

Blue Ribbon Commission II Meeting Summary
02/12/09

Members Present: Sue Graf, Tom Hagerty, Suzanne Jones, Beth Pommer, Dorothy Rupert, Jeff Wingert, Rich Wobbekind

Members Absent: Dan King, Michelle Krezek, Michael Leccese

Staff Present: Mark Beckner, Jane Brautigam, Larry Donner, Bob Eichen, Paul Fetherston, Sara Huntley, Stephanie Grainger, Ann Large, Alisa Lewis, Joe Pura, Maureen Rait, Jim Reasor, Lynne Reynolds

Public Participation

- None

Welcome by Deputy City Manager, Paul Fetherston

- Paul introduced the evening's agenda and explained that the supporting documents for the evening's meeting included presentation materials from the City Manager's Office and the Police Department. Following the pattern of the previous meeting, the information packets included a PowerPoint presentation, the fiscally constrained budget submission and a departmental overview page excerpted from the City Council "Key Issues" book).
- Paul also pointed out the schedule of departmental presentations included in the meeting materials. The next meeting on Feb. 26 is scheduled to feature the Transportation department's presentation as well as a discussion of the city's compensation policies.
- Paul indicated that the March 12 agenda may be altered to allow discussion regarding the impact and synergy of the City's Budget Stabilization Strategies and BRC's work.

City Manager's Office presentation by Deputy City Manager, Paul Fetherston

- Specific questions/suggestions arising from the presentation included:
 - Combining the city's internal policy advisor and the external lobbyist in D.C. (The idea was discouraged due to the necessity for a physical presence in both locations).
 - Obtaining additional information regarding the city's contribution to the building loan for the Humane Society's animal shelter.
 - Potential cost savings in reducing telecom redundancies between landline and mobile phones.
 - Benchmarking administrative costs and best practices

Police Department presentation by Police Chief, Mark Beckner

- Specific questions/suggestions arising from the presentation included:
 - Overlap with the CU Police force
 - Partnering opportunities regarding officer training facilities in Adams County and Broomfield
 - Potential shortage of vehicle funds
 - Recent history of calls per officer and call per officer for high priority calls

- If budget reductions are necessary, the presentation shows them in the order of priority that the Police Department would prefer.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:25 PM. Next meeting scheduled for February 26, 2009, at 6pm, in the Twenty Ninth Street Mall's Community Meeting Room.