

# **Pikes Peak Regional Building Department**

2880 International Circle  
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80910

## **ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**

July 19, 2017

12:30 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Robert Todd, Manitou Springs  
Mr. Tom McDonald, Building A or B Contractor  
Mr. Vince Colarelli, Citizen-at-Large  
Mr. Darin Tiffany, Engineer  
Mr. David Wilson, Palmer Lake  
Mr. Richard Applegate, Fountain  
Mr. Dennis Murphy, Monument  
Mr. Chris Quinn, Green Mountain Falls

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mr. Jim Nakai, Architect  
Mr. Edward Pine, Building A, B or C Contractor

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mr. Roger Lovell, Regional Building Official  
Mr. Todd Welch, Regional Building Counsel  
Mr. Jay Eenhuis, Chief Plans Examiner  
Mr. John Welton, Chief Building Inspector  
Ms. Mindy Stuemke, Front Counter Supervisor  
Ms. Linda Gardner, Executive Administrative Assistant

### **PROCEEDINGS:**

Chairman Robert Todd called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

#### **1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a) Colorado Springs Chamber and EDC Presentation by Patrice Lehermeier, Communications Manager

Patrice Lehermeier appeared and stated there were 681 bills in 120 days at the 2017 State Legislature. She stated there were three primary bills regarding transportation, construction defects, and regulatory reform. She stated Bill 267 passed, which is also known as the Hospital Provider Fee.

Ms. Lehermeier stated they are working on an Economic Development Strategic Plan: She stated it is a 5-year plan, and they are reviewing the target industries, and doing a comparative and competitive analysis with other communities to see where they are and how the Colorado Springs area compares to other communities. They are also looking at the team structure to see if this area has the right resources to do what needs to be done.

Ms. Lehermeier stated one of the number one issues is workforce development and the tools to recruit talent. She stated they have a new website called: ChooseColoradoSprings.com. She stated this website streamlines the information for people that are considering a move to the Colorado Springs area.

Ms. Lehermeier stated they are working on a grant through the Office of Economic Development, which was originally awarded to the Pikes Peak Community College, and the EDC is a sub-recipient of this grant. She stated they are creating a Cyber Strategy Plan with Pikes Peak Community College for the entire community. She stated the grant is for almost \$600,000.

## 2. **CONSIDERATION OF THE JUNE 21, 2017 MINUTES**

A motion was made by Dennis Murphy to **APPROVE** the June 21, 2017 Advisory Board Minutes as written, seconded by Darin Tiffany; the motion carried unanimously.

## 3. **BUILDING OFFICIAL REPORTS**

### a) Financial Statement

Ryan Johanson presented the financial statement for the month of June 2017. He said the current operating balance is \$10,271,090, with a budget of \$13,507,129. He said the cash balance is 76.04 as a percent of budget. Mr. Johanson said the current month revenue was \$996,814, and the year-to-date revenue was \$8,423,452. He said the expenditures were \$707,604, which resulted in a gain of \$289,210, for the month of June; and expenditures year-to-date were \$6,912,667, which resulted in a gain of \$1,510,785 for the year. He stated RBD gave discounts in the amount of \$138,486 in June for the Valuation Based Permit Fee Program, implemented on April 1<sup>st</sup>, and \$461,822 year-to-date for this program. Mr. Johanson stated the Licensing Rewards Program has been very successful, and RBD gave discounts for license renewals in the amount \$21,725 in June, and \$121,700 year-to-date. He stated the Budget will be amended in August. Roger Lovell stated RBD will be updating the furnishings in the board room and doing a remodel for RBD's IT Department in the near future.

### b) Building Report

Mindy Stuemke presented the Building Report for the month of June 2017. She said there were 367 single-family houses permitted in June, which is 3.42 percent less than last year at this time; and 37 commercial building permits, which is 105.56 percent more than the previous year. She said the total valuation of permits issued in June was \$35,897,399, which is 251.70 percent more than this same time last year; and the total valuation of permits issued to date in 2017 is \$1,477,008,510, which is a decrease of 1.72 percent over this same time last year. Ms. Stuemke said there were three permits in June

with a valuation over \$3 million. She said the Front Counter is averaging 450 to 500 phone calls per day; and the Licensing Department is averaging 60 phone calls per day. She said the staff at the Front Counter is averaging 120 to 130 people per day; and the Licensing Department is averaging 30 people per day. Ms. Stuemke said there have been 151 single-family home permits to date in July.

c) Plan Report

Jay Eenhuis presented the Plan Report for the month of June 2017. He said there were 405 single family plans, which is an increase of 1 percent compared to June 2016; 47 new commercial plans, which is an increase of 96 percent; and a total of 931 plans, which is an increase of 12 percent compared to June 2016. He stated there were 93 Commercial Plans submitted electronically in June 2017, or a 72 percent increase compared to June 2016; and 99 Residential Plans submitted electronically, which is an increase of 4 percent; for a total of 367 E-Plans in June 2017, a 5 percent decrease from June 2016. Year to date, approximately 43 percent of all plans submitted have been submitted electronically. Mr. Eenhuis stated the Plan Review Department performed 1039 Solo Reviews in June, and 2581 Walk-through reviews, for a total of 3620 logged reviews for June 2017, and 18,352 total reviews year-to-date, which is an increase of 12 percent from the previous year.

d) Inspection Report

John Welton presented the Inspection Report for the month of June 2017. He said the inspectors in all departments did a total of 26,627 inspections in June, with a total of 51 inspectors. He said each inspector averaged 23.7 inspections per day, and the average time per inspection was 15.4 minutes. He stated RBD has hired an additional roofing inspector. He stated RBD is averaging 1,184 inspections per day. He stated RBD has added one mechanical inspector recently.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

a) Update of on Code Changes

Roger Lovell stated all of the Code changes are now on RBD's website, and demonstrated to the Committee how to access the proposed new Code changes. He stated RBD's goal is to implement the new Codes on January 1, 2018. He stated there is a 90-day public comment period, and after that time, the Code will be brought to the Advisory Board and Building Commission for approval, and then to each individual jurisdiction for approval.

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The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger N. Lovell  
Regional Building Official

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