



MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOARD)
Wednesday, December 13, 2006
9:00 a.m.
PPACG Conference Room

MEMBERS PRESENT

Town of Green Mountain Falls
City of Colorado Springs

City of Colorado Springs
City of Colorado Springs
City of Fountain
City of Manitou Springs
El Paso County
El Paso County
Military Representative
Public Transportation Representative
Town of Palmer Lake

MEMBERS ABSENT

Air Quality Control Commission
City of Cripple Creek
City of Victor
City of Woodland Park
Colorado Transportation Commission
El Paso County
Park County
Teller County
Town of Alma
Town of Calhan
Town of Fairplay
Town of Monument

GUESTS

Ms. Electa Beckner
Mr. Chuck Brown
Ms. Jan Doran
Mr. Mickey Ferrell
Ms. Francine Hansen
Ms. Wendy Pettit
Mr. Dave Poling
Ms. Janet Stephens
Mr. Rob Vinton

REPRESENTED BY

Mayor Tyler Stevens, 1st Vice Chair
Councilmember Jerry Heimlicher, 2nd Vice Chair
Vice Mayor Larry Small
Councilmember Darryl Glenn
Mayor Jeri Howells
Mayor Marcy Morrison
Commissioner Sallie Clark
Commissioner Dennis Hisey
Dr. Bob Stein/Mr. Wes Clark
Dr. James Null
Mayor Max Parker

REPRESENTED BY

Commissioner Chris Neumann
Mayor Ed Libby
Mayor Kathy Justice
Mayor Gary Crane, Secretary
Commissioner Terry Schooler
Commissioner Wayne Williams, Chair
Coroner Sharon Morris
Commissioner Jim Ignatius, Treasurer
Mayor Mark Dowaliby
Mayor Gary Reimers
Mayor Fred Boyce
Mayor Byron Glenn

Regional Advisory Council
Springs Toll Road
Community Advisory Committee 2nd Vice Chair
Colorado Department of Transportation
Community Advisory Committee Chair
Colorado Department of Transportation
Colorado Department of Transportation
El Paso County
Colorado Department of Transportation

STAFF

Mr. Robert MacDonald, Executive Director
Mr. Mike Decker, PPAAA Director
Mr. Craig Casper, Transportation Director
Ms. Mary Frye, Transportation Planner
Ms. Barb Louricas, Executive Secretary
Mr. Rich Muzzy, Environmental Program Manager
Mr. Jason O'Brien, Transportation Intern
Ms. Annie Oatman-Gardner, Military Impact Program Planner
Ms. Yolanda Roberts, Transportation Technician
Ms. Margaret Shelton, Accounting Manager
Ms. Jennifer Young, Policy/Communications Manager

06-209 INTRODUCTIONS & CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Stevens established a quorum for the Board of Directors. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. Introductions were made.

Dr. Bob Stein introduced Mr. Wes Clark, Vice President of SAIC, who will be replacing him as Military Representative for the Chamber of Commerce on the Board. This meeting is Dr. Stein's last meeting as Board representative.

Commissioner Sallie Clark arrived at 9:10 a.m.

Mayor Jeri Howells arrived at 9:11 a.m.

06-210 AGENDA APPROVAL

Mr. Rob MacDonald requested that Agenda Item No. 5A, *Membership Appointments: Community Advisory Committee and Specialized Transportation Advisory Subcommittee*, be called up from the consent calendar.

06-211 PUBLIC COMMENT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no comments.

06-212 APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 8, 2006 MEETING

Commissioner Hisey made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

06-213 CONSENT CALENDAR

The following items were acted on as a whole by the Board:

- Membership Appointments:
 - Community Advisory Committee
 - Specialized Transportation Advisory Committee

- Annual Evaluation of the Executive Director
- FY-2007 through FY-2012 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #6

Commissioner Hisey made a motion to approve Agenda Item No. 5B, *Annual Evaluation of the Executive Director*, and 5C, *FY-2007 through FY-2012 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #6*, on the consent calendar. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Ms. Jennifer Young, PPACG Policy/Communications Manager, indicated that the City of Colorado Springs submitted four names for three vacancies on the Community Advisory Committee (CAC). At the December 12 Colorado Springs City Council meeting, Colorado Springs City Council approved to appoint Mr. Gregory Souder, Mr. Val Snider, and Mr. Mike Schmidt to the CAC to represent the City of Colorado Springs.

