

Citizen Outreach Group

January 16, 2007
3rd floor Commissioners Conference Room
27 East Vermijo Avenue
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Minutes for Jan. 16, 2007:

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

Attendees:

Joe Salute, Renee Hartsliet, Sue Crozier, Conrad Schaap, Francine Hansen, Gary Nance, Jan Martin, Bob Null, Lois Blackwell, Jan Doran and Amy Lathen

Other attendees:

Julie Johnson - Public Communications Department

Meeting notes:

1. Chairman Joe Salute called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM..
2. Roll was taken.
3. The minutes were approved. Motion by Renee Hartsliet; second by Conrad Schaap.
4. Comments by COG members on county activities –
Renee announced that Jan Martin is running for an at-large City Council seat; Bob Null is also running. Amy Lathen will run for District 2 County Commissioner in 2008.
Bob reported on attending the swearing-in of county commissioners.
Gary Nance will attend Sheriff's Advisory Council and the Justice Advisory Council.
Lois has attended BOCC meetings and 2 PPRTA meetings.
Francine attends the PPACG meetings; she reported that the BOCC are doing land-use items on the second and 4th Thursday meetings of month.
Amy has been elected to the Firearms Coalition.
Sue will continue to attend the fair advisory board and the parks advisory board.
Joe stated that the COG should write and sign a letter of appreciation to Ron Kole who has left the county. Bob Null will write the letter for our approval. Joe asked who would be our new liaison to the BOCC. The IT department will continue to work with the COG.
Bob Null suggested that we attend the City Council "Take It To The Streets" meetings. They are planned around specific districts.
Jan Doran suggested that it would be a good idea to invite the Colorado Springs City Council members to our meetings.
5. Citizens College Subcommittee –
Jan Doran reported that she received an email from an attendee who would like to volunteer to help for the next college. Francine and all of our members complimented Jan Doran on the great presentation. Jan said they were getting many expressions of appreciation from county employees for publicly thanking them at the BOCC meeting. Francine and Jan are "taking a break" from college activities right now.

6. Communications Subcommittee –

Renee reported that we have not had a subcommittee meeting. The IT meeting was postponed until February 7. She felt we need some guidance since Ron is gone.

Joe asked if there should be a separate subcommittee for the “town hall” meetings. Bob suggested making the existing subcommittee larger. Jan Martin stated that the subcommittee needs to come up with a plan first and then discuss options with the entire COG.

7. Bylaws Revisions –

Joe gave out COG Bylaws with suggested revisions which would remove the membership class of “alternate members.” There would be 11 voting members; 5 representing their districts and 6 “at large” members. Motion to approve these revisions by Renee HArtslief; second by Conrad Schaap. The Bylaws would have to be reviewed by the County Attorney and then approved by the BOCC. The next revisions need to deal with the staggering of expiration of terms so that all members’ terms do not expire at the same time.

8. Other comments –

Officers will be elected at the next month.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 AM