

Pikes Peak Regional Building Department

2880 International Circle
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80910

REGIONAL BUILDING COMMISSION MINUTES

January 27, 2022

2:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Tom Strand, Colorado Springs City Council
Vice Chair Don Wilson, Mayor of Monument, Colorado
Carrie Geitner, El Paso County Commissioner

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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

The Regional Building Commission meeting was conducted in a hybrid form, allowing Commission 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 Tom Strand called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A motion was made by Carrie Geitner to re-elect Tom Strand as the 2022 Chair of the Regional Building Commission; seconded by Don Wilson; the motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Carrie Geitner to re-elect Don Wilson as the 2022 Vice Chair of the Regional Building Commission, seconded by Tom Strand; the motion carried unanimously.

3. CONSIDERATION OF THE NOVEMBER 22, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Carrie Geitner to **APPROVE** the November 22, 2021 Regional Building Commission Minutes as written, seconded by Don Wilson; the motion carried unanimously.

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

a) Colorado Springs Chamber & EDC Presentation.

Rachel Beck appeared on behalf of the Chamber & EDC and gave a brief presentation regarding legislation. They have already seen more than 200 bills introduced. She stated the Chamber & EDC has identified three things that they will focus on: (1) diligence in mitigating the effects of the pandemic; (2) housing affordability; and (3) focusing on policies that support their ability to attract, retain, and train a skilled labor pool.

b) Sunshine Act Requirement.

Pursuant to the Colorado Sunshine Act, I, Don Wilson, move that the Regional Building Commission meeting be held on the fourth Thursday of each month beginning at 2:00 p.m. 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 via a program accessible via Pikes Peak Regional Building Department's website Boards & Committee's page, that the Regional Building Commission Meeting Agendas and Minutes for each meeting be posted on the website of Pikes Peak Regional Building Department at www.pprbd.org, and that the meeting Agendas and Minutes be maintained by the Executive Administrative Assistant in the records of Pikes Peak Regional Building Department. Further, the Department designates the following public place within the boundaries of the Department at which it may post a notice no less than twenty-four hours prior to a meeting if it is unable to post a notice online in exigent or emergency circumstances such as a power outage or an interruption in internet service that prevents the public from accessing the notice online: The Department's Public Notice Board located in the atrium of the Department premises, seconded by Carrie Geitner; the motion carried unanimously.

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

The February Regional Building Commission meeting date and time: Thursday, February 24, 2022, beginning at 2:00 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 via a program called Microsoft Teams Live events. Sufficient and timely instructions for public participation will be made available at: <https://www.pprbd.org/Information/Boards>.

6. **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.

There were no Public Comments.

7. ADVISORY BOARD REPORT

Roger Lovell presented the Advisory Board Report.

8. BUILDING OFFICIAL REPORTS/NON-ACTION ITEMS

a) Financial Statement through December 31, 2021.

Erin Garcia presented the financial statement for the month of December 2021. She said for the month of December, the operating cash balance ended at \$14,784,859 with a cash balance as a percent of budget of 74 percent. She said the monthly revenue was \$1,776,361, which year-to-date is 114 percent of budget. She stated the expenditures were \$1,497,092, which year-to-date is 92 percent of budget. The net gain for December was \$279,269, and year-to-date net income is \$4,493,179.

b) Building Report through December 31, 2021.

Matt Matzen presented the Building Report for year-to-date 2021 as follows: 5,072 single-family houses permitted in 2021, which was 0.08 percent increase over 2020. He stated there were 113 total multi-family buildings permitted in 2021, which was a 213.89 percent increase from this same time last year. Mr. Matzen said the total valuation of permits issued in 2021 for residential homes was \$1,901,398,251, which was 1.99 percent more than this same time last year. He stated there were 572 total commercial building permits in 2021, which was an increase of 34.91 percent difference from this time last year; and an overall valuation of \$1,275,775,336. Mr. Matzen stated the total valuation year-to-date across all permits was \$4,338,181,602, which is an increase of 10.77 percent from the previous year. He said there were three permits with a valuation over \$3 million in December.

c) Plan Report through December 31, 2021.

Jay Eenhuis presented the Plan Review Report for year-end 2021. There were 4,763 single family plans, which was a decrease of 4 percent compared to 2020; 618 new commercial plans in 2021, which was an increase of 74 percent; and a total of 17,369 plans for 2021, which was an increase of 16 percent compared to 2020. Mr. Eenhuis stated the Plan Review Department performed 58,074 solo reviews in 2021, and 3,689 walk-through reviews, for a total of 61,763 logged reviews for 2021, which was an increase of 18 percent from the previous year. He stated throughout the year of 2021, 94 percent of all plans submitted were submitted electronically.

d) Inspection Report through December 31, 2021.

John Welton stated the Department's inspection staff performed 345,513 total inspections in 2021 (compared to 329,961 in 2020), with 74 inspectors, at an average of 19.4 inspections per day, and the average available time per inspection was 18.9 minutes. He stated electronic inspections for 2021 was 11 percent. He noted that the Department currently has two open inspector positions that it is trying to fill.

e) Permits by Location Report by Greg Dingrando.

Greg Dingrando gave a presentation regarding types of permits issued by location in the Department's jurisdiction.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business.

10. COMMISSIONER REPORT(S) OR COMMENT(S)

There were no Commissioner Reports or Comments.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS

There were no future Agenda item requests.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION REQUEST

There were no Executive Session requests.

13. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Roger N. Lovell
Regional Building Official

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