

Canon City Area Metropolitan Recreation and Park District
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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 14, 2023

CALL TO ORDER The Canon City Area Metropolitan Recreation and Park District Board meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Treasurer, Brett James, in the board meeting room located at 575 Ash Street.

ROLL CALL

Board Members:

Present: Brett James
 Joel Dudley
 Greg DiRito * *arrived during staff reports*

Staff: Kyle Horne Executive Director
 Dawn Green Finance Director

Attorney: Dan Slater

Guests: Luke Javernick
 Jeri Fry
 Members of the Friends of the Dog Park group

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Executive Director – Kyle Horne reported:

 Kyle Logan will be at the regular meeting in April to present the 2022 audit. Mr. Horne will send board members the electronic copy received from Mr. Logan for their review prior to the next meeting.

 Another homeless camp in the DeWeese Dam area is being worked on. The Fremont County Sheriff’s office is aware of the issue.

 The Recreation District received their first payment (approximately \$59,000) of Conservation Trust Funds for 2023. The amount is up due to the recent, large lottery jackpots.

 Program staff is busy setting up spring sports and working on the April special events. There are 525 participants in youth soccer.

Board member Greg DiRito stated he was approached by a parent whose child's team was "getting shellacked" and was concerned about teams being stacked by coach requests. Mr. DiRito suggested that each team should have no more than five coach requests. There was discussion and Kyle stated that for the older teams, staff sets the teams, and the District can defend how the teams are put together. Another option is to look at schedule changes approximately three weeks into the season.

Dan Slater:

Dan Slater had no report.

ACCEPTANCE OF CONSENT AGENDA

Board member Joel Dudley made a motion, seconded by board member Brett James to accept the consent agenda as written on the March 14, 2023 regular meeting agenda. Motion carried unanimously, all present voting aye.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No citizen addressed the board at this time.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Luke Javernick gave an update on the John Griffin Regional Park Side Channel Project. A written report on the project's status was included in the board packets. Kyle met with Mr. Javernick and Chelsey on different options on how to get water. On the next steps he would like to have input from the board, as the method and extent of side channel activation within the park will affect it for generations to come. Kyle would like a couple of board members involved in this longer-term project. After discussion, board members Nick Sartori and Melissa Smeins were chosen. Board member Greg DiRito stated he is a supporter of the project.

Mr. Javernick has met with David Mallory, a certified floodplain manager. The Board was informed that the floodplain is not an issue as the levee is not a certified levee. A permit will still be needed from the County. Mr. Javernick also stated that Chris Manera, a civil and water rights engineer, is reviewing the project. An update will be provided at the April meeting.

Ms. Jeri Fry of CCAT (Colorado Citizens Against Toxic Waste) was in attendance seeking a letter of commitment from the Recreation District for an environmental justice grant application. Changes regarding the site which occurred since the last board meeting, including the stepping away of CLL, do not impact the grant. The testing of wells in Operation Unit 3 is an environmental justice issue. Lincoln Park is part of the Superfund site and the area around the District's office building is vulnerable as water is coming out

from under the bluff. The grant would provide funding for the wells in the area to get tested and information shared with regulators as remedial investigation discussions continue. CCAT has completed grants in the past and is collaborating with the Green Thumb Initiative, Colorado Parks & Wildlife, River Science and possibly the Town of Brookside on this grant.

The board discussed the testing of the wells on District property. A lower cost test for heavy metals and VOCs could be conducted first, followed by the test for radioactive isotopes. Kyle stated that Connie Trimball can pull the samples. However, a lab for testing still needs to be found, as well as the estimated cost.

The board discussed how the well water was used at the District office building as well as the springs by the Nailor house for irrigation, the community garden and the dog park. The discussion included finding available funding in the budget for wells to be tested now.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-4

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE (EJCPS) GRANT FOR WELL TESTING ON DISTRICT PROPERTY

Board member Joel Dudley made a motion, seconded by board member Brett James to adopt resolution 2023-4. The resolution was adopted with all members present voting aye.

Kyle provided the board with an update on the Rouse Park Improvement Project. The covered dugouts are installed on Field B and the District's maintenance crew is moving on to Field A. Kyle will be meeting with Star Playgrounds next week on the shade shelters. Black Hills Energy is reviewing the electricity usage at the park and confirming the number from the lights test to reset the rate off the high demand rate. The project is on track to be finished by the start of softball season.

Board member Brett James asked about the boulders (to be used to replace damaged fencing). Kyle stated that Tezak has agreed to deliver them at no charge and the District will pay for the boulders.

NEW BUSINESS

The District has two candidates for the two seats that will be open on the Recreation District board. These candidates are Cooper Trahern and Andrew Palmasano. As there are not more candidates than open seats, the District can cancel the May election.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-5

**A RESOLUTION CANCELING THE CAÑON CITY AREA
METROPOLITAN RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT'S MAY 2023
ELECTION, DEEMING CANDIDATES ELECTED, AND PROVIDING
NOTICE THEREOF**

Board member Brett James made a motion, seconded by board member Joel Dudley to adopt resolution 2023-5. The resolution was adopted with all members present voting aye.

Kyle and program staff members Tawny McCall and Cody Bennett interviewed representatives from two entities, Roll It Up Ice Cream and the Naturals, interested in providing concession services for Rouse Park. Staff recommends using Roll It Up Ice Cream as they have experience with the department of health and sales tax through running their business. The other organization would rely on volunteers which may impact continuity of service. Attorney Dan Slater stated that recommending an established business lessens the risk to the District.

Board member Brett James is part of the Naturals organization and there was discussion regarding potential conflicts of interest. Attorney Dan Slater stated he believes that Mr. James could vote on the resolution to preserve the quorum.

Board member Greg DiRito asked if Roll It Up Ice Cream would be providing more than just ice cream and Kyle answered in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-6

**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 Greg DiRito to adopt resolution 2023-6. The resolution was adopted with two of the three members present voting aye and one voting nay.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Board Vice-President, Greg DiRito adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

/s/ Dawn Green

Dawn Green, Finance Director

Approved as written or amended:

/s/ Nick Sartori

Nick Sartori, Meeting Chair