

**Canon City Area Metropolitan  
Recreation and Park District  
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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
August 11, 2020**

**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 President, Jim Johnson, in the meeting room located at 575 Ash Street.

**ROLL CALL**

Board Members:

Present: Jim Johnson  
Mike Sallie  
Nick Sartori  
Greg DiRito

Staff: Kyle Horne Executive Director  
Dawn Green Finance Director

Attorney: Dan Slater

Guests: Tony Adamic

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

Board member Mike Sallie made a motion, seconded by board member Nick Sartori to accept the minutes from the regular board meeting on July 14, 2020 as written. Motion carried unanimously, all present voting aye.

**ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

Board member Jim Johnson made a motion to accept the agenda as written, seconded by board member Greg DiRito. Motion carried unanimously, all present voting aye.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL MATTERS**

The Board reviewed the monthly financial statements and accounts payable and discussed the status of some summer camps during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Board member Nick Sartori made a motion, seconded by board member Greg DiRito to approve the financial matters. Motion carried unanimously, all present voting aye.

## **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

- No member of the public addressed the board.

## **ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

- No oral or written communications were discussed.

## **DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

Executive Director – Kyle Horne reported:

- The trail project at the Schepp Open Space area is underway after a short rain delay. It is hoped to be completed by the end of the month. Another homeless camp was discovered in the area. The Recreation District will be working with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the local homelessness coalition to clean up the camp starting next week. It is near some trails and there is a significant amount of trash that needs to be picked up.
- Kyle informed the board that a woman was confronted by a homeless person on the Arkansas Riverwalk trail near the 9<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge. There was some discussion about the impact of the homeless on local parks and trails.
- The District has scheduled the calendar for the 2021 budget. Kyle requested that if the board members have a project they would like to include in the upcoming budget, to let him know as soon as possible.
- Kyle gave the board information on the modifications the programs staff were considering for the fall sports season. In light of CHSAA postponing their start dates and the current health department guideline which state that there can be no more than 25 people on a playing field, the staff had to come up with alternative options to running normal leagues. In football they are looking at a 7 v 7 format. It is a fast-paced game that limits contact between players. Also, to reduce contact, the District is thinking of offering skills and drills sessions instead of a flag football league. Registration for the program will not start until August 31<sup>st</sup>. This allows for time to see how the start of the school year goes. Registration would be open for two weeks followed by a short practice time frame with games scheduled to start in October.  
Programs staff is looking to do something similar in youth soccer in switching to a 7 v. 7 format except for the younger players, who would play 3 v. 3. Those five to six years old will focus on skills and drills. There would be no kneekicker program for the youngest players. Smaller player numbers would allow for further distanced fields. If registration numbers are high enough, games could be played on Sundays.

Spectators would be limited to immediate family, which would have to stay in family groups six feet apart along the field. It was suggested that this information be included with the registration information.

- District Staff is also looking at special events that could be held outside in the fall, including the Clean Up-Green Up. The District could offer volunteers grab and go breakfasts and send them out to help clean up trash along the trails (which are seeing increased usage at this time).

The District would also like to offer another fishing program in October.

By making use of the community room, the District can team with local crafters to offer art classes for up to 25 people.

The District is in contact with the local health department to help determine what we can offer. Board member Nick Sartori suggested that the District share with the schools the guidelines for the modified youth programs. District staff does plan to issue a press release concerning fall programming.

- Kids Klub staff will be hosting a fundraiser on August 29<sup>th</sup> – a family friendly, 80s themed kickball night at Rouse Park. There will be two sessions, and the fee is \$5 per person. Depending on the number of participants, they may do an additional night.
- Cody Bennett is looking to start an open park night at Rouse Park for softball and kickball players. It would be like the open gym nights the District has during colder seasons with a \$4 fee for each drop in participant.
- District staff met with health department officials at the Nailor house to go over the plans for Aftermath. The event was approved by the health department as the District's event takes advantage of the unique setting to help with social distancing. For example, the flow of traffic is one way and the exit and entrance to the event are more than 50 feet apart. There can be one group upstairs and one group downstairs. Both attendees and actors will have to wear masks. Hand sanitizer will be made available. The board discussed the possibility of extending the nights it is offered, and the need to recruit and recognize the volunteers. There is a possibility the entrance fee will be raised to \$20.

