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CITIZEN OUTREACH GROUP

Citizen Outreach Group - October 18, 2021

**Members Present
In Person and Via
Virtual/Teleconference
Meeting:**

Stephanie Adams, Sarah Brittain Jack, Rafael Chanza,
Kelvin Dean, Arthur Glynn, Jim Godfrey

Members Absent

CheyAnne Clemons, Lauren Hug, Roland Rainey

County Staff Present:

Sherri Cassidy, Kenny Hodges, Nancy Nelsen, Ryan Parsell,
Nikki Simmons, Deanna Ruschioni

Commissioners Present:

Commissioner Chair, Stan VanderWerf

Guest Speakers:

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

Members Absent at the October 18, 2021 COG Meeting

A motion was made to accept the absence of CheyAnne Clemons, Arthur Glynn, Lauren Hug, and Roland Rainey as an unexcused absence unless they should attend later in the meeting; it was seconded, and all members present were in favor (5-0) with four members absent and two openings to be filled. Arthur Glynn joined the meeting shortly after the vote and will be recorded as present.

Administrative Items

- 1) A motion was made to approve the September 20, 2021 meeting minutes as written; it was seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously by all members present (5-0) with four members absent and two openings to be filled.

Commissioner Liaison Comments

Commissioner Chair Stan VanderWerf addressed the COG, thanking the members for the creative work they have put into planning the El Paso County Citizens College for next year in 2022. He spoke to the public hearing dates pertaining to the 2022 County budget and asked the members to work on providing inputs or comments for the County should they have any questions, ideas, or recommendations pertaining to the budget.

Update on the El Paso County 2022 Citizens College Master Plan

Ryan Parsell, Chief Public Information Officer and Stephanie Adams, COG Chairperson spoke to the 2022 Citizens College team assignments and addressed the dates available for each of the five sessions. The sessions are tentatively scheduled to take place during the months of May and June. Members assigned to the sessions will assess the dates available and provide feedback at the next COG meeting on November 15, 2021.

Review of COG Annual Report to BoCC

Sherri Cassidy, Chief Financial Officer spoke to the Citizen Outreach Group's Annual Report to the El Paso Board of County Commissioners which is to be presented by Stephanie Adams, COG Chairperson and/or Lauren Hug, Vice Chairperson on October 21, 2021 during the Budget Hearing #3 meeting. Stephanie asked to add a slide to this presentation noting the COG's planning of the 2022 El Paso County Citizens College that has taken place throughout this year.

2022 Preliminary Balanced Budget Presentation

Sherri Cassidy, Chief Financial Officer presented the 2022 Preliminary Balanced Budget presentation which was presented to the BoCC on October 5, 2021 and can be viewed on the El Paso County website at: <https://admin.elpasoco.com/financial-services/budget-finance/county-budget/>;

This presentation addressed the following in detail:

- Budget Process
- 2022 Preliminary Balanced Budget
 - Revenues
 - Property Tax
 - Sales Tax
 - Expenditures
 - Critical Needs
- Preliminary Balanced Budget Document

Meeting Adjourned: 11:10 a.m.