



**Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 12, 2019
11:50 AM
Pueblo Convention Center
320 Central Main Street**

MEETING CALLED BY

Don Banner, Chairman, called the Tuesday, November 12, 2019 Board Meeting to order at 11:53 a.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Don Banner, Marlene Bregar, Louie Carleo, Dennis Flores, Meagan Kroeze, Betty Martinez, Garrison Ortiz, Jim Valenzuela, Ralph Williams

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Dave Abeyta, Mark Aliff, Patrick Avalos, Rita Gersick

STAFF PRESENT

Tony Acri, Cherish Deeg

GUESTS PRESENT

Kevin Ortiz, Scott Hobson, Doug Piersel, Mayor Gradisar, Charles Hernandez, Donielle Kitzman, Gary Anzuini

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

All generally agreed to move forward with the PURA Tuesday, November 12, 2019 Board Meeting Agenda as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee Report

Ralph Williams, Assistant Treasurer, stated that the recent budget open house was not well attended, and both the 2019 budget amendment and 2020 draft budget will be reviewed for approval today. The Finance Committee has reviewed and approved the presented budgets and recommend approval. He shared that a group from Pueblo will be going to meet with the staff of the Office of Economic and International Trade to discuss the Regional Tourism Act project on November 26th.

Design Committee Report

Betty Martinez, Vice-Chairman, stated that she has entered conversations with Laura Salono, City of Pueblo Chief of Staff, regarding the unused artwork. The discussion is if PURA could lend the artwork to the City of Pueblo to display in other public spaces due to the southwestern motif not being consistent with the Convention Center any longer. She shared that PURA is working with the City of Pueblo regarding the 150th anniversary celebration and is considering installing temporary wall wraps of historical nature in the Convention Center pre-function areas. She also requested that the Finance Committee consider purchasing new furniture for the Convention Center pre-function areas as there is not enough of the current furniture and it is dated.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda approval to accept and file the following:

- Tuesday, October 8, 2019 Board Regular Meeting and Advance Meeting Minutes
- Tuesday, October 15, 2019 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
- Monday, October 28, 2019 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
- Friday, October 25, 2019 Finance Committee Minutes
- September 2019 Pueblo Convention Center Operations and Sales Report
- September 2019 Pueblo Convention Center Operating Statements
- September 2019 PURA Operating Statements

A motion to approve the consent agenda and all items included was made by Louie Carleo, Commissioner. The motion was seconded by Meagan Kroeze, Commissioner. The motion passes unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

Gary Anzuini Potential Project

Gary Anzuini, Pueblo Developer, gave a brief presentation regarding a potential development project for the Old Health Department site. Discussion followed regarding the project, parking, and PURA's potential partnership.

A motion to participate in further research regarding the feasibility of the development project on the Old Health Department site was made by Betty Martinez, Vice-Chairman. The motion was seconded by Jim Valenzuela, Commissioner. The motion passes unanimously.

Public Hearing

Don Banner, Chairman, opened the public hearing for the 2019 Budget Amendment at 12:25 p.m. No public comment was made. Discussion regarding the amendment took place. Don Banner, Chairman, closed the public hearing for the 2019 Budget Amendment at 12:25 p.m.

A resolution adopting an amended budget for the calendar year 2019.

A motion to approved a resolution of the Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority, a body corporate and politic of the state of Colorado, adopting an amended budget and appropriating money in the amounts attached and for the purposes set forth herein for the Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority, for the calendar year 2019, commencing January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2019 was made by Dennis Flores, Commissioner. The motion was seconded by Ralph Williams, Assistant Treasurer. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing

Don Banner, Chairman, opened the public hearing for the 2020 Budget at 12:26 p.m. No public comment was made. Discussion regarding the budget took place. Don Banner, Chairman, closed the public hearing for the 2020 Budget at 12:26 p.m.

A resolution adopting a budget for the calendar year 2020.

