

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT COLLABORATIVE, REGIONAL GOVERNANCE OF CITY FOR CHAMPIONS

WHEREAS, the City for Champions proposal has received full support and funding from the State Economic Development Commission acting under the authority of the Regional Tourism Act; and

WHEREAS in the same manner as the City of Colorado Springs, El Paso County has proposed to be a full financial partner in the City for Champions, through the potential commitment of the net new sales tax increment generated above the base and ordinary, annual growth rate, which will result from increased tourism activity in our region; and

WHEREAS in their conditions of approval, The State Economic Development Commission has required that a Regional Tourism Advisory Board (RTAB) be formed and that this RTAB consist of one or more representatives from the City of Colorado Springs, the four partner projects and community members; and

WHEREAS a working stakeholder group consisting of the Mayor of Colorado Springs, the President of City Council and the Chairman of the El Paso County Board of County Commissioners and representatives of the partner projects has been formed by consensus and has begun work on governance, bylaws and compliance issues; and

WHEREAS the working stakeholder group has agreed to monthly, public, informational meetings at which reports will be given by a representative from the City, the County and each partner project and the public and media will be invited to participate through questions and discussion; and

WHEREAS the Mayor of Colorado Springs, in coordination with the President and President Protem of City Council and the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners has agreed that El Paso County must be represented in full partnership on the RTAB; and

WHEREAS on January 22, 2014, The Mayor of Colorado Springs, in coordination with the President and President Protem of City Council and the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners appointed and directed an hoc committee consisting of City, County and partner project representatives, to meet and develop recommendations for the working stakeholder group to consider the composition and members of the RTAB.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of County Commissioners fully supports this ongoing collaborative process, as the most productive, open and transparent manner to comply with the requirements of the State Economic Development Commission, and to provide up-to-date and accurate information to citizens on the progress of the City for Champions project.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board of County Commissioners does not support any entity involved in the City for Champions project working outside the bounds of the approved collaborative process.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board of County Commissioners recognizes that as proposed, the City for Champions project requires no new taxes, no new expenditures from either the City or County general funds, no bond obligations to either the City or County general funds and it represents an opportunity which must be fully vetted and considered in a collaborative manner, through the established process which includes the Mayor of Colorado Springs, Colorado Springs City Council, El Paso County Commissioners, project partners and citizens.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board of County Commissioners have agreed that a third party financial analysis and legal opinion are required in order to determine the financial viability of the proposed projects as well as whether any of the proposed projects requires a public vote by the City of Colorado Springs.

