

**CROSS CREEK METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
MINUTES
BOARD MEETING**

Thursday March 17, 2022, 12:00pm

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Cross Creek Metropolitan District was held on March 25, 2022 17, 2022. Board members met at Cross Creek Church, 1320 C & S Rd, Fountain, CO 80817.

Board members present: Greg Hanus, Teresa Cain, Pat Skinner, Gerry Martinez, and Kim Hittle
Others present: Elise Bergsten, Laurel Bergsten, and Pete Susemihl

The meeting was convened at 12:05 pm.

Consent Calendar (see packet)

Elise pointed out that the first big Mill Levy payment for the year (\$207,000) has been received.

A motion to approve the Consent Calendar was made by Gerry, seconded by Greg, and approved unanimously.

Elise added a bill payment for the down-payment for the materials for the gages. The material cost is \$17,500.

A motion to approve the bill payment for installation of gages was made by Greg, seconded by Gerry, and approved unanimously.

Legal Report – Pete Susemihl

Pete reported that with no nominations the election was cancelled. Re-elected members need to take new Oaths of Office next month.

Manager Report- Elise Bergsten

The Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) grant application was turned down. While unfortunate, this was most likely due to the reassigning of funds that happened during the application process that made this project unsuitable for the pool of funds requested, and there will be an opportunity in the next grant cycle to apply for the Water Supply Reserve Fund (WSRF) grant which will be presented to the Arkansas Basin Roundtable for recommendation. Elise will meet with Abby Ortega for advice on how to proceed with this grant.

Fountain has postponed signing the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) until the project is defined and consensus is reached on Cross Creek's responsibility for stormwater quality. Brandy Williams believes that it is Cross Creek's responsibility to treat water runoff from outside the district. Elise is working with Gary Barber, and lawyer Jane Fredman to maintain commitments to the duties Cross Creek has already agreed to, but to not add any new language to the IGA that would expand their commitment. In the most recent meeting with Scott Trainor, Scott agreed to consult with Fountain's lawyer on the wording for the IGA. After not hearing from them, a Cross Creek Subcommittee proposed their own wording under the advisement of Jane Fredman and Gary Barber. We have not heard back about that. Brandy also mentioned that Fountain has an MS4 (Stormwater) consultant. Elise will meet with this consultant for advice on how to proceed with the park. If Cross Creek is forced to treat this runoff water, Elise will ask Fountain to assist in funding beyond acquiring the loan. In the meantime, Jane Fredman is taking a deeper look at the issue.

The Army Corps of Engineers is working to determine the Jurisdictional Status of the park. Ben Wilson informed Elise that by his analysis Cross Creek will almost certainly be determined Jurisdictional. This would increase the cost of the redesign of the reservoir with increased monitoring and control of the wetlands. There is a possibility of appealing the jurisdictional determination.

The park build will be delayed by the IGA hold-up and the jurisdictional determination. If a park redesign is needed Cross Creek will be looking to build in fall of 2023.

NES has interest in pursuing a Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) grant for additional funds. Elise met with David Rudin who has connections to a UCCS professor who may be interested in bringing a Native Plants class to survey the park on a monthly basis. David Rudin also has connections to the Colorado Native Plant Society who could assist in volunteer projects and advise on what to plant in the park. David proposed a BioBlitz to survey the park's insect species' which would engage multiple age groups in a one volunteer event using the app iNaturalist. Laurel will investigate putting together a Teen Advisory Board for the park which could provide feedback on the park design and help develop park programming. These connections and ideas could help Cross Creek qualify for the GOCO grant. Hopefully with more youths involved, vandalism will decrease.

While the Reservoir redesign is on hold Elise will turn to smaller park improvement projects including:

- Adding picnic tables to some of the pocket parks.
- Replacing signs, increasing signage where necessary—such as no motorized vehicle signs—and developing a cohesive signage plan
- Installing benches and a spectator area on the sports field
- Installing picnic tables by the BMX field
- Stairs coming down from the field
- Working toward cohesive park features like having the same benches/ trash cans/etc.
- Replacing the tables by the playground
- Gardens around the pavilion
- Installing a bulletin board
- Looking into ways to enforce the park hours such as a gate
- Updating rules and regulations
- Installing a shed/storage container for park users
- Landscaping from the pavilion up to the street
- Look into the possibility of a community garden
- Exploring the idea of installing basketball hoops
- Look into the possibility of a Farmers Market. Teresa has people to reach out to.
- Willow staking event
- Naming the parks
- Maintenance behind the Senior Apartments

Elise encouraged the board to send her ideas for small projects.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Laurel Bergsten, Acting Secretary