

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 26, 2022 REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PUEBLO CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Directors Present: Matt Cordova, Carl Elley, Corinne Koehler, Dennis Maroney, Jerry Martin,
Donna Phillips, Jim Pioreschi, Ron Serna, Paul Willumstad

Also Present: Attorney Don Banner
Administrator Rick Kidd

Guests: Mike Cuppy, NorthStar Engineering
Cynthia Ramu, Mural Art Coordinator
Mohammad Curtis, Pueblo Heritage Museum
Jean DelMonico, 413 Rush Street

The regular meeting of the Pueblo Conservancy District was called to order by President Kioehler at 10:00 am.

BUDGET HEARING

Kidd informed the Directors that the 2023 budget was in the Director packets. He said that minor modifications were made based on comments from the September 28 review of the draft. Kidd stated that an advertisement for review of the annual budget had been published in the Pueblo Chieftain, and that no one had contracted him requesting to view it. Phillips moved to approve the 2023 Budget as posted and Cordova seconded. The motion was passed. Banner presented a resolution to appropriate sums of money. Martin moved to approve the resolution and Maroney seconded. The motion passed. Banner presented the 2023 Budget message and transmittal. He said that no approval was necessary for the transmittal. He will submit the 2023 Budget to the State.

Minutes: A quorum being present, the Minutes of the September 28, 2022 meeting were reviewed. It was moved by Phillips and seconded by Cordova to approve the minutes. Maroney said that at the last meeting he recalls that there was a specific motion to approve installation of gates at Lake Runyon. The motion to approve the minutes was approved.

Public Forum:
None

Levee Mural Project:

Ramu said that she had three submissions ready for review and approval today. One additional one needs to be re-worked for submittal later.

Peacock Princess, Tia Monson. Ramu said that this mural would be 24x27. Martin moved to approve the mural and Cordova seconded. The motion passed.

La Madre de Pueblo, Diane Archuleta. Ramu said that this mural was commissioned by History Colorado and the El Pueblo Museum. It will be 24x48 and they would like for it to be in the historic area. Maroney moved for approval and Phillips seconded. The motion passed.

Pride Always, Azaria Mendoza. Ramu said that this 24x36 mural is meant to show inclusivity of a variety of people in and out of the LGBTQ+ community. Cordova moved for approval and Martin seconded. Prioreshi said that he did not think political or special interest group murals were to be allowed on the Levee. Phillips stated that this is a very political topic in today's climate. Martin said that without the narrative explaining the mural his perception was that it was just happy people. Elley said that his opinion is that this proposal is political and represents a small special interest group whereas larger interest groups have not been allowed. Ramu said that this mural represents inclusion of people who are in out community. Serna said that he had to go with the approval of the Arts Committee. A vote was called and it was four to four. Koehler broke the tie approving of the mural. It was requested that the minutes note that Phillips and Elley left after the vote. (Later responses from them offered apologies for leaving and the timing of their departures. Elley said that he had to leave for an event that his restaurant was catering, and Phillips said that she had to leave to meet with a client.) Ramu said that she is working with artists to get the messes they left cleaned up. She reported that there were 15 to 20 artists at the meet and greet held at the El Pueblo Museum. They are planning to hold another one probably in March, at CSU-Pueblo.

Sculpture Policy:

Ramu said that there was nothing new to report. She said that McCue was working on one.

Treasurer's Report:

Prioreshi said that he had reviewed the report and the expenditures compared to the overall budget, and that it was balancing out. He moved to receive and file the report and Willumstad seconded. A question was raised asking if the Pueblo Board of Water Works had refunded the Carbon Road damages escrow. Banner said that he could prepare a letter, the Koehler said that she will contact Seth Clayton and ask about it. The motion passed.

The following bills were posted:

BSJ Operations and Maintenance Account:

\$ 500.00	MGPM, Monthly Accountant fees
\$ 500.00	B&B, PC, Attorney Fees
\$ 5,600.00	B&B, PC, 3 rd Quarter Attorney Fees
\$ 2,500.00	Kidd Engineering, Administrator/Engineer fees
\$ 360.00	Kidd Engineering, October Executive Committee meeting
\$ 437.50	Kidd Engineering, Arkansas River South Side Bluff Walk and Meetings
\$ 262.50	Kidd Engineering, Meeting with Mark Paolucci and Jim Prioreshi
\$ 262.50	Kidd Engineering, Waveshaper etc. Grant Meeting with City
\$ 1,500.00	Cynthia Ramu, Levee Mural Art Coordinator Fee
\$ 200.00	Cordova, Director's Fee
\$ 200.00	Elley, Director's Fee
\$ 500.00	Koehler, President's Fee
\$ 200.00	Maroney, Director's Fee
\$ 200.00	Martin, Director's Fees
\$ 200.00	Phillips, Director's Fee
\$ 200.00	Prioreshi, Director's Fee

\$ 200.00	Serna, Director's Fee
\$ 18.75	Serna, 30 miles
\$ 200.00	Willumstad, Director's Fee
\$ 1,834.00	Spaccamonti Excavating, Weed Cutting and Rubbish Removal
\$ 197.00	Waste Management, Lake Runyon Dumpster, Estimate for October
\$ 7,082.94	Garren Ross and DeNardo, 2021 Audit Report and Reimburseables
\$ 125.00	Tia Monson, Graffiti paint over
\$ 11.60	Signs by Scott, Sculpture Artist Plaque - Wilbar

BSJ Construction Draw Account:

