



**MINUTES OF THE ARAPAHOE COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2010**

At a public hearing of the Board of County Commissioners for Arapahoe County, State of Colorado, held at 5334 South Prince Street, Littleton, Colorado 80166 there were:

Rod Bockenfeld, Chair	Present
Pat Noonan, Chair Pro-Tem	Present
Susan Beckman	Present
Frank Weddig	Present
Jim Dyer	Present
Kathryn Schroeder, County Attorney	Present
John E. Bush, Jr., Deputy County Attorney	Present
Nancy A. Doty, Clerk to the Board	Present
Terri L. Maulik, Assistant Clerk to the Board	Present

when the following proceedings, among others, were had and done, to-wit:

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Deputy County Attorney, Jack Bush, requested the addition of Consent Agenda Item 17 which includes the approval of three (3) resolutions for acceptance of easements from the Denver Campus for Jewish Education. He said the resolutions will include acceptance of a permanent public use easement, a permanent slope easement, and a temporary construction easement. He reported that the easements are in relation to C00-019, Yale-Wabash Bridge over Cherry Creek Project. Mr. Bush said the easements have been reviewed by engineering staff and staff is ready to move forward. He stated that approvals of the easements are time-sensitive and that there are nominal fees involved.

The motion was made by Commissioner Dyer and duly seconded by Commissioner Weddig to adopt the Agenda, as amended, with the addition of Consent Agenda Item 17 - C00-019, Yale-Wabash Bridge Project – Approval and Acceptance of Permanent Easements and Temporary Construction Easements from the Denver Campus for Jewish Education for the Yale-Wabash Bridge Project.

The motion passed 5-0.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

The motion was made by Commissioner Dyer and duly seconded by Commissioner Noonan to adopt the minutes of the January 5, 2010 Public Hearing as presented.

The motion passed 5-0.

The motion was made by Commissioner Dyer and duly seconded by Commissioner Noonan to adopt the minutes of the January 12, 2010 Public Hearing as presented.

The motion passed 5-0.

The motion was made by Commissioner Noonan and duly seconded by Commissioner Weddig to adopt the minutes of the January 19, 2010 Public Hearing as presented.

The motion passed 4-0; Commissioner Dyer, Abstained.

CEREMONIES

Commissioner Bockenfeld, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners of Arapahoe County, awarded the very first *Arapahoe County Distinguished Citizen Award* to Mike Rosser.

Commissioner Bockenfeld read the following comments into the record:

“Today we begin a tradition. Today we take the time to recognize the visionary leadership of someone we’ve all grown to know and appreciate. The efforts of this one person have led us to create the Arapahoe County Distinguished Citizen Award. The award recognizes extraordinary individuals who have demonstrated visionary leadership and service excellence. Their voluntary work has created a positive, lasting change on Arapahoe County. This award honors individuals who have gone above and beyond and have provided clear vision, firm convictions, and a steady hand in forging the future. This year’s winner is an individual who envisioned a future that would bring a legacy of change to Arapahoe County and then did what many only talk about doing. This person took action. This individual has spent countless hours serving the County, has worked closely with the Board of County Commissioners and is someone that the Board has come to know and depend on. Many describe this person as a tireless advocate for investing in the County to make it a better place for generations to come. This individual is influential and works diligently to create, maintain, and strengthen partnerships that span the County and beyond. This person’s passion for preserving the County’s heritage has proven extremely valuable to staff, elected officials, and colleagues. Always present, energetic, and ready to lead, unless he was on some exotic safari, this individual put everyone at ease with his friendly style and sense of humor. As a leader for the Yes on 1A initiative, this person served as one of our pioneers in establishing a dedicated revenue source that created the newest and most dynamic Open Space programs in Colorado. With 41 years of experience in the real estate finance industry and having served as the Vice President of Public Affairs at Colorado Open Lands, this individual brought institutional history and knowledge. Having also served on a number of

