



MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOARD)
Wednesday, February 14, 2007
9:00 a.m.
PPACG Conference Room

MEMBERS PRESENT

Town of Green Mountain Falls
City of Colorado Springs
Town of Palmer Lake
City of Colorado Springs
City of Colorado Springs
City of Fountain
City of Manitou Springs
City of Woodland Park
El Paso County
El Paso County
Public Transportation Representative
Teller County

MEMBERS ABSENT

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

REPRESENTED BY

Mayor Tyler Stevens, 1st Vice Chair
Councilmember Jerry Heimlicher, 2nd Vice Chair
Mayor Malcolm "Max" Parker, Secretary
Vice Mayor Larry Small
Councilmember Darryl Glenn
Councilmember Sharon Brown
Mayor Pro Tem Mark Morland
Mayor Gary Crane
Commissioner Sallie Clark
Commissioner Dennis Hisey
Dr. James Null
Commissioner Jim Ignatius

REPRESENTED BY

Commissioner Chris Neumann
Mayor Ed Libby
Mayor Kathy Justice
Commissioner Terry Schooler
Commissioner Wayne Williams, Chair
Mr. Wes Clark
Coroner Sharon Morris
Mayor Mark Dowaliby
Mayor Gary Reimers
Mayor Fred Boyce
Mayor Byron Glenn, Treasurer

GUESTS

Citizens, consultants, committee members, and staff from member governments

STAFF

Mr. Robert MacDonald, Executive Director
Mr. Craig Casper, Transportation Director
Mr. Mike Decker, PPAAA Director
Ms. Mary Frye, Transportation Planner
Mr. Aaron Klibaner, Regional Planning Manager
Ms. Barb Louricas, Executive Secretary
Mr. Rich Muzzy, Environmental Program Manager
Mr. Jason O'Brien, Transportation Planner

Mr. Rob O'Connor, Military Impact Program Manager
Ms. Yolanda Roberts, Transportation Technician
Ms. Margaret Shelton, Accounting Manager
Ms. Jennifer Young, Policy and Communications Manager

1. INTRODUCTIONS & CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Stevens established a quorum for the Board of Directors. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Introductions were made.

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Clark made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Ignatius seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no comments.

4. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 10, 2007 MEETINGS

Commissioner Hisey made a motion to approve the minutes of both the January 10, 2007 annual and regular meetings. Commissioner Ignatius seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- Site Application for Falcon Highlands Reuse Wastewater Treatment Facility
- FY-2007 Through FY-2012 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #7
- Membership Appointments:
 - Community Advisory Committee
 - Transportation Advisory Committee

Mayor Crane made a motion to approve the items on the consent calendar. Commissioner Ignatius seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

6. COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Francine Hansen, Chair of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC), said that there are many new members on the CAC. Ms. Hansen requested that the Board approve a change to the CAC bylaws, which is Agenda Item No. 7A, so that whenever a member is appointed, their term will be three years from the month that they were appointed.

Ms. Hansen said that the CAC reviewed both the 2035 Small Area Forecast and the Human Service Transportation Coordination Study and recommended release for public comment of both documents.

Commissioner Clark inquired if vacancies remain for citizen-at-large representatives for the City of Fountain, Teller County, and Town of Green Mountain Falls. Mr. MacDonald confirmed that those seats were vacant.

7. REVISION TO PPACG COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE BYLAWS

Ms. Jennifer Young, PPACG Policy and Communications Manager, said that the CAC voted to recommend a change to the CAC bylaws and requested that the Board approve the revision, retroactive to December 13, 2006.

Councilmember Heimlicher made a motion to approve the revision to the PPACG Community Advisory Committee bylaws. Commissioner Hisey seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

8. SITE APPLICATION FOR A WASTEWATER PUMP STATION FOR COLORADO SPRINGS AIRPORT

Mr. Rich Muzzy, PPACG Environmental Program Manager, indicated that PPACG staff and the Water Quality Management Committee (WQMC) recommend approval of the lift station site application for a wastewater pump station at the Colorado Springs Airport. However, Mr. Muzzy said that the recommendation is contingent upon the approved design including 3.25 hours of emergency overflow storage at average daily flow and provide firm pumping capacity of 880 gallon per minute peak flow.

