



**Lodgers and Automobile Rental Tax
Citizen Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
107 N. Nevada Avenue
Pikes Peak Conference Room
February 9, 2017
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

Committee members: Jack Damioli / Doug Martin / Kathleen Collins / Doug Price / Mina Liebert / Daniel Kammerer / PK Knickerbocker / Paul York / Councilmember Helen Collins (non-voting) / Councilmember Tom Strand (non-voting)

Staff members: Eileen Gonzalez / Carly Kobasiar / Charae McDaniel / Renee Congdon / Jacquelyn Puett

Guests: Andy Vick / Sallie Hubbell

1) Public Comment

Doug Price commented that the travel industry was watching closely the travel ban put in place by the new administration, and there were concerns over how the ban would affect tourism internationally.

- 2) **U.S. Olympic Museum Award Recommendation** – There was no motion to change the LART CAC's previous recommendation to allocate \$500,000 in LART funds to the U.S. Olympic Museum project over three years: \$200,000 in 2017, \$200,000 in 2018, and \$100,000 in 2019.

- 3) **City-Sponsored Event Resolution Draft** – Eileen Gonzalez discussed the current version of the draft resolution and stated that she would have a final draft prepared for review by the legal department and the committee by the end of February.

- 4) **Financial Update** – Ms. Gonzalez reviewed supplemental funding from excess tax revenue from 2016 along with current LART fund balances.

City staff and the LART CAC members were in favor of providing the CVB with two-thirds of the LART funding collected in 2016, including revenues in excess of the predicted collection amounts. It was moved by Paul York and seconded by Jack Damioli. The motion carried unanimously.

- 5) **Update on Committee Member Selection Process** – Jacquelyn Puett provided a brief update to the committee. The interview panel was recommending that Paul York, PK Knickerbocker, Laurel Prud'homme, and Jack Damioli be re-appointed to the LART CAC. The recommendation would be reviewed for approval by Council on February 14.
- 6) **Convention and Visitor's Bureau Update** – Doug Price provided an update on recent activity by the Bureau, including the upcoming launch of a new website.
- 7) **Open Discussion and Member Announcements**
Discussion took place to clarify the recent recommendations made for LART supplemental appropriations.

Paul York made a motion to recommend that City Council allocate a second and final LART payment to the Summit House in the amount of \$250,000. Daniel Kammerer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The committee members reviewed the supplemental appropriation recommendation for the Colorado Classic Bicycle Race that was made at the January meeting – a recommended appropriation of \$250,000 for the 2017 event.

Andy Vick, Director of the Cultural Office of the Pikes Peak Region, gave a presentation and requested additional LART support for Peak Radar in the amount of \$142,000. The additional funding would be used to manage additional staff members. Sallie Hubbell emphasized that the funding would be used to capitalize on the region's tourism assets and to promote the integration of arts and culture in our community. The item would be presented for a recommendation at the next LART meeting in order to give the committee sufficient time to review the request.