



**Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 11, 2019
11:50 AM
Pueblo Convention Center
320 Central Main Street**

MEETING CALLED BY

Don Banner, Chairman, called the Tuesday, June 11, 2019 Board Meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Mark Aliff, Patrick Avalos, Don Banner, Louie Carleo, Dennis Flores, Rita Gersick, Betty Martinez, Garrison Ortiz, Jim Valenzuela, Ralph Williams

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Dave Abeyta, Marlene Bregar, Meagan Kroeze

STAFF PRESENT

Tony Acri, Cherish Deeg, Jerry M. Pacheco, Andrea DelaGarza, Peyton Roth

GUESTS PRESENT

Kevin Ortiz, Doug Piersel, Steven Meier, Lynn Clark, Mayor Gradisar, Charles Hernandez, Ted Freeman

(All meetings are recorded per PURA's Financial and Administrative Internal Controls Policy adopted February 11, 2014)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ted Freeman, Pueblo Citizen, shared his concerns that the Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority (PURA) focus has not been on removal of blight in recent projects.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approval of the PURA Tuesday, June 11, 2019 Board Meeting Agenda as presented was generally accepted by all.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Regional Tourism Act Project Committee Report

Louie Carleo, Committee Chairman, stated that the Professional Bull Riders (PBR) are working with PURA to finalize the acceptance of the space. This will include some final punch list items, equipment purchases, and discussion of memberships. Don Banner, Chairman, stated that he believes things are moving in the right direction.

Parking Committee Report

Jim Valenzuela, Committee Chairman, shared that the committee is moving forward with discussions for parking leases in the Old Health Department Lot. Discussion regarding pedestrian safety followed. All agreed that PURA should continue to think about how to create a more pedestrian friendly environment in the area.

Design Committee Report

Betty Martinez, Vice Chairman, stated that while funding is being sought, they completed a walkthrough to choose where art should be located. Discussions with the Arts Alliance have begun, they may be able to help in the interim.

Finance Committee Report

Ralph Williams, Assistant Treasurer, stated we had a strong April and is pleased with the year to date numbers. He is looking forward to Charles Hernandez, City Finance Director, attending the Finance Committee meetings.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda approval to accept and file the following:

- Tuesday, May 14, 2019 Board Regular Meeting Minutes
- Monday, May 13, 2019 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 28, 2019 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 9, 2019 Regional Tourism Act Committee Minutes
Tuesday, May 10, 2019 Parking Committee Minutes
Friday, May 31, 2019 Finance Committee Minutes
April 2019 Pueblo Convention Center Operations and Sales Report
April 2019 Pueblo Convention Center Operating Statements
April 2019 PURA Operating Statements

A motion to approve the consent agenda and all items included was made by Betty Martinez, Vice-Chairman. The motion was seconded by Louie Carleo, Commissioner. The motion passes unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

A resolution approving change order #4 for H.W. Houston Construction, LLC.

A motion to approve a resolution of the Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority, a body corporate and politic of the state of Colorado, approving change order #4 to the design/build contract for the Regional Tourism Act Project between the Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority and H.W. Houston Construction, LLC, and authorizing the Chairman and Secretary to execute the same was made by Rita Gersick, Commissioner. The motion was seconded by Dennis Flores, Commissioner. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Chairman's Report

Don Banner, Chairman, shared that the PBR commercial has generated an estimate of \$650,000 in marketing to the City of Pueblo. He shared that discussions are taking place regarding security in the new parking garage. Discussion followed. All agreed that security proposals should be reviewed.

Secretary's Report

Jerry M. Pacheco, Executive Director, gave an update regarding the Thunder Village Metro District's request to repeal and replace a major portion of the project area. EVRAZ will need to be repealed and replaced as the additional portions are more than 10% of the area. PURA is assisting the City in their Opportunity Zone efforts and Phase three of the Regional Tourism Act Project Aquatics Center. Discussion followed regarding the aquatics center, community support, grant requirements, and location. No Decisions were made.

HARP Report

Lynn Clark, Historic Arkansas Riverwalk of Pueblo (HARP) Executive Director, shared upcoming events and discussed water quality. She congratulated her staff for the hard work they do.

City of Pueblo

Steven Meier, City of Pueblo, discussed the Main Street closing due to the work in the crosswalk. He stated that they are working with Pueblo County to complete a traffic calming study on Main Street and Union Avenue.

Pueblo Convention Center Report

Kevin Ortiz, PCC General Manager (GM), apologized for the sound quality. Discussion followed regarding the sound quality, new hire, and other equipment needs.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

No additional items were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the Tuesday, June 11, 2019, Regular Board Meeting was made by Ralph Williams, Assistant Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Rita Gersick, Commissioner. The motion passes unanimously. Don Banner, Chairman, adjourned the Tuesday, June 11, 2019, Regular Board Meeting at 1:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



Cherish K. Deeg,
Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority
Operations Director