

**Canon City Area Metropolitan
Recreation and Park District
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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 14, 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
Brett James

Staff: Kyle Horne Executive Director
Dawn Green Finance Director

Attorney: Dan Slater

Guests: Tony Adamic

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Board member Nick Sartori made a motion, seconded by board member Mike Sallie to accept the minutes from the regular board meeting on June 9, 2020 as written. Motion carried unanimously, all present voting aye.

Board member Mike Sallie made a motion, seconded by board member Greg DiRito to accept the minutes from the executive session on June 9, 2020 as written. Motion carried unanimously, all present voting aye.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Board member Greg DiRito made a motion to accept the agenda as written, seconded by board member Brett James. 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 the LED replacement projects at the District office building and at Rouse Park.

Board member Mike Sallie made a motion, seconded by board member Nick Sartori 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

- Board member Jim Johnson thanked the programs staff for developing new programs to offer during COVID-19. His grandchildren are enjoying the archery camp. Board member Nick Sartori has received comments from the public complimenting the District for providing different programming options at this difficult time.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Executive Director – Kyle Horne reported:

- Kyle reported that Fremont Adventure Recreation (FAR) has started Phase I trail construction at the Schepp Open Space. Fremont County has allowed access to the site through their property by ECO Park.
- The District's new website is being launched today through Colorado Interactive. The domain name, ccrec.org, will remain the same. This switch to the new platform should make the site more mobile friendly and easier to navigate. Kyle thanked Dawn Green and the programs staff for their work on the project. Board member Brett James asked if the District could turn the site into an app to make available notifying program participants of any changes.
- Kyle was approached by County Commissioner Tim Payne to discuss updating the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for Pathfinder Regional Park. The County would like to be able to use their shares of the irrigation water offsite as they do not need it at the park at this time. The County is working with the Florence/Penrose School District first as they are also in the IGA. Kyle included a copy of the existing IGA in the board member packets. The County's attorney is working on the language change and the District's attorney, Dan Slater, has been apprised of the request to update the IGA.
- As regards to offering fall sports, the programs staff has been talking with other recreation departments around the state, many of whom are waiting on the decision by CHSAA regarding high school sports before determining what youth programming they will offer.

There was a discussion about how to accomplish social distancing in football and soccer and looking at the Colorado Soccer Association for guidance. Kyle advised the board that the District can expect to see lower participation numbers due to COVID-19. Some program adjustments will likely be required. He stated it is important to stay flexible at this point.

Board member Greg DiRito suggested that the programs staff be thinking creatively to be prepared to have something else to offer should the regular fall programs not be allowed to take place.

Multiple new programs and adjusted camps the District has offered this summer have sold out.

- The District hopes to finish installing the donated Promethean boards soon. Some wiring needs to take place before the media boards can be fully utilized.
- Kyle reminded the board members that photos of the newest members, Greg DiRito and Brett James, need to be taken and that all board members should submit updated bios for the new website.
- As the board discussed other District staff reports, a question was raised regarding what avenues for advertising the District is utilizing. Kyle responded that Facebook is effective as the primary media utilized, citing the good response to the river safety promos. The District has also sent out press releases (which have not been published) to the Daily Record. Also used are radio ads and the District's website. The board discussed a potential digital sign. District staff took part in the reverse 4th of July parade which garnered some good public relations. Board member Nick Sartori requested that the District's goals be included in the board packet. They can be printed on the back of the agenda.

Dan Slater:

- Dan Slater had no report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- In a previous meeting, the board of directors authorized attorney Dan Slater to negotiate the URA agreement with the City of Canon City. Dan, Kyle and board member Nick Sartori met with City representatives. The District will receive 100% of the TIF (Tax Increment Financing) on residential property within the overlapping districts' boundaries and 33% of the TIF on commercial/non-residential property. The agreement can be reviewed in 10 years at the Recreation District's request. These terms are satisfactory to the board and Dan Slater has reviewed and approves of the language in the intergovernmental agreement.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-10

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ENTRY INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CAÑON CITY AND THE CAÑON CITY AREA FOR REINVESTMENT EXPANSION FOR THE PURPOSES OF ESTABLISHING AN URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY

Board member Nick Sartori made a motion, seconded by board member Jim Johnson to adopt resolution 2020-10. The resolution was adopted with all members present voting aye.

- The third focus group for the recreation center is being planned. Attendees would primarily be the community leaders from each of the following entities involved in the project- the City of Canon City, Fremont County, REC (Recreation Enhances our Community) and the Recreation District. The survey results will guide the discussion about which amenities to include in the facility. This will allow the consulting firms to move on to the preliminary design phase. The focus group is scheduled for July 27th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. There was discussion about who from the District will attend. Board members Brett James, Nick Sartori and Greg DiRito are available. Board member Jim Johnson suggested that staff members Kyle Horne and Dawn Green attend. The third representative from the District will be board member Nick Sartori.
Kyle reminded the board that the issues at the Icabone pool are not going away and that facility's useful life is rapidly expiring.
He also informed the board that he was approached by Canon City School District Superintendent George Welsh with an idea to help make the recreation center tax questions more palatable to the voters. The school district has nine mils coming off the books in the coming years. They would like to keep five to go for future BEST grants. By working with the Recreation District, the School District could buy the Icabone Pool site to build an innovation school with a grant and the other four mils could help fund the recreation center.
- In response to the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the new playground at Rouse Park, there are potentially ten vendors that will be attending the site visit tomorrow. A copy of the timeline for the project was included in the board packets as was a copy of the RFP. Staff will review the proposals that are submitted and make a recommendation to the board at the August meeting. It is hoped the project will be completed by November.
An outdoor racquetball association has contacted Kyle to discuss refurbishing the courts in that area of the park at their expense.
- The District received a small range grant from Colorado Parks and Wildlife for a cover for the shooting pad at the Ash Street Range. The design for the lean-to has been submitted to the County building department for approval. The engineered design was donated by GE Johnson and valued at \$3,000. Other improvements included in the grant include a 60yard target, the necessary concrete work for the pads, updating all crusher fine paths to the targets, new targets and possibly

adding a 3D target or two. A metal sign listing all those who donated to the project will be installed. This includes the Royal Gorge Bridge and Park, who donated planks. The archery sees use on a daily basis, and the District plans on hosting a grand reopening when the project is complete. The District's archery camp was well attended this summer, showing the intergenerational appeal of the sport. Mr. Adamic asked if the District was looking to set up an archery range at Pathfinder Park. Kyle responded that due to the number of walkers in the area and the youth sports held at the park it is not advisable due to safety concerns.

NEW BUSINESS

- No new business was listed on the agenda

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Board President Jim Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by:

Approved as written or amended:



Dawn Green, Finance Director



Meeting Chair