



**Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 13, 2021
11:50 AM
Via Microsoft Teams Conferencing**

MEETING CALLED BY

Betty Martinez, Vice-Chairman, called the Tuesday, April 13, 2021 Board Meeting to order at 11:53 a.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Dave Abeyta, Mark Aliff

STAFF PRESENT

Cherish Deeg, Jerry M. Pacheco, Andrea Delagarza, Tony Acri

GUESTS PRESENT

Doug Piersel, Kevin Ortiz, Donielle Kitzman, Mayor Gradisar, Sam Light

(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, April 13, 2021 Board Meeting Agenda as presented was made by Ralph Williams, Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Dennis Flores, Commissioner. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

Ralph Williams, Treasurer, shared that the PURA financial reports have been reviewed and are in good order. He stated that this year the Sales Tax Increment for the Regional Tourism Act project has been the best year yet. The current surplus is \$49,000 with another month of increment to collect. He continued by informing the board of the successful sale of \$91 million bonds for the EVRAZ Rail project.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda approval to accept and file the following:

- Tuesday, March 9, 2021 Board Regular Meeting Minutes
- Monday, March 8, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
- Friday, March 26, 2021 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
- February 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 Jeanette Garcia, Commissioner. The motion passes unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

CIRSA Board Training

Sam Light, CIRSA representative, presented the Board Training. Discussion followed and no decisions were made.

Pueblo County Jail and Joe Martinez Extension

Garrison Ortiz, Commissioner, shared his presentation regarding the County Jail and extension of Joe Martinez. Discussion followed regarding project details, financing, other development, and what is to be done with the existing jail. Consensus and direction to prioritize moving forward with discussions regarding an Urban Renewal Area to assist with this project was given to Staff.

ACTION ITEMS

No action items were presented.

REPORTS

Secretary

Jerry M. Pacheco, Executive Director, shared updates on upcoming projects including the Lower West Side Area subdivision, potential street/sidewalk improvements in the Lake Minnequa Area, the Regional Tourism Act Project Heritage Walk Plaza, and Medal of Honor upgrades in the Pueblo Convention Center. Discussion followed and no decisions were made.

City of Pueblo

Mayor Gradisar, City of Pueblo, shared that the City will be reviewing the acquisition agreement for the Ferguson property for the Aquatic/ Community Center. This project will encompass the Latin Village Site owned by PURA.

Pueblo County

Garrison Ortiz, Commissioner, shared that he has no further updates at this time.

Convention Center

Kevin Ortiz, Pueblo Convention Center General Manager, shared that the Convention Center will be receiving \$32,000 of CARES funds, both Easter brunch sessions sold out and were successful, the LED upgrade has begun, the upcoming Bridal Fair has sold out, and this weekend the Convention Center will be hosting the first Convention since COVID-19 began. Discussion followed and no decisions were made.

Historic Arkansas Riverwalk of Pueblo Authority

Don Banner, Commissioner, stated that we should give the Latin Village site owned by PURA to the City of Pueblo for the Aquatic Center. Discussion followed regarding this and the standing ground lease agreement with the Historic Arkansas Riverwalk of Pueblo Authority office building. No decisions were made. He continued by sharing that the City Council will be considering an ordinance regarding the homeless on the Riverwalk.

Welcome Center

No report was given, and a written report will be requested.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

No items were presented.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the Tuesday, April 13, 2021, Regular Board Meeting was made by Don Banner, Commissioner. The motion was seconded by Marlene Bregar, Commissioner. Betty Martinez, Vice-Chairman, adjourned the Tuesday, April 13, 2021, Regular Board Meeting at 1:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



Cherish K. Deeg
Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority
Operations Director