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## **CITIZEN OUTREACH GROUP**

**Citizen Outreach Group      September 19, 2022**

**Members Present  
In Person and Via  
Virtual/Teleconference  
Meeting:**

Sarah Brittain-Jack, Rafael Chanza, Kelvin Dean, Carl “Chip” Frazier, Jim Godfrey,  
Ruble Henderson

**Members Absent:** Kevin Cox, Stephanie Adams, Art Glynn

**Commissioners Present:** None

**County Staff Present:** Vernon Stewart, Rebecca Rudder

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**I.      Call to Order, Jim Godfrey-Chair:** The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m.

**II.      Administrative Items, Jim Godfrey-Chair:**

- a.** A vote to excuse or not excuse absent Board members and a vote to accept previous meeting minutes could not occur due to a lack of a quorum at the onset of the meeting.
- b.** Vernon Stewart noted that a new calendar invite will be sent out to all board members so we can properly record the Citizen Outreach Group (COG) meetings through Teams.

**III:      Future Direction of the COG Discussion, Ruble Henderson-Board Member**

**(a)** A review of the by-laws identifies the functions of the COG as follows:

- (i) Review the Strategic Plan
- (ii) Review the 5-year budget
- (iii) Review the Public Safety Tax
- (iv) Review the Citizens College Report
- (v) Support the County Commissioners

**(b)** Suggestions to make the COG more effective:

- (i) Form Task Forces
  - 1. County Fair
    - a. Have an information table to advertise Citizens College
    - b. Distribute a 1-pager outlining COG activities
    - c. Provide information about what the County is doing

2. Citizens College
  3. Support the Pikes Peak Air Show
- (ii) It is important for COG members to be informed and become subject matter experts
  - (iii) Each Commissioner needs to meet with the COG members to speak about their priorities so COG can actively promote and advance the County's agenda
  - (iv) Hold orientation for new COG members
  - (v) Reorganize and prioritize; develop more structure and direction to clearly define member's roles
  - (vi) The COG should present in front of the Board of County Commissioners at a session and attend sessions on a regular basis.
  - (vii) Members should receive feedback about COG's effectiveness
  - (viii) Invest more energy and focus on fewer functions (such as the County Fair and Citizens College) and do them well; be more engaging
  - (ix) Provide On Demand video format or streaming options for those with scheduling conflicts
  - (x) Implement periodic agenda item for County staff updates (not just BOCC)
- (c) The future direction of COG is going to be more than one discussion and should include the Commissioners

**IV: Meeting Adjourned: 10:47 a.m.**