

**Canon City Area Metropolitan
Recreation and Park District
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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 8, 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 Chairman, Kalem Lenard, in the board meeting room located at 575 Ash Street.

ROLL CALL

Board Members:

Present: Kalem Lenard
Jim Johnson
Scott Johnson
Mike Sallie
Nick Sartori

Staff: Kyle Horne Executive Director
Dawn Green Finance Director

Attorney: Dan Slater

Guests: Tony Adamic Chris Koehn
Doug Koehn Walter Cloninger
Other Members of the Community

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 September 10, 2019 as written. Motion carried unanimously, all aye vote.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

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

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Board reviewed the monthly financial statements and accounts payable.

Board member Nick Sartori made a motion, seconded by board member Jim Johnson to approve the financial matters. Motion carried unanimously, all aye vote.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

- Mr. Chris Koehn addressed the board on behalf of a group of landowners who have concerns regarding the Recreation District's quiet title action to consolidate John Griffin Regional Park into one legal description. They wish to protect their private property on the north side of the river. He is requesting to have a conversation to make the process work for both groups.

Kyle Horne explained that currently John Griffin Regional Park is made up of numerous parcels owned by the District. Because of the county's GIS process, two slivers of land between adjoining parcels within the park showed up as unknown and went to auction. District staff had to bid against someone from out of state in order to protect the Arkansas Riverwalk trail. This quiet title would give the park one legal description to prevent this from happening again.

There was discussion about property lines, their descriptions and what "to the north bank of the river" means. Community members present who spoke to this issue included adjoining property owners Walter Cloninger and Doug Koehn. Adjoining landowners expressed concern that the quiet title process would include land not owned by the District. The survey work completed for the title work uses the property descriptions in the deeds for parcels owned by the District.

There was discussion on how to move forward. Mr. Cloninger agreed to be served as part of the action, but the board has given Dan Slater direction to file an extension to allow an additional 60 days for the process. This will give the board time to review the titles, meet with the surveyor and continue to have discussions with adjoining property owners.

- Mr. Tony Adamic asked about the progress of the Russian Olive and tamarisk abatement project as it relates to the property leased by Mr. Joe Lippis at Pathfinder Park, and how it might affect the leasing process for next year. Kyle Horne responded that Mr. Lippis had said the project was ahead of schedule. He will talk to Mr. Lippis and update the board in December on the status of the project prior to the lease going out to bid early next year.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- None

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Executive Director – Kyle Horne reported:

- In addition to what was written in his board report, Kyle provided additional information he recently received from Mr. Washington of Black Hills regarding the energy usage at Rouse Park. Because the District has two days or more of the highest energy call rates in a calendar year (due to the use of lights in the hot summer months) that is the rate that is paid year-round. Mr. Washington suggested two options to reduce the rates. One is to split the meter so that the lights and the pump are on separate meters. The other is to switch the lights to LEDS. The board was presented with copies of the energy assessment reports for Rouse Park and the office building. These reports highlight the savings and incentives for switching to LEDs. Cost estimates for switching the lights are being sought from Matthews Brothers, Territory Electric and Tim Harding.
- Mr. Horne has spoken to Greg McIntyre, a neighbor of the Eagle Wing Trailhead. He has requested that the District lock the gates to the parking area at dusk and open them at dawn to try and reduce night-time use which is prohibited. Kyle has spoken to Parks Supervisor, Devin Everhart and maintenance staff could be scheduled to lock the gates. The board discussed this request including the concern for potentially locking someone in and the need for signage. It was agreed to try locking the gate to assess the impact on unauthorized use. Board member Kalem Lenard suggested making FAR aware of the new practice. Board member Jim Johnson also suggested reaching out to the Canon City Police Department to see if they can add the trailhead to their patrol of parks.
- In response to a question from the board, Kyle explained that the yellow gate at the top of the hill on Ash Street was hit by a vehicle when a driver lost control of his truck. Local law enforcement was called to the scene. District parks crew members are constructing a new gate.

Dan Slater:

- Dan Slater had no report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Kyle recently spoke with Kevin from Parker pools, who has had the opportunity to inspect the sand filters and equipment at the Icabone pool. He stated that the filters have leaks and rust and need to be replaced. The cost estimate for replacing the filters is \$90,000 and the boiler is \$40,000 including installation and plumbing. This does not include the cost to remove the roof in order to remove the old equipment from the building.

The District received the August bill for water at the pool and the gallons were significantly higher than those used last August. There is a leak somewhere. District crews know of and will repair a valve for the irrigation system, but this does not account for all the additional water used. It is likely that there is a leak somewhere else.

The board discussed the status of the pool and the difficulties faced with making it operational. They would like to have more information on the cost estimates for

the equipment, on the leak and the options and expense to find it, and input from the public prior to making a decision.

- The board reviewed the goals set for the District for 2019, as they discussed the goals for 2020. Some are completed, such as widening the Eagle Wing Trailhead parking lot and the Russian olive removal grant projects in John Griffin Regional Park, but others will continue including riverbank restoration at Pathfinder Park and trail development on the Schepp property.

NEW BUSINESS

- The board was presented with the draft 2020 budget. There are two, one which includes operating the pool and one that does not. Kyle Horne pointed out some additional items in the draft budget:
 - Purchase of a truck and gator from capital outlay in the general fund
 - A new line item for archery range maintenance
 - The election line item includes funding estimates for the May election and a possible November tax question
 - The Capital Projects fund projects include switching to LEDs at Rouse Park, the playground at Rouse Park and riverbank restoration at Pathfinder Regional Park.
 - The Programs Activity Fund includes the purchase of a new sign at the office building, an increase in insurance costs for Kids Klub due to staff changes and the intention to host two softball tournaments to increase programs revenue.

The board discussed the time and date to hold the budget workshop. After reviewing their calendars, the meeting was set for October 30th at 9:00 a.m. At this meeting they will decide when to hold a public meeting/presentation on the pool.

- The Recreation District staff has been working on a Great Outdoors Colorado grant application to replace the playground at Rouse Park. The equipment is old and no longer being supported by the manufacturer.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-6

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR AN LPOR GRANT FROM THE STATE BOARD OF THE GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO FOR A PLAYGROUND IN ROUSE PARK

Board member Jim Johnson made a motion, seconded by board member Mike Sallie to adopt resolution 2019-6. The resolution was adopted with all members present voting aye.

- Due to the new school class structure at the Florence schools, the 6th graders can no longer play in the middle school leagues. The Recreation District was approached by the Fremont RE-2 School District to allow them to register in the Recreation District sports leagues during the school year, with the School District

paying the fees. The District can create a coupon code that would allow these students to register using Active Net. The School District would be charged the early discount rate without the out of district fee. Board member Scott Johnson had a concern about the fee structure considering a recent opinion by the attorney general on the ability of a special district to reduce fees for certain customers. However, this is an intergovernmental agreement between the two districts, students would not be paying the fees.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-7

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTRY INTO AN
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH FREMONT SCHOOL
DISTRICT RE-2**


Board member Jim Johnson made a motion, seconded by board member Scott Johnson to adopt resolution 2019-7. The resolution was adopted with all members present voting aye.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Board Chairman Kalem Lenard adjourned the meeting at 10:03 p.m.

Submitted by:

Approved as written or amended:



Dawn Green, Finance Director



Meeting Chair