

**Canon City Area Metropolitan
Recreation and Park District
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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 9, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER The Canon City Area Metropolitan Recreation and Park District Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board Vice-Chairman, Jim Johnson, in the board meeting room located at 575 Ash Street.

ROLL CALL

Board Members:

Present: Kalem Lenard (by phone)
 Jim Johnson
 Scott Johnson
 Mike Sallie
 Nick Sartori

Staff: Kyle Horne Executive Director
 Dawn Green Finance Director

Attorney: Dan Slater-Absent

Guests: Tony Adamic

Board member Mike Sallie made a motion, seconded by board member Scott Johnson to excuse the absence of board member Kalem Lenard. Motion carried unanimously, all aye vote.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Board member Scott Johnson made a motion, seconded by board member Mike Sallie to accept the minutes from the regular board meeting on June 18, 2019 as written. Motion carried unanimously, all aye vote.

Board member Mike Sallie made a motion, seconded by board member Scott Johnson to accept the minutes from the executive session on June 18, 2019 as written. Motion carried unanimously, all aye vote.

**Board member Kalem Lenard called into the meeting

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Board member Scott Johnson made a motion to accept agenda as written, seconded by board member Mike Sallie. Motion carried unanimously, all aye vote.

Board member Mike Sallie made a motion, seconded by board member Scott Johnson to rescind the excuse of the absence of board member Kalem Lenard. Motion carried unanimously, all aye vote.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Board reviewed the monthly financial statements and accounts payable.

Board member Scott Johnson made a motion, seconded by board member Mike Sallie to approve the financial matters. Motion carried unanimously, all aye vote.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

- No member of the public chose to speak.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- Board member Scott Johnson shared with the board that the annual SDA conference is scheduled for mid-September. He plans on attending. Board member Nick Sartori may also attend.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Executive Director – Kyle Horne reported:

- Kyle has been in contact with Fred Washington of Black Hills Energy to schedule an energy audit next week at Rouse Park. The District is looking for ways to save money on energy costs at the park.
- Zach Bailey has proposed an Eagle Scout project at Eagle Wing. He has secured donated material and a work crew to install split rail fencing around the parking lot. He hopes to schedule the project at the end of August. Board member Scott Johnson requested that the fencing still allow for vehicle access to the service road.
- In working with John Sand and Mike Starika, Kyle has submitted a grant application to the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) to request \$2,600 to

replace the ten targets at the archery range. He was informed by Zach Holder that Colorado Parks & Wildlife has a grant opportunity where the RMEF grant could be leveraged to possibly fund covered shooting lanes and/or 3D targets.

- District staff is starting to look at a GOCO grant application to upgrade the playground and perhaps the lighting at Rouse Park. The completed applications are due in October.
- Cody Bennett has been hired as the Recreation Technician. His start date is July 10, 2019.
- There is an opening for the Kids Klub Director position as Tai Wright left the District to take another position.
- The District will be scheduling in August a volunteer day to plant seedlings in John Griffin Regional Park. The seedlings will be planted in the Mile-High Youth Corps project areas where the Russian Elm and tamarisk have been removed. It is estimated that twenty to thirty people will be needed to work for a few hours. The District will reach out to groups such as local scout troops and the Canonland Walkers and Hikers to recruit volunteers.
- Luke Javernick of River Science, and Blake Osborn met with Kyle regarding opportunities for a science grant to create different channels in the river to mitigate flooding. Their work is supported by the Colorado Water Conservation Board. This may be an option to address the bank stabilization needed at Pathfinder Regional Park.
- The District is looking for a new IT professional as Mike Kimmick is stepping away from that service.

Dan Slater:

- Dan Slater did not attend.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Kyle met with Ryan Stevens from the City of Canon City and Karen Satori from the REC (Recreation Enhances our Community) Committee regarding the recreation center project. City Council would like to have a vision committee meeting at 4:00 p.m. on July 17th and asked that REC and the Recreation District have a seat at the table to discuss next steps. Board members Scott Johnson and Nick Sartori will try to attend. Mr. Stevens asked the Recreation District to take point on being the lead agency for future requests for proposals and related contracts relating to this project. The board discussed this request. The board will revisit this issue after the meeting on July 17th. Board member Nick Sartori commented that this project still needs to be driven by the community.
- In an updated financial comparison, the revenues at the Icabone pool are at 58% of last year's amount to date. The weather and mechanical issues have discouraged attendance at the pool. The climbing wall is installed. The 4th of July free day drew a decent crowd. Pool manager Adam Pierce is brainstorming

ideas, such as a Vegas night, to try and increase revenues. The annual Piranha Swim Meet is this weekend.

The boiler is now running. Kyle has spoken to Rick Stewart of the Pool Training Academy who has recommended boiler options which can be relocated to a new facility. According to Mr. Stewart, it is recommended that the water temperature for a pool be above 80 degrees with a minimum of 77 degrees. Board member Kalem Lenard asked if a new boiler would be more efficient and lower the cost of operating the pool. Kyle responded that our boiler is operating at 45% of capacity, and a new boiler could improve recirculation. He has asked Johnny's Plumbing and Thom Willard for cost estimates for a new boiler.

In reviewing the financial comparison, the board discussed the reduction in swim lesson revenue. Board member Nick Sartori would like to see some polling of participants to determine why. Utilizing Active Net communication lists from the first two swim lesson sessions, Kyle will put out a survey on SurveyMonkey.

NEW BUSINESS

- Kyle has discussed with and shown County officials the damage occurring to the riverbank and trail across from the Recreation District office. In consulting with former Recreation District Executive Director Jim Hoar, it is believed that the area is part of the levee system of the former Fremont County Flood District which would make repairs the responsibility of the County.

The District has hired Ray Lippis to clean out the eddy caused by a downed tree and put in some rock to help stem the damage,


Attorney Dan Slater has found a map which shows that the area is part of the levee system, The Army Corps of Engineers has been contacted to verify this. Dan has met with County attorney Brenda Jackson, and both attorneys recommend that an IGA be written to clarify which entity is responsible for maintenance and repair in which areas along the river. Having this IGA in place will help future board members and commissioners prevent having to revisit this issue. The County is offering to split repair costs 50/50 until responsibility is determined, then the responsible entity will reimburse the other for costs incurred. When the water levels go down, an engineer will be consulted and estimates for repairs to the levee will be sought. Trail repair will then be completed by the Recreation District's parks crew. Board member Mike Sallie asked if channel work, like what is being proposed at Pathfinder Park would aid in stabilizing the bank.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Board Vice-Chairman Jim Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Submitted by:

Approved as written or amended:



Dawn Green, Finance Director



Meeting Chair

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**SESSION MINUTES
August 6, 2019**

On August 6, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium at Cañon City High School, the District Board of Directors attended a public meeting and presentation on the Recreation District and proposed Recreation Center. Board members in attendance included Scott Johnson, Mike Sallie, and Nick Sartori. There was no agenda for the meeting, as it was just a presentation by Kyle Horne and Karen Sartori and open discussion with the 100 people in attendance. The public meeting concluded at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

Approved as written or amended:



Kyle Horne, Executive Director



Chair of Session