

**Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 10, 2021
11:50 AM**

Pueblo Convention Center 320 Main Street and Via Microsoft Teams Conferencing

MEETING CALLED BY

Dave Abeyta, Chairman, called the Tuesday, July 13, 2021 Board Meeting to order at 11:54 a.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Dave Abeyta, Patrick Avalos, Marlene Bregar, Louie Carleo, Dennis Flores, Elizabeth Gallegos, Jeanette Garcia, Betty Martinez, James Valenzuela, Ralph Williams

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Mark Aliff, Don Banner, Garrison Ortiz

STAFF PRESENT

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

GUESTS PRESENT

Doug Piersel, Kevin Ortiz, Donielle Kitzman, Scott Hobson, Beritt Odem, John Wark, Bobby Valentine

(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 made to amend the agenda to add Residential Infill Committee report and approve the PURA Tuesday, August 10, 2021 Board Meeting Agenda as amended was made by Betty Martinez, Vice Chairman. The motion was seconded by Ralph Williams, Treasurer. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

No report.

Finance Committee

Ralph Williams, Treasurer, shared that the PURA financial reports have been reviewed. PURA financials are positive due to the sale of the bonds.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda approval to accept and file the following:

Monday, July 12, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 13, 2021 Board Regular Meeting Minutes
Friday, July 23, 2021 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 26, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 5, 2021 Residential Infill Committee
July 2021 PURA and Convention Center Operating Statements

A motion to approve the consent agenda and all items included was made by Jeanette Garcia, Commissioner. The motion was seconded by Patrick Avalos, Commissioner. The motion passes unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution approving Affordable Housing Demonstration Project activity.

A resolution approving and authorizing one or more affordable housing demonstration plans, programs, projects, and other activities to eliminate blight in Urban Renewal areas and other areas of the city. A motion was made by Ralph Williams, Treasurer, to approve this resolution. The motion was seconded by Dennis Flores, Commissioner. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution approving El Pueblo Heritage Walk as formal name of project.

A resolution of the Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority Board of Commissioners approving El Pueblo Heritage Walk as the official name of the public art and walkway installation project in partnership with The Lavert W. Hoag Foundation. A motion was made by Marlene Bregar, Commissioner, to approve this resolution. The motion was seconded by Betty Martinez, Vice Chairman. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution approving El Pueblo Heritage Walk site plan.

A resolution of the Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority, a body corporate and politic of the state of Colorado, approving the site development plan for El Pueblo Heritage Walk project. After discussion to widen parts of the walkway, Tony Acri, RTA Project Manager, will meet with commissioners Betty Martinez and Jeanette Garcia to review possible changes and cost. A motion was made by Marlene Bregar, Commissioner, to approve this resolution. The motion was seconded by Betty Martinez, Vice Chairman. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

Block on the Bluffs – John Wark presented a project developing the bluff area alongside the Arkansas levee between 4th Street and Union Ave bridges. This development will include a 100-unit high end apartment building. The next step for this project would be to get approval from the city.

REPORTS

Secretary

Jerry M. Pacheco, Executive Director, spoke to the PURA board of commissioners about the Mitchell Park South condition survey. Letters to property owners went out in the mail this week.

City of Pueblo

Scott Hobson, City of Pueblo, spoke to the board about an analysis of Keating. The land board is working on properties on Court & Elizabeth, 1st Street and 4th Street, Santa Fe & Court Street. The city plans to redevelop for mixed use.

Pueblo County

No report was given.

Convention Center

Kevin Ortiz, Pueblo Convention Center General Manager, shared that July was the best gross revenue for the past 7 years. He is projecting to be ahead of budget.

Historic Arkansas Riverwalk of Pueblo Authority

Don Banner, Commissioner, sent in a report that stated at the July 14, 2021 meeting of the HARP Authority, it was reported that the parking lot in front of Angelo’s Pizza and the Eco Walk building would be resurfaced in the first half of September, 2021. The cost to HARP is not to exceed \$40,288.00. HARP has requested from the City of Pueblo for the next budget year \$437,724.00 and from the County \$374,644.00. There were two “Bird” scooters thrown in the HARP channel. The scooters are not to be used on the Riverwalk. The County has not yet told HARP when 1A money will be available for building the Boathouse and Channel Extension. HARP released a new web site on July 15.

Welcome Center

No report was given.

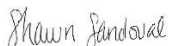
EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to enter Executive Session of PURA for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators, under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(e), regarding developing a strategy regarding the old health department lot development was made by Betty Martinez, Vice-Chairman. The motion was seconded by Dennis Flores, Commissioner. Executive Session participants included all commissioners present; Jerry M. Pacheco, Executive Director; Cherish Deeg, Operations Director; Andrea DelaGarza, Director of Community Relations; Tony Acri, RTA Project Manager; Shawn Sandoval, Administrative Assistant, and Doug Piersel, Legal Counsel. The motion passes unanimously. Executive Session began at 1:36 p.m. A motion to exit Executive Session of the Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority was made by Ralph Williams, Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Betty Martinez, Vice Chairman. The motion passes unanimously. Executive Session ended and the regular meeting resumed at 1:59 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Ralph Williams, Treasurer, moved to adjourn the Tuesday, August 10, 2021, Regular Board Meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



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