boards and committees, including the Open Space Trails and Advisory Committee, State Housing Board, Trust for Public Land's Colorado Advisory Council, and the Colorado Land Use Commission, the extent of understanding of the tasks ahead were great. This individual's six years of dedication, vision, and service to the citizens of Arapahoe County, as a member of the Open Space and Trails Advisory Board, including serving as Board Chair in 2008 and 2009, has helped the County to achieve many varied accomplishments in the realm of open space conservation and outdoor recreation. From the humble first land acquisition of 2.5 acres, to expand the Cheyenne/Arapahoe Park, to the acquisition of more than 15,000 acres under conservation protection for future generations, this person has helped to pass on a legacy of great work. What looked like a dream is becoming reality before our eyes. Together, we have created the South Platte Working Group, the Cherry Creek Basin Working Group, and soon the High Line Canal Working Group. Each one brings together multiple jurisdictions to enhance the quality of life along the County's key water corridors, connecting trails, protecting natural habitats, and our water quality. We will miss you, and what we have been able to accomplish with you leading the way, including your jokes (yes, even the bad ones). And we know that while you have completed your tenure on the Open Space and Trails Advisory Board, you are not hanging up that wide-brimmed hat of yours. Your vision continues and the County looks forward to our continued partnership as we create a legacy for future generations to enjoy. All of this would not be possible without the support of your family, who has graciously shared you with us over the years. On behalf of the Arapahoe County Board of Commissioners, I would like to recognize Mike Rosser as the first recipient of the Arapahoe County Distinguished Citizen Award."

Mike Rosser was called to the podium where Commissioner Noonan presented him with the Arapahoe County Distinguished Citizen Award.

Commissioner Bockenfeld asked Mr. Rosser to accept the award as a token of the Board's gratitude for his dedication to Arapahoe County and the Open Space Program. He stated the plaque will be permanently placed at a Trail of Honor at the Arapahoe County Community Park. He said that a plaque, explaining the award, will be permanently placed there and Mike Rosser's name will be placed there as the first of many recipients. Commissioner Bockenfeld said the honor will serve as a reminder to residents about the impact that one single person can have when they decide to make a difference. He congratulated Mr. Rosser and wished him the best in his future endeavors.

Mike Rosser said that he was really surprised to be receiving the award. He said receiving the award is terrific. Mr. Rosser stated, on behalf of all who served on the Open Space Board and Advisory Committee over the years, how much they appreciate the open and candid discussions and the unanimous and unwavering support from the Board of County Commissioners. He said Open Space wouldn't be where they are today without the support of the Board of County Commissioners and the participation of all the folks who have been involved. He stated the award is for the entire Open Space Program. He believes Arapahoe County has a terrific staff and a great Board. Mr. Rosser said the County is moving forward and that we have something to be proud of, a legacy. He reported that there are a couple more projects to get done and the Open Space Board and Committees will continue to work on those projects. He thanked the Board for their support and said he was both honored and grateful to receive the award.

The Board took a brief recess from the public hearing to participate in a photography opportunity with Mike Rosser.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments on this date.

CONSENT AGENDA

The motion was made by Commissioner Noonan and duly seconded by Commissioner Weddig to approve the Consent Agenda, as amended, with the addition of Consent Agenda Item 17 - C00-019, Yale-Wabash Bridge Project – Approval and Acceptance of Permanent Easements and Temporary Construction Easements from the Denver Campus for Jewish Education for the Yale-Wabash Bridge Project.

The motion passed 5-0.

GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS

There were no general business items to discuss on this date.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Noonan said she wanted to thank everyone who worked to get Wabash Bridge to this point.

Commissioner Bockenfeld announced that there would be a study session, in the West Hearing Room, following the adjournment of the public hearing.

There being no other business before the Board, the Chair adjourned the public hearing at 9:53 A.M.

ARAPAHOE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**NANCY A. DOTY, CLERK TO THE BOARD
BY TERRI L. MAULIK, ASSISTANT CLERK TO THE BOARD**