

Citizen Outreach Group

May 8, 2007
3rd floor Commissioners Conference Room
27 East Vermijo Avenue
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Minutes for May 8, 2007:

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

Attendees:

Francine Hansen, Jan Doran, Joe Salute, Gary Nance, Conrad Schaap, and Lois Blackwell signed-in. Bob Null, Sue Crozier and Amy Lathen were excused.

Other attendees:

Bailey Becker, Public Communications Department
Denise Minish, District Attorney's Office
Commissioner Sallie Clark
Commissioner Dennis Hisey

Meeting notes:

1. Chair Jan Doran called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

2. Roll was taken.

- Item 7 was moved up in the agenda -

7. New Business: - District Attorney Citizen College

Denise Minish spoke about the DA's citizen college. The first one will be June 5 for eight weeks on Tuesday evenings. Graduation will be at the Pioneer's Museum, and a possible ride along will be part of the program.

Commissioner Clark commented that COG and others were surprised about the DA's citizen college, and they would like better coordination since the COG also runs a college and this may conflict. One idea would be to have everyone go through the COG's college then the DA's and the Sheriff's would be the next level (like going to graduate school).

3. Comments by Commissioner(s) in attendance

Commissioner Hisey discussed current topics in his district including Fort Carson and Fountain Creek.

Commissioner Clark - KKTU 11 is the official sponsor for the County Fair

Also wants a quarterly report from the COG presented to the Board

Commissioner Jim Bensberg stopped by to discuss the recent ICE office activities and thanked the COG for its support.

4. Approval of Minutes – April 10, 2007: Conrad moved and Gary seconded (approved anonymously)

5. Subcommittee reports:

- Website - drafts of the front page are in the works.
- Video for the El Paso County Fair – Francine Hansen is working on using photos to make this video and will interview others.
- El Paso County Fair - Sue Crozier was out so no new updates from the Fair Board.

6. Old Business:

- Citizen's College - Imad will be the lead from the county. The college will run August 22 - October 10. Francine is going to meeting with county staff to work topics and presentations. Jeff Greene will give the county 101 presentation. Francine also discussed the tentative schedule and topics.
- COG Banner - The group wanted a few minor changes and also to check into a yellow banner.
- Volunteer Appreciation Event at El Pomar - still discussing the date
- Town Hall Meetings - on hold until next meeting.

9. Adjourn - approximately 11:45