



RTA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2015

1) Welcome and Introductions

Mayor Suthers thanked everyone for coming. Discussed how the City for Champions projects are important to the future of Colorado Springs and the Pikes Peak Region. Meeting turned over to Jeff Greene, Chief of Staff.

2) General Comments

Chief Greene introduced the City for Champions video.

3) Approval

Chief Greene opened the review of RTA Advisory Board Rules of Procedure for comment. Turned the floor over to Wynetta Massey. She discussed the last draft of the Rules of Procedure. David Neville discussed his questions regarding the draft. Bob Cope was confirmed as City for Champions Project Manager. Initial appointments were confirmed in 2014. Wynetta Massey to provide a copy of the Code of Ethics Compliance. City Economic Development staff designated to keep the minutes. Bob Cope discussed that the Board is required by the State Resolution to hold at least two meetings per year. For this year, Bob mentioned that it might be effective to have Chief Greene chair the meetings in lieu of the Mayor. Once the Mayor is elected as official Chair he could then designate the Chief of Staff to serve as Chair in his absence. The Chair position will be elected annually. The advisory committee is to manage itself. Members who are to be absent from meetings are to contact the Chair to inform them.

Council President Merv Bennett called for a motion to approve the Rules of Procedure. Motion was seconded, and approved unanimously.

- Board Composition
Each member received a packet with a composition listing Board Members for 2014 and 2015.
- Election of Chair and Vice Chair(s)
Bob Cope requested that election of the Chair would happen immediately following

the meeting. Mayor Suthers was unanimously approved as Chair, and Vice Chair Amy Lathen was also unanimously approved.

4) Call to Order – Roll Call

Present 16 – Mayor John Suthers, Chief of Staff Jeff Greene, Council President Merv Bennett, County Commission Chair Amy Lathen, Dick Celeste, Charlie Sweet, Becky Medved, Dan Stuart, Doug Price, Doug Quimby, Julian Flores, Marvin Strait, Mike Gould, Susan Edmondson, Bob Cope, and Wynne Palermo.

Absent 4 – Brigadier General Evan Miller (no longer at the Academy), Luke Travins, Lynne Telford, Henry Yankowski

5) Financing Entity Reports

Jim Rees – The resolution between the City, URA, and RTA is required to meet certain guidelines before the Authority can spend money. The EDC provides the guidelines/checklist. URA provides a quarterly report.

- a. Olympic Museum Hall of Fame – This project has the biggest list of items to be completed. All design concepts have been executed. Cooperation agreement is completed and signed by URA. Long-term license agreement completed. Exhibit agreement completed. Agreement with USOC completed. Exhibit designer and architect have been selected. Discussed shuttle service survey.
- b. Event Center – Cooperation agreement exists in draft form. Waiting on EDC's comments. The City will stand in for the Event Center until there is a board or authority in place.
- c. UCCS – Agreement between UCCS and URA has been approved and signed by the EDC. Commencement of work continues to move forward.
- d. Air Force Academy Visitor Center– Currently exploring an enhanced use lease/public-private partnership to develop the Visitor Center. The uses have to be related to the Air Force Academy. Draft agreement in hand this week between the URA and the Air Force Academy. Approval by the EDC planned by October.
- e. URA and City have a cooperation agreement in place. Received \$760,632.00 as first payment from the State. Spent \$20,000 on preparing agreements thus far. Payments are received from the State annually.

6) Applicant Update

Bob Cope stated that the guiding document for City for Champions is the resolution passed by the State. The City is going through the land development review process currently, working diligently to make sure there is support where it is required to assist in infrastructure development.

7) Project Element Status Reports

Charlie Sweet discussed having the design team selected and designs completed by June, 2018, with construction beginning by December, 2018. There might also be a pediatric element to the center.

Dick Celeste discussed the USOM project element updates. Jeff Kraft at OEDIT, who is in charge of this aspect, has been invited to all of the meetings with architects where design decisions are being made. The project is now at 95% completion on the schematic designs. Board is approved to move forward with design development. Approval is based on the ability of the designers and architects to remain on budget while moving forward. Raised \$45M, with \$35M remaining. International Olympic Committee will agree this week that the USOM in Colorado Springs is now considered *the* National Olympic Museum. The team is currently organizing an Athlete Advisory Committee, to include Paralympians. The project has to break ground early Spring to meet the deadline set forth by the resolution.

Bob Cope discussed the Sports and Event Center. Can anticipate that project will come very near the State's requirement of the December 2018 Commencement of Substantial Work. Private sector will take the existing feasibility study and build upon it. The Mayor discussed public resistance. He mentioned we need a more in-depth feasibility study. He has set about to get a privately funded feasibility study completed to determine if this can be done on a private financing basis, and if not, to decipher the public funding needed to go to a vote. Mayor is confident that he will have commitments for private funding for the feasibility study early Fall, with the study commencing in January.

The RTA Advisory Board is a requirement of the State EDC and the resolution. They laid out the roles and responsibilities clearly, and recited in the rules that Wynetta (Massey) prepared. The responsibility of the RTA Advisory Board is to be advisor to the City regarding financing on the projects as they evolve.

The Air Force is moving forward with an RFQ with their enhanced lease program. The RFQ will include entrepreneurial concepts to generate revenue for the Air Force Academy.

8) Unfinished Business

Board Member Terms (Drawing of Lots)

Becky Medved – 3

Dan Stuart – 3

Doug Price – 3

Doug Quimby – 2

Julian Flores – 1

Lynne Telford – 1

Marvin Strait – 1

Mike Gould – 2

9) New Business

Mike Gould asked if there will be a fifth project, initiative, or tourism draw to the RTA resolution. Bob Cope clarified that existing funding cannot be allocated to other projects.

The group will convene in November.

10) Public Comment / Public Input

Bill Murray addressed the board. He mentioned if he is to go in front of the public and ask for their support he needs absolute transparency.

Chief Greene mentioned that Mr. Celeste and his team have issued an application through the City through the normal process. The City is identifying the required infrastructure for this project, and all other projects within the Southwest Urban Renewal District.

11) Board Member Comments

No comments.

12) Adjourn