

**Canon City Area Metropolitan  
Recreation and Park District  
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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
June 9, 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 member, Jim Johnson, via Zoom (the online meeting platform) due to the social distancing requirements resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

**ROLL CALL**

Board Members:

Present:                    Jim Johnson  
                                 Mike Sallie  
                                 Nick Sartori  
                                 Greg DiRito  
                                 Brett James

Staff:                      Kyle Horne                    Executive Director  
                                 Dawn Green                  Finance Director  
                                 Carly Poe                     Administrative Assistant

Attorney:                 Dan Slater

Guests:                    Community members via Zoom and Facebook

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

Board member Mike Sallie made a motion, seconded by board member Greg DiRito to accept the minutes from the regular board meeting on May 12, 2020 as written. Motion carried unanimously, all present voting aye.

Board member Nick Sartori made a motion, seconded by board member Mike Sallie to accept the minutes from the executive session on May 12, 2020 as written. Motion carried unanimously, all present voting aye.

## **ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

Board member Mike Sallie made a motion to accept the agenda as written, seconded by board member Nick Sartori. Motion carried unanimously, all present voting aye.

## **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 present voting aye.

## **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

- No member of the public addressed the board.

## **ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

- There were no oral or written communications discussed.

## **DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

Executive Director – Kyle Horne reported:

- Kyle recognized the Canon City School District for their donation to the District of two promethean boards (large screen, interactive media equipment) which enhanced the District's technology capability. The boards are valued at \$7,000-\$9,000.
- Kyle has received only a couple of comments to date on the pool closure. Although some communities are opening their pools with decreased attendance caps, it would be difficult for the Recreation District to generate revenue with no swim lessons, concession sales and reduced admissions.  
The District is turning its focus to water safety. As a member of the Red Cross learn to swim program, the District has access to their water safety programming, Whale Tales, which can be shared on social media. Kyle has met with a representative of RG Rio (a nonprofit taking over where WGRP left off) to do announcements, social media videos and press releases concerning river safety.
- In speaking with Rex Brady of the City of Canon City, the trail coalition seems to be a better fit for the Bureau of Land Management to organize. It is a way to bring together different trail user groups to discuss their needs.
- The District is continuing to attend the Zoom meetings hosted by the Colorado Parks & Recreation Association (CPRA) about programs, facilities and childcare during COVID. Kyle is speaking with Canon City representatives to bring some consistency between the District and the City as recreational spaces open.

- Kyle again thanked the maintenance crew for their hard work and dedication. The District's outdoor spaces are seeing increased use.
- Kyle informed the board that the upgrade to LED lights at the District office building should be completed this week. District staff will continue to look for options and grants to switch the stadium lights at Rouse Park to LEDs.
- In other District reports, board member Mike Sallie suggested that even though the pool is closed for the season, it might be beneficial to track the number of days the pool would have had to close due to weather, etc. as it might support the need for an indoor facility. Kyle stated that the goal is to open the pool in 2021. Board member Nick Sartori said he has been out on the trails and thanked the parks crew for their great work maintaining them. He did notice a bench off its base on the bluff trail about a quarter mile west of the office. He suggested that there be some publicity about the trail and the work the District is doing to keep it open during this time for the community.

Dan Slater:

- Dan Slater had no report.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- In an update on the bike trail project at the Schepp Open Space, Kyle Horne reported that Fremont County did give their approval for the portion of the trail that would be on county property. It is hoped that trail building will start soon. The first phase of the project is expected to take three to four weeks to complete.
- Kyle stated that with the new safer at home order more recreational activities are now allowed. Programs staff is busy trying to get things rolling. The focus is on individual, outdoor activities. With some modifications the District will be offering the following programs:
  - Adult Softball is slated to start June 22<sup>nd</sup> with social distancing. This will impact the timing of the games to allow players in one game time to leave, prior to the arrival of players for the next game. The staff is planning on having one full first season.
  - Youth Baseball will not have time for a full league of play as the state recommendation is to hold a game every two weeks. The program has been reworked to be more like a clinic with scrimmages to reduce the number of player interactions.
  - Youth Volleyball season is cancelled as only ten people are allowed indoors.
  - Adult Sand Volleyball can take place.
  - Track & Field is nearly sold out and will start next week.
  - Mountain Biking has started with two separate classes. The first class was held last Saturday, and the program is four weeks long.
  - In tennis the first session is ongoing.
  - Archery lessons, a new program, is set to start.