Through October 21, 2022

\$ 262.50	Kidd Engineering, PCD/City IGA #1B Meetings and CA/CO
\$ 880.00	NorthStar Engineering, Task D. Engineering Design Services, etc. Supplemental Interior Drainage Analysis per FEMA Request
\$ 800.00	NorthStar Engineering, Maintenance Assessment Support, Consultations, Artwork and Recreation, Attend meetings and reporting
\$ 290.00	NorthStar Engineering, Wave Shaper Design Support Services
\$ 1,987.00	NorthStar Engineering, PCD/City IGA#1 Revision, Main Street Bridge and reimbursables
\$ 2,8485.00	NorthStar Engineering, PCD Levee Trail Extension and reimbursables
\$175,217.50	Bridge Brothers, Main Street Pedestrian Bridge 3rd Payment per Contract

BSJ Reserve Account:

\$ 23,281.79	Pueblo Conservancy District – Transfer to Operating Account
\$182,282.00	Pueblo Conservancy District – Transfer to Draw Account

Prioreschi said that he had reviewed the listing of bills and that they are in order. Kidd said that he will hold the check to Bridge Brothers until mobilization for the bridge construction, per the contract agreement. Martin moved to pay the bills and Maroney seconded. The motion passed.

New Business:

Rush Street Property Sale. This item was moved up on the agenda so that Jean DelMonico would not have to wait at the meeting. Kidd explained that Antonio and Jean DelMonico own Lot 22, Block 137 South Pueblo. The Conservancy District owns Lots 23 and 24, which DelMonico's have been using for their yard and driveway. There is not room for DelMonico's to have a driveway on the 25-foot wide lot that they own. Kidd prepared an exhibit indicating what of these properties could be conveyed to DelMonico's while leaving the District with a 15-foot wide access along the toe of the Levee. It was brought up that selling this property would create an illegal subdivision. After discussion, it was suggested and Jean DelMonico agreed to the District retaining ownership of their properties but giving DelMonico's an easement for access to their house. Serna moved to grant DelMonico's an access easement and to authorize Koehler to sign the easement. Martin seconded and the motion passed.

Old Business:

Dutch Clark Land. Banner said that there had been no movement yet. However, they are to discuss the transfer at a School District 60 Board Meeting.

Lake Runyon. Banner said that there had been no word from anyone with the County.

Allowed Events. This will be scheduled for discussion at the retreat.

Lake Runyon Trash, Gates and Signage. Kidd said that he signed a three year agreement with Waste Connections. They anticipate having a dumpster on site within a couple of weeks. Kidd reported that the gates were in fabrication. Kidd said that he had not yet received comments about signage content. He was instructed to proceed with a design and send it out for comment.

Bronze Plaques. Koehler said that she has received some comments and suggested changes for the wording. She will make those changes and send the final drafts to Signs by Scott.

Administrative Assistant Position. This will be scheduled for discussion at the retreat.

Levee Trail and Amenities Maintenance Agreement. Don said that he had asked Steven Meier if he should draft an agreement or if the City would. Meier said that he would get back to Banner about that.

Retreat Planning. Koehler said that the agenda is being discussed and it should be finalized at the Executive Committee meeting. The retreat will be held on November 14 from 3:00 to 6:30, at GG's Barbeque.

Board Officer Compensation. This will be discussed at the retreat.

New Business:

Nominating Committee Report. Martin said that he and Cordova had met. They felt that it would be best to maintain the current slate of officers for one more year. Therefore, the recommended slate of nominations is: President – Corinne Koehler, Vice-President – Paul Willumstad, Treasurer – Jim Prioreshi, and Secretary – Ron Serna. Martin said that he had talked to each and they agreed to serve if elected. Nominations from the floor will be taken at the November meeting and the election of officers will be at the December meeting.

Lake Runyon CPW Contract. Koehler said that she and Kidd were scheduled to meet with Mike Brown, CPW Area Manager, at 3:00 this afternoon.

Waveshaper Grant. Koehler said that she was in a meeting with GOCO and the City. They discussed concepts of what the overall project plan, including playground equipment. There was to be a later meeting with the City, Kidd and a representative from the Colorado Office of Economic Development. There was confusion in the meeting location and it was learned that the Economic Development representative had started back to Denver. Koehler said that she thinks LuAnn is getting a much better idea of the planned development and what to do in writing the grant.

Sale of Lots on 11th Street and along Wildhorse Creek. Kidd is to work with Cuppy to develop an exhibit of the available properties and their approximate areas. This will be discussed at the retreat.

PACOG Presentation. Koehler said that the District has been invited to make a 10 minute presentation to the Pueblo Area Council Of Governments. She and Prioreshi will make the presentation.

President's Report:

Koehler passed out copies of the brochures that the District had published. She said that the Chamber of Commerce had agreed to pay \$500 of the printing charge. Koehler said that the full

charge was \$530 and she submitted the entire bill to the Chamber. Two trash cleanups were held. One of them was in connection with the Colorado Lottery and the other one was a Creek Week project. Koehler said that there were several hundred participants in the Lottery cleanup. They had a film crew to video the work being done. The Lottery will be using this to show part of what the Lottery does to support the climate and communities. Koehler said that the Creek Week project focused along Fountain Creek.

Administrator's Report:

Kidd said that he had received a call from a man named Marty who is very interested in helping with cleaning up along the River. He specifically mentioned the tires that can be seen in the vicinity of the 4th Street Pedestrian Bridge. Marty said that he was willing to get out in the River to drag this stuff up, but that he would need someone to load it and haul it to disposal. Kidd said that he referred him to Koehler. Kidd said that there was a small homeless