Dan Slater:

- Dan Slater had no report.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- There were representatives from eight playground companies at the mandatory site visit. Of those, six companies submitted proposals for the new playground at Rouse Park, five of which submitted two separate options. The proposals were reviewed by District staff, with input sought from some local children. Board member packets included a copy of the score sheet. The top three proposals were submitted by Churchich Recreation, Playwell and A to Z Recreation. References were called for all three. Playwell did receive one negative review on the installation process. Other reference calls for this company included one to a

client who did their own install, another to one who did not return the call, and one whose playground has yet to be installed. District staff received good references from both A to Z Recreation and Churchich Recreation clients. The District currently operates two playgrounds that were from Churchich. The children polled preferred the spread-out/horizontal design from Churchich, and the company added approximately \$56,000 in value through a rebate. Based on these factors, the staff recommends the first option presented by Churchich Recreation.

## RESOLUTION NO. 2020-11

### A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE RE-CONSTRUCTION OF A PLAYGROUND AT ROUSE PARK TO CHURCHICH RECREATION

Board member Nick Sartori made a motion, seconded by board member Mike Sallie to adopt resolution 2020-11. The resolution was adopted with all members present voting aye.

- The virtual focus group for the recreation center went well. Attendees would like to get all the amenities and features included, but that drives up the cost of the center. In order to save money, there are options such as having the lap lane pool outdoors and covered with a tent in non-summer months. This could save four to five million dollars. Board member Nick Sartori pointed out that at some community meetings, attendees expressed a preference for an outdoor pool. The pool could be designed to be enclosed at a future date. Another cost saving measure would be to put the gym in a metal building, as the recreation center in Eaton has done. The consulting firm will be working on a conceptual design. The cost still might require additional funding. The District will need the REC committee to help with these fundraising efforts. Avenues to explore include donations, grants and perhaps assistance from a developer depending on the location chosen. The board members discussed the possible location for a center. Representatives from the City of Canon City are trying to set up a meeting of the owners of the Oddfellows property near 15<sup>th</sup> Street. The Abbey location may be more amenable to citizens of Florence and Penrose, who might one day be included in the District. Board member Greg DiRito stated that the location off Highway 50 is better from a business perspective due to its visibility to a high volume of traffic.
- Workers from GE Johnson have built the open shed at the Ash Street Archery Range. There is trim work to be completed as parts are not yet in. The District hopes to have the final inspection on the building next week. District staff is working on the paths. Once the project is complete there will be a small grand opening ceremony. All the in-kind work donated to the project increased the grant match and the value of the project. Two static targets have been added as will two 3D targets which will be used intermittently.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Dan Slater gave a report on the updated draft of the intergovernmental agreement (IGA) the District has with Fremont County concerning Pathfinder Regional Park, a copy of which was included in the board packets. Water shares were included with the property and the original IGA states the water should be kept on the property and could not be sold away. The County has realized they have 250 shares that they are not using and would like to use elsewhere. This does not affect the shares the Recreation District owns.

The board discussed the amendment to the IGA. Board member Jim Johnson expressed concern about the change that would allow the County to potentially sell their shares, as the amended agreement does not detail that the water would be used for Road & Bridge purposes. He asked what effect would this have on the District and its portion of the property? He is hesitant to undo work by another board which completed the original agreement, and what effect this might have on the future of the park with future boards. He has requested more clarification on the County's intent, stating that to sell it off their property is not what the board was told when approached by the County to amend the IGA. Dan Slater will speak to the County's attorney.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct, Board President Jim Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

Submitted by:

Approved as written or amended:



Dawn Green, Finance Director



Meeting Chair