

**HIGHWAY ADVISORY COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
June 19, 2019**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Larry Tobias, Richard Robertson, Tom Vierzba, Brian Galpin, Jean Meinzer, Jim Mesite, Kurt Reno, Ed Houle

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Cheryl Everitt, Daniel Ferguson

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Holly Williams (EPC BoCC), Scot Cuthbertson (EPC DPW), Jennifer Irvine (EPC DPW), Anton Ramage (EPC DPW), Troy Wiitala (EPC DPW), Jana Nemeckova (EPC DPW), John Chavez (EPC DPW)

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Tobias called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. ABSENCES**

**MOTION (Mr. Vierzba/Mr. Galpin)** to excuse Cheryl Everitt's and Daniel Ferguson's absence. **MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**4. MEETING MINUTES**

**MOTION (Mr. Robertson/Mr. Mesite)** to approve minutes of the April 17, 2019 meeting. **MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**5. COMMISSIONER/CITIZEN COMMENTS**

- Commissioner Williams had nothing to report and complimented DPW (Department of Public Works) on the ongoing road repairs she is noticing.
- Citizen, Bob Swedenburg, presented his concern about the need of Gleneagle Streets being re-surfaced. He asked HAC for help to elevate the priority for resurfacing and presented the Petition signed by the citizens of this neighborhood.
- Mark Gebhart, EPC Planning and Development, asked all to encourage the public to participate in the meetings and take a survey in regards the County Master Plan. The survey is located on the website and so are the dates for the public meetings.

## **6. STAFF REPORTS**

### **A. ADMINISTRATION**

#### **Scot Cuthbertson (Executive Director, Department of Public Works)**

- Mr. Cuthbertson attended the Annual Western Street Breakfast this morning, Colorado Springs' most iconic celebrations of its deep-rooted western heritage.
- The open house and employee appreciation day turned out to be very successful event. The after-action process has started and all are discussing improvements for next year.
- Workshop on Wheels is planned for July 16 for the HAC members and July 17 for the Commissioners - BoCC.
- EPC DPW is working on ADA compliance and all the changes coming.
- EPC DPW received some pavement quality data and is reviewing them.
- Mr. Galpin asked if the amount of empty positions effect the summer job completion; Mr. Cuthbertson stated that it sure has a negative impact and is slowing the productivity.

### **B. HIGHWAY DIVISION UPDATE**

#### **Troy Wiitala (Highway Manager, Department of Public Works)**

- Graving Program: - completed Truckton Rd ( 5 centerlines miles)
  - stock piled materials for Hahn Rd
- Dust Abatement Program: completed - Boca Raton / Indian Village / Black Forest / Beacon Lite / Walker / Log / Antelope and East Ellicott. Weather plays a major role on this program.
- Chip Sealing Program: completed - Roundup Ridge Rd / Pony Pond Dr. and Silver Nell Dr. EPC DPW is on schedule with chip sealing as of now.
- Highway department currently has 16 vacant full-time positions. Seasonal employees are still 4 short from the goal of 18 positions. DPW has internship with Pikes Peak Workforce Center.

### **C. ENGINEERING DIVISION UPDATE**

#### **Jennifer Irvine (County Engineer, Department of Public Works)**

- Mrs. Irvine provided a presentation regarding a proposed opportunity to partner with CDOT (Colorado Department of Transportation) Region 2 to apply for the USDOT BUILD discretionary grant program. This proposed project is concurrently being discussed with EPC Administration and BoCC (Board of County Commissioners) regarding partnering with CDOT to submit a BUILD grant application to USDOT for the Pikes Peak Region. This Grant would help to accelerate the projects and to save money.

### **D. ECM (Engineering Criteria Manual) STORMWATER CHANGES UPDATE**

**John Chavez (Stormwater Quality Coordinator, Department of Public Works)**

- Illicit Discharge Ordinance Update:
  - o Revised Definition of Illicit Discharge
  - o Added several items to list of “allowable” discharges including: Potable Water Discharge, Swimming Pool Discharge, Dye testing, and Water Quality Control Division Low Risk Discharge Policy Guidance
  
- Construction Sites Stormwater Runoff control
  - o Defined: “Applicable Construction Activity”
  - o Added Exclusions including R-Factor Waiver, Large Lot Single Family Development, and activities for Non-Urban Areas (oil and gas exploration)
  - o Define New Inspection types, Scopes and Frequencies
  - o Operator Compliance Inspection
  
- Post Construction Stormwater Management in New Development and Redevelopment
  - o Defined : “Applicable Development Site:
  - o Exclusions added include Pavement Management Activities, Stream Stabilization, Trails
  
- Last time this manual was updated was in December 2016.

**7. AGENDA TOPICS FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

- Mr. Tobias asked for an update on McLaughlin Rd/ Hwy.24 project.
- Mr. Mesite asked for an update on speed limit signs on Marksheffel Rd, between Bradley & Fontain.
- Mr. Vierzba asked for the PQI (pavement quality index) list/report if available.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**This meeting was adjourned at 10:28 AM.**

**The next HAC meeting will be on August 21, 2019 at 2880 International Cir., C/S**

Respectfully submitted,

Jana Nemeckova

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