

**Canon City Area Metropolitan
Recreation and Park District
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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 13, 2021**

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

ROLL CALL

Board Members:

Present: Jim Johnson
 Nick Sartori
 Greg DiRito

Staff: Kyle Horne Executive Director
 Dawn Green Finance Director

Attorney: Dan Slater

Guests: Rob Gilkerson
 Luke Javernick

ACCEPTANCE OF CONSENT AGENDA

Board member Greg DiRito made a motion, seconded by board member Nick Sartori to accept the consent agenda as written on the July 13, 2021 regular meeting agenda. Motion carried unanimously, all present voting aye.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

- Mr. Rob Gilkerson addressed the board with some recommendations and requests regarding ADA accessibility at the District’s facilities. He shared with the board an informational packet he compiled and requested to be on the agenda next month.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- No oral or written communications were reported.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Executive Director – Kyle Horne reported:

- The maintenance crew is now fully staffed with two seasonal employees.
- The Mile High Youth Corps is starting their work today to remove dead trees along the river trail in John Griffin Regional Park. District staff will notify the public of this project through a press release, on the website and on Facebook. The Recreation District may apply for another youth corps grant to continue with conservation work in the park.
- Kyle has been working with Dana Whitney with the City of Canon City so that the Recreation District can be approved for DRMO. The application is complete and is being reviewed.
- Programs staff is very busy. There is a track meet on Saturday. The Recreation District's softball tournament is being postponed from July 25th-26th to a later date as there are four other tournaments in the area that weekend.
- As the surveys are just going out, Kyle suggested that the special meeting regarding the recreation center tentatively set for the 4th Tuesday of the month be skipped this month. Also, attorney Dan Slater is unavailable that day. Survey results should be available at the regular meeting of the board in August.
- The Recreation District will need to rent a chipper while the work is being done by the youth corps crew. Canon Rental provided a price of \$3,900 for the four weeks. Board member Jim Johnson suggested budgeting for the cost of a chipper next year.
- Bears are active in the parks and have been spotted in the Nailor Open Space, the dog park, Rouse Park and along the Riverwalk. Kyle spoke to wildlife officer Zach Holder. The board discussed this safety issue. People need to leave the bears alone.

Dan Slater:

- Dan Slater had no report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Mr. Luke Javernick informed the board that the side channel grant application River Science submitted to CPW (Colorado Parks & Wildlife) was unsuccessful. He stated it was a competitive year, but he believes the project is worth pursuing, as the community learns about the potential project it has been receiving positive support.
He mentioned another grant opportunity, a Fishing is Fun Grant, for wheelchair access along the Riverwalk.
He stated that it is difficult to get grant funding for a feasibility study, and perhaps that portion of the side channel project could be community funded. A second,

shovel ready phase of the project may have a stronger chance in looking for grant funding. Their grant submission this year had approximately \$23,000-\$24,000 in grant match and their goal is to reach \$40,000. They received support from FAR, rafting companies and local guides for the project.

The board discussed the project. Nick Sartori stated he is open to discussion and believes it will enhance the Riverwalk. Board member Jim Johnson stated that future maintenance costs need to be factored in. Mr. Javernick suggested that holding fishing competitions may be a way to cover these costs.

- Included in the board packets was a draft of the letter to send to Fremont County regarding the District's intent to be on the 2021 ballot. The letter saves the Recreation District a spot on the ballot.

Board member Nick Sartori made a motion, seconded by board member Greg DiRito to provide a letter of intent to Fremont County to participate on the 2021 ballot. Motion carried unanimously, all present voting aye.

NEW BUSINESS

- A copy of a letter of engagement for bond counsel was included in the board packets. Todd Snidow recommended to the Recreation District board Thomas Peltz of Kutak Rock as bond counsel. Mr. Peltz will only get paid if the bond issue passes.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-7

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RETENTION OF BOND COUNSEL FOR A POTENTIAL RECREATION CENTER BOND

Board member Nick Sartori made a motion, seconded by board member Jim Johnson to adopt Resolution 2021-7. Motion carried unanimously, all present voting aye.

- Kyle Horne showed the board members documents related to the 110% cost recovery project deliverables. One of which was a graph showing the cost recovery strategy. On one axis was the subsidy rate, the other the common good. In the bottom left corner was Open Access- the trails and parks used everyday to serve the community which are funded wholly by tax dollars. Next were the community events such as the Easter Eggstravaganza or Clean Up Green Up which bring in some sponsorship money but rely on volunteers and staff time. As you move towards more individualized activities from drop in access to advanced competitive activities, the subsidy lessens. When looking at merchandise and concessions the cost recovery is greater than 100%.
There was a discussion on rentals. Should the use of pavilions, fields and facilities by individuals be subsidized by the public?

The project also delivered a spreadsheet which looks at each activity and its rate of cost recovery and alternately how much it is getting subsidized by the Recreation District. Kyle emailed these documents to the board members, so they have the ability to review them in further detail. These documents are a tool that can be used to set policy and aid in the budget process through review of the fee structure.

The board discussed fee increases, the effect of inflation on the costs to provide what the Recreation District offers, the community's willingness to pay higher fees, and considering the ballot question- the timing of asking the community to pay more. Kyle also pointed out that the Recreation District serves similar user groups as the City of Canon City and if they don't charge rental fees will it affect the use of District facilities?

ADJOURNMENT

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

Submitted by:

/s/ Dawn Green

Dawn Green, Finance Director

Approved as written or amended:

/s/ James Johnson

James Johnson, Meeting Chair