



**Board Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, August 8, 2023  
11:50 AM**

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

**MEETING CALLED BY**

Ralph Williams, Chairman, called the Tuesday, August 8, 2023, Board Meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

Don Banner, Louie Carleo, Eppie Griego, Elizabeth Gallegos, Jeanette Garcia, Stephanie Garcia, Heather Graham, Betty Martinez, Jon Walker, Ralph Williams, Jim Valenzuela

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT**

Chris Deluca, Kathy DeNiro, Dennis Flores, Melissa Nereson

**STAFF PRESENT**

Jerry Pacheco, Cherish Deeg, Andrea DelaGarza, Shawn Sandoval

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Kevin Ortiz, Scott Hobson, Doug Piersel, Vincente Martinez Ortega, Rick Romero, Paul Renfree, Darena Herschler, Emily Gradisar, Jane Fraser, Jude Solano, Katie Davis, Samantha Derosier, Sandrah Burrier, Benjamin Fowler

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Pueblo City Councilman Vincente Martinez Ortega spoke first. He shared his concerns about PURA's discussion with community group regarding potential URA creation. Eilers resident, Rick Romero, spoke about meeting with PURA staff since 2019. He would like to work more on the boundaries map. Grove resident, Paul Renfree, spoke about meetings with PURA staff over the past few years. He would also like to work more on the boundaries.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Don Banner made a motion to approve the PURA Tuesday, August 8, 2023, Board Meeting Agenda, moving the Secretary's report up to the top. Betty Martinez seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Consent Agenda approval to accept and file the following:  
Tuesday, July 11, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
Monday, July 24, 2023, Finance Committee Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, August 2, 2023, Community Relations Committee Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the consent agenda and all items included was made by Don Banner. Louie Carleo seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

**PRESENTATION**

No presentations were given.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **A Resolution Accepting Pueblo Conservancy District Lots**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PUEBLO URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY, A BODY CORPORATE AND POLITIC OF THE STATE OF COLORADO, AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO ACCEPT THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND FROM THE PUEBLO CONSERVANCY DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSES OF REDEVELOPMENT.

Jim Valenzuela made a motion to approve and accept the Resolution Accepting Pueblo Conservancy Lots. Stephanie Garcia seconded the motion, Motion passed.

## **REPORTS**

Jerry Pacheco addressed the community that was present. PURA has been working on the Colorado Smelter URA. Currently there is not a catalyst project to create a district at this time. The board can give direction to work on new boundaries. Don Banner explained how a URA works and thanked the community for coming. Jeanette Garcia was thankful for the community's passion and suggested a task force to work more on this potential URA. Ralph Williams directed staff to create a task force for the Colorado Smelter URA.

Betty Martinez gave the Finance Committee and Design Committee reports. No Finance meeting in July. The Design Committee will be meeting soon to review Bernstein Room furniture choices.

Jeanette Garcia let the board know Community Relations Committee is working on setting up tours for city council of the project areas. PURA will be present at the next The Place event scheduled for September 26<sup>th</sup> on the west side of town. A 5-year summary of PURA pamphlet was produced and shared with the board. This is a great resource to share with partners and the community.

Kevin Ortiz, Pueblo Convention Center, let the PURA board know USA Boxing is coming back September 2023. These athletes are qualifying for the Olympics. The group has also booked for the spring 2024.

Scott Hobson, City of Pueblo, reported they are busy in planning but slowing down. Ralph thanked the city for clarifying that they are responsible for the roundabout at Reno & Palmer.

Eppie Griego, County Commissioner, reported the utilities have started on the new jail site. Onsite thefts are already a problem.

## **QUESTIONS/COMMENTS**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Ralph Williams, Chairman, moved to adjourn the Tuesday, August 8, 2023, Regular Board Meeting at 1:01 p.m.



Respectfully submitted by,

Shawn Sandoval

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