



RTA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
AUGUST 30, 2019, 10:00 A.M.
CITY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, CONFERENCE ROOM 102

1) Welcome and Introductions
Chief of Staff Jeff Greene welcomed everyone to the meeting. Sherry Hoffman called the roll.

2) Call to Order – Roll Call

Richard Skorman – absent.
Mark Waller – present.
Chris Liedel - present.
Venkat Reddy – absent. Steve Johnson represented UCCS.
Colonel Harris – absent.
Luke Travins – present.
Becky Medved – present.
Dan Stuart – present.
Doug Price – absent.
Doug Quimby – present.
Julian Flores – present by phone.
Lynne Telford – present.
Marvin Strait – present.
Mike Gould – present.
Susan Edmondson – present.
Bob Cope – present.
Amy Folsom – absent. Josh Handley attended on her behalf.
Randy Case – absent.

Jeff Greene called for a motion to excuse those unable to attend. Motion passed unanimously.

3) Approval of Minutes
Jeff Greene called for an approval of the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

- 4) **Communications**
Becky Medved asks for press items to be submitted to the RTA Advisory Board first, if possible.
- 5) **Board Member Appointments**
Bob Cope spoke on behalf of Mayor Suthers, who recommended reappointments for three-year terms for Julian Flores, Lynn Telford, and Marvin Strait. Motion for reappointment passed unanimously.
- 6) **Election of Officers**
Lynne Telford nominated Mayor Suthers to continue as chair, with Chief of Staff Jeff Greene as his designated alternate. Motion to approve passed unanimously.
- 7) **Project Element Status Updates**
 - a) **UCCS** - Steve Johnson presented the UCCS Sports Medicine and Performance Center project update. Centura Health is creating programs specific for Paralympic athletes at the Hybl Center. Altitude facilities and environmental chambers are also included in the facility. Building is fully framed. Interior framing is almost complete on the third floor. First floor foundation was just poured due to weather delays. Expecting 400 + clients a day. Over 1400 students a day will take classes in the facility.
 - b) **USAFA** - Eric Smith gave the U.S. Air Force Academy Gateway Visitor Center project update. Discussed TIF financing, and full support from all entities. Building \$50M worth of improvements to put the Visitor's Center in place, with \$19M dedicated to infrastructure. Will produce approximately 1700 jobs during construction, with an additional 1200 permanent jobs. The 25-year economic impact to the area is estimated at \$2.6B. The BID has been formed. The goal date for bond issuance is November, 2019. True North Commons infrastructure plan is complete. Construction schedule is to begin spring 2020.
 - i. Bob Cope gave an Air Force Academy update for Carlos Cruz-Gonzales. Completing the site development lease with Blue and Silver is number one priority. Anticipates completing by end of September. Working closely with City of Colorado Springs to meet Commencement of Substantial Work, to be completed by September 19th. Once an agreement is reached on the development lease, a Congressional Notification period of 14 days will begin. Afterward, the Air Force Academy can proceed with signing. USAFA waiting on the consultant's submittal of the exhibit concepts. The next step with FF&E is to secure funding to complete the designs.
 - c) **CSEC**
 - i. Laura Neumann presented the update for the Weidner Stadium project. Enhanced the footprint approximately 10,000 ft. A 150-seat restaurant has been added. Centura Health will have a

presence at the Stadium to provide services for the team. An iconic entrance to the Stadium has now been designed. The develop plan was submitted. Forming a metro district for the Stadium. Opening date scheduled for 2021. \$30M project (Stadium only) at this time. Discussed future parking concerns and collaborating with Nor'Wood on solutions, to include a downtown shuttle. Have also addressed the ADA needs. Official ground breaking anticipated end of year. Nick Ragain discussed the NCAA Division II Soccer championship being hosted by Colorado Springs. Mr. Dan Stuart made a motion to support the land use application for Weidner Stadium. Motion passed unanimously.

ii. Bob Cope discussed upgrades with Vermijo, Sierra Madre, and the pedestrian bridge have turned into a \$50M project to complete. Under construction and fully funded. Vermijo and Sierra Madre will be functional at the museum's opening.

iii. Leslie Irvine presented the update on the Robson Arena. Still scheduled to open 2021. Part of the elements of the building will be a team store, as well as retail. Other portions will be used as classroom space. May be adding VIP suites in the arena. Capacity is approximately 3400.

d) USOPM - Chris Liedel gave the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Museum project update. The largest gallery is the Summer Games exhibit. Twelve curriculums are being developed for elementary, middle, and high school aged children. At over 100% funding for capital projects. Looking to open spring 2020.

e) Mr. Stuart made a motion to support the land use application for Robson Arena. Motion passed unanimously.

8) Financing Entity Report

Bob Cope provided an update for the Financing Entity combined with the Applicant Update

9) Applicant Update

a) UCCS and USOPM – Fully funded, under construction, and well on the path to completion.

b) CSEC and USAFA – Still have work to do with the State to get to Commencement of Substantial Work. The State EDC Board understands the approach. An agreement was reached on milestones. Completion of milestones required by December 16, 2019.

- 10) Unfinished Business
None
- 11) New Business
None
- 12) Board Member Comments
None
- 13) Public Comment / Public Input
None
- 14) Adjourn