

MINUTES
CML Executive Board Meeting
September 23, 2021, Westminster, Colorado
at CML Special Conference

Board members present: President Kathi Meyer, Council President Pro Tem, Steamboat Springs; Secretary/Treasurer Jessica Sandgren, Mayor Pro Tem, Thornton; Immediate Past President Robert Widner, City Attorney, Centennial; Larry Atencio, Council President, Pueblo; Barbara Bynum, Council Member, Montrose; Greg Caton, City Manager, Grand Junction; Sharon Craig, Trustee, Ignacio; A.J. Euckert, City Manager, Dacono; Liz Hensley, Council Member, Alamosa; Susan Jung, Mayor, Rocky Ford; Angela Lawson, Council Member, Aurora; John Marriott, Council Member, Arvada; Wynetta Massey, City Attorney, Colorado Springs; Katie Sickles, Town Manager, Bayfield; Russell Stewart, Mayor, Cherry Hills Village; Laura Weinberg, Mayor, Golden; Charlie Willman, Mayor Pro Tem, Glenwood Springs; Melissa Youssef, Council Member, Durango.

Board members absent: Vice President Dale Hall, Mayor Pro Tem, Greeley; Rick Bain, Mayor, Brush; Andrea Samson, Council Member, Loveland.

CML Staff members present: Kevin Bommer, Executive Director; David Broadwell, General Counsel; Meghan Dollar, Legislative Advocacy Manager; Meghan MacKillop, Legislative and Policy Advocate; Beauclarine Thomas, Legislative and Policy Advocate; Sarah Werner, Engagement and Communications Manager; Laurel Witt, Associate Counsel; Allison Wright, Finance & Administration Manager; Dianne Backhus, Executive Assistant.

The meeting was called to order by President Meyer at 4:30 p.m. Attendance was taken and a quorum was established.

Russell Stewart MOVED AND Susan Jung SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM JUNE 21, 2021, INCLUDING THE ADDENDUM, AS SUBMITTED. The motion passed unanimously.

President Kathi Meyer recently announced that her position in Steamboat Springs will unexpectedly be coming to an end in November. The Board discussed several options for the balance of her term as President of the CML Executive Board. The suggestion with the most support appears to be appointing Immediate Past President Widner to step back into the role as President through next June's election. No action will be taken on this topic until the October Board meeting.

General Counsel David Broadwell presented background information on three items headed for the 2021 State Ballot: Proposition 78 – Legislative authority over custodial fund; Proposition 119 – Marijuana tax increase for learning opportunities; and Proposition 120 – Reduction in property tax assessment rates. Proposition 120 could have impact on municipalities. However, at this time, CML will take no position for or against any of these propositions. All remain open for discussion through the October meeting.

President Meyer's Presidential Initiative was previously announced as Housing. Legislative Advocacy Manager Meghan Dollar suggested several housing policies that CML could potentially support and help pass. Critical points included accessing direct and sustainable funding wherever possible (much is available), supporting all categories of housing (affordable, homeless, workforce, senior, etc.), and simplifying the application process for funding of local projects. There was also discussion around making home ownership more accessible, both for starter families as well as seniors downsizing. Meghan will be accepting volunteers to serve on a housing subcommittee to be formed prior to October's Board meeting.

Executive Director Kevin Bommer presented a report on the recent staff retreat held in Littleton and facilitated by Gary Suiter (who previously facilitated the Board retreat in Steamboat Springs). Kevin also made the Board aware of several upcoming staff changes: Laurel Witt, who will take a position as Assistant City Attorney in Boulder; Sarah Werner, who will become Director of Communications at DORA; and David Broadwell, who will be retiring from CML at the end of this year.

The Executive Director's performance plan will be up for review soon, and a copy of last year's plan is included in this month's board packet. The new plan will be discussed at the October meeting and should be approved at the December meeting.

The next board meeting will be on Friday, October 15th at 9:00 a.m. While some Board members are ready to move to in-person meetings, some still prefer not to travel. A suggestion was made for the October meeting to be a hybrid of in-person and Zoom, with each person making the choice for themselves. No lunch will be provided, as adjournment should be before noon, but light snacks will be available.

Bob Widner MOVED AND Susan Jung SECONDED A MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Sandgren
Secretary/Treasurer