccaro, Mr. Chris Verlo, Ms. Bev Johnson, Mr. Tom Rogers; and six (6) dissenting votes by Mr. Ray Ferguson, Ms. Jan Doran, Mr. Tom Harold, Ms. Jane Dillon, Mr. Stern Feinberg, and Mr. Vic Andrews.

Ms. Jan Doran made an alternative recommendation to the PPRTA Board and made a motion to provide funding to human service specialized transportation providers by honoring the IGA between Colorado Springs and El Paso County and provide funding to Fountain Valley Senior Services in the amount of \$200,000, funding Amblicab in the amount \$70,000, and funding Silver Key Senior Services in the amount of \$40,000 with the caveat that if there is more funding available that the PPRTA Board will provide increased funding. Ms. Jane Dillon seconded the motion.

The motion was defeated by a vote of 9-4, with nine (9) dissenting votes by Mr. Tom Rogers, Mr. Chris Verlo, Mr. Vic Andrews, Mr. Joe Vaccaro, Mr. Ray Ferguson, Mr. Brian Wess, Mr. Justin McDonald, Mr. Tom Harold, and Mr. Brian Risley and four (4) affirmative votes by Ms. Jan Doran, Ms. Jane Dillon, Ms. Bev Johnson, and Mr. Stern Feinberg.

6. DRAFT REVISION TO SECOND AMENDMENT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE IGA WITH THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS

Mr. Rick Sonnenburg indicated that the City of Colorado Springs is requesting to change the process for submitting transit invoices to the PPRTA for payment to vendors. Mr. Sonnenburg said that the staff of

Colorado Springs has proposed that they pay the vendors and be reimbursed by the PPRTA via a monthly invoice.

Mr. Brian Wess made a motion to make a recommendation to the PPRTA Board that they approve the draft revision to the second amendment of the Comprehensive IGA with the City of Colorado Springs which allows the City of Colorado Springs Transit Services Division to pay invoices and be reimbursed by the PPRTA. Mr. Vic Andrews seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

7. 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, 20 on-call professional service contracts, and contract extensions:

1. Nolte Associates, Inc. Change Order Number 3, Capital (PPRTA Capital Project Management and Construction Inspection Services), \$996,272
2. Nolte Associates, Inc. Change Order Number 4, Maintenance (PPRTA Roadway Maintenance Program), \$999,996.96
3. On Call Professional Services (20), Capital and Maintenance, \$250,000 per task order
4. Contract extensions for 2008

Ms. Bev Johnson made a motion to recommend to the PPRTA Board that they approve the contracts for the City of Colorado Springs. Mr. Brian Wess seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

El Paso County

Mr. John McCarty, El Paso County Department of Transportation Director, requested the approval of two contract renewals for 2008:

1. Ideal Concrete Inc., Maintenance (Concrete Surface Drainage—curb, gutter, sidewalk)
2. Rocky Mountain Materials & Asphalt, Maintenance (Laying hot mix asphalt paving)

Ms. Jan Doran made a motion to recommend to the PPRTA Board that they approve two contract renewals for 2008 for El Paso County. Mr. Tom Rogers seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS AND REPORTS

Report of Recent Board Actions

There were no questions.

Financial Reports

Ms. Beverly Majewski indicated that this is the second month in 2007 that revenue exceeded the revenue of 2006.

Monthly Report from the Public Outreach Subcommittee

Mr. Brian Wess, Chair of the Public Outreach Subcommittee, reported that there were no meetings in November or December. Work on the annual report will begin in January.

Ms. Jane Dillon said that the subcommittee has an opening for another member.

Reappointment Process of Citizen Advisory Committee Members

Mr. Rick Sonnenburg indicated that four CAC memberships expire on December 31:

- Mr. Brian Wess—El Paso County HAC—received a letter of reappointment
- Mr. Joe Vaccaro—City of Colorado Springs CTAB—in progress
- Mr. Vic Andrews—Citizen At Large—will not seek reappointment
- Mr. Chris Verlo—City of Manitou Springs—will not seek reappointment

Mr. Tom Harold thanked Mr. Vic Andrews and Mr. Chris Verlo for their service to the committee.

