

Canon City Area Metropolitan Recreation and Park District
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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 10, 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 Board President, Nick Sartori, in the board meeting room located at 575 Ash Street.

ROLL CALL

Board Members:

Present:

Nick Sartori
Brett James
Greg DiRito
Joel Dudley
Melissa Smeins (*arrived during Executive Director's Report*)

Staff:

Kyle Horne Executive Director
Dawn Green Finance Director

Attorney:

Dan Slater

Guests:

Friends of the Dog Park

ACCEPTANCE OF CONSENT AGENDA

Board member Brett James made a motion, seconded by board member Greg DiRito to accept the consent agenda as written on the January 10, 2023 regular meeting agenda. Motion carried unanimously, all present voting aye.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

- The volunteers with the Friends of the Dog Park group will be spreading mulch around the trees at the Dog Park this Saturday.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- Board member Nick Sartori stated he has heard positive comments about the dog park from members of the public, as well as a request to have a separate, smaller area for smaller dogs.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Executive Director – Kyle Horne reported:

- The annual audit for 2022 is scheduled with Kyle Logan on January 24th through January 26th.
- District staff removed a homeless camp in John Griffin Regional Park near the Ropes Course shed on January 9, 2022. Work is still being done on the one in the Schepp Open Space. Kyle stated that the current Canon City Police Chief is being proactive regarding this issue as is the Built for Zero group. Kyle shared with the board, through an email, current statistics on the homeless. There is no overnight camping on Recreation District property unless receiving prior approval for such use at Pathfinder Regional Park or the Nailor property.

District staff is working with the BLM regarding the Schepp property to keep an open line of communication.

Board member Nick Sartori would like to see signage on the trails with phone numbers so that the public could notify the District of homeless camps they see. He would also like District staff to keep track of the time spent on homeless camp cleanup. Board member Brett James offered his end dump for the cleanup in the Schepp Open Space.

- Ryan Stevens with the City of Canon City notified Kyle that the Fremont Community Foundation has heard from the artist creating trolls from natural materials and he would like to do a project in Canon City next year. Mr. Stevens asked, would the District be willing to consider a location in John Griffin Regional Park? A board member discussion followed, including the possibility of using materials from the Ropes Course. Kyle also discussed the issue of e-bikes on the riverwalk with Mr. Stevens.

- The Urban Renewal Authority had a meeting last night, but according to Mr. Tim Payne (special district representative) there is nothing to present at this time.

- The annual FEDC banquet is January 20th, and the Chamber banquet is February 17th. If any board member would like to attend, please let Kyle know.

Dan Slater:

- Dan Slater had no report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- The LED stadium light installation at Rouse Park is almost complete. There was an issue with a control wire which had to be replaced due to disruption during digging on Field B. During the digging multiple abandoned irrigation lines were also hit. Testing for the lights will hopefully take place next week. Kyle will notify the board members so they may attend if they wish. Fabric on the backstop on Field A is being removed and the

concrete will be poured this week. A building permit for the covered dugouts is required, but not the fabric shade structures.

Although no further vandalism has been noticed, the District is looking into purchasing boulders to place on the west side of Rouse Park's main parking lot to prevent vehicles getting on the turf. Board member Brett James is willing to assist with hauling the rocks. The District is planning on restriping the parking lot and looking at how to address the eroding hump between the fields.

- Copies of the District's 2023 budget were given to the board members.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-1

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE LOCATIONS FOR POSTING PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETINGS FOR THE CAÑON CITY AREA METROPOLITAN RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

Board member Greg DiRito made a motion, seconded by board member Joel Dudley to adopt resolution 2023-1. The resolution was adopted with all members present voting aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-2

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AN OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF RECORD FOR THE CAÑON CITY AREA METROPOLITAN RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

Board member Nick Sartori made a motion, seconded by board member Greg DiRito to adopt resolution 2023-2. The resolution was adopted with all members present voting aye.

- A public hearing to amend the 2022 District budget was opened at 7:39 p.m. There were no comments and the public hearing closed. The Recreation District needs to amend the budget for 2022. In the Programs Activity fund, the District received a grant for Kids Klub and expenses related to the grant increased. The District also received higher than expected revenue from Aftermath, which led to increased expenses for the event. A spreadsheet showing the specific line-item changes was included in the board packets.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-3

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET AND
APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL SUMS OF MONEY TO DEFRAY
EXPENSES IN EXCESS OF AMOUNTS BUDGETED FOR THE CAÑON
CITY AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT'S 2022 BUDGET
YEAR**

Board member Greg DiRito made a motion, seconded by board member Brett James to adopt resolution 2023-3. 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 7:43 p.m.

Submitted by:

/s/ Dawn Green

Dawn Green, Finance Director

Approved as written or amended:

/s/ Nick Sartori

Nick Sartori, Meeting Chair