



**Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 9, 2021
11:50 AM
Via Microsoft Teams Conferencing**

MEETING CALLED BY

Dave Abeyta, Chairman, called the Tuesday, March 9, 2021 Board Meeting to order at 11:57 a.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Dave Abeyta, Mark Aliff, Patrick Avalos, Don Banner, Marlene Bregar, Louie Carleo, Dennis Flores, Elizabeth Gallegos, Jeanette Garcia, Betty Martinez, Garrison Ortiz, Jim Valenzuela, Ralph Williams

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Cherish Deeg, Andrea Delagarza, Tony Acri

GUESTS PRESENT

Doug Piersel, Kevin Ortiz, Donielle Kitzman, Mayor Gradisar, Scott Hobson, Janice Madrid

(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

A motion to approve the PURA Tuesday, March 9, 2021 Board Meeting Agenda as presented was made by Ralph Williams, Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Don Banner, Commissioner. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

Ralph Williams, Treasurer, stated that the EVRAZ Rail Bond Investment Presentation was posted, and the sale will be around March 28th. The estimated total amount of the Bonds is \$84M. He also discussed the ongoing 2020 Audit and upcoming Budget Amendments for 2020 and 2021. Dave Abeyta, Chairman, expressed his thanks to Ralph Williams, Treasurer; Jerry M. Pacheco, Executive Director; and Cherish K. Deeg, Operations Director; for all their hard work on the EVRAZ Rail project for the past three years.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda approval to accept and file the following:

- Tuesday, February 9, 2021 Board Regular Meeting Minutes
- Monday, February 8, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
- Monday, February 22, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
- Monday, February 8, 2021 Heritage Walk Planning Meeting Minutes
- Friday, February 26, 2021 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
- January PURA and Convention Center Operating Statements

A motion to approve the consent agenda and all items included was made by Don Banner, Commissioner. The motion was seconded by Marlene Bregar, Commissioner. The motion passes unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

A Resolution approving a Cooperation Agreement with the City of Pueblo regarding the Holmes Hardware Rehabilitation.

A motion to approve a resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority in Pueblo Colorado, approving a Cooperation Agreement with the City of Pueblo regarding the Holmes Hardware Rehabilitation in the Union Avenue Plan Area was made by Don Banner, Commissioner. The motion was seconded by Jim Valenzuela, Commissioner. Discussion followed regarding the use of Sales Tax from the City of Pueblo for this development and the qualifications that allowed this decision to be made. Garrison Ortiz, Commissioner, shared that Pueblo County has a different opinion on the use of its Sales tax and will not be participating in this project. The motion passes with Garrison Ortiz, Commissioner and Louie Carleo, Commissioner opposed.

A Resolution approving amendments to the Commissioner Handbook of the City of Pueblo.

A motion to approve a resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority in Pueblo Colorado, approving amendments to the Commissioner Handbook of the City of Pueblo for which the last amendments were adopted by Resolution 2015-22 was made by Don Banner, Commissioner. The motion was seconded by Ralph Williams, Treasurer. Discussion followed regarding the Handbook ruling if the PURA Bylaws are mum on a subject. The motion passes unanimously.

REPORTS

Chairman

Dave Abeyta, Chairman, stated that the EVRAZ Rail bonding discussed earlier has been full of hard work but is almost to the finish line. He shared that the Neighbor works of Southern Colorado is undertaking a large residential project called the Foothills and it may be involved in an upcoming project area. More information will be given soon.

Secretary

No report was given.

City of Pueblo

Scott Hobson, City of Pueblo, shared updates the Culvers Project in the PURA Lake Minnequa area. Discussion followed regarding the traffic flow and access. All agreed more information is needed from C-Dot regarding the need for a traffic signal on Pueblo Boulevard and Mirror intersection.

Pueblo County

Garrison Ortiz, Commissioner, shared that he is working diligently on a new Jail project that will include the extension of Joe Martinez Road. The County of Pueblo will be discussing this item on Thursday at 2:00 p.m. and all are welcome to attend. Discussion regarding the project followed. All agreed that this presentation should happen at a PURA Board meeting soon.

Convention Center

Kevin Ortiz, Pueblo Convention Center General Manager, shared that the Convention Center is acquiring new industry standard certifications due to the COVID-19 impacts in 2020. He continued by updating on the up tick in business and upcoming LED lighting work.

Historic Arkansas Riverwalk of Pueblo Authority

Don Banner, Commissioner, shared updates on the make-up of the Historic Arkansas Riverwalk of Pueblo Authority (HARP) Board, retention of 5 staff members and the continued work with the restaurants on HARP with expanded patio space due to the continued restrictions in place.

Welcome Center

Dave Abeyta, Chairman, asked for a moment of silence in memory of Rod Slyhoff and for his lifelong championship of Pueblo. Donielle Kitzman, Greater Pueblo Chamber of Commerce (Chamber), expressed her thanks to PURA for their support of the Memorial Service and agreed that they will be carrying on with continuing Rod Slyhoff's Legacy. She continued by updating the board regarding the meeting planner marketing visits and other items regarding tourism.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Andrea Delagarza, Director of Community Relations, introduced Janice Madrid and Jeanette Garcia, Commissioner, to discuss the Hometown Hero request. Janice Madrid, Community Member, and Jeanette Garcia, Commissioner, shared the project and request. Discussion followed and all agreed that locations should be discussed and this item brought back to the Board for continued discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

Dave Abeyta, Chairman, adjourned the Tuesday, March 9, 2021, Regular Board Meeting at 1:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



Cherish K. Deeg
Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority
Operations Director