

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

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Citizen Outreach Group – March 18, 2019

Members Present: Kelvin Dean, Ed Dills, Annette Hagopian,
Roland Rainey, Creed Spillane

Excused Members: Stephanie Adams, Jeff Aldrich, David Couch

Unexcused Members: MaryAnna Clemons, Arthur Glynn

County Staff Present: Sherri Cassidy, Diana May, Blake Nielsen, Ryan Parsell,
Deanna Ruschioni, Nikki Simmons, Joel Quevillon

Commissioners Present: Mark Waller, Chair, and Longinos Gonzalez, Jr., Vice-Chair

Guests:

A quorum was not present so an informal discussion commenced at 9:35 a.m.

Re-election of the COG Chairperson

Diana May, Assistant County Attorney, addressed the Citizen Outreach Group regarding the re-election of a new 2019 COG Chairperson. During the February 4, 2019 COG meeting, Kelvin Dean was elected as this year’s Chairperson. However, in accordance with the COG bylaws, a member cannot serve as Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson beyond two consecutive years. Since Kelvin served as the Chairperson in both 2017 and 2018, a re-election of this position was scheduled to occur during this meeting; however, since a quorum was not present, the re-election of the 2019 COG Chairperson has been postponed to the April 15, 2019 meeting.

El Paso County Commissioner Chair, Mark Waller, and Commissioner Vice-Chair, Longinos Gonzalez, Jr. addressed the COG members on the following:

- The El Paso County Commissioners passed a resolution opposing the red flag bill, stating that we are going to be a county that upholds the Constitution and honors the Second Amendment.
- Henry Yankowski, County Administrator will be retiring at the end of April, 2019, and the Commissioners have hired Amy Folsom, our current County Attorney to fill this position.

- The Commissioners addressed the blizzard that took place on March 13, 2019. It was the first time the Pikes Peak Regional Office of Emergency Management was activated to respond to a significant emergency, and they complimented this team for doing a tremendous job in rescuing over 1,100 stranded motorists and clearing the roads. The County received positive feedback from the public on their services provided. There should be an after actions report which will assist the County with information they can share with the public regarding safety guidelines and recommendations for future emergency situations.

Administrative Items

- 1) Without a quorum present for this meeting, the vote to approve the February 4, 2019 meeting minutes will be deferred to the April 15, 2019 COG meeting.
- 2) Sherri Cassidy spoke to the updates made to the 2019 Meeting Schedule & Agenda which were decided on in the February 4, 2019 COG meeting; noting that the May 13th COG meeting will now be held at the Office of Emergency Management building with an added tour, and the June 17th COG meeting was changed to June 10th.
- 3) Since the March 4, 2019 Volunteer Harassment Training session was cancelled, Sherri encouraged the members to participate in the next session scheduled for September 9, 2019, which is to take place at the Centennial Hall auditorium, from 12:00-1:30 p.m. Members are asked to attend annually. A video recording will be made during this particular session and can be provided to the COG members who cannot attend.
- 4) Sherri spoke to the title changes made to the original COG Resolution No.16-325 & Formulation of the Bylaws, and provided a copy to the COG of the Board approved Resolution to Amend the Bylaws of the El Paso County Citizen Outreach Group, Resolution No. 19-65.

Discussions Regarding the 2019 El Paso County Citizens College

Ryan Parsell and Joel Quevillon with the Public Information Office presented an overview of the previous forums for the El Paso County Citizens College, and provided the members a list of all the Citizens College courses and tours which addressed 25 of the County's offices and departments.

- After discussions with the COG members, it was decided that the members would each prepare a plan they would like to see for this year's Citizen College and bring this information to the next COG meeting scheduled for April 15, 2019.

Discussions Regarding the 2019 El Paso County Fair

Joel spoke briefly to the 2019 El Paso County Fair; however, due to time constraints, the COG was not able to hold discussions at this meeting. The members were asked to re-look at the volunteer opportunities list that was handed out at the February 4th COG meeting and bring their ideas to the April 15th meeting to discuss.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.