

Minutes for November 13, 2007: Citizen Outreach Group

3rd floor Commissioners Conference Room
27 East Vermijo Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Proceedings were audio-taped and are the official record of the meeting

Attendees:

Jan Doran, Amy Lathen, Lois Blackwell, Bob Null, Gary Nance, Bernie Herpin, Curtis Lorash.

Other attendees:

Commissioner Jim Bensberg; Bailey Becker, Public Communications Department; Sherri Cassidy, Financial Services; Linda Crawfis and Becky Jacobs, DHS; Jeri Lucien, citizen

Meeting notes:

1. Chair Jan Doran called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.
2. Roll was taken. Francine Hansen, Conrad Schaap, Joe Salute and Sue Crozier were absent and excused.
4. Citizen and Commissioner Comments – Jeri Lucien shared her thoughts on the Citizens' College
Commissioner Bensberg reported on current ICE efforts and handed out a letter to Allard from Julie Myers regarding recent efforts of Fremont County to get an ICE office. Jan suggested a letter to Fremont County in support. Lois moved and Amy seconded and all approved to write the letter.
5. Presentation by Becky Jacobs with the Department of Human Services on the "Feed the Children." Becky showed a power point with photos from last year. The program will be on Dec. 15 at 105 N. Spruce and volunteers are welcomed.
6. Minutes from Oct. 9, 2007 were approved. Motion by Amy Lathen, and Seconded by Bob Null and Gary Nance.
7. Overview of 2007 Budget adjustments by Sherri Cassidy. Sherri described and updated the group on how the county got where it is for the current budget. Also informed the group that the 2008 budget will be before the Board Nov. 29.
8. Citizen College report - Since Francine was absent, Jan reported on the scores of all the presenters at the college,
9. Awards for Citizen College contributors - Jan will get with Sallie Clark and Bailey as to when this will occur.
10. Distribution of member list - Still had errors. Jan will make changes and redistribute to the group.
11. Review of topics for COG involvement - The group discussed the town hall meeting idea. Set a goal of having the first one by March.
12. Other business - Jan reminded the members up for reappointment to make sure to have their letters to Fran St. Germain. The group discussed having an extra meeting in January and also a potluck.
13. The next meeting will begin at 10 a.m. on Dec. 11, 2007. The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.