



**Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 14, 2021
11:50 AM**

Pueblo Convention Center 320 Main Street and Via Microsoft Teams Conferencing

MEETING CALLED BY

Betty Martinez, Vice Chairman, called the Tuesday, September 14, 2021 Board Meeting to order at 11:56 a.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Mark Aliff, Dave Abeyta, Dennis Flores

STAFF PRESENT

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

GUESTS PRESENT

Mayor Nick Gradisar, Doug Piersel, Kevin Ortiz, Scott Hobson, Antwon Burton, Chef Charlie Roberts

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

Betty Martinez, Vice Chairman, introduced Chef Charlie Roberts to speak briefly about the lunch. The Pueblo Convention Center chefs will be trying out new menu ideas for the PURA Board. Antwon Burton, PBR Sport Performance Center Executive Director, invited the PURA Board to a local PBR event on October 13th.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion made to approve the PURA Tuesday, September 14, 2021 Board Meeting Agenda by Don Banner, Commissioner. The motion was seconded by Elizabeth Gallegos, Commissioner. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

No report.

Finance Committee

Ralph Williams, Treasurer, shared the PURA financial reports. Cherish Deeg, Operations Director, will simplify the financial reports for the board. The parking garage across from the convention center will be free and open to

the public. This will help the convention center. They were spending more money on repairing vandalism than they were bringing in parking fees. With the garage open, more cars are likely to park and discourage vandals.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda approval to accept and file the following:

Monday, August 9, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 10, 2021 Board Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 23, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday, August 27, 2021 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
July 2021 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.

REPORTS

Secretary

No report was given.

City of Pueblo

Mayor Nick Gradisar would like PURA to look into Block on the Bluff project as PURA project area. The mayor also mentioned the smelter as a PURA project area. Scott Hobson, City of Pueblo, is looking into eastside lots for infill housing and the zoning standards for prefabricated housing. He should know more in October. Hotel site on Main Street has sold. Not a lot of communication with the city as to the plans.

Pueblo County

Garrison Ortiz, County Commissioner, spoke about the 1A project. 14Mil in soft costs. City/County projects; Comanche 3 may need funds to keep open until 2040. Joe Martinez Expansion/Jail steering committee meetings are moving forward and will have a proposal soon.

Convention Center

Kevin Ortiz, Pueblo Convention Center General Manager, shared that July beat budget and August should also beat budget. There have been a lot of cancellations due to COVID restrictions. Kevin and staff are working on attracting more local business leads.

Historic Arkansas Riverwalk of Pueblo Authority

Don Banner, Commissioner, stated that HARP hired Randy Sanchez for in house accounting. HARP is working with the police department to enhance security on the Riverwalk. This will help with the homeless issues.

Welcome Center

No report was given.

OTHER

Jeanette Garcia, Commissioner, asked the city what the status of Culvers is. Scott Hobson, Director of City Planning, let the board know that the project should be starting any time. They do have an active building permit. Other businesses are looking at development but will need to go through subdivision process review. At this time no traffic light will be added, per CDOT.

ADJOURNMENT

Elizabeth Gallegos, Commissioner, made a motion to adjourn the Tuesday, September 14, 2021, Regular Board Meeting at 1:11 p.m. The motion was seconded by Don Banner, Commissioner. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by,

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