

**Canon City Area Metropolitan
Recreation and Park District
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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 10, 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
 Mike Sallie
 Nick Sartori
 Greg DiRito
 Brett James (*arrived at 7:03 during call to the public*)

Staff: Kyle Horne Executive Director
 Dawn Green Finance Director

Attorney: Dan Slater

Guests: Rob Gilkerson Via Zoom:
 Erik Wayland Todd Snidow
 Chris Moffit Tom Peltz
 Tony Adamic

ACCEPTANCE OF CONSENT AGENDA

Board member Greg DiRito made a motion, seconded by board member Mike Sallie to accept the consent agenda as written on the August 10, 2021 regular meeting agenda. Motion carried unanimously, all present voting aye.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

- Mr. Chris Moffit addressed the board with an idea to have R.G. Rio and the Recreation District partner to teach rafting, stand up paddle boarding and

kayaking on the river. To do so, a special use permit from AHRA (Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area- a state park) is needed. There is a possibility that one will become available. Mr. Moffit proposed the District purchase the permit and associated equipment at an estimated cost of \$25,000. He believes the annual fee to keep the permit is under \$1,000. There was discussion on the idea, with board member Jim Johnson expressing concerns about liability and insurance costs. Also discussed was the value of the permit and the potential to sell it in the future. There was a consensus that this topic be a future agenda item for further consideration.

- Mr. Erik Wayland with Colorado Department of Labor and Employment introduced himself stating that the local office wants to collaborate with agencies in the community. They have programs which may benefit the District and local youth.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- Board member Jim Johnson thanked Kyle and the members of the maintenance crew for their work cleaning up the homeless camp in the valley behind the old DeWeese dam in the South Canon Trails area. Kyle stated that 11 people worked three and half hours using heavy equipment to clean it up. A sheriff's deputy and BLM (Bureau of Land Management) officer were onsite as well. Board member Mike Sallie asked if there was a way to get the area patrolled, with Kyle responding that he is working with the BLM to coordinate this.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Executive Director – Kyle Horne reported:

- Park Supervisor Devin Everhart is back at work.
- Packets for the 2022 budget will be going out to staff this month. Kyle would like to work with one or two board members to look at the salary schedule.
- Ryan Stevens of the City of Canon City has an idea to help with monitoring trails and parks for homeless, leash law and other enforcement issues. He suggested having John Griffin Regional Park annexed into the City and having the City and the Recreation District split the cost of hiring a ranger. Board member Jim Johnson stated that he would have to see the numbers associated with the cost and have it be an agenda item for further discussion.
- The digital sign will be in Colorado next week. The old sign is set to be demoed on August 23rd. An electrician will be onsite as the new pole and wiring is installed on 24th-25th. The sign is scheduled to be installed on September 1st. Programs staff is training now on using the sign.
- The Youth Corps completed their four weeks of work in John Griffin Regional Park. They didn't cover as much area as anticipated as they were short staffed, but they did good work in the area they did cover. The application deadline for next year's grant is September 2nd.

- The Recreation District's DRMO account through Fort Carson has been approved. The District will be looking to obtain needed equipment.
- The pool schedule is winding down. The last day open for a full week is this Sunday. Then it will only be open on the weekends for the next three weeks. The pool is losing staff as high school sports and activities are starting for the new school year.

Dan Slater:

- Dan Slater had no report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Included in the board packets was an ADA compliance worksheet with items listed by facility. Board members and Mr. Rob Gilkerson discussed the list item by item. Some of the items can be completed this year by the maintenance staff as they require more labor than materials. Examples include using crusher fines to fix slopes on trails or from parking spaces, or to smooth transitions from the concrete pads under pavilions or restrooms; changing the door handles on restroom doors; or stripping/reconfiguring/paving handicap parking spaces for accessibility. Other items will require more study and funds to complete. For example, the grade is too steep to reach the picnic pavilion at Eagle Wing. Space is tight at this location. In the interim the handicap accessible sign needs to be removed. Mr. Gilkerson suggested that the board create a budget line to fund ADA accessibility projects, perhaps \$10,000 per year for the next five years. There was discussion about which regulations the fields at Pathfinder would fall under, as they are not just used for soccer, but other programs and events throughout the year including cross country meets, and the Turkey Bowl. Field use will be reviewed as the programs happen to see if there is a way to increase accessibility. Mr. Gilkerson urged the board to look at accessibility to create opportunities for people to get out of the car and see new vistas.
- The board received copies of a snapshot of the recreation center survey results received to date with 1,895 surveys tabulated. This represents an 18% return rate. The list prioritizing the amenities matches closely with expectations and the definite yes votes are greater than the definite no votes. Mr. Paul Hanley will present the final report at the August 24th special board meeting. It will be with the Canon City Council members held at their chambers. Representatives from BRS (Barker Rinker Seacat) will also attend. Ballot language will need to be finalized.

NEW BUSINESS

- The IGA (intergovernmental agreement) with Fremont County to have questions placed on the November ballot is due by August 24th. The ballot language is due September 2nd.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-8

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTRY INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH FREMONT COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSES OF CONDUCTING A COORDINATED ELECTION IN NOVEMBER 2021

Board member Nick Sartori made a motion, seconded by board member Greg DiRito to adopt Resolution 2021-8. Motion carried unanimously, all present voting aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-9

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL FOR THE CAÑON CITY AREA METROPOLITAN RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT'S 2021 COORDINATED ELECTION WITH FREMONT COUNTY

Board member Nick Sartori made a motion, seconded by board member Jim Johnson to adopt Resolution 2021-9. Motion carried unanimously, all present voting aye.

- Kyle Horne met with Paul Hanley, Todd Snidow and Tom Peltz to review the draft ballot language. Based on that discussion, Mr. Peltz from KutakRock presented the draft language to the board. He stated that the final ballot language is required to be to the County by September 3rd but suggest getting it in by September 2nd. The first question is a mill levy question and the second a debt question.
Mr. Todd Snidow discussed the numbers in the ballot language. Specifying that in the first question, \$948,000 is what 3.5 mills would generate in the first year of collections in 2022 based on the early, preliminary assessed property value amount from the assessor for 2021. These funds would be used for the recreation center, to provide recreational programs and services and are excepted from the limit set forth by Tabor. The draft includes language set by the constitution. In answering a question from the board, Mr. Peltz stated that if the debt question doesn't pass, the District would be able to levy up to 3.5 mills if this question does.

The other question concerns the general obligation bond measure, and it includes language dictated by Tabor. The \$30 million dollar bond amount could generate \$33 million in the current market with premium based on a 4% coupon rate. If passed the District could be in the bond market as soon as December. In filling in the numbers in the ballot language: the repayment amount would be \$55,080,000, with an annual amount of 1.94 million (at most). Mr. Snidow chose the 4% interest rate to be safe (which is ¾ of 1% higher than present), stating it protects the District, and the numbers don't get too high while meshing with the figures used in the survey.

There was discussion on including the wording "costs of acquiring land" in the bond question. Funding for this could potentially come from the mill levy or in part from other entities. The board agreed to keep the language in the question as presented in the draft as it provides some flexibility.

Listing the amenities in the center may entice some voters. Paul Hanley suggested it be included and the board members concurred.

The bottom half of this question is legalese that is required.

The opportunity to pay off the bond early is available. It is originally set up as 30 years.


Prior to the next meeting Kyle will send to the board members the list of dos and don'ts from Mr. Peltz regarding fair campaign laws.


ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Board Chairman Jim Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by:

Approved as written or amended:


Dawn Green, Finance Director


Meeting Chair