

**Canon City Area Metropolitan Recreation and Park District
575 Ash Street
Canon City, CO 81212
(719) 275-1578**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 12, 2026**

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, Cooper Trahern, in the board meeting room located at 575 Ash Street.

ROLL CALL

Board Members:

Present: Cooper Trahern
Melissa Smeins
Andrew Palmasano (*virtually*)
Kristina Post

Staff: Kyle Horne Executive Director
Dawn Green Finance Director

Attorney: Dan Slater

ACCEPTANCE OF CONSENT AGENDA

Board member Kristina Post made a motion, seconded by board member Melissa Smeins to accept the consent agenda as written for the May 12, 2026 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously, all present voting aye.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Executive Director – Kyle Horne reported:

The District received \$30,200 from the Canon City Noon Lions and \$10,000 from U.S. Soccer for the Harrison Park Mini-Pitch project. The District should hear about the T-Mobile grant request for the project by the end of the month. The grant

application to Black Hills Energy was not considered. It was emailed to John Vigil by the deadline but was not received. He may have deleted it. The application may be considered in a different quarter. There is potential for an individual donation as well.

Luke Javernick was chosen as the grant manager for the John Griffin Regional Park project feasibility study.

Joe Lippis has agreed to the agricultural lease at Pathfinder Park this year. This will give the District time to better plan the lease RFP process for the fall of next year.

On the District's website is a track chair survey, which has received 79 responses to date. There is one chair in town that is getting tested on the trails.

The District purchased a 20' x 30' car port at auction which the maintenance crew will install. Kyle has a meeting with the County on Thursday regarding a building permit.

Glenda Debekker has reached out to the District about a community recycling event she would like to hold at Pathfinder Regional Park on May 8, 2027. The quoted cost is \$50,000 and she is looking for matching funds.

The Youth Baseball program's Opening Day is June 6th. Instead of bounce houses, the District is hosting a Touch a Truck event, with a variety of vehicles from Amrize, AMR, the police etc.

Kyle informed the board about a Facebook post by Dan Francis regarding his thoughts on pool construction costs. Mayor Phil Lund has his report on pool funding options online. Kyle suggested the board read it and digest it. City Council will be discussing the topic at their June 1st meeting.

Dan Slater:

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion on E-Bikes and E-Motorcycles at District Facilities

The Recreation District is experiencing issues/confrontations with e-motorcycles ridden by kids in the parks and on the trails. The District has a no motorized vehicle policy on the trails which was put in place when Segways were popular. The District has no police power to enforce the rules. According to Rex Brady, the City is experiencing similar problems and may need an ordinance to address them. The Police Department is researching this. Kyle stated the policies regarding use of E-bikes and E-motorcycles should match between the City and the District. He suggests not allowing Class E-3s on the trails or in the parks. Board members then discussed the use of Class E-1s and E-2s on District property. Board member Melissa Smeins asked how you would enforce the distinction. Kyle

expressed concern about the potential for someone to get hurt and the damage done when used on the grass fields in the parks. Board member Andy Palmasano asked if signage was going to be placed to inform park users of the rules against their use. Board member Cooper Trahern proposed setting up a timeline with the City to set policy on this issue. Kyle will reach out to the police chief and Attorney Dan Slater will contact both the City and County attorneys regarding this matter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board member Kristina Post made a motion, seconded by board member Melissa Smeins to go into executive session for negotiations under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(e) regarding school district facility fees for the 2026/2027 school year and C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(e)(1) for determining positions relative to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and instructing negotiators regarding the Four Mile Ranch Urban Renewal Authority. Motion carried unanimously, all present voting aye.

The board went into executive session at 7:34 p.m. The executive session ended at 8:05 p.m. and the board returned to the regular meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Board President, Cooper Trahern adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Submitted by:

Approved as written or amended:

/s/ Dawn Green

/s/ Cooper Trahern

Dawn Green, Finance Director

Cooper Trahern, Meeting Chair

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The substance of discussion during the executive session was negotiations under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(e) regarding school district facility fees for the 2026/2027 school year, and determining positions relative to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and instructing negotiators under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(e)(1) regarding the Four Mile Ranch Urban Renewal Authority.

The executive session adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Submitted by:

/s/ Dawn Green

Dawn Green, Finance Director

Approved as written or amended:

/s/ Cooper Trahern

Cooper Trahern, Meeting Chair