



RTA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
AUGUST 6, 2020 – 9:00 A.M.  
ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING

- 1) Welcome and Introductions  
Chief of Staff Jeff Greene welcomed everyone to the meeting. Sherry Hoffman called the roll. Motion passed to excuse all not in attendance.
- 2) Call to Order – Roll Call  
  
Richard Skorman – absent  
Mark Waller – absent  
Governor Dick Celeste - present.  
Venkat Reddy – absent. Charlie Sweet Johnson represented UCCS.  
Colonel Houston – absent. Carlos Cruz-Gonzales represented USAFA.  
Luke Travins – present  
Becky Medved – present  
Dan Stuart – present  
Doug Price – present  
Doug Quimby – present  
Julian Flores – present  
Lynne Telford –present  
Marvin Strait – present  
Mike Gould – present  
Susan Edmondson – present  
Bob Cope – present  
Amy Folsom – present  
Randy Case – present
- 3) Approval of Minutes  
Jeff Greene called for an approval of the minutes. Motion to approve by Charlie Sweet. Seconded by Dan Stuart. Motion to approve passed unanimously.
- 4) Communications  
There were no communications items brought forward.
- 5) Board Member Appointments

Jeff Greene recommended reappointments of Susan Edmondson, Mike Gould, and Doug Quimby. Motion to approve moved forward by Lynne Telford and seconded by Doug Price. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

6) Election of Officers

Bob Cope requested a motion to nominate Mayor Suthers to continue as chair, with Chief of Staff Jeff Greene as his designated alternate. Motion made to approved and seconded. Motion to approve passed unanimously. A request to nominate Vice-Chair was also moved forward, however, neither nominee was in attendance.

7) Project Element Status Updates

a) USAFA - Dan Schnepf provided an update on the USAFA project. The project team is pursuing multiple options for the issuance of bonds while the financial markets stabilize from the impacts of COVID.

b) USOPM – Peter Mauirro provided an update for the USOPM project. Official ribbon cutting and grand opening held on July 31<sup>st</sup>. Dick Celeste also expressed that part of what makes this such a real and personal experience is that guest services staff includes Olympic or Paralympic athletes. Part of the ambition was for this building to be totally accessible to everyone to enjoy, despite any disability. Discussed the pedestrian bridge that will tie the City's trails to the museum.

c) UCCS – Steve Johnson introduced Bill Lueke, Director of the Sports Medicine and Performance Center, as well as provided a quick update on the project. The facility includes a 150-seat lecture hall, 9 instructional labs, 9 student common areas, 7 research labs, 45 staff offices, and 6 classrooms. Bill Lueke discussed the clinical side opening on June 30<sup>th</sup>, which was two months behind their goal date due to Covid-19. Clinical focuses include orthopedic sports medicine, primary care sports medicine, Penrad imagining center, regenerative medicine, therapy and rehabilitation, occupational therapy, athletic training, body composition and bone health, performance training (also open to the public), occupational and tactical training, altitude and environmental training and facilities (from sea level to 19,000 ft). The space holds 16 examine rooms.

d) CSEC

i. Robson Arena – Lesley Irvine provided an update on Robson Arena. Multi-purpose space with 3,400 seats. Exterior footprint approximately 65,000 square feet. Completion date summer 2021. Using a branding activation company to decorate the building to showcase Colorado College and Colorado Springs.

ii. Weidner Stadium – Nick Ragain provided an update on Switchbacks downtown stadium. Some facts he shared include: 8,000-seat stadium; 5,000 season tickets sold; \$34M-\$40M project, with more costs coming in; adjacent mixed-use development (Weidner Apartment Homes). Will be hosting many types of events. The Sky Club will be on the top level, the Founders Club will be on the second floor, and the Field Club will be situated on the ground level. Working now with a food service partner and logistics around Covid-19 protocol to create a cashless experience. Best seats on the house are on the west

side looking east. Also, will have LED lighting, canopies, screen, and sculpture that will add a festive visual experience and brand recognition with one cohesive message.

- 8) **Financing Entity Report**  
Randy Case provided the Financing Entity report. The report included a financial summary of C4C project related expenditures and current account balances of each project.
- 9) **Applicant Update**  
Bob Cope provided an Applicant update. Since the last meeting, the Colorado Springs Sports Authority has been formed and stood up. The Chair is Phil Lane, Nick Ragain is the Switchbacks designee, Lesley Irvine is Colorado College's designee, Doug Martin represents the Colorado Springs Sports Corporation, and Aron McGuire represents the NGBs. The USAFA project has some work to do, and we are going to do whatever it takes to ensure its success.
- 10) **Unfinished Business**  
There were no unfinished business items brought forward.
- 11) **New Business**  
Randy Case invited the Board to take advantage of the tours that are taking place for each project element that is currently offering them.
- 12) **Board Member Comments**  
Dan Stuart praised Bob Cope for his contributions. He also mentioned how terrific the infrastructure looks on Vermijo. Jeff Greene praised Jeff Finn for his work on the beautification of that area, as well as the great work of Travis Easton and Ryan Phipps.
- 13) **Public Comment / Public Input**  
There was no public comment.
- 14) **Adjourn**