Mr. Muzzy indicated that the pump station has been designed by the Army Corps of Engineers to serve the development of the Colorado Springs Airport Business Park. The service area is approximately 934 acres, of which approximately 378 acres will be developed as mixed use commercial, office, and industrial. The wastewater from the lift station will flow to the Las Vegas Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Mayor Parker asked that he be recused from the vote because he has a business relationship with a tenant in the business park.

Mr. Bill Keller, City of Colorado Springs Airport Planning and Development Manager, said that the airport is in concurrence with the conditions of approval. Mr. Keller said that both the Army Corps of Engineers and the Colorado Springs Utilities are also in concurrence.

Vice Mayor Small made a motion to approve the site application for a wastewater pump station for the Colorado Springs Airport Business Park. Councilmember Heimlicher seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

9. SITE APPLICATION FOR FAIRPLAY SANITATION DISTRICT WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Mr. Muzzy reported that a proposed Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) will replace an existing WWTP in Fairplay because the district has not been able to consistently achieve the permitted ammonia limits during cold weather. Mr. Muzzy indicated that PPACG staff and the Water Quality Management Committee (WQMC) sent a letter to Mr. Trevor Messa, Fairplay Sanitation District President, with noted concerns that the proposed WWTP appears to be over-designed and costlier to taxpayers. Mr. Muzzy recommended that the Board approve the proposed Fairplay Wastewater Treatment Plant and include the letter to Mr. Trevor Messa.

Vice Mayor Small inquired why the WWTP was over-designed. Mr. David Stanford, Owner of Aquatest and Project Manager for the Fairplay Sanitation District, indicated that the project is not over-engineered but in the opinion of some may be oversized. Mr. Stanford said that the current permit of the WWTP allows them to discharge 400,000 gallons of wastewater per day. Mr. Stanford explained that the Town of Fairplay owns a water treatment facility that generates 500,000 gallons of water per day.

Mr. Muzzy indicated that the site application meets the requirements of Regulation 22 and is consistent with the Water Quality 208 Plan, but the WQMC felt it was important to include the letter to make the State of Colorado aware of their concerns.

Vice Mayor Small made a motion to approve the Fairplay Wastewater Treatment Plant without attaching the letter. Councilmember Heimlicher seconded the motion.

Councilmember Sharon Brown arrived at 9:22 a.m.

Commissioner Clark inquired if letters are typically sent with these types of applications. Mr. MacDonald said that these types of letters are rare. Commissioner Clark recommended that the Board's position be clarified in another letter stating that the Board of Directors voted in favor of the site application. Commissioner Clark recommended to edit the letter and use only the first sentence of the first paragraph and a portion of the first sentence of the second paragraph starting with "...the site application...". Vice Mayor Small and Councilmember Heimlicher, as the motion maker and the second maker, concurred with the recommended edits made by Commissioner Clark.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

10. PPACG SMALL AREA FORECAST DRAFT: RELEASE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT

Mr. Aaron Klibaner, PPACG Regional Economic Program Manager, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the 2035 Small Area Forecast (SAF). Mr. Klibaner requested that after the presentation, the Board approve the release of the 2035 SAF for a public comment period.

Mr. Klibaner indicated that PPACG staff works with the Colorado State Demographers Office to obtain population and employment control totals at the regional level. There are 676 Transportation Analysis Zones in El Paso and Teller Counties for the 2035 forecast. Mr. Klibaner indicated that El Paso County surpassed Denver County in 2005 as the state's largest county at 565,000 in population. Mr. Klibaner showed maps of population and employment density for the years 2005 and 2035.

Commissioner Clark departed the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

Mr. Klibaner indicated that the Community Advisory Committee, Transportation Advisory Committee, Regional Economic Forum and the Small Area Forecast subcommittee of the Regional Economic Forum reviewed the draft of the 2035 SAF and recommend that the Board approve it for release for public comment.

