

**Canon City Area Metropolitan
Recreation and Park District
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**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 22, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER The Canon City Area Metropolitan Recreation and Park District Board meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Board President, Jim Johnson, in the board meeting room located at 575 Ash Street.

ROLL CALL

Board Members:

Present: Jim Johnson
Michael Sallie
Nick Sartori
Brett James

Staff: Kyle Horne Executive Director
Dawn Green Finance Director

Attorney: Dan Slater

Guests: Paul Hanley
Todd Snidow
Tim Dennehy
Amy Schmisser

- Board members were given copies of the recent legislative briefings from the Special Districts Association which outlined the impacts of Senate Bill 293 and Initiative 27 on property taxes. Starting with the 2022 levy to be collected in 2023, the senate bill would decrease the assessed value rate from 7.15 to 6.95 for residential property for 2 years. If Initiative 27 were to pass, the residential assessment rate would drop to 6.5%. Kyle stated that with the increase in home values, the impact caused by reducing the assessment rate should lessen. Todd Snidow of Stifel spoke of the bond term and interest rates. He stated that the pressure on the upward trend of construction materials costs is decreasing. The mill levy rate for operations to be included in the survey is 3.5. This does not quite double what the District currently collects. The revenue generated would cover operations of the center, build reserves and deal with what the District

currently operates. The board discussed this figure and the inclusion of an amount for current operations; whether it should strictly focus on the center; if addressing both would confuse or alienate voters; and the potential for success in passing another tax question in the future just for current operations if the recreation center questions should pass without its inclusion. Attorney Dan Slater stated that it is important for the board members to all be on the same page when drafting the ballot language. As question 10 on the survey focuses on a mill levy increase for operations, its language was reviewed. There was consensus that the wording of the question was acceptable.

Mr. Snidow stated that he spoke to the Fremont County Assessor. The District's current assessed value is approximately 232 million and according to her, the value is not going to change much for next year. Polling the community on a yes or no answer on the bond should give the board a good read on the result should it be placed on the ballot.

- The initial renderings developed by BRS (Barker Rinker Seacat) of a recreation center concept were displayed for the board and were discussed. Suggestions to improve the drawings include: make the outdoor pool bluer; place more people on the north side of the building; include more senior aged and realistic looking people; and include more people in the lobby. The building colors and design were also discussed with some comments that it looks dated, reminding people of older motels or schools. Kyle will speak to Daniel Matoba at BRS tomorrow. He did state that the renderings were trying to bring in architectural elements to match the Abbey.
- Paul Hanley discussed the survey. A fact sheet on the center will be included with the survey, and it will incorporate the renderings. He would like to add one of the leisure pool. The floor plan is also inserted. He is waiting for final artwork. It will take 7 days to print, but the envelopes are ready.

He went through the survey question by question.

#1- you want to shoot for 70% awareness. Grading an A or a B translates to a yes vote, C, D or F is a no vote.

#3 and #4 are trust questions.

#5- this question polled well last time and he wants to see if it will hold up this time.

#6 and #7 were not included in the last survey and discuss arguments for and against the proposals.

#8 measures tax sensitivity. 10.437 mills represent \$75 per \$100,000 of actual value.

#9 is a transparency question.

#10 and #11 ask about the mill levy increases for operations and the bond and are in the same order as they would show up on the ballot.

#12 is an open-ended question.

#13 to #17 are demographic questions.

Likely voters will be identified by a dot on the envelope. In our community 51% of likely voters are 65 year of age and older.

The board discussed question 7. Part f will be removed, and Paul will come up with a question on the mill levy for operations.

On the fact sheet, the answer to why there are two funding proposals will be adjusted.

- Included in the board packet was a copy of an email from Clerk and Recorder Justin Grantham regarding the process of including a question on the November 2021 ballot. Kyle stated that at the next board meeting a resolution is needed to indicate this intention. Board member Jim Johnson said this is a place holder. Ballot language has a later deadline date. There was board consensus to have a place holder for the ballot.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, President Jim Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by:

Approved as written or amended:



Dawn Green, Finance Director



Meeting Chair