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REAP Business Meeting

January 9, 2020

11:45 a.m.

Colorado Air & Space Port, Watkins, CO

The monthly meeting of the I-70 Regional Economic Advancement Partnership was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Chair Kirk Howell, who welcomed the attendees and called for introductions.

The following Board Members were present:

Jeff Baker	Will Chase	Mark Harding	Mary Hodge
Kirk Holwell	Christina Pastori	Glenn Rotkovich	Jan Yeckes
Becky Zierer			

Guests attending were:

Kathy	Catalfano	High Plains Bank
Loretta	Daniel	Arapahoe County
Nic	Engleson	Adams County
Carl	Gerber	Carl the Computer Guy
Hugh	Gommel	Colorado Air & Space Port
Julio	Iturreria	Reap
Kathy	Mahan	Reap
Brian	Molitoris	Photographer
Lee Ann	Morning	2020 Census Bureau
Katie	Musser	I-70 Scout
Craig	Rathbun	Marshall Real Estate
Robbin	Schincke	Morgan Community College
Nancy	Sonnenfeld	Arapahoe County

Approval of November 14, 2019 Meeting Minutes:

Minutes were approved as submitted.

Chairman Report:

Kirk Holwell shared the new 2020 Reap brochure with the group.

Executive Director Report:

Julio Iturreria reviewed the priorities of the Board. Growth in the Corridor is a big concern for many, other topics of interest were industrial hemp, greenhouse development, urgent care and an internship for area student.

CDOT is working on a preliminary study for the I-70 Corridor stretching from E470 – Strasburg, possibly adding 6 additional interchanges to the I-70 Corridor. When development begins in the Corridor, developers will be asked to participate with the construction of interchanges that will serve the community.

Jan Yeckes with Arapahoe County distributed a handout, “Arapahoe County Development Update”. Julio encouraged everyone to read through the document. (Exhibit1)

Guest Speakers:

2020 Census

Nancy Sonnenfeld, Arapahoe County Census Coordinator

Lee Ann Morning, 2020 Census Bureau

Nancy and Lee Ann talked about the importance of the 2020 Census. The census affects the funding of many legislatively mandated programs. In 2020, the collection of census data has expanded to include reporting online, phone, mail or in person. It’s estimated that 25% of individual living in Arapahoe County were not accounted for in 2010. All census data collected is protected, no personal information is released under penalty of law. Employees working for the Census Bureau swear to a lifetime oath to protect information collected through the Census process. With the recent population growth in Colorado it becomes increasingly important to accurately report in 2020. Information collected will be used as justification for future services and business opportunities. There are many challenges to collecting data. Growth and the cost of housing has forced generations to live together. Other challenges include reporting of senior citizens, millennials, college students & individuals living in rural areas. Complete Count Committees have been formed across communities to help address concerns of residents and encourage participation in the 2020 Census. Online reporting will be available starting March 12th and in mid-April postcards will be sent out to non-respondents. Data collection ends in August, this data will then be delivered to the White House by December 31, 2020.

Development Update:

Other Business:

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.