Mayor Parker made a motion to approve the release of the Draft 2035 Small Area Forecast for public review and comment with minor adjustments to be made during the public comment period. Vice Mayor Small seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

11. HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION STUDY AND PLAN: RELEASE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Mary Frye, PPACG Transportation Planner, requested that the Board approve the release of the Human Services Transportation Coordination Study and Plan for public comment.

Ms. Frye indicated that the Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan is a requirement of SAFETEA-LU to coordinate the various categories of funding for human services transportation services. Ms. Frye provided information on various funding categories and the requirements of the plan.

Ms. Frye reported that Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates was contracted to facilitate the development of the coordination plan, and the consultants worked with the Specialized Transportation Advisory Subcommittee (STAS), a subcommittee of the Transportation Advisory Committee. The consultants included other groups that are not a part of the STAS to provide input to the process. Ms. Frye indicated that the recommendations of the Study are in the Executive Summary.

Dr. Jim Null arrived at 10:00 a.m.

Mayor Parker made a motion to approve the release of the Human Services Transportation Coordination Study and Plan for public review and comment. Commissioner Ignatius seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

12. RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR FEDERAL FUNDING OF STATE STRATEGIC PROJECTS IN THE PIKES PEAK REGION

Mr. Craig Casper, PPACG Transportation Director, said that the Resolution of Support was written to give funding priority to the state strategic corridors whenever earmarked funding is identified.

Mr. Casper indicated that the I-25/SH 16 project recently lost several million dollars in federal earmarks.

Councilmember Heimlicher indicated that the Colorado Springs City Council made the Powers Boulevard/Stewart Avenue interchange their top priority along the Powers Boulevard corridor and requested that the intersection be moved higher in the bulleted list in the resolution. Councilmember Heimlicher said that Colonel Santee indicated that the west gate of Powers Boulevard is heavily congested and considers it Peterson Air Force Base's top priority.

Mr. MacDonald indicated that the resolution will be used as a tool to give the message to CDOT and federal delegates about the important priorities in the Pikes Peak region. He said that when additional funds become available, the list can be used to determine which project can be advanced.

Commissioner Ignatius indicated that Highway 24 is a high priority for the western partners of El Paso County and does not want to impede the progress that has been made. Mayor Crane said that he does not want the I-25/US 24-Cimarron Street Interchange to lose priority on the list.

Mayor Parker made a motion to pass the resolution as written. Commissioner Hisey seconded the motion.

Councilmember Heimlicher requested that the bullet for the Powers Boulevard/Stewart Avenue Interchange with Peterson Air Force Base be moved to the first bullet on the list. Mayor Parker and Commissioner Hisey concurred with the change.

The amended motion passed by majority vote, with one dissenting vote by Mayor Crane.

Dr. Null suggested that a meeting be coordinated of the federal congressional delegation.

Mr. MacDonald indicated that when the Republican/Democratic changeover occurred in Congress, federal earmark funding was truncated and must again be requested as specific funding. The U.S. House has taken action to restore the earmarks, and no action has been taken by U.S. Senate. There were two earmarks for the I-25/SH 16 Interchange that totaled \$8 million and CDOT has received only \$1.8 million for the project.

13. 2007 STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION: RESOLUTIONS OF SUPPORT AND OPPOSITION

Ms. Jennifer Young, Policy and Communications Manager, indicated that the legislative tracking sheet outlines the bills that PPACG is monitoring which may impact PPACG programs.

Ms. Young requested that the Board approve three Resolutions of Support for:

- HB 07-1100 (Increase in the Funding to the Older Coloradans Cash Fund From the State Sales and Use Tax)
- HB 07-1190 (Limiting the Amount of a Sales or Use Tax that is Levied By a Regional Transportation Authority and Administered by the Department of Revenue that the Department Retains)
- HB 07-1232 (Aid for School Districts in Which Pupils Who Are The Dependants of Military Personnel Enroll After October 1)

Ms. Young requested that the Board approve one Resolution of Opposition for:

- HB 07-1002 (Parole Consent to Search), HB 07-1054 (Increase Number of Court Judges), HB 07-1059 (School Security Infrastructure Grant Program), and SB 07-196 (Theft From At-Risk Individuals)

Ms. Young provided funding details on the cost of each of the bills to the programs of PPACG.

