

**Canon City Area Metropolitan  
Recreation and Park District  
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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
May 11, 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

Staff: Kyle Horne Executive Director  
Dawn Green Finance Director

Attorney: Dan Slater

**ACCEPTANCE OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Board member Jim Johnson made a motion, seconded by board member Mike Sallie to accept the consent agenda as written on the May 11, 2021 regular meeting agenda. Motion carried unanimously, all present voting aye.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

- No member present.

**ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

- Board member Jim Johnson stated that the ribbon cutting ceremony for the “Yard” project was well attended. The new bike park will attract a lot of people to South Canon Trails.

## DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Executive Director – Kyle Horne reported:

- Kyle thanked FAR, Terra Firma, the City of Canon City, and the Recreation District maintenance crew for their work on the Yard bike park. Eighty-seven donors helped fund the project. Mr. Walter Schepp, who donated the parcel known as the Schepp Open Space where the bike park is located, was in attendance.
- Worksheets related to the 110% cost recovery project were included in the board packets. During a Zoom meeting on Thursday night at 6:00 pm, the board members will have the opportunity to learn more about the project and rank the ten staff-identified service categories on a scale from serving the common good to individual use. This rating relates to the level of subsidy the District provides to these services.
- The Canon City School District is applying for a federal 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant. If awarded, it could be tied into the District's Kids Klub program and help cover the cost of staffing the childcare program.
- The Canon City High School Environmental Club planted 300 seedlings and small potted trees along the riverbank near the bridge in John Griffin Regional Park to help stabilize the bank. This tree planting may become an annual event focusing on other areas along the river front.
- CCHS Seniors Sebastian Swann and Brian Olivas completed a capstone project which raised \$114 for the scholarship program.
- Barker Rinker Seacat (BRS) has scheduled Zoom meetings the next three Thursdays to go over site plans for the recreation center project. Representatives from REC, the County, the City and Recreation District staff will be in attendance. If a board member wants to be included, please let Kyle know.
- The Fremont County Assessor has sent out property assessments. As an example, Kyle stated his home's value increased 21.48%, which is a significant increase over the projected 8% increase used by Stifel in their bond cost estimates. The increased property value within the District boundaries may be closer to 15%. This would impact the number of mills needed to construct a recreation center – increased values would decrease the number of mills required for bond repayment.
- The Recreation District's Rouse Park Playground Renovation project was selected by the Colorado Lottery to receive a Starburst Award. Dawn Green was congratulated for a successful application. Funding from the lottery through a Great Outdoors Colorado grant funded the project.
- Cody Bennett's Denver Broncos grant application was successful and the District will be receiving \$3,500 for football equipment.
- There are issues with the lighting at Rouse Park. Some of the faulty lights may be those that were replaced last year, and so may still be under warranty. Kyle is looking to see if there is a chance that upgrading the lighting would qualify for government infrastructure stimulus funding through DOLA as it serves a public use and would increase energy efficiency. A site review by a lighting engineer from Musco could provide additional information, including information on energy cost savings.

- The City of Canon City is donating a truck to the District. This saves money on the line budgeted for equipment. The District is still looking for a grader. A grader blade can be purchased for the skid steer for \$9,000. District crew members tested one, and it would work well on the trails, but not for the office parking lot.
- Board member Brett James stated that there was a good response at Rouse Park for the baseball tournament held last weekend. Parking at the park was discussed, and board member Greg DiRito suggested placing wayfinding signs to direct traffic to the other parking lots surrounding the park.
- Approximately 300 people attended the Fishing Derby event last weekend. Colorado Parks & Wildlife (CPW) stocked the pond at Pathfinder with over 400 fish and the free fishing poles provided by CPW ran out in 20 minutes.

Dan Slater:

- Dan Slater had no report.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- The Recreation District does not yet have the language from Fremont County for the Pathfinder Park easement. Black Hills is working on the project to provide electricity to the County's new fair building. Kyle walked the proposed easement with Alex Ewers and diagrams were included in the board packets. Because Black Hills will have to ground the line, the District will have numerous stub outs to tie into for its future electricity needs at the park. There will be a transformer box near the pumphouse. The current location for the easement will not impact Highway 115 or the District's future plans for the park based on the master plan.
- RiNo Sign company has requested a 50% deposit for the digital sign. A site visit is scheduled for Monday the 17<sup>th</sup>. There is an option for a royal blue color to fit the District's current color scheme.  
A pole will have to be ordered from either Penrose Steel or Skyline Steel. Territory Electric inspected the electric availability at the office, and they can hook up power to the sign and run a Cat 5 communication line for \$1,300. The board discussed elements of the pole including its diameter, if it will be powder coated, its installation, and how it can be protected in the parking lot.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- The mechanical systems for the pool are up and running. Tom Willard has finished installing the boiler parts. But with water running, he did find a couple of leaks and has taken the parts to be machined. He will then reinstall them. Jeff Albrecht is the District's new CPO (certified pool operator). The District is receiving more applications than open positions for the seasonal help needed at the pool. The list of cashiers should be finalized today, and their training will be scheduled.  
The pool vacuum had to be replaced, and for a slight increase in price the District was able to purchase an automated one, which should save employee time.

Other maintenance issues corrected include changes on the CO<sub>2</sub>, and piping to and new gauges for the sand filters.

Kyle found a better deal on lounge chairs and was able to order some with free shipping. This savings in minor furniture and equipment can be used to address the higher wages needed to attract summer employees this tough hiring season.

- Board member Jim Johnson asked if life jackets will be available for those recreating in the river near the District office building. Kyle responded that RG Rio will be putting some there.
- Board member Nick Sartori asked about enrollment numbers in the summer programs. Kyle stated that the numbers are lower for middle school aged children, perhaps due to the extended school sports season which does not end until June. There are also more traveling baseball teams, which affects the District's participation numbers. However, there are already 72 children signed up for Track & Field, and registration is still open.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct, Board Chairman Jim Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Submitted by:

*/s/ Dawn Green*

Dawn Green, Finance Director

Approved as written or amended:

*/s/ J. Johnson*

Jim Johnson, Meeting Chair