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CITIZEN OUTREACH GROUP

Citizen Outreach Group - September 20, 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, Nancy Nelsen, Deanna Ruschioni, Natalie Sosa

Commissioners Present:

Guest Speakers:

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

Members Absent at the September 20, 2021 COG Meeting

A motion was made to accept the absence of Roland Rainey as an excused absence until he attends via phone later in this meeting, and CheyAnne Clemons and Lauren Hug as an unexcused absence; it was seconded, and all members present were in favor (6-0) with three members absent and two openings to be filled.

Administrative Items

- 1) A motion was made to approve the August 16, 2021 meeting minutes as written; it was seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously by all members present (6-0) with three members absent and two openings to be filled.

EPC 2022 Citizens College Master Plan Discussion – Natalie Sosa, Deputy Public Information Officer & Stephanie Adams, COG Chairperson

Prior to today's meeting, Stephanie provided the COG members with a copy of their presently constructed plans for the 2022 Citizens College program and asked that each member bring a draft of their ideas to this meeting. The COG members addressed the following proposed program; signed up to assist in certain sessions; and held discussions regarding their ideas on how to prepare for and conduct each.

Citizens College Spring 2022 – A blend of weekday and weekend sessions - in-person at various locations around the county to include facility tours that coincide with meaningful topics/presentations.

- **Session One:** Introduction at Centennial Hall Building (weeknight, 2.5 hrs.)
 - Commissioners' Welcome Address, County-City Differences, Budget Overview, high-level Master Plan Overview
 - Photo-op with the Commissioners
 - * *Follow-ups: Obtain the County Organization Chart to give to participants before class; Plan to play the EPC Destination video from the PIO office; PIO to check on the short video of the El Paso County Master Plan*
- **Session Two:** Citizens Service Center (Saturday, 4 hrs.)
 - Clerk & Recorder, Elections, Public Health, Department of Human Services, Assessor, and Treasurer
 - Meeting/Interactive Tour
 - * *Follow-ups: PIO to prepare an infographic video about department metrics 2021*
- **Session Three:** Roads, Recreation & Emergencies (weeknight, 2.5 hrs.)
 - Parks and Community Service, Public Works, and Pikes Peak Regional Office of Emergency Management (PPROEM)
 - Snow plow simulator
 - Meeting and short tour at PPROEM
 - * *Follow-ups: Meet with department heads for preparations*
- **Session Four:** Criminal Justice (Saturday, 4 hrs.)
 - Sheriff and Coroner offices
 - Large tour of the Criminal Justice Center and Coroner's office
 - Video about the Sheriff's office as an alternative to those who do not wish to tour the Criminal Justice Center
 - * *Follow-ups: Check with Sheriff's office regarding video*
- **Session Five:** Justice for All (weeknight 3 hrs. with graduation)
 - District Attorney, Restorative Justice Programs, Jury Process, a Judge's Perspective
 - Meeting and short tour of the Courthouse
 - * *Follow-ups: Check on possibility of a walk through regarding a court case*

Other Follow-ups & Suggestions:

- Public Information Officer to provide best dates/times
- Send the Citizens College Mission & Goals to all those invited to speak
- Prepare a general branded Citizens College for 2022 and beyond
- Prepare a marketing flyer and share through press releases, media availability platforms, e-mail distribution lists, colleges, the Library District, Chamber, Civics Clubs, etc.

The meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.