

**Canon City Area Metropolitan  
Recreation and Park District  
575 Ash Street  
Canon City, CO 81212  
(719) 275-1578**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
March 12, 2024**

**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, Nick Sartori, in the board meeting room located at 575 Ash Street.

**ROLL CALL**

Board Members:

Present: Nick Sartori  
Joel Dudley  
Melissa Smeins (*remotely via Teams*)

Staff: Kyle Horne Executive Director  
Dawn Green Finance Director

Attorney: Dan Slater

Guests: Citizens for a Pool Representatives

**ACCEPTANCE OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Board member Joel Dudley made a motion, seconded by board member Nick Sartori to accept the consent agenda as written on the March 12, 2024 regular meeting agenda. Motion carried unanimously, all present voting aye.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

- None

## **ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

- Board member Nick Sartori stated that the youth basketball season was a success.

## **DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

Executive Director – Kyle Horne reported:

- The District has received the turf tank, but training for the parks crew to use this piece of equipment has been delayed. The new mower from LL Johnson for use at Rouse Park will be delivered later this month.
- It is a staff goal to submit the grant application for the dog park to the El Pomar Foundation by the end of the month so that it can be considered at their next board meeting in May. Dawn is working on the narrative, and Devin cost estimates for materials.
- The new design for the lean-to is to utilize more recycled materials from the Ropes Course. The two newest parks crew employees both have general contracting experience which should be beneficial during construction of the lean-to. Kyle has a meeting with representatives from 3Rocks this week.
- The District received approximately \$50,000 for the first quarter lottery payment.
- The Florence High School soccer team has seven games scheduled at Pathfinder Park this year.
- The District received four applications to rent the Pathfinder Park caretaker house. The rent per month was set at \$1,500. A new Colorado law limits pet deposits to \$300. (Dan Slater to confirm whether this is the total or per pet.)
- There are over 525 kids registered for soccer on 36 teams. Kyle stated that it is getting harder and harder to find volunteer coaches. Board member Nick Sartori suggested holding some sort of volunteer appreciation event.

Dan Slater:

- Dan Slater had no report.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- In reviewing both the Pathfinder house after the work was completed and the local rental market, rent for the house is set at \$1,500 per month. The pet deposit cap is \$300. The District received four applications and each applicant was asked to go online to complete a background check. The cost is \$44, and each applicant was emailed a link to the site. If they already have one that is 30 days old or less they can use that. Kyle stated that the applicants all have dogs. He has also corrected the information page for the rental to state no smoking or vaping in the house. Kyle showed the board members before and after photos of the work done at the house and gave a brief background of the property. The District has been renting the house since 2008 and the rent supports the general fund. The District's history with the property is related to the history and development of Pathfinder Regional Park. The home is adjacent

to Pathfinder Park and the District owns the land it is on. The house is a District asset that generates revenue.

There was discussion about having the renter open and close the gate to the pond.

- The work on the pool feasibility study is going well. Kyle stated that as of last Thursday, the site had 1,200 completed online surveys. Both the Shopper and the Daily Record are going to publish the flyer with the QR code for the study website. Guest columns and FAQs will be featured in the publications once a week for the next three weeks. The flyer linking to the site was also part of the Chamber Alliance's email blast. Kyle and Randi (Esquibel) are compiling the questions from the site and providing answers. In trying to get information out, there will be two-minute blurbs on YouTube and Facebook.

The District has to let the County know by July 25<sup>th</sup> if they want to include a question on the ballot. Ballot language is due later.

There was discussion about the timeline for the completion of the feasibility study. Board member Nick Sartori stated that the final report should be done by the June 11<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

Kyle has been speaking with David Flaherty of Magellan Strategies about the scientific polls and providing him with preliminary, basic information on the Recreation District. A presentation about the District and how we stretch our funding to do more can be used as a baseline for the survey.

Kyle has shared information about a recommended public policy firm with Citizens for a Pool.

When responding to a question about what the board members could do, it was suggested that they continue to talk with members of the public about the work of the Recreation District and Kyle suggested that they get in on the informational videos. As part of the presentation about the District, a focus will be on what it has done for the public with what it has gotten (tax revenues).

In the next steps for the feasibility study, there will be one more online survey and then one more public meeting.

The prior public meetings were discussed. Generally, people seem supportive and prefer the current location for a new pool. Randi Esquibel sat in on some of the stakeholder meetings and the main topics mentioned were taxes and "how are we going to pay for it." She said people seemed pro for needing it.

There was discussion about tax increases and potentially working with the City of Canon City on an increase in sales tax.

Board member Nick Sartori would like to get a clear timeline of the plan to complete the feasibility study to help the board with their planning. He suggested possibly inviting OLC to the April board meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Kyle met with Roll It Up LLC representatives regarding the concession lease at Rouse Park for the upcoming season. He stated that they were decent to work with last year and that they plan to update their menu. The lease amount would be 24% of sales. During the meeting, the expected hours of operation were clarified.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-8**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTRY INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR  
CONCESSION SERVICES AT ROUSE PARK WITH KYLE CHEESMAN  
OF ROLL IT UP ICE CREAM COMPANY, LLC**

Board member Joel Dudley made a motion, seconded by board member Melissa Smeins to adopt Resolution 2024-8. The resolution was adopted with all members present voting aye.

- Board member Nick Sartori made a motion to move into executive session under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b). The board went into executive session at 7:57 p.m. The executive session ended at 8:20 p.m. and the board returned to the regular meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct, Board Chairman Nick Sartori adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Submitted by:

*/s/ Dawn Green*

Dawn Green, Finance Director

Approved as written or amended:

*/s/ Nick Sartori*

Nick Sartori, Meeting Chair

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES  
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Executive Session was called at 7:57 p.m.

The substance of discussion during executive session was legal advice under C.R.S. section 24-6-402(4)(b) regarding landowner access on trails.

The executive session adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Submitted by:

*/s/ Dawn Green*

Dawn Green, Finance Director

Approved as written or amended:

*/s/ Nick Sartori*

Nick Sartori, Chairperson