

Pikes Peak Regional Building Department

2880 International Circle
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80910

ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

April 21, 2021

12:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Darin Tiffany, Engineer
Vice Chair Richard Applegate, City of Fountain
Vince Colarelli, Building A or B Contractor
Jeff Finn, Citizen-at-Large
Loren Moreland, Building A, B or C Contractor
Christine Riggs, Architect
Kelly Elliott, Town of Monument
John Graham, City of Manitou Springs
David Wilson, Town of Palmer Lake
Chris Quinn, Green Mountain Falls

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Virginia Koulchitzka, Regional Building Attorney
Jay Eenhuis, Deputy Building Official – Plans
John Welton, Deputy Building Official - Inspections
Matt Matzen, Permit Supervisor
Linda Gardner, Executive Administrative Assistant

The Advisory Board meeting was conducted virtually via a program called Microsoft Teams live events, which is accessible via Pikes Peak Regional Building Department's website Boards & Committees' page at: <https://www.pprbd.org/Information/Boards>.

John Welton introduced new Board member, Loren Moreland, filling the Building A, B or C Contractor position on the Advisory Board.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Darin Tiffany called the meeting to order at 12:33 p.m.

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A motion was made by David Wilson to re-elect Darin Tiffany as the Chair of the Advisory Board, and to re-elect Richard Applegate as the Vice Chair of the Advisory Board, seconded by Vince Colarelli; the motion carried unanimously.

3. CONSIDERATION OF THE MARCH 17, 2021 ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

A motion was made by Chris Quinn to **APPROVE** the March 17, 2021 Advisory Board Minutes as written, seconded by Vince Colarelli; the motion carried unanimously.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Colorado Springs Chamber & EDC Presentation.

Dirk Draper appeared and gave a brief overview of new initiatives that the Chamber and EDC will be working on in 2021. He stated for the past year, the Chamber and EDC has continued to work with the Public Health Department on COVID Pandemic recovery in our community. He stated Southwest Airlines started serving Colorado Springs in March, 2021, doubling the seat capacity on flights in and out of Colorado Springs, as well as hiring 60 employees from our community. Mr. Draper stated we are half-way through the legislative process, and Senate Bill 176 has been the most prominent Bill during the Session, which redefines “Harrassment in the Workforce”; the Chamber and EDC have been particularly involved in this Bill.

5. CHANGES/POSTPONEMENTS/NOTICE OF NEXT MEETING

May Advisory Board meeting date and time: Wednesday, May 19, 2021, beginning at 12:30 p.m. The meeting will be conducted virtually. Sufficient and timely instructions for public participation will be made available at: <https://www.pprbd.org/Information/Boards>.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT SCHEDULED ON THE AGENDA

Public comments on items not scheduled on the agenda shall be limited to three (3) minutes.

There were no public comments.

7. BUILDING OFFICIAL REPORTS/NON ACTION ITEMS

- a) Financial Statement through March 31, 2021.

Jay Eenhuis presented the financial statement for the month of March 2021. He said the monthly revenue was \$1,799,710, which year-to-date is 28 percent of budget. Mr. Eenhuis stated the expenditures were \$1,890,561, and year-to-date expenses were at 23 percent of budget. The net loss for March was \$90,851, and year-to-date net income is \$957,306. He stated currently cash as a percent of budget is 69 percent. He stated overall, the Department remains sustainable and very busy.

- b) Building Report through March 31, 2021.

Matt Matzen presented the Building Report for the month of March 2021. He said there were 450 single-family houses permitted in March, which was 1.35 percent more than this time last year. He stated there were 50 commercial building permits, which was a decrease of 7.41 percent difference from this time last year. Mr. Matzen said the total

valuation of permits issued in March for residential homes was \$171,025,579, which was 1.70 percent more than this same time last year; and year-to-date the total valuation of residential permits was \$591,062,733, which was an increase of 32.76 percent from this same time last year. He stated year-to-date the total valuation for commercial permits was \$75,154,887, which was an increase of 253.12 percent from this same time last year. Mr. Matzen stated the total valuation year-to-date across all permits was \$1,234,447,687, which is a decrease of 4.13 percent. He said there were six permits with a valuation over \$3 million in March.

c) Plan Report through March 31, 2021.

Jay Eenhuis presented the Plan Review Report for the month of March 2021. There were 485 single family plans, which was an increase of 9 percent compared to March of the previous year; 114 new commercial plans, which was an increase of 338 percent; and a total of 1,790 plans for the month of March, which was an increase of 85 percent compared to March 2020. Mr. Eenhuis stated there were 437 commercial plans submitted electronically in March 2021, or a 236 percent increase compared to March 2020; and 968 residential plans submitted electronically, which was an increase of 199 percent; for a total of 1,774 e-plans in March 2021, a 131 percent increase from March 2020. Mr. Eenhuis stated the Plan Review Department performed 4,942 solo reviews in March, and 150 walk-through reviews, for a total of 5,092 logged reviews for March 2021, which was an increase of 33 percent from the previous year.

d) Inspection Report through March 31, 2021.

John Welton presented the Inspection Report for the month of March 2021. He said the inspectors in all departments did a total of 29,508 inspections in March, with a total of 70 field inspectors. He said each inspector averaged 18.6 inspections per day, and the average available time per inspection was 19.5 minutes. The Department performed approximately 5,000 more inspections during the first quarter 2021 than performed during the first quarter 2020.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (NON-ACTION ITEMS)

a) Adoption of the National Electrical Code, 2020 Edition, no later than August 1, 2021, in accordance with the requirements of Section 12-115-107(2)(j), C.R.S.

John Welton stated the State adopted the 2020 National Electrical Code (NEC) on August 1, 2020, and the Department is required to implement this Code within 12 months from the State's adoption date. He stated the Department will implement the 2020 National Electrical Code effective July 31, 2021. He stated there is more information regarding the major code changes in the NEC on the Department's website.

- b) Adoption of the Colorado Plumbing Code, 2020 Edition, no later than June 14, 2021, in accordance with the requirements of Section 12-155-105(1)(l), C.R.S.

Mr. Welton stated the State also adopted the 2020 International Plumbing Code (IPC) on June 14, 2020, and the Department is required to implement this Code within 12 months, or no later than June 13, 2021. He stated the Department's website also notes the major code changes in the IPC.

Mr. Welton asked the Board members if they would like RBD staff to do a presentation during the May 19, 2021 Advisory Board meeting regarding the major changes in the 2020 NEC and 2020 CPC that will impact the Building industry. The Board members stated they would like to have this presentation during the May 19, 2021 Advisory Board meeting.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION REQUEST(S)

There were no Executive Session requests.

10. BOARD REPORT(S) OR COMMENT(S)

There were no Board report(s) or comment(s).

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS

Presentation regarding Code changes in 2020 NEC and 2020 CPC.

12. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 1:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Roger N. Lovell
Regional Building Official
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