



**Board Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, November 8, 2022  
11:50 AM**

**Pueblo Convention Center and Via Microsoft Teams Conferencing**

**MEETING CALLED BY**

Betty Martinez, Vice Chairman, called the Tuesday, November 8, 2022, Board Meeting to order at 11:56 a.m.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

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

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT**

Dave Abeyta, Sarah Martinez, Garrison Ortiz, James Valenzuela

**STAFF PRESENT**

Cherish Deeg, Tony Acri, Andrea Delagarza, Shawn Sandoval

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Doug Piersel, Alex Romero, Beritt Odom, Kevin Ortiz, Dr. Kath DeNiro, Chris DeLuca, Ted Freeman

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ted Freeman would like the PURA Commissioners and guests know he will be attending future PURA board meetings.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Don Banner made a motion to approve the PURA Tuesday, November 8, 2022, Board Meeting Agenda. Louie Carleo seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance Committee**

Ralph Williams, Treasurer, presented overhead photos of the EVRAZ project. Ralph Williams, Tony Acri, and Mayor Gradisar toured the project recently. Tony Acri reported the project is on track for completion in 2023.

**Design Committee**

Betty Martinez, Vice Chairman, reported the committee is planning the Walk of Legends celebration. All of the statues are completed and delivered. All are in the process of being placed. The Bernstein Room is the next phase for furniture. Artwork will be last.

## **Community Relations Committee**

PURA sponsored 60K in community events.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Consent Agenda approval to accept and file the following:

Tuesday, October 11, 2022, Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 31, 2022, Community Relations Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 2, 2022, Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

September 2022 Pueblo Convention Center Operations & Sales Reports

September 2022 PURA Operating Statements

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

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Public Hearing for the 2022 Amended and draft 2023 Budget**

Betty Martinez, Vice Chairman, opened the public hearing for the adoption of the 2022 budget resolution at 12:15 p.m. Ted Freeman made a comment that there are a lot of mistakes being made. No further elaboration or comments were made. Betty Martinez, Vice Chairman, closed the public hearing at 12:20 p.m.

#### **A Resolution to Amend 2022 Budget**

A resolution of the Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority, a body corporate and politic of the state of Colorado, summarizing revenues and expenditures, adopting an amended budget and appropriating sums of money in the amounts attached and for the purposes set forth herein for the Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority, for the calendar year 2022, commencing January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2022. Ralph Williams, Treasurer, made a motion to approve the resolution on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. Don Banner, Commissioner, seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

#### **A Resolution Adopting a Budget for the Calendar Year 2023**

A resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority in Pueblo Colorado, adopting a budget and appropriating sums of money in the amounts attached and for the purpose set forth herein for the Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority, for the calendar year 2023, commencing January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023. Dennis Flores, Commissioner, made a motion to approve the resolution on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. Elizabeth Gallegos, Commissioner, seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

#### **A Resolution Adopting A PURA Mission Statement**

A resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority in Pueblo Colorado, adopting a revised mission statement. Elizabeth Gallegos, Commissioner, made a motion to approve the resolution on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. Don Banner, Commissioner, seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

### **REPORTS**

#### **Chairman's Report**

No report.

#### **Secretary Report**

No report.

#### **City of Pueblo**

Alex Romero, City Finance Director, was introduced and will be included in all future PURA board meetings. Beritt Odom, City Planning, reported on the Black Hills property on Lake Avenue and Pueblo Blvd will be

subdivided for a gas/convenience store. City Planning is also working on re-subdividing the eastside lots PURA is interested in.

**Pueblo County**

No report.

**Pueblo Convention Center**

Kevin Ortiz, Convention Center General Manager, reported that budget was met for the year 2022. The Pueblo Convention Center is now working on securing events for 2023.

**Historic Arkansas Riverwalk of Pueblo**

No report.

**Greater Pueblo Chamber of Commerce / Welcome Center**

No report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Betty Martinez, Vice Chairman, moved to adjourn the Tuesday, November 8, 2022, Regular Board Meeting at 12:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



Shawn Sandoval  
Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority  
Administrative Assistant