Ms. Young also requested that the Board approve an expedient process to approve future resolutions, either in opposition or support of legislation. The recommendation is to have the Executive Committee approve the resolution and subsequently have the Board ratify the approval at the next Board meeting.

Commissioner Hisey requested that the position on HB 07-1069 (Withdraw Consent Federal Eminent Domain) be changed from Monitor to Oppose. PPACG staff will prepare a Resolution in Opposition of HB 07-1069.

Mayor Stevens requested that a one-page document be prepared on how legislation is tracked and who makes the recommendations and suggestions to track legislation and requested that the legislative tracking sheet have a section on the impact to PPACG programs.

Commissioner Hisey made a motion to approve: 1) three Resolutions of Support for legislation, 2) one Resolution of Opposition for legislation, and 3) that a Resolution of Opposition on HB 07-1069 be prepared. Commissioner Ignatius seconded the motion.

Vice Mayor Small requested more information on the process of approval decisions of the Executive Committee of the Board. Mr. MacDonald explained that according to the Bylaws of the Board of Directors, the Board Chair can call a meeting of the Executive Committee and the Executive Committee

can take action on behalf of the Board. The Board then ratifies the decision of the Executive Committee at the next Board meeting.

The motion passed by majority vote, with one dissenting vote by Councilmember Glenn.

Councilmember Glenn indicated that he cannot support the motion because he prefers to monitor rather than oppose HB 07-1054 (Increase Number of Court Judges) until he can learn more about the legislation.

Mr. MacDonald requested that the process for legislative Executive Committee meetings be developed sooner than the March Board meeting so that the bills affecting the PPACG programs can be acted upon in a timely manner.

Mayor Stevens suggested that PPACG staff develop a legislative tracking process including how a position is determined on a bill and circulate the process documentation to the PPACG Board and then attempt to set a special meeting of the Board to test the process. Mayor Parker supported the concept with suggestions to further streamline the process at the March meeting. Vice Mayor Small indicated that he supports the concept with a majority of the Executive Committee involved in any decision, i.e. being more than one vote.

A break was taken from 11:00 a.m. to 11:08 a.m.

14. I-25 CORRIDOR PROJECT BRIEFING

Mr. Casper said that Mr. Tim Harris, CDOT Region 2 Director, acquired \$2 million for COSMIX cost overruns. Mr. Casper introduced Mr. Dave Poling, CDOT Project Manager, to give an update on the COSMIX project.

Mr. Poling indicated that widening of I-25 between Fillmore Street and Garden of the Gods Road to three lanes is completed; the Nevada Avenue /Rockrimmon Boulevard Interchange is two-thirds completed; widening to three lanes of I-25 from Woodmen Road to the North Academy Boulevard Interchange is completed; and the Bijou Street Bridge Interchange is currently being constructed.

Mr. Poling said that a sound wall will be constructed east of the Nevada Avenue/Rockrimmon Boulevard Interchange, known as the Pulpit Rock neighborhood. Sound walls will also be constructed in the next couple of weeks south of the Uintah Street Interchange to protect portions of Monument Valley Park.

Mr. Poling said that current information and photographs concerning the project are available on the website at www.cosmixproject.com.

15. COMMUNICATION ITEMS

Mr. MacDonald indicated that the PPACG Area Agency on Aging *Yellow Book* and a copy of the *1974 State Highway Improvement Requests* were placed on the table. Mr. MacDonald said that a copy of the *Fort Carson Growth Plan Newsletter* was also on the table.

16. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

There were no questions.

17. PPACG FINANCIAL REPORTS

There were no questions.

18. MEMBER ENTITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

19. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Stevens adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.