

**Canon City Area Metropolitan Recreation and Park District  
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**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
August 21, 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  
Andrew Palmasano  
Melissa Smeins  
Cooper Trahern

Staff: Kyle Horne Executive Director  
Dawn Green Finance Director

Attorney: Dan Slater

Guests: Pat Grette

**Discussion on Swimming Pool Option Selection Following Workshop Session with City Council**

Board member Melissa Smeins was happy with the result of the workshop session and board member Andy Palmasano was gratified to see that they understand how important the project is.

**Public Comment on Proposed Swimming Pool**

Pat Grette asked the board to please let people know that the mill levy increase is not just for the pool. She also referred to John Hamrick's question at the workshop about the need for dual locker rooms. The need for these to comply with Safe Sport requirements was discussed. Kyle Horne also stated that what has been presented are concepts for the pool, if it passes the District will have to go out to bid. Pat also expressed concern that one body of water will not accommodate all the user groups, citing the preponderance of High School use of the Woodland Park indoor pool. She also asked about the indoor pool's capacity. Kyle responded that as shown it has 7,500 square feet of water and the Icabone pool was 5,000 square feet. Building a pool indoors drives up the cost of the project as they are more expensive

to build. Kyle stated that if the District gets a yes vote, we will be “diving into the weeds” of the project, but the indoor pool will be built for multiple user groups.

**Certification of Ballot Measures and Ballot Content for November 4, 2024 Coordinated Election**

A copy of the resolution with the ballot language was distributed to the board. Kyle stated that the resolution was worked on by Tom Peltz, Dan Slater and the City. The numbers match what the City passed. This is not a reassessment year, but there is a special session of the state legislature concerning property tax. In the ballot language, 1.15 million is the cap. Stacey Seifert believes the District would be safe with this number. In a discussion with Mr. Peltz and Todd Snidow, the interest rate is set at 5.5%, which is a number higher than what we expect to get. There is automatic debrucing in the language.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-15  
A RESOLUTION CALLING AN ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024 AND  
CERTIFYING COMMUNITY RECREATION POOL PROJECT BALLOT MEASURES  
FOR ELECTOR APPROVAL; SETTING THE BALLOT TITLE AND CONTENT FOR THE  
BALLOT MEASURES; AND PROVIDING OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE  
ELECTION.**

Board member Cooper Trahern made a motion, seconded by board member Joel Dudley to approve Resolution No. 2024-15. Motion carried unanimously, all present voting aye.

**Discussion on Political Campaigning at District Facilities and Programs**

Kyle stated that it is District practice, not part of a written policy, that there is no campaigning on District property or during its programming or events. Attorney Dan Slater stated his opinion that what the Board should do is keep doing what you are doing. He does not think the District can say no, but there is a point to if it seems harassing. Board member Andy Palmasano wondered if parents would even like it. Board member Nick Sartori does not want to cheapen what the District is offering and would like to keep the focus on the activity. Signs can be placed in the County right of way.

Kyle provided copies of the list of presentations he did for the 2021 recreation center and would like the Board to review the list to see if there are groups which should be added or deleted to the list this year. Presentations will be scheduled to provide factual information for the current pool project. There was a recommendation to have three or four large public presentations to get the word out. The suitability of being at a candidates’ forum was also discussed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct, Board Chairman, Nick Sartori adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Submitted by:

Approved as written or amended:

*/s/ Dawn Green*

*/s/ Nick Sartori*

Dawn Green, Finance Director

Nick Sartori, Meeting Chair