



RTA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2015

1) Welcome and Introductions

Chairman Jeff Greene discussed the great collaboration between the City and the County.

2) Call to Order – Roll Call

Present 16 - Jeff Greene, Merv Bennett, Amy Lathen, Andie Doyle for Dick Celeste, Charlie Sweet for Pam Shockley-Zalabak, Luke Travins, Becky Medved, Dan Stuart, Doug Price, Lynne Telford, Marvin Strait, Mike Gould, Susan Edmondson, Bob Cope, Henry Yankowski, Wynne Palermo

Absent 2 - Doug Quimby, Julian Flores

3) Approval of Minutes

Minutes were unanimously approved.

4) Communications - Nothing new to report.

5) Project Element Status Reports

USAFA Gateway Visitor Center - Mr. Carlos Cruz-Gonzales provided an update. The Air Force General Council asked that they engage in additional research on Air Force property, and conduct congressional notifications. They will post RFQs in the Federal system. Proposal evaluations to take them late into 2016. The secretary of the Air Force will make a selection, and the design and construction will begin afterward.

Sports and Event Center – Mr. Bob Cope provided an update. Mayor is working on a feasibility study that will clarify the vision in early 2016, to include economic viability of the project. Has until Dec 2018 to define Commencement of Substantial work to satisfy the resolution.

UCCS – Mr. Charlie Sweet provided an update. Partners and program in place by March 2017. Building design and construction to begin within that year. Required to provide service-based programs for the elite athletes. These services include performance-based testing, bio mechanics, medically based fitness, orthopedics, and physical therapy, along with three centers of excellence.

USOM – Andie Doyle provided an update. In 2018 they will be hosting the international delegation of museums. Groundbreaking in spring 2016. Target opening is February, 2018 to coincide with the Winter Games. Estimates 350,000 annual visitors; with 80% being tourists. Estimates 60 permanent new jobs. Catalyst in Southwest Urban Renewal Zone; estimated \$50 million new sales tax revenue in community over 30 years.

- 6) Financing Entity Report - Jim Rees spoke for the Urban Renewal Authority. EDC has put together a spreadsheet on the items that need to be done. The URA has now negotiated the cooperation agreements with each entity. They have attained bond council and an underwriter for the Olympic Museum. Will be getting another allocation from the state at the end of the month for all the projects. They will put the funds into different accounts, based upon percentages for each project.
  
- 7) Applicant Update - Bob Cope mentioned that it has been a relatively quiet year for these projects, and therefore the entities have been able to focus and begin to and/or continue to make progress.

The RTA Advisory Board will continue to provide input and oversight.

City for Champions was meant to be a catalyst project. The City is currently working with the Colorado Springs Urban Renewal Authority and master developer of SW downtown. More changes taking place in 2016.

Preliminary conceptual study will be done for the Downtown Urban Renewal area to ensure that there is enough parking sufficient to handle the changes that will take place due to the downtown City for Champions projects. The City Parking Enterprise will also play a role in this mission.

City collaborating with the design team on the design and funding for the envisioned bridge over the railroad tracks to America the Beautiful Park. The bridge has been in the plans prior to the City for Champions projects. Jan – Feb 2018 is the projected date of build.

Other infrastructure will take place in the Olympic Museum area downtown, to include upgrades to Vermijo and Sierra Madre, through private/public partnership.

The projects stand to receive \$120M from the State.

- 8) Unfinished Business – Nothing new to report.
- 9) New Business – Nothing new to report.
- 10) Public Comment / Public Input - David Andrews mentioned that he is thankful these projects are moving forward.
- 11) Board Member Comments - Vice Chair Amy Lathen discussed the positive changes associated with these catalyst projects, to include jobs and economic growth.  
  
Mr. Strait asked about membership rotation. This will be on the agenda for the first meeting in 2016 per Mr. Cope.
- 12) Adjourned