Commissioner Clark requested a discussion on how the at-large membership vacancies are appointed. Mr. MacDonald recommended that an ad hoc subcommittee of the Board be set up when at-large positions on the CAC are being selected. Ms. Young indicated that there is currently one vacancy for an at-large position on the CAC. Ms. Young said that there is a nominating subcommittee on the CAC. Commissioner Clark indicated that an ad hoc committee would be helpful so that member governments are aware of at-large candidates who were not selected and are available to represent the member government on the CAC. Mr. MacDonald requested that member government applications be referred to Ms. Young.

Commissioner Clark made a motion to approve Agenda Item No. 5A, *Membership Appointments: Community Advisory Committee and Specialized Transportation Advisory Subcommittee*, on the consent calendar. Mayor Morrison seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

06-214 COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Francine Hansen, Community Advisory Committee Chair, said that nine new members have recently been appointed to the CAC.

Ms. Hansen said that the monthly meeting date of the CAC is being moved from the third Wednesday to the last Wednesday of the month. Ms. Hansen indicated that will allow the CAC to make timely and relevant comments to the Board.

Ms. Hansen said that the CAC recommends approval of the 2008-2035 Regional Transportation Plan Vision, Mission, and Principles.

Commissioner Clark inquired about bylaw requirements for meeting attendance. Ms. Hansen said that letters have been sent to those members who are absent from meetings. Ms. Hansen also said that there are three membership seats for organizations: CONO, The Chamber of Commerce, and the League of Women Voters. Ms. Hansen said that CONO is an active attendee at meetings; the Chamber will be appointing a representative; and no contact has been established with the League of Women Voters.

Ms. Young said that according to the bylaws, the Board would be required to remove a member from the CAC for nonattendance.

06-215 PIKES PEAK AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS 2007 BUDGET

Mr. MacDonald requested approval of the 2007 budget for PPACG. There have been no changes since the budget discussion at the November meeting.

Councilmember Heimlicher made a motion to approve the 2007 budget for Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments. Mayor Howells seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

06-216 2008-2035 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN: VISION, MISSION, AND PRINCIPLES

Ms. Mary Frye, PPACG Transportation Planner, requested approval of the Vision, Mission, and Principles for the 2008-2035 Regional Transportation Plan. A draft for public review was released in July. There were six public meetings around the region in September, as well as putting the draft document being available on PPACG's website. PPACG also participated in the CONO community forum event that was held in September. Both the CAC and TAC reviewed the comments and responses at their November meetings. Ms. Frye indicated that comments and responses are shown on page 4 of the memorandum.

Ms. Frye said the next step is to determine the prioritization of the principles. A public involvement consultant will assist with the public involvement process. A public participation working group will be established.

Mayor Max Parker arrived at 9:30 a.m.

Councilmember Heimlicher said that discussion was held by the Colorado Springs City Council that concluded that purchasing land for the Powers Boulevard right-of-way may not be a beneficial use of Pikes Peak RTA funds. Mr. MacDonald said that discussions and decisions will be occurring in the near future regarding the status of Powers Boulevard as a freeway or expressway. Future discussions and decisions will be made on the funding sources for Powers Boulevard.

Dr. Null requested that plans include plans for public transportation along major corridors.

Commissioner Clark requested that mention of neighborhoods be specifically incorporated into the principles in item number 9 instead of the term "human contacts". Ms. Hansen said the CAC discussed changing the language of "maintaining the quality of life" to include neighborhood preservation. Mr. Craig Casper, PPACG Transportation Director, said that neighborhoods are addressed at the goal setting stage.

