



COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 17, 2004
3:30 p.m.
PPACG Conference Room

1. Call to Order/Establish Quorum/Introductions

Vice Chairperson Jan Doran called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. Introductions were made and those in attendance were:

Members Present

Ms. Jan Doran, **Vice Chairperson**
Mr. Chuck Erwin
Mr. Dan Spohn
Mr. Steve Rodemer
Dr. Kailash Jaitly
Ms. Donna Bell
Ms. Rose Marie Havel

Representing

Council of Neighborhood Organizations
El Paso County
El Paso County
Citizen at Large
City of Colorado Springs
Citizen at Large
League of Women Voters

Members Absent

City of Fountain
Town of Palmer Lake
Town of Green Mountain Falls
Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce
Teller County
Town of Monument
City of Manitou Springs

Guests

Al Brody, Colorado Springs Cycling Club

PPACG Staff

Ms. Mary Frye	Transportation Planner
Mr. Warren Whiteaker	Senior Transportation Planner
Mr. Ken Prather	Transportation Planner
Ms. Sandi Heller	Administrative Assistant

2. Agenda Approval

Mr. Rodemer moved to approve the agenda as written; the motion was seconded by Mr. Spohn and was unanimously approved.

3. Public Comments

Mr. Brody spoke regarding articles appearing in the Gazette. His opinion is that these articles are dangerous and irresponsible in that they, in his opinion, promote vehicles reaching dangerous speeds on public roadways. He provided examples of these articles and asked that the committee endorse to the Board more prudent journalism. Mr. Rodemer moved to approve the endorsement; the motion was seconded by Ms. Havel and was unanimously approved.

4. Approval of the September 22, 2004 Meeting Minutes

Dr. Jaitly moved to adopt the minutes as written. Ms. Havel seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

5. Report on Action Taken by the PPACG Board of Directors

Ms. Heller reported on the following items from the November 10, 2004 Board Meeting:

Four action items:

- Regional Advisory Council membership approved
- 2004-2009 TIP Amendment #11 was approved and 2005-2010 TIP Amendment #1 was approved
- The Board made a recommendation to the Colorado Air Quality Control Commission to extend the Basic Inspection/Maintenance Program (emissions testing) until December 2006. The Air Pollution Control Division (APCD) was present at the Board meeting and they are going to recommend ending the program December 2005. The AQCC will meet in February 2005 to make their decision about the future of the program.
- The OAC Title III Budget for Calendar Year 2005 was approved.

Non-action items:

- I-25 Corridor Construction Status Report from Dave Poling of CDOT
- Established a nominating committee for new officers for 2005 for the Board of Directors
- Saw the Family Caregiver Program Commercial
- Discussed PPACG Work Program for 2005 and the CDOT MOU

6. 2030 Regional Transportation Plan Development Process Evaluation Workshop

Ms Frye initiated the plan process evaluation and asked attendees to write brief statements regarding improvement to the process. She informed the group that

PPACG staff and other committees will conduct the same evaluation. These results were processed and prioritized with the Top priority being "Better understanding of project submission better connections linking projects to goals and objectives." Ms. Frye distributed a questionnaire for members to fill out at and return at the next CAC meeting.

7. Membership Update

Ms. Heller informed the group that a review will be initiated of member entities, membership of voting, alternate, and non-voting positions as indicated in the bylaws of the Community Advisory Committee. This review will be done to clarify to the officials of the CAC the exact roster in an effort to verify a quorum.

8. Transportation Enhancement/Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Project Selection Process

Mr. Whiteaker announced plans to initiate a new process in the selection of transportation enhancement projects and explained criteria regarding how funding will be distributed among regional projects. He also explained the draft guidelines for congestion mitigation with a focus on projects not included in the Transportation Improvement Plan. CMAQ projects will be indicated in the plan but will contain no specifics. It was noted that PPACG has been discussing this selection process with the TAC and TES committees to provide consistency in planning. Projects that meet specific criteria will determine how the funding is allocated. Mr. Whiteaker stated that enhancement projects are a priority. Mr. Rodemer asked about the consistency of the projects and how the projects will be decided upon. Mr. Whiteaker explained the additional threshold criteria for transportation enhancement projects.

Additionally, Mr. Whiteaker pointed out the schedule and explained the steps in the packaging process. The group was asked for input. Mr. Erwin asked for a minimum reduction of congestion by 5% amended to bullet point #1 under Additional Threshold Criteria For CMAQ Projects. Dr. Jaitly asked about grants as funding streams. Mr. Whiteaker commented that there are creative ways to put together funds and grants which are all acceptable.

Mr. Erwin commented that the CMAQ Evaluation Criteria should include "Reduces congestion minimum of 5%." This is to encourage projects to be completed in a timely manner. Mr. Whiteaker said the final Project Selection Process Plan package will be ready by January.

9. Election of Officers

Ms. Frye explained to the committee that, per the bylaws of the CAC, the Nominating Subcommittee may be convened in order to form a slate from which to elect officers. The committee agreed to this. The subcommittee will meet between now and January in the event there is no December meeting. Dr. Jaitly is the chair and Mr. Rodemer and Ms. Doran are participating members.

10. CAC Liaison Reports

- Mr. Prather reported with regard to the issue presented by Mr. Muzzy at the September 15, 2004 meeting on ozone issues and emissions testing. It was noted that the EPA approved removal of federal enforceability of emissions testing. Enforcement will revert to individual states.
- Ms. Doran reported that she had attended a follow up meeting with the RTA and that Council of Neighborhood Organizations was very happy with the outcome.

9. Communications and Announcements

None.

11. Action Items for Next Meeting

Ms. Doran will report back to the CAC committee with the Nomination Subcommittee's findings.

12. Adjournment

Ms. Doran moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Erwin seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.