

METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT PAVEMENT ENGINEERS COUNCIL
Thursday, November 13, 2008

Agenda

Vice Chairman Russ Higgins called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. in Chairman Pat Kennedy's absence. Those in attendance were Jim Katzer (Arapahoe County), Janice Loucks (City of Aurora), Bob Locander (CDOT), Vern Tabert (Arapahoe County), Dave Potter (City & County of Denver), John Johnson (SEM Materials), Matt Condon (City of Thornton), Jamie Johnson (RMCC), Daren Thomas (Terracon Consultants, Inc.), Tom Clayton (CAPA), Joe LaHeist (Arapahoe County), Carl Armijo (Town of Castle Rock), Russ Higgins (City of Wheat Ridge), Frank Marbury (City of Littleton), and Pamela Weimer (MGPEC).

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 15, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. at the City & County of Denver office located at 5440 Roslyn Street, Denver, Colorado.

Meeting Minutes

Jim Katzer made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Carl Armijo seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Katzer presented the Treasurer's Report. The balance of the checking account is \$6420.43. The savings account has a balance of \$3352.22 for a total of \$9772.65. Vern Tabert made a motion to approve the submitted Treasurer's Report, Carl Armijo seconded and the report was approved unanimously.

Asphalt Thickness Design Equations Issue

Dave Potter reported that the original programmer has been working on the issue and has made progress. The AASHTO design equation has been simplified and adjustments were incorporated. A few errors were found in the program and have since been corrected. A new software version is to be delivered to Dave on November 13th or 14th.

If anyone wants additional enhancements made to the software, please contact Dave Potter at dave.potter@denvergov.org as soon as possible in order for those items to be addressed before the final version is issued.

Dave will confirm with the programmer that the "patch" for the software can be posted on the website and will work with the software already issued.

Dave Potter made a motion to post the "patch" for the software on the website in the members only password protected section and only current paid members can access the patch. The cost for the patch is three times the organization's annual dues, if the purchaser has not paid its current annual dues. Carl Armijo seconded that motion and it passed unanimously.

Smoothness Task Force

No progress has been made since the last meeting. Joe LaHeist asked a question about using automated data. Discussion took place about several issues with developing the smoothness specification. Dave Potter is coordinating an effort for individuals to drive roads independently and will issue guidelines and required information to be reported by the volunteers. The completion date for the road evaluation portion of the project is January 2009.

Steering Committee Vacancies

Jim Katzer asked that Vern Tabert be reinstated to his steering committee position but since he had never been formally removed from the steering committee there was no need for approval.

Janice Loucks (City of Aurora) gave information about her work experience and expressed interest in taking over a City of Aurora steering committee position.

Jim Katzer nominated Janice and Vern Tabert seconded. She was unanimously accepted to the Steering Committee.

Pat Kennedy sent letters seeking involvement on the Steering Committee to some other municipalities and will report to the group at the next meeting on the results of those invitations to participate.

A previous discussion of using the proxy system allowed by the by-laws was brought up. It was decided that Pamela Weimer will send out an e-mail to all Steering Committee members a few days in advance of meeting dates to find out if the members plan on attending. If they will not be able to attend they will be asked to submit their proxy in another Steering Committee member's name in order to cast votes at the meeting if a quorum is not present.

2008/2009 Goals

The main topic of discussion was the 2009 Annual Meeting. The meeting was tentatively set for Monday, April 13, 2009. Jim Katzer will look into the availability of Centerpoint for that date. The meeting is expected to be similar to annual meetings held in the past with the General Session and breakouts in the morning. In addition to the morning training an afternoon session is scheduled after lunch that will involve training and information about using the MGPEC specifications and software.

Open Discussion

Item 9: The final version with all corrections is ready and will go to print in the next few days. It will be mailed to all registered manual holders.

Asphalt Conference: APWA/CAPA sponsor attendance at the Asphalt Conference held in Auburn the last week in January and the last week in February. Applications are available online at www.co-asphalt.com and those applications are due November 21, 2008.

Website: Tom Clayton asked permission to post a link for MGPEC on their website. Approval was given. Tom asked to post links for training on MGPEC's website for CAPA as well as other organizations. Permission was given by the Steering Committee. Pamela Weimer asked that anyone wanting to post items,

should send the information as a pdf file or link and write the blurb for the item as they want it to be posted.

Handouts: Tom Clayton handed out a flyer for the OSHA 10-hour Safety Training for the Road Building Industry (November 18 & 19) and HMA Construction Seminar (December 9 & 10). This information can also be found on CAPA's website www.co-asphalt.com. He also had registration brochures for the Rocky Mountain Asphalt Conference & Equipment Show (February 18-20, 2009). Information can be found for that on their website at www.rmaces.org.

Question: Frank Marbury asked if anyone has a recommendation for sealing recently place concrete to prevent the intrusion of salts. Jamie Johnson will look into options for this concern.

Projected 2009 asphalt prices: There was a discussion about projected asphalt prices for 2009. There are now more suppliers available, so logically more competitive prices should result.

Adjournment

Vice Chairman Russ Higgins adjourned the meeting at 3:03 p.m.