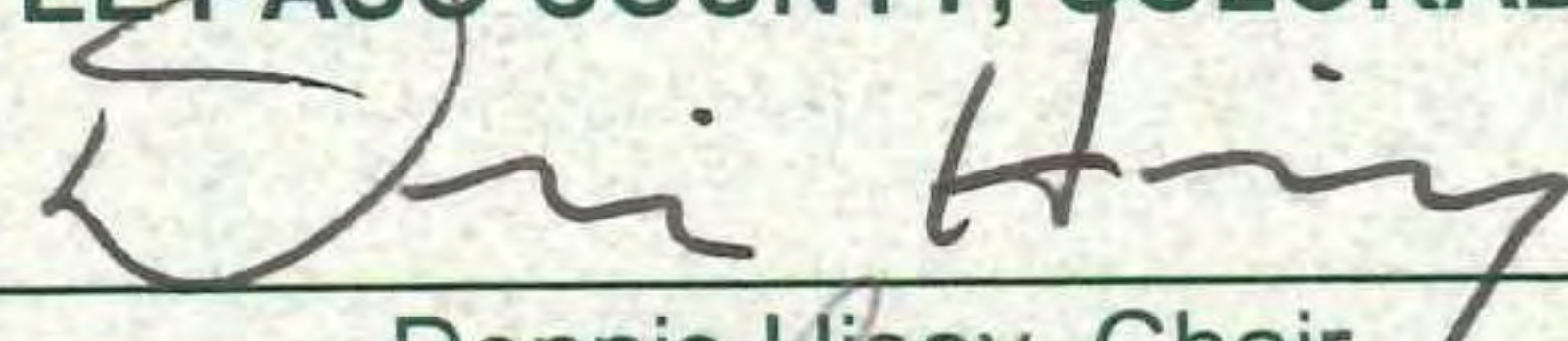
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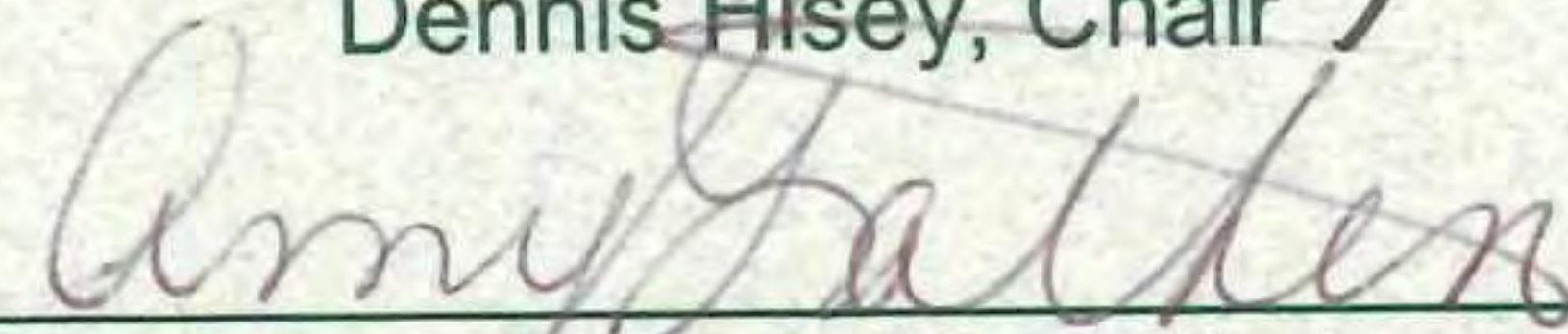
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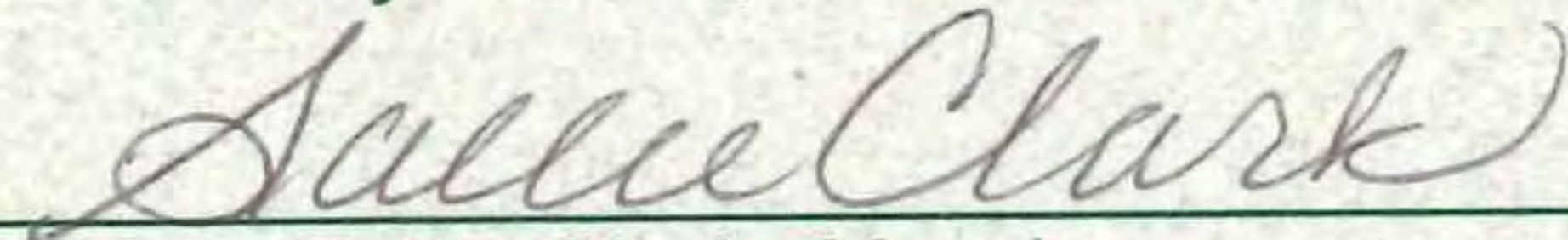
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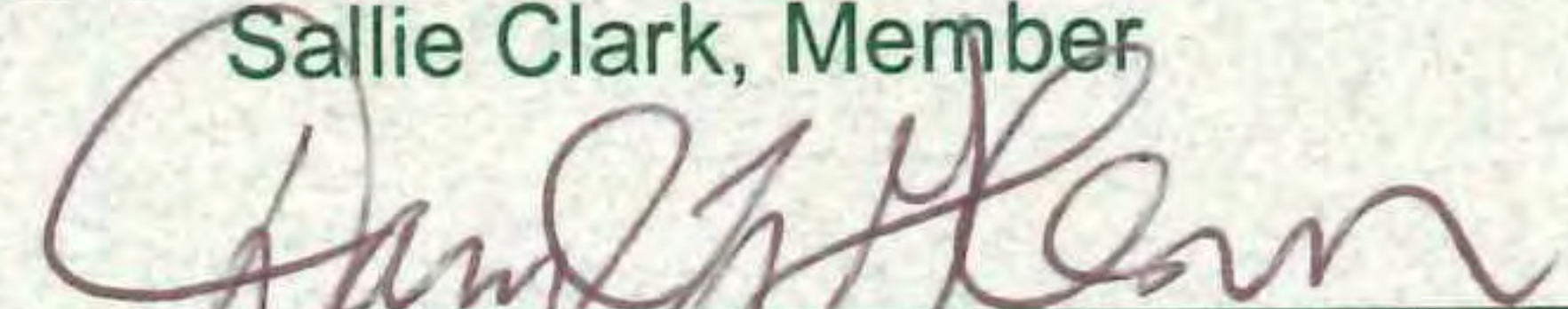
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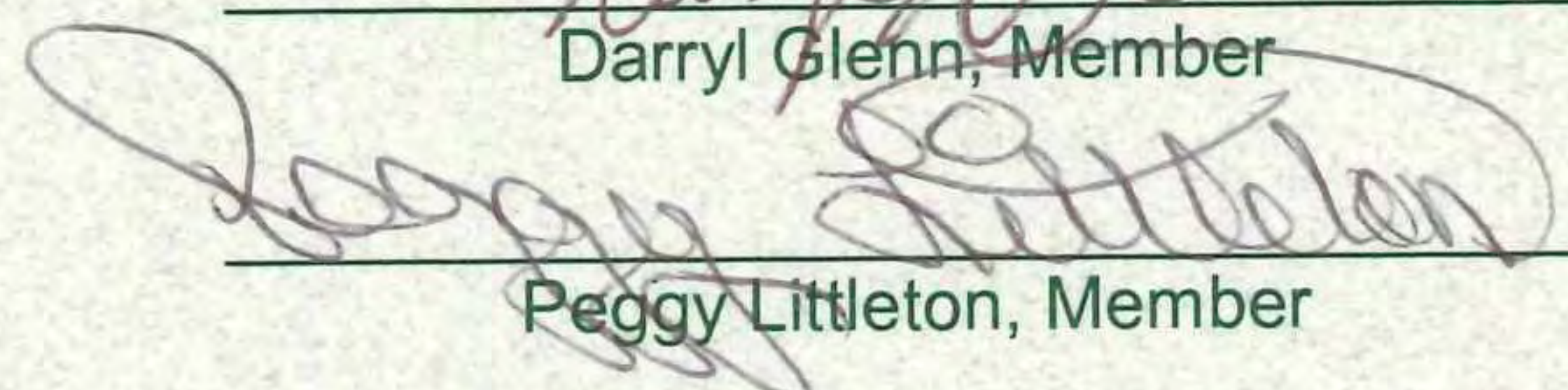
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