



RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

EVERGREEN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING

March 29, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

President Monty Estis called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors (Board) of the Evergreen Park & Recreation District (EPRD/District) to order at 5:04 p.m. The meeting was conducted remotely via Zoom. Present for the Board were President Monty Estis, First Vice President Don Rosenthal, Second Vice President Peter Lindquist, Treasurer John Ellis and Secretary Peg Linn. A quorum was present. Staff in attendance included Recreation Manager (RM) Brian Tucker, Financial Controller (FC) Karen Pawlak, Park Operations (PO) Heart Cameron, Facility Operations Manager (FO) Bob Schmitz, HR Manager (HR) Heather Facer, Recreation Supervisor- Athletics, Jeff Sweet, Recreation Supervisor- Programs, Kendra Head, Outdoor Recreation Supervisor, Roland Kiessling, Grants Coordinator, Liz Cohen, Facility Specialist, Pam Lindquist, and Administrative Assistant, Nancy Cooper. Public in attendance were Deb Probst, Kathy Fasold, Betsy Hays, Jeff Shappard, Chris Lewis, Kristin Courington, Al Buenning, Laura Vecerelli, Barb Klaus, Peter Eggers, Ellen O'Connor, John Piccone, Cory Vander Veen, Mary McGee, Ron Belak, Chris Kastelic, John Whitler, Robert Gottsman, Vince Ventimiglia and Chase Courington. Prior notice of the meeting was given.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS & CHANGES TO THE AGENDA & CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

There was a change to the agenda, there will be no Bergen Gardens composting discussion.

3. FEBRUARY 15, 2022 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MOTION

I, (Director Ellis), move to accept the February 15, 2022 regular meeting minutes. Director Rosenthal seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

FEBRUARY 17, 2022 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MOTION

I, (Director Lindquist), move to accept the February 17, 2022 regular meeting minutes. Director Ellis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

MARCH 2, 2022 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MOTION

I, (Director Ellis), move to accept the March 2, 2022 regular meeting minutes. Director Rosenthal seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

MARCH 7, 2022 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MOTION

I, (Director Rosenthal), move to accept the March 7, 2022 regular meeting minutes. Director Ellis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

4. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Chris Lewis spoke regarding West Jefferson Baseball and his meeting with (PO) Cameron about improvements needed to make the fields more playable and safer. There are 400 families involved with West Jeff Baseball and they need more fields.

5. PRESENTATION FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CANDIDATE

Cory Vander Veen introduced himself and presented a powerpoint presentation. He has 17 years experience in Parks and Recreation. Creativity is one of his strong suits. He believes in engaging with the community. His focus areas are Transition, Team Dynamics, Strategy and Vision for the Future. Chris Lewis asked what Mr. Vander Veen sees as the top three needs for EPRD. Barb Klaus asked about programs for seniors. Peter Eggers asked for a population comparison between Aspen and Evergreen.

6. DENVER AGREEMENT UPDATE

Director Lindquist reported that Denver has become more cooperative and is hoping to be able to go over the final agreement with the whole board in the next few weeks. The expectation is that the differences right now are minor. Changes are EPRD is lessening the areas for which we have responsibility. EPRD will have to pay Denver a yearly fee, but expects cooperation with Denver for some of the repairs, for example the Lakehouse parking lot.

7. MULTI-USE FACILITY PROPOSAL

Director Rosenthal and Chris Kastelic presented a proposal for a Multi-Use recreational facility (MURF). The proposed facility is 50,000 square feet with an entrance plaza for events. Preliminary design has a turf field, a multi-use sport space and running track. This would provide residents with year-round field access, improving park and recreation facilities in the Evergreen area and provide a gathering space



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for the community. The possible location for the MURF would be Buchanan Park. Financing would be a tax increase of slightly over half of what was proposed to voters in 2018. There was much discussion between board members and the public regarding the pros and cons of the placement, need and funding of the MURF.

8. OLD BUSINESS & UPDATES

The management update covered the new pool heater at Wulf, the camp kick-off, marketing social media reach. HR has offered for the Marcom position. Also recruiting for a groundskeeper and IT specialist. There is a Spring Wedding showcase scheduled at the Lakehouse. Parks is working on transitioning from Winter to Spring/Summer operations. There will be a Candidate Forum on April 13. A grant application was submitted by Active4All for approximately 22K for adaptive paddleboats and a dock.

9. BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Director Ellis thanked the staff for their help. Directors Linquist and Linn also thanked everyone for making the district run smoothly.

10. INITIAL DRAFT OF THE MARCH 2022 BOARD MEETING AGENDA

ELNT, Update on the Denver Agreement, Employee Handbook, Bergen Gardens, 1st Quarter Financials

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

I, (Director Estis), move pursuant to C.R.S Section 24-6-402(4)(e) for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, or instructing negotiators in regards to a proposed settlement offer. Pursuant to C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b) conferences with an attorney for the public entity for the purposes of receiving legal advice as it relates to a potential claim. Director Ellis seconded, and it passed unanimously at 7:23 p.m

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Cooper
Administrative Assistant