

**Canon City Area Metropolitan
Recreation and Park District
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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 9, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER The Canon City Area Metropolitan Recreation and Park District Board meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Board President, Nick Sartori, in the board meeting room located at 575 Ash Street.

ROLL CALL

Board Members:

Present: Nick Sartori (*remotely via Teams*)
Joel Dudley
Andrew Palmasano

Staff: Kyle Horne Executive Director
Dawn Green Finance Director

Attorney: Dan Slater

Guests: Luke Javernick
Travis Payne
Citizens for a Pool Representative

ACCEPTANCE OF CONSENT AGENDA

Board member Joel Dudley made a motion, seconded by board member Andrew Palmasano to accept the consent agenda as written on the April 9, 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 soccer games have been great, and a lot of people are out at the park..

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Executive Director – Kyle Horne reported:

- The District was notified by the SDA (Special District Association) that we are receiving backfill based on Senate Bill 22-238 and Senate Bill 23B-001 - \$86,308 and \$94,183, respectively. Staff did not plan to receive this funding during the 2024 budget process. Some items to consider addressing with the additional revenue include deferred maintenance on equipment, rewiring the network and repairing the roof on the District office building.
- Staff are working on the lean-to project and ropes course removal. Kyle has contacted Black Hills Energy for assistance in demoing the ropes course.
- Kyle thanked Dawn, Devin and Carly for their work on the grant application for the dog park improvements. It was submitted to the El Pomar Foundation.
- The turf tank machine is now working, and it was used to line fields. The machine can line all the fields at Pathfinder Park in one afternoon.
- LL Johnson delivered the new mower for use at Rouse Park.
- Programs staff have been dealing with scheduling issues for the indoor programs due to gym floor damage at CCMS and Harrison.
- The annual SDA conference is September 10th to 12th, and it is in attorney Dan Slater's contract to attend this year. Kyle would like to know if any board members plan to go so that lodging can be booked soon. Based on the budget and those attending SDA determines how many staff members the District can send to the CPRA conference in October.

Dan Slater:

- Dan Slater had no report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Travis Payne and Luke Javernick have been working on the feasibility study process for the John Griffin Regional Park project. Travis Payne addressed the board and requested a letter of support from the Recreation District for a Corps of Engineers grant. They are also in discussions with Brittany Petterson's office regarding assistance options for the project. This proposed project aligns with the City of Canon City's master plan on water supply options. The grant would fund a high-level feasibility study which would be 100% funded by the Corps of Engineers. Mr. Payne and Mr. Javernick need letters of support from the Recreation District and the Fremont Sanitation District, as they use their property in the project area for spoils.

A draft of the letter of support was included in the board packets.

Board member Nick Sartori made a motion, seconded by board member Andrew Palmasano to approve the letter of support. Motion carried unanimously, all present voting aye.

There will be a meeting with Congresswoman Petterson on May 31st. Board member Nick Sartori thanked Mr. Javernick and Mr. Payne for their work on the project.

- Kyle showed the board members an update on the polling results from the pool feasibility website. The site has had 5,304 site views, 4,289 visits, 3,392 visitors and 1,708 contributors. Most of the traffic to the site was driven by social media or linking through the District's website. Early results indicate support for a new aquatics center. Councilman-Hunsaker recommends additional community engagement. Kyle and members of Citizens for a Pool will be attending Business After Hours this week. Also, social media posts will continue to inform the public about the website.

Board member Nick Sartori asked about the timeline for the feasibility study and would like to have the information for the June Board of Directors meeting. He suggested inviting the consultants to the next board meeting. Kyle will speak to Bob McDonald regarding the timeline.

Magellan Strategies has been working on a draft of the opinion survey. A copy of Draft C was included in the board packets. It is a scientific survey to be conducted by phone and text which will focus on likely voters to help determine if the District moves forward with a ballot question.

Board member Nick Sartori asked about the progress on the presentation regarding the Recreation District. Kyle will be reviewing it with Ryan at the City of Canon City. If the board has any comments about the presentation, please contact Kyle.

Kyle stated that there will need to be a meeting between the City of Canon City and the Recreation District regarding a letter of engagement with a banker. RBC is a company that has worked in Fremont County and RBC's Todd Snidow is familiar with our community.

Board member Nick Sartori stated that one big decision is whether the facility is year-round. Kyle stated that based on the feedback he has received, the preference is for a year-round option.

- Included in the packet was a diagram showing an option of using part of the Canon City High School land for parking at the pool. There is also the potential to close off 12th Street. Superintendent Adam Hartman sent Kyle an email with questions about the project. Copies of the email were included in the board packets. His questions included which entity would be responsible for items such as maintenance, liability and stormwater fees. Attorney Dan Slater stated that an IGA between the Recreation District and School District would be necessary. Mr. Slater wanted the board members to know that he is working with the School District on a limited basis, and that he would still represent the Recreation District in an IGA between the two entities. The board members present did not have an issue with this.

Board members Nick Sartori and Melissa Smeins will continue to work on the pool project in future meetings with the City and School District.

NEW BUSINESS

- District staff has recommended Nick Karpilo as the new Pathfinder Park house tenant. He has signed a one-year lease and paid \$3,300 (\$1,500 for April rent, \$1,500 for the deposit and \$300 for the pet deposit.)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-9

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A RESIDENTIAL LEASE FOR THE RESIDENCE AT PATHFINDER REGIONAL PARK

Board member Joel Dudley made a motion, seconded by board member Andrew Palmasano to adopt Resolution 2024-9. The resolution was adopted with all members present voting aye.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Board Chairman Nick Sartori adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Submitted by:

/s/ Dawn Green

Dawn Green, Finance Director

Approved as written or amended:

/s/ Nick Sartori

Nick Sartori, Meeting Chair