

Pikes Peak Regional Building Department

2880 International Circle
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80910

REGIONAL BUILDING COMMISSION MINUTES

March 23, 2023

2:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Tom Strand, Colorado Springs City Council
Vice Chair Carrie Geitner, El Paso County Commissioner
Todd Dixon, Mayor of Green Mountain Falls, Colorado

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Roger Lovell, Regional Building Official
Jay Eenhuis, Deputy Building Official - Plans
John Welton, Deputy Building Official - Inspections
Erin Garcia, Director of Finance
Matt Matzen, Front Counter Supervisor
Greg Dingrando, Public Information Officer
Linda Gardner, Executive Administrative Assistant

The Regional Building Commission meeting was conducted in a hybrid form, allowing Commission members, Department staff, and the public to attend in person at the Pikes Peak Regional Development Center, 2880 International Circle, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80910, Room 100-14, or 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>.

1. CALL TO ORDER: DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Chair Tom Strand called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

2. CONSIDERATION OF THE FEBRUARY 23, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Todd Dixon to **APPROVE** the February 23, 2023 Regional Building Commission Minutes as written, seconded by Carrie Geitner; the motion carried unanimously.

3. CHANGES/POSTPONEMENTS/NOTICE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Building Commission Meeting date and time: Thursday, April 27, 2023, beginning at 2:00 p.m. The meeting will be conducted in a hybrid form: in person at the Pikes Peak Regional Development Center, 2880 International Circle, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80910, Room 100-14, and virtually. Sufficient and timely instructions for public participation will be made available at: <https://www.pprbd.org/Information/Boards>.

4. 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.

Public Comment: The public is invited to provide oral public comment on **any item not scheduled on the agenda**. The Advisory Board will not take action on issues discussed during this general public comment period; such matters may be scheduled for further discussion or action at a later date.

There were no public comments.

5. ADVISORY BOARD REPORT

Roger Lovell presented the Advisory Board Report.

6. BUILDING OFFICIAL REPORTS / NON-ACTION ITEMS

a) Financial Statement through February 28, 2023.

Erin Garcia presented the financial statement for the month of February 2023. She said for the month of February, the operating cash balance ended at \$13,706,145 with a cash balance as a percent of budget of 60 percent. She said the monthly revenue was \$1,271,746, which year-to-date is 11 percent of budget. Ms. Garcia stated the expenditures were \$1,775,411, and year-to-date expenses were at 13 percent of budget. The net loss for February was \$503,665, and year-to-date net loss is \$505,241.

b) Building Report through February 28, 2023.

Matthew Matzen presented the Building Report for the month of February 2023. He said there were 165 single-family houses permitted in February, which was 56.35 percent less than this time last year. He stated there were 47 commercial building permits, which was a decrease of 20.34 percent from this time last year. Mr. Matzen said the total valuation of permits issued in February for residential homes was \$67,042,173, which was a decrease of 51.39 percent from this same time last year. He stated the total valuation for commercial permits was \$45,099,887 for the month, which was a decrease of 36.45 percent from this same time last year. Mr. Matzen stated the total valuation year-to-date across all permits was \$438,262,282, which is a decrease of 38.96 percent from the previous year. He said there were four projects with a valuation over \$3 million in February.

c) Plan Report through February 28, 2023.

Jay Eenhuis presented the Plan Review Report for the month of February 2023. There were 215 single family plans, which was a decrease of 37 percent compared to February of the previous year; 112 new commercial plans, which was an increase of 331 percent; a

total of 1,272 plans for the month of February, which was an increase of 11 percent compared to February 2022; and 2,262 plans year-to-date, which was a decrease of 13 percent over the previous year. Mr. Eenhuis said the Plan Review Department performed 3,575 solo reviews in February 2023, and 622 walk-through reviews, for a total of 4,197 logged reviews for February 2023, which was a decrease of 3 percent from the previous year; and 8,348 logged reviews year-to-date, which was a decrease of 16 percent over the previous year.

d) Inspection Report through February 28, 2023.

John Welton presented the Inspection Report for the month of February 2023. He said the inspectors in all departments did a total of 19,959 inspections in February, with a total of 70 field inspectors. Mr. Welton said each inspector averaged 14.5 inspections per day, and the average available time per inspection was 27.1 minutes.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Code Adoption Update.

Roger Lovell gave an update regarding the Code adoption by the Department's jurisdictions. He stated with the City of Colorado Springs, the Department had its first reading of the ordinance on March 14, 2023; there is one reading left to be done on March 28, 2023. There was a work session on March 21, 2023 with El Paso County. The first reading with the City of Fountain is scheduled to take place on March 28, 2023; the second reading is on April 11, 2023. The first reading with the Town of Green Mountain Falls was on March 7, 2023; the second reading will take place on April 4, 2023. The first reading with the City of Manitou Springs was on March 7, 2023; the second reading took place on March 21, 2023. The first reading with the Town of Monument was on March 6, 2023; the second reading will take place on April 17, 2023. The first reading with the Town of Palmer Lake will be tonight, March 23, 2023, with the second reading on April 13, 2023. With regard to the City of Woodland Park, there is a work session scheduled on April 6, 2023, with a regular session first reading on April 20, 2023; the second reading is on May 4, 2023. He stated everything is on schedule for a timely Code adoption on June 30, 2023.

b) Legislative Update.

Greg Dingrando presented a legislative update on the following proposed Colorado Bills:

SB23-213 – Land Use, sponsored by Senator D. Moreno, Representative I. Jodeh, and Representative S. Woodrow;
HB23-1233 – Electric Vehicle Charging & Parking Requirements, sponsored by Representative T. Mauro, Representative A. Valdez, Senator K. Priola, and Senator F. Winter;

HB23-1234 - Streamlined Solar Permitting And Inspection Grants, sponsored by Representative K. Brown, Representative M. Soper, and Senator D. Roberts;

HB23-1240 – Sales Use Tax Exemption Wildfire Disaster Construction, sponsored by Representative K. Brown, Representative J. Amabile, and Senator S. Fenberg.

Older Bills:

SB23-016 – Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Measures, sponsored by Senator C. Hansen, Representative K. McCormick, and Representative E. Sirota;

HB23-1057 – Amenities For All Genders In Public Buildings, sponsored by K. McCormick, Representative S. Vigil, and Senator J. Lewis;

HB23-1075 – Wildfire Evacuation And Clearance Time Modeling, sponsored by Representative M. Snyder;

HB23-1096 – Wildfire Resilient Homes, sponsored by Representative M. Snyder;

SB23-166 – Establishment of a Wildfire Resiliency Code Board, sponsored by Senators Cutter and Exum and Representatives Froelich and Velasco;

HB23-1161 – Environmental Standards For Appliances, sponsored by Representatives Kim and Willford and Senator Cutter.

c) GIS Project Update.

Roger Lovell demonstrated the new GIS system; which will be accessible to the public once published. The different filters, including, but not limited to permits, addresses, project codes, project types, manufactured homes, etc. make the use and application of the GIS system attractive and valuable. Department staff anticipates having the GIS system live to the public by July 1, 2023, and Department staff will be “improving” it in the interim.

8. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

9. COMMISSIONER REPORT(S) OR COMMENT(S)

There were no Commissioner Reports or Comments.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS

There were no Future Agenda Item Requests.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION REQUEST: None

There were no Executive Session Requests.

Roger Lovell presented an appreciation commemoration stating the Building Commission members and Department staff would like to thank Chair Tom Strand for his time and dedication as a member of the Regional Building Commission for the past six years. Chair Strand's term ends with this meeting.

12. **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Roger N. Lovell
Regional Building Official

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