

**CROSS CREEK METROPOLITAN DISTRICT  
MINUTES  
BOARD MEETING**

Thursday November 18, 2021 12:00pm

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Cross Creek Metropolitan District was held on November 18, 2021. Board members met at Cross Creek Church, 1320 C & S Rd, Fountain, CO 80817.

Board members present: Greg Hanus, Pat Skinner, Gerry Martinez, and Teresa Cain

Excused: Kim Hittle

Others present: Elise Bergsten, Laurel Bergsten, and Pete Susemihl.

The meeting was convened at 12:03 pm.

**Consent Calendar (see packet)**

Pat asked about the unusually high water bill. The bill for the park bill was over \$12,000 from an underground water leak. Elise asked Fountain to waive some of that fee, but they will not. Mike Rothe is still investigating the leak, and they will be checking the whole system.

*A motion to approve the consent calendar was made by Gerry, seconded by Greg and approved unanimously.*

**Legal Report – Pete Susemihl**

It's an election year. The Board needs to appoint a designated election official. The election will be cancelled if there are fewer nominations than open seats, which is desirable, as the cost of holding an election is high.

*Directors were in consensus to appoint Pete Susemihl as designated election official.*

**Budget Hearing 12:10-12:16**

The Budget Hearing was opened at 12:10 pm. Revisions have been made from last meeting's budget discussion; Mike Rothe's cost increase, and money for election costs has been added to legal costs.

There was discussion regarding how to send out the election notification.

Greg asked how much of the park will be impacted depending on when we start the renovation. Will we have to shut down the parking lot or playground? Elise did not think we'll have to shut anything down.

Elise proposed moving an additional \$150,000 in the Hale Fund in 2021 and another \$150,000 in 2022.

The Budget Hearing was closed at 12:16 pm.

A motion to approve the budget resolution was made by Teresa Cain, seconded by Gerry Martinez and was approved unanimously.

**Manager Report- Elise Bergsten**

- State engineers approved the hydrologic hazard analysis. The next step with them is the dam permit application, which Applegate is working on.
- We met with Brandy and Ben from Fountain regarding full spectrum detention and stormwater forebays. Fountain claimed that we need to cover Country Club Estates (north of the commercial area) with full spectrum detention. That neighborhood is so old they were not required to do any detention. However, we argued there is already full spectrum detention by Janitell Park. Stormwater needs to be detained for a period of time for silt to settle, but then must be released within 72 hours.
- We are still waiting on the renewal of Hale's non-jurisdictional status from Army Corps of Engineers.

- Doug Hollister confirmed we need a water balance gage and a gage at C&S road. Fountain may require additional gages.
- We have not heard anything new about funding from Fountain.
- Elise talked to Mike Fink about augmentation. He is moving forward. That is a court case for change of use of a water right.
- Elise spoke with Colorado Water Conservation Board representatives and they advised to do one grant not the other. Based on their recommendations, Elise revised the ask down to \$750,000 dollars, and it has been approved by The Arkansas Basin Roundtable. A decision will be made by CWCB in March.
- Elise met with Chris Lieber, who met with local representative for the GOCO grant about what they have been funding. They tend to fund projects with a lot of public participation and engagement with kids. This would include youth participation in planning and design work.
- Reminder: There is a Public meeting on Monday 22. The virtual meeting is at 3:00, and an in-person meeting at the library at 5:00. City Council is invited to the meeting as well.
- Elise met with Detra Duncan who pointed out that there is nothing for older kids to do in the park, and discussed the possibility of a community garden, a teaching garden and a farmers' market. Detra specifically mentioned that a basketball court would be a good asset to the park, and that there is no nearby standard size court.
- Work on the security system is in progress, but it needs internet. The former solution with Hughes Net would only be able to mount a satellite dish five feet off the ground, and is therefore no longer a viable option. Mike Salazar is researching other options.
- Elise gave Mike Rothe the go ahead to install cement speed bumps, and build a retaining wall and level out the area by the pavilion. His quote is about \$10,00.
- Greg asked how we decide when we close the bathrooms. The recent closure was based on vandalism. We could make a policy about when bathrooms are opened and closed, or could give event coordinators a key.
- Elise has recently connected with the Brittany Fechko, the Dump Truck Park organizer. She also has connections to the Pikes Peak Children's Museum.
- Elise asked about the interest in increasing kids programming. If the kids help design the programming it could help with the GOCO grant.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

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Laurel Bergsten, Acting Secretary