

**ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**

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**Citizen Outreach Group – February 27, 2017**

**Members Present:** Stephanie Adams, Theresa Carter, David Couch, Kelvin Dean, Ed Dills, Lacey Fugleberg, Chance Hill, Sara Poe, Creed Spillane

**Members Absent:** Roland Rainey (Dan Lanotte has resigned)

**County Staff Present:** Sherri Cassidy, Kristina Iodice, Joel Quevillon, Deanna Ruschioni, Tim Wolken

**Commissioners Present:** Darryl Glenn

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The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

**Administrative Items**

- 1) A motion was made to approve the October 31, 2016 meeting minutes; it was seconded and the minutes were approved as written.
- 2) A motion was made to approve the amended 2017 Sunshine Notice; it was seconded and approved as written.
- 3) Sherri Cassidy, County Controller spoke to the 2017 Tentative Meeting Schedule and Location, explaining the updates recently made to it.

**Citizens College**

Joel Quevillon, Public Communications Specialist, addressed the El Paso County Citizens College for 2017. Citizens College is a learning opportunity available to the citizens of El Paso County and it is designed to provide an overview of the El Paso County government including its history, statutory duties, and the programs and services offered to its citizens. This one day session scheduled for Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am – 5:00pm is free to the public. It is tentatively scheduled to take place in the Hearing Room at the Regional Development Building.

This year, in order to provide more time for discussions with County elected officials and County leadership to Citizens College, the attendees will be asked to watch several videos in advance to the April 8<sup>th</sup> date to learn about County offices and departments, and prepare their questions and topics ahead of time to be discussed with the presenters.

There will be a sign-up sheet for registration and the El Paso County Public Information Office will provide the public with more information via County website postings, Facebook, Social Media, CONO (Council of Neighbors and Organizations) and the COG (Citizen Outreach Group). They are looking for people to volunteer as greeters and assist with the coordination of the lunches, etc.



Separately from the Citizens College on April 8<sup>th</sup>, tours of the County Jail and the Coroner's Office will be offered to those who have attended Citizens College. Information regarding the dates for these tours will be provided at a later date.

The City of Colorado Springs will be holding their Citizens College on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **Office of Emergency Management Tour**

Kristina Iodice, Public Information Officer for the Department of Human Services, addressed a request from some of the COG members regarding the possibility of scheduling a tour of the Office of Emergency Management. COG members voted in favor of incorporating a brief COG meeting at this facility and then taking a tour afterwards, possibly during the month of October. COG will be notified once this has been scheduled.

### **Follow-up to the Mercy Christmas Event**

Kristina addressed another question raised in the COG meeting pertaining to the turnout/success of the Mercy Christmas event that took place in December of 2016. She mentioned there was a significant drop in attendance in comparison to previous years and contributed it to a few possible factors: 1) the cold weather on that date, 2) many of the families' needs who attend Mercy Christmas were addressed separately from this event, 3) there was a competing event on that day. Because the need is there for our community, Commissioner Glenn suggested El Paso County start earlier in the year to see if there is some synergy between these two events and begin to coordinate our efforts with them. Kristina also mentioned there was a brief presentation given to the BoCC covering this information and that she would provide this to the COG members in the near future.

### **2017-2021 Strategic Plan Overview**

Tim Wolken, Director of Community Services, gave an overview of the "2017-2021 Strategic Plan" – a summary of El Paso County's intended direction over the next five years to maintain and/or improve desired services for our citizens. He reviewed the Strategic Plan Process & Terminology which incorporates the Vision Statement, Mission Statement, Values, Goals, Strategies and Objectives.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.