Commissioner Heimlicher made a motion to proceed with the vision, mission, and principles with the understanding that the next step will be to define goals with further input. The motion was seconded by Mayor Parker.

Commissioner Clark said that she wants the goals to be more specific and use the comments from the CAC.

Mayor Morrison said she will not support the motion because the principles set the motion for the entire plan and she does not want the consultant to be able to change direction.

The motion passed by majority vote with one dissenting vote by Mayor Morrison.

06-217 RESOURCE ALLOCATION FOR 2008-2035 PLAN AND 2009-2014 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Casper indicated that he and Commissioner Williams met with Ms. Jennifer Finch and Ms. Heather Copp of CDOT regarding the CDOT proposal of resource allocation. Mr. Casper said that no agreement has been reached between PPACG and CDOT on resource allocation. Mr. Casper said that the MOU specifically states that PPACG funding will be at 9.48% plus or minus one percent and CDOT is funding PPACG at the 3.6% level. Mr. Casper requested that a meeting be set between the PPACG Board and CDOT/Transportation Commission.

Vice Mayor Larry Small arrived at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Casper indicated that the revenue projection for the 7th pot is that \$591 million will be available from 2009 through 2014. Mr. Casper said that CDOT has proposed to allocate \$118 million for the Powers Boulevard and I-25 projects.

Mr. MacDonald said that CDOT's position is that the MOU is a planning document more than an agreement of funding levels. Mr. MacDonald said that CDOT has proposed to allocate funds to the six planning regions around the state. In addition, CDOT has a statewide pool of \$7-\$8 billion for performance-based needs. Mr. MacDonald stated that he would like to see the statewide pool included in the amount of money that will be funded to the Pikes Peak Region.

Dr. Null said that several years ago, he and some other Board members went to Pueblo to argue for fair share and urged the Board to take action. Mayor Morrison said that a lot of work went into the agreement with CDOT and fully supports continued negotiations.

Councilmember Heimlicher made a motion to approve PPACG staff development of the revenue forecasts for the long-range plan using CDOT information and set a meeting with CDOT to discuss the funding. Vice Mayor Small seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

06-218 2006 OFFICER ELECTIONS FOR PPACG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mr. MacDonald reminded the Board of the process for the election of officers at the annual meeting in January. A nominating committee is formed to select a slate of officers. The nominating committee will consist of Commissioner Hisey, Mayor Morrison, and Vice Mayor Small.

06-219 2007 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Ms. Young said that she will be following the upcoming legislative session closely to follow any bills that may impact PPACG program areas. Ms. Young said that she would send out a list of the legislative delegation.

Mr. MacDonald said that there will be a meeting set up with the state delegation and the PPACG Board to discuss the regional issues.

06-220 GOOGLE EARTH OVERVIEW

Mr. Casper introduced Google Earth[®], a planning tool that PPACG will begin to use. Mr. Casper said it will be used to enhance communication and planning efforts for the Plan and said it will be available for use from our website. Mr. Casper gave a demonstration.

Mr. Casper said the cost of the program is \$400 for Google Earth Professional[®] software and \$300 for the GIS software.

Mayor Stevens said that this level of information will be beneficial to the commuters for information regarding the numerous construction projects in the region. Mr. Casper said that the pictures are live traffic cameras, and the information will be available by March 2007.

Mayor Howells departed at 10:45 a.m.

Mayor Morrison departed the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

06-221 COMMUNICATION ITEMS

There were no questions.

06-222 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. MacDonald highlighted his trip to Atlanta for the National Conference on Education for Military Connected Communities.

06-223 PPACG FINANCIAL REPORTS

There were no questions.

06-224 MEMBER ENTITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Clark reported that there will be a meeting on Friday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Regional Building. The topic will be the Steering Committee's recommendations for the Fountain Creek Visioning group. Commissioner Clark said that a process is being developed and the search for funding has started.

Mr. Casper said the February Board meeting conflicts with the CDOT meeting regarding resource allocation.

06-225 ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Stevens adjourned the meeting at 11:00 am