Selection of Officers for the Citizen Advisory Committee

Mr. Rick Sonnenburg indicated that according to the Bylaws, officer positions (Chair, 1st Vice Chair, and 2nd Vice Chair) are limited to two one-year terms. Mr. Sonnenburg said that the selection of officers occurs at the first meeting of the year.

Mr. Justin McDonald made a motion to recommend to the PPRTA Board that they approve a change to the Bylaws to allow a third one-year term of office for the officer positions on the PPRTA CAC. Ms. Jan Doran seconded the motion. Mr. Tom Harold abstained from the vote. The vote passed by unanimous vote.

Staff Field Review Report

There were no questions.

9. OTHER REPORTS

City of Colorado Springs Transit Services Request for Approval of Line Item Funds Transfer

Mr. Sherre Ritenour, Colorado Springs Transit Services Division Manager, requested a line item funds transfer in the amount of \$14,319.20. The transfer of funds consists of \$9,529.80 for 2007 and \$4,662.35 for 2008 CASTA membership dues and \$127.05 for the American Planning Association dues. The transfer is from the Contracts line item to the Membership dues line item.

Ms. Jan Doran made a motion to recommend to the PPRTA Board that they approve a line item funds transfer for the City of Colorado Springs Transit Services Division in the amount of \$14,319.20. Mr. Brian Wess seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

City of Colorado Springs Woodmen Road Corridor Improvements Project Update

Mr. Robin Kidder, Colorado Springs City Engineering, presented an update on the Woodmen Road Corridor Improvements Project. The Environmental Assessment resulted in a FONSI and is available on the website at www.woodmenroad.com. The project budget is \$95 million for congestion mitigation.

Mr. Kidder said that the proposed project is to construct six lanes from I-25 to Powers Boulevard, construct four lanes from Powers Boulevard to US 24, and construct interchanges at Woodmen Road/Academy Boulevard and Woodmen Road/Union Boulevard.

Mr. Dan Krueger, Colorado Springs Project Manager for the Woodmen Road Improvement Project, provided details on project implementation. Phase 1 is from I-25 to east of Academy Boulevard and includes the interchange at Woodmen Road/Academy Boulevard, which will raise Woodmen Road 15 feet and lower Academy Boulevard 10 feet. Phase 2 will provide six lanes from the Academy Boulevard to Powers Boulevard. Phase 3 will construct an interchange at Woodmen Road/Union Boulevard. Mr. Krueger said that construction is proposed to begin at the end of 2008.

Mr. Cam McNair said he started to work for the City of Colorado Springs in 2005 and has been working on the Woodmen Road Corridor Improvements Project since that time. In response to Mr. Rusinak's comments about the corridor, Mr. McNair has researched the elements of the project and believes that the proposed design is necessary.

City of Colorado Springs Milton E. Proby Parkway Project Update

Mr. Andy Garton, Colorado Springs Senior Civil Engineer, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Milton E. Proby Parkway project update. The Proby Parkway boundaries are from South Academy Boulevard to Powers Boulevard and replaces Drennan Road. It is proposed to be a six-lane expressway with two new interchanges. Mr. Garton said that an extensive outreach program was performed with Deerfield Hills residents and neighborhood groups. Total project cost estimate is \$50-\$58 million.

City of Colorado Springs Updated List of Transit Services 2007 PPRTA Funded Agreements/Contracts

There were no questions.

Mr. Ray Ferguson departed at 4:10 p.m.

El Paso County South Academy Intersection at Pikes Peak Community College Update

Mr. John McCarty gave a PowerPoint presentation on the South Academy Station Intersection/Interchange project update. A design charette occurred between various landowners around the intersection at Pikes Peak Community College. A redevelopment known as South Academy Station will be built near the area.

Quarterly Reports from Member Governments

There were no questions.

Maintenance of Effort Reports

There were no questions.

10. COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Tom Harold said that an annual report to the PPRTA Board from the PPRTA CAC is due in January. Mr. Harold requested input from the PPRTA CAC members on the following:

1. What was the biggest success of 2007
2. What was the biggest problem of 2007
3. What is the biggest challenge for 2008

Mr. Harold requested that they be sent to him via email within a week.

Mr. Brian Wess said that the City Planning Commission will conduct a hearing on December 6 regarding the development of the Cooper Towers at the corner of Kiowa Avenue and Nevada Avenue.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Tom Harold adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.