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**CITIZEN OUTREACH GROUP**

**Citizen Outreach Group August 21, 2023**

**Members Present**

**In Person and Via**

**Virtual/Teleconference**

**Meeting:** Jim Godfrey, Sarah Brittain Jack, Ruble Henderson, Art Glynn

**Members Absent:** Carl “Chip” Frazer

**Commissioners Present:** Carrie Geitner

**County Staff Present:** Ryan Parsell, Vernon Stewart, Rebecca Rudder

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1. **Call to Order, Jim Godfrey - Chair:** The meeting was called to order at 9:36 a.m.
2. **Administrative Items, Jim Godfrey - Chair:** 
   1. A motion to accept as excused or unexcused absences of Board member Carl “Chip” Frazer
   2. A motion to approve and accept the June 19, 2023, meeting minutes as written was made by Sarah Brittain Jack and seconded by Art Glynn.
   3. Commissioner Liaison comments:
      1. Commissioner Carrie Geitner is looking forward to finalizing the COG’s amended bylaws and getting a full COG Board. She confirmed the Redistricting map has been finalized and approved and she is looking forward to the Citizens College update.

**III: Review of pending changes to the Bylaws of the El Paso County Citizen Outreach Group (COG), Ryan Parsell - Executive Director of Government Affairs:**

1. Clarification of at-large citizen appointee vs. a citizen appointed by a duly sworn-in Commissioner was provided.
2. Reappointment of at-large citizen appointee at the end of the first term does not require a re-application.
3. The COG will be comprised of 11 voting members.

**IV: El Paso County Fair Survey Update, Vernon Stewart – Executive Director of Communications:**

1. 32,000 attendees
2. 25survey results (22 – QR code and 3 paper surveys)
3. El Paso County Fair is self-sustaining – it doesn’t cost the County anything.
4. Age group of attendees varied, but a younger crowd attended, especially in the carnival zone.
5. El Paso County Fair is essential to keep agriculture alive.
6. Provide more opportunities for city kids to experience.
   * 1. Focus and engage
     2. Table tops
7. Attendance numbers (25,000) are still large and achieving goals.
8. County should consider a raffle to enhance attendance.
   * 1. Experience over an item such as:
        1. Dude Ranch
        2. Weapon safety course
        3. Range experience package of 4
9. El Paso County persona is that of an active community. We need to appeal to that.

**V: 2023 Citizens College Update, Ruble Henderson**

1. Recommends pushing Citizens College to spring.
2. Identify advertising resources and opportunities.
3. Need a central repository and archive for Citizen College procedural information.
4. Consider a Drop Box or Google Drive with member access.
5. Applications and interviews recommended for all participants.
6. Identify lessons learned/hot wash from last year’s event

**VI: Other Updates:**

* COG must have a quorum for September and October meetings.
* Ryan Parsell will complete the following:
  + set September agenda
  + solidify new bylaws and new members
  + will conduct a new member presentation as a refresher.

**VII: Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.