

Pikes Peak Regional Building Department

2880 International Circle
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80910

ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

July 21, 2021

12:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Darin Tiffany, Engineer
Vice Chair Richard Applegate, City of Fountain
Vince Colarelli, Building A or B Contractor
Jeff Finn, Citizen-at-Large
Christine Riggs, Architect
Loren Moreland, Building A, B or C Contractor
Kelly Elliott, Town of Monument
David Wilson, Town of Palmer Lake
John Graham, City of Manitou Springs

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chris Quinn, Green Mountain Falls

OTHERS PRESENT: Roger Lovell, Regional Building Official
Jay Eenhuis, Deputy Building Official – Plans
John Welton, Deputy Building Official - Inspections
Erin Garcia, Director of Finance
Matt Matzen, Permit Supervisor
Linda Gardner, Executive Administrative Assistant

The Advisory Board meeting was conducted in a hybrid form, allowing Committee members, Department staff, and the public to attend in person at the Pikes Peak Regional Development Center, 2880 International Circle, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80910, Room 100-14, or virtually via a program called Microsoft Teams live events, which is accessible via Pikes Peak Regional Building Department's website Boards & Committees' page at: <https://www.pprbd.org/Information/Boards>.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Darin Tiffany called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

2. CONSIDERATION OF THE JUNE 16, 2021 ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

A motion was made by Vince Colarelli to **APPROVE** the June 16, 2021 Advisory Board Minutes as written, seconded by Christine Riggs; the motion carried unanimously.

3. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Colorado Springs Chamber & EDC Presentation by Dirk Draper.

Dirk Draper appeared and gave a brief overview of new initiatives that the Chamber and EDC (CSCEDC) will be working on in 2021. He stated the CSCEDC is continuing to pursue the U.S. Space Command; it has been a big topic in the community for the past several years. He stated the CSCEDC worked this past year with the QUAD Innovation Partnership; it is a partnership of students from Colorado College, Pikes Peak Community College, UCCS, and the Air Force Academy who come together a couple times a year and form a consulting consortium and work on community issues. The current project is mapping our entrepreneurial ecosystem. Mr. Draper stated the CSCEDC is working on three new projects in its economic development work: (a) Swire Coca Cola; (b) Peak Technology Campus; and (c) Project Triangle. He stated Colorado Springs will be hosting the first drone soccer competition in the country. Mr. Draper stated he plans to retire at the end of the year, and the CSCEDC is currently searching for a new CEO.

- b) AIA Report by Christine Riggs.

Christine Riggs presented the AIA Report. She stated HB21-1147 is removing the requirement where architects have to fill out duplicate forms that are only for Colorado State to keep the continuing education documented. She stated HB21-1303: Global Warming Potential for Public Project Materials is for public projects and dealing with the carbon embodiment in building materials. HB21-1286: Energy Performance for Buildings will require anything over 50,000 square feet, whether it is a public project or not, to benchmark their energy consumption and report that. HB21-1238 and SB21-261 deals with the utility companies and greenhouse gas emissions that they are applied to and how they will have to report on those as well in keeping track of renewable energy sources.

- c) 2020 Audit Report.

Steve Hochstetter and Courtney Vance appeared virtually and presented the 2020 Audit Report. Mr. Hochstetter stated they encountered no difficulties in dealing with RBD management in performing and completing this audit. In his opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Department as of December 31, 2020, and the changes in its financial position and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the USA.

Ms. Vance stated total revenues increased by \$2,378,332 due to increased number of permits and fees; total expenditures increased by \$1,842,578 due to increased staffing

levels and increased pension expense; and net position has increased by \$3,508,680 to \$17,763,143 in 2020 due to higher revenue than expenses and the change in the pension expense as calculated by required by GASB 68. Assets and deferred outflows exceed liabilities and deferred inflows by \$17,763,143.

Ms. Vance stated the capital assets increased by approximately \$4,000,000 from 2019 due primarily to the addition of land, and the building in progress on that land. This increase is offset by a decrease in the deferred outflows of resources. This increase in deferred outflows as well as the deferred inflows of resources and the liabilities all relate to the Colorado State Pension Plan and OPED Plan, which the Department participates in. Therefore, it is required to show its proportionate share of these deferred outflows, the liabilities and the deferred inflows. These changes are largely due to the changes in the Colorado State Reports themselves.

4. **CHANGES/POSTPONEMENTS/NOTICE OF NEXT MEETING**

August Advisory Board meeting date and time: Wednesday, August 18, 2021, beginning at 12:30 p.m. The meeting will be conducted in a hybrid form: in person at the Pikes Peak Regional Development Center, 2880 International Circle, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80910, Room 100-14, and virtually. Sufficient and timely instructions for public participation will be made available at: <https://www.pprbd.org/Information/Boards>.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT SCHEDULED ON THE AGENDA**

Public comments on items not scheduled on the agenda shall be limited to three (3) minutes.

6. **BUILDING OFFICIAL REPORTS/NON ACTION ITEMS**

- a) Financial Statement through June 30, 2021.

Erin Garcia presented the financial statement for the month of June 2021. She said for the month of June, the operating cash balance ended at \$15,210,445 with a cash balance as a percent of budget of 76 percent. She said the monthly revenue was \$2,009,738, which year-to-date is 56 percent of budget. Ms. Garcia stated the expenditures were \$1,378,900, and year-to-date expenses were at 45 of budget. The net gain for June was \$630,838, and year-to-date net income is \$2,313,892. She stated plan check fees continue to exceed 2020 amounts; said plan check fees are 25 percent more than this same time in 2020.

b) Building Report through June 30, 2021.

Matt Matzen presented the Building Report for the month of June 2021. He said there were 445 single-family houses permitted in June, which was 18.98 percent less than this time last year. He stated there were 62 commercial building permits, which was an increase of 169.57 percent difference from this time last year. Mr. Matzen said the total valuation of permits issued in June for residential homes was \$164,700,049, which was 22.80 percent more than this same time last year; and year-to-date the total valuation of residential permits was \$1,050,116,000, which was an increase of 23.59 percent from this same time last year. He stated the total valuation for commercial permits was \$33,395,429 for the month, which was an increase of 33.35 percent from this same time last year. Mr. Matzen stated the total valuation year-to-date across all permits was \$2,196,724,206, which is an increase of 4.86 percent from the previous year. He said there were 8 permits with a valuation over \$3 million in June.

c) Plan Report through June 30, 2021.

Jay Eenhuis presented the Plan Review Report for the month of June 2021. There were 470 single family plans, which was an increase of 15 percent compared to June of the previous year; 142 new commercial plans, which was an increase of 330 percent; and a total of 1,876 plans for the month of June, which was an increase of 31 percent compared to June 2020. Mr. Eenhuis stated the Plan Review Department performed 5,004 solo reviews in June, and 393 walk-through reviews, for a total of 5,397 logged reviews for June 2021, which was an increase of 33 percent from the previous year.

d) Inspection Report through June 30, 2021.

John Welton presented the Inspection Report for the month of June 2021. He said the inspectors in all departments did a total of 30,947 inspections in June, with a total of 73 field inspectors. He said each inspector averaged 19.1 inspections per day, and the average available time per inspection was 19.4 minutes. He stated currently he has two positions that he is trying to fill, i.e. one mechanical inspector and one plumbing inspector.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION REQUEST(S)

There were no Executive Session requests.

9. BOARD REPORT(S) OR COMMENT(S)

There were no Board Reports or comments.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS

There were no future agenda item requests.

11. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Roger N. Lovell".

Roger N. Lovell
Regional Building Official
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