



PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting

Date: April 5, 2010

Meeting Called to Order: 5:25 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:15 p.m.

Present: Andy Pelster, JoBeth McFadden; Donna Hawk, Bob Washburn, Robert Wells, Joe Procopio (Council Rep)

Staff Present: Bob Goebel, P.E., Director of Public Works; Maria D'Andrea, P.E., Assistant Director of Public Works; Bob Watts, P.E., Transportation Planning Manager; Charles Montoya, Director of Finance; Linda Angus, Administrative Assistant-Public Works

Absent: Richard Morton, Lou Zoghby

Visitors: Dennis Carnahan, Keeper of the Rock Volunteer

ITEM/SUBJECT	ACTION/BY	DISCUSSION/REPORT
Call to Order		Chair Andy Pelster called the meeting to order. A quorum was present.
Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda		Dennis Carnahan, citizen of Castle Rock and member of the "Keepers of the Rock" organization, addressed the Commission. He thanked staff and the Commission for their assistance in implementing some additional signage that helps to clarify where available off-street parking exists and that on-street parking is available for Rock Park.
Minutes	Motion made by Commissioner Donna Hawk; seconded by Commissioner Bob Washburn	It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the action minutes of the March 1, 2010 meeting. Motion carries unanimously.
2010 November Election Voter Initiatives – Charles Montoya		Mr. Montoya updated the Commission on the three initiatives that will be on the November 2010 ballot. The initiatives are titled Proposition 101 (reducing vehicle taxes and fees, the state income tax and telecommunications taxes), Amendment 60 (alters the collection of property taxes, overturns the mill levy freeze, restricts finances of enterprises, expires all prior de-Brucings on property taxes plus imposes a variety of other changes), and Amendment 61 (alters the manner in which both state and local governments may incur debt). These initiatives will have significant impacts to the Town both financially and operationally, all of them negative. All Boards and Commissions are being updated. Staff will continue to compile information and gear up to educate and inform voters of the impacts of these initiatives.
Quiet Zone Update – Bob Watts		Bob Watts updated the Commission on the cost estimates that have been provided by the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) for the installation of the four-quadrant gate systems at the 2 nd Street and 3 rd Street railroad crossings. The cost estimate for construction of the gate systems is \$750,000, which is significantly lower than the \$1.5M that was the original estimation. However, the annual maintenance costs for the two

		crossings will be \$23,800/year. The UPRR is willing to split the maintenance costs with the Town. The Commission stated that since this is more of a downtown project they feel that the Downtown Development Authority should split the maintenance costs with the UPRR and that the Town as a whole should not be involved. The Commission also stated that due to the economic condition of the Town, in all probability the Quiet Zone Project as a whole should be reconsidered. Mr. Watts will be meeting with the DDA on April 15 to further discuss the maintenance costs with them. He will then meet with the Town Council.
Capital Improvement Program - Project Identification – Maria D’Andrea		Over the past few years the Town has been very aggressive in completing major roadway projects that were recommended in the 2003 Transportation Master Plan. Therefore, the Commission has been tasked with helping to identify potential projects for a new five-year CIP. This entails listing any additional projects not in the current Transportation Master Plan and reviewing those projects already in the plan and prioritizing them accordingly taking into account the reduced funding resources and revenue projections. The Commission reviewed some projects with staff and staff will take this information and develop different scenarios for review and discussion with the Commission at the next meeting.
Public Works Commission Term Expirations – Bob Goebel		As of May 31, Richard Morton's and Jo Beth McFadden's PWC term will expire. If they would like to serve on the Commission for another term, they must submit an application to the Town Clerk by April 26. Interviews are scheduled for May 4 and appointments announced at the May 18 Town Council meeting.
Public Works Project Update – Bob Goebel		A summary of the Public Works projects in relation to the Town was included in the Commission packets. The Environmental Assessment has been completed for the N. Meadows Drive Extension to SH85 and I-25 project. Mr. Goebel reminded the Commission of the open house on Wednesday, April 7, at the Douglas County Event Center and the special Town Council meeting on Thursday, April 8 (meeting agenda/ material distributed to Commission), regarding the preferred alternative recommendation by staff for this project. Staff will be recommending to Town Council the Refined Alternative 6 (Castlegate) for selection as the preferred alternative.
Council Comments – Joe Procopio		No comments
Commission Comments/ Concerns		A quick update on the Rocky Mountain Rail Association - the feasibility study is complete and has been adopted. It will be available on the Town's website by the end of this week.
Adjournment		There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.