Golf Camp has been cancelled by the Four Mile Golf Course due to their usage requirements.

Canon City High School Sports Camps are set to be held at this point. Football and Soccer games are not allowed as they are considered contact sports.

100 Mile Club will be starting soon.

Fishing lessons are in the works.

The special events that were to be held this spring: the bonfire, fishing derby and Clean Up/Green Up will be rescheduled. Work on the Aftermath haunted house is continuing.

The registration periods for these activities have been condensed due to the nearing start dates.

District staff have also been working on the new website.

The board discussed District programs and the impact on them by the COVID-19 guidelines. Board member Greg DiRito asked if the County health officials are expecting District staff to police adherence to the rules during softball and baseball. Kyle responded that state health officials are strongly discouraging spectators, but if they are there to watch, they need to keep social distancing. Between games, District staff will be asking people to leave so that the next teams can play. The District needs to educate the public about the rules. If players are not complying the District may have to suspend the season. Greg suggested marking the bleachers.

At this point there are no soccer games. There is no social distancing as people congregate around the ball. Later in the summer the state may give more guidance on soccer and football games.

In responding to board member Mike Sallie's question regarding youth volleyball, Kyle stated that at this time only we are only allowed to have 10 people indoors. The District does not have the equipment to hold an outdoor league. Board member Nick Sartori suggested the programs staff look at buying nets to play outside, possibly in a clinic format. The tiger volleyball camp with CCHS is still scheduled to occur.

Other recreational updates with the expanded safer at home order include the ability to play doubles in tennis and pickleball, playgrounds can open with a limit of ten people, and the pavilions and public restrooms can open.

Kids Klub is operating, and the attendance numbers are climbing.

Board member Nick Sartori suggested doing a press release to let the community know what is open for registration to capitalize on this positive movement. The District is advertising on the radio, working on a press release and plans to do a Facebook live segment next week to discuss programming.

- Work with Barker Rinker Seacat (BRS) on the next steps for the recreation center project is continuing even though there will not be a ballot question this year. More work is needed on program development and trying to dial in a site location. They are waiting until the next set of focus groups can be done in person to get more community input on the design phase. The board discussed possible site locations- including the Abbey. It is a challenge to find the eight acres necessary available in the area.

- Kyle is currently working on the Request for Proposals (RFP) needed to move forward on the playground replacement project at Rouse Park for which the District was awarded a grant from Great Outdoors Colorado. The board briefly discussed the project and what will happen to the old playground pieces. The current playground is no longer supported by the manufacturer. Some of the pieces will be used for other programs and most of it will be scrapped. The new playground will encompass a larger area in that portion of the park.

### NEW BUSINESS

- No new business was listed on the agenda

Board member Nick Sartori made a motion, seconded by board member Mike Sallie to go into executive session for legal advice on the urban renewal authority and the John Griffin Regional Park quiet title under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402 (4) (b). The motion passed with all members present voting aye

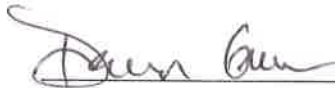
- The board left the regular meeting at 7:59 p.m. to begin a new virtual Zoom meeting. The executive session started at 8:10 p.m.  
The executive session ended at 8:31 p.m. and the board moved back into the regular meeting.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Board Vice-President Mike Sallie adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

Submitted by:

Approved as written or amended:



Dawn Green, Finance Director



Meeting Chair

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES**  
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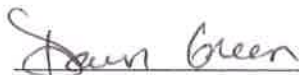
Executive Session was called at 8:10 p.m. The meeting took place via Zoom videoconference due to the COVID-19 social distancing restrictions.

The substance of discussion during executive session was for legal advice under C.R.S. section 24-6-402(4) (b) regarding urban renewal authority and the John Griffin Regional Park quiet title.

The executive session adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Submitted by:

Approved as written or amended:



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Dawn Green, Finance Director



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Chair of Executive Session