

Pikes Peak Regional Building Department

2880 International Circle
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80910

REGIONAL BUILDING COMMISSION MINUTES

October 25, 2017

3:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Tyler Stevens, Green Mountain Falls Mayor Pro Tem
Mark Waller, El Paso County Commissioner
Tom Strand, Colorado Springs City Council

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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

PROCEEDINGS:

Chairman Tyler Stevens called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Colorado Springs Chamber and EDC Presentation

Patrice Lehermeier appeared and stated they have been focusing on their Economic Development Strategy that creates economic opportunities in Colorado Springs and El Paso County for citizens through assessment of key economic forces, assets and challenge assessment, and implementable recommendations. She stated the process included site visits; demographic, economic, labor, and cluster analysis; and community engagement. She stated the strategy was to identify assets and challenges, benchmarking against peers, competitive realities report, and business sector analysis. Ms. Lehermeier stated Phoenix, Arizona, Salt Lake City, Utah, Reno, Nevada, and Boise, Idaho are similar communities and were used for comparison. She stated the recommendations were to target business sectors, recommendations and winning in Colorado Springs and El Paso County.

Ms. Lehermeier stated they are focusing on target industries, i.e., sports medicine and related health services; professional, scientific and technical services; aviation and specialty manufacturing; and locally, the experience economy such as retail sales, hospitality, recreation, etc.

Ms. Lehermeier stated the recommendations are to enhance the product (advocate for funding, establish a deal closing fund, grow the talent pipeline, development a real estate portfolio, support entrepreneurship in El Paso County), tell the story (implement marketing blueprint and add additional marketing tactics), and executing effectively. She said the prospect activity is up in 2017; industries include aerospace, data centers, financial services, and manufacturing.

Ms. Lehermeier stated they have been leading the campaign on Ballot Question 2A, i.e. the Stormwater Campaign; they have exceeded the fundraising goal, which was \$450,000. She stated for a \$5.00 monthly charge on your utility bill for residential, and \$30.00 per acre for non-residential customers, they can fund this issue with 71 projects around the County.

2. **CONSIDERATION OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2017 MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mark Waller to **APPROVE** the September 27, 2017 Building Commission Minutes as written, seconded by Tyler Stevens; the motion carried unanimously.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no Public Comments to discuss.

4. **ADVISORY BOARD REPORT**

Todd Welch appeared and gave the Advisory Board Report.

5. **BUILDING OFFICIAL REPORTS**

a) Financial Statement

Roger Lovell presented the financial statement for the month of September 2017. He said the current operating balance is \$10,078,215, with a budget of \$15,881,429. He said the cash balance is 63.45 as a percent of budget. Mr. Lovell said the current month revenue was \$2,376,266, and the year-to-date revenue was \$13,629,791. He said the expenditures were \$1,606,880, which resulted in a gain of \$769,386, for the month of September; and expenditures year-to-date were \$10,747,675, which resulted in a gain of \$2,882,116 for the year. He stated RBD gave discounts in the amount of \$117,559 in September for the

Valuation Based Permit Fee Program, implemented on April 1st, and \$921,226 year-to-date for this program. Mr. Lovell stated the Licensing Rewards Program has been very successful, and RBD gave discounts for license renewals in the amount \$23,375 in September, and \$187,550 year-to-date.

b) Building Report

Mindy Stuemke presented the Building Report for the month of September 2017. She said there were 313 single-family houses permitted in September, which is 16.79 percent more than this time last year; and 29 commercial building permits, which is 14.71 percent less than the previous year. She said the total valuation of permits issued in August was \$198,842,623, which is 33.40 percent less than this same time last year; and the total valuation of permits issued to date in 2017 is \$2,356,663,507, which is an increase of 12.02 percent over this same time last year. Ms. Stuemke said there were two permits in September with a valuation over \$3 million. She said there have been 223 single family home permits to date in October. She said the Front Counter staff is seeing 120 walk through customers per day, and the Licensing staff is seeing 30 customers per day. Ms. Stuemke said the phone volume is averaging approximately 405 calls per day.

c) Plan Review Report

Jay Eenhuis presented the Plan Report for the month of September 2017. He said there were 346 single family plans, which is an increase of 37 percent compared to September 2016; 40 new commercial plans, which is an increase of 5 percent; and a total of 795 plans, which is an increase of 29 percent compared to September 2016. He stated there were 71 Commercial Plans submitted electronically in September 2017, or a zero percent increase compared to September 2016; and 118 Residential Plans submitted electronically, which is an increase of 57 percent; for a total of 366 E-Plans in September 2017, a 42 percent increase from September 2016. Year to date, approximately 43 percent of all plans submitted have been submitted electronically. Mr. Eenhuis stated the Plan Review Department performed 792 Solo Reviews in September, and 2,098 Walk-through reviews, for a total of 2,890 logged reviews for September 2017, and 27,905 total reviews year-to-date, which is an increase of 10 percent from the previous year. He stated he plans to hire a new plan reviewer before the end of the year to assist in the growing workload.

d) Inspection Report

John Welton presented the Inspection Report for the month of September 2017. He said the inspectors in all departments did a total of 22,481 inspections in September, with a total of 51 inspectors. He said each inspector averaged 21.1 inspections per day, and the average time per inspection was 17.7 minutes. Mr. Welton stated there are 4,059 roof inspections still remaining to be done, and that number was previously at 15,000.

6. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business to discuss.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS

a) Adoption of the 2017 Pikes Peak Regional Building Code

Roger Lovell stated the Code adoption presentation was heard by the Board of Review this month, but they requested additional information. He stated once the Code is approved by the Board of Review and Advisory Board, it will be heard by the Building Commission. He said once approved by the Building Commission, it will be go before the City, County and five member jurisdictions for approval.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION REQUESTS

There were no Executive Session Requests.

The Building Commissioners decided to move the November Building Commission meeting to November 16, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

The meeting adjourned at 3:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger N. Lovell
Regional Building Official

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