A motion to approve a resolution of the Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority, a body corporate and politic of the state of Colorado, adopting an amended budget and appropriating money in the amounts attached and for the purposes set forth herein for the Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority, for the calendar year 2020, commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020 was made by Ralph Williams, Assistant Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Betty Martinez, Vice-Chairman. The motion passed unanimously.

A resolution approving a Quit Claim Deed transferring Vacated Richmond and Mechanic Street located in the Gateway Plaza to the City of Pueblo.

A motion to approve a resolution of the Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority, a body corporate and politic of the state of Colorado, approving a Quit Claim Deed from the Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority to the City of Pueblo, transferring vacated Richmond and Mechanic Street located in Gateway Plaza, and authorizing the Chairman and Secretary to execute any and all documents necessary was made by Louie Carleo, Commissioner. The motion was seconded by Dennis Flores, Commissioner. Discussion followed and Don Banner, Chairman, asked that the City be open to future discussions regarding considerations to PURA for debt forgiveness. The motion passes unanimously.

Influent Energy Proposal for purchasing solar power

A motion to approve moving forward with the Influent Energy Proposal for purchasing solar power was made by Ralph Williams, Assistant Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Betty Martinez, Vice-Chairman. Discussion followed regarding the proposal and additional requirements for negotiations. A motion to approve amending the original motion to include approval contingent upon further negotiations, annual appropriation language inclusion, Black Hills Energy sub agreement, and any other items to be approved by the Executive Committee was made by Ralph Williams, Assistant Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Louie Carleo, Commissioner. The motion passes unanimously. The original motion subject to the amendment passes unanimously.

REPORTS

Chairman

Don Banner, Chairman, shared that the PURA Board Christmas event is upcoming. Discussion regarding the date followed. All agreed that December 12, 2019 would be the best date. He continued by stating the Annual CIRSA Board Member training packet is included in the packet. He requested that they all become familiar with it and sign off on the acknowledgement form. If any questions arise to contact Cherish Deeg, Operations Director.

Secretary

No report was given.

Historic Arkansas Riverwalk of Pueblo

Meagan Kroeze, PURA representative for the Historic Arkansas Riverwalk of Pueblo (HARP) Authority, shared they have added a realty section to the website for the remaining developable HARP lots. They are working with the City of Pueblo to provide a 4-hour parking lot on Victoria Ave. for HARP visitors and the playground in Gateway Plaza is going to be delivered soon. The holiday lighting event will take place on November 19th. The final design development for the expansion and boathouse is going to be completed in 2020 due to the need to design the re-routing of utilities.

City of Pueblo

Scott Hobson, City of Pueblo, shared that the Pedestrian Signal is on backorder and will arrive in January for February install. City Council approved moving forward with the Thunder Village blight study. They are working to finalize the utilities and transitions from Convention Center to the Riverwalk in the plaza which should be completed soon. Discussion followed regarding the City of Pueblo's desire to participate in a Brownsfield application to study the housing development in the downtown area. All agreed that PURA would support this study.

Pueblo Convention Center

Kevin Ortiz, Pueblo Convention Center (PCC) General Manager (GM), shared that Felipe Garcia, PCC Assistant GM, has taken a new position out of state. This is causing some changes in house as Adam Roe will be taking the position of PCC Assistant GM and Director of Food and Beverage. Diane Pacheco will be moving to the Events Director and a new Events Manager will be hired. Discussion followed regarding the recent participation the Convention Center and The Greater Pueblo Chamber of Commerce have done to promote the City of Pueblo.

Pueblo Welcome Center

Danielle Kitzman, Greater Pueblo Chamber of Commerce, shared that the Visitors Center is doing well and is receiving high quality volume. They are working on implementing a Statewide hospitality program which will help train the staff and volunteers for a better-quality experience for visitors. They have also been meeting with planners and are gearing up for additional promotion materials, tours, and events soon.

ADJOURNMENT

Don Banner, Chairman, adjourned the Tuesday, November 12, 2019, Regular Board Meeting at 1:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



Cherish K. Deeg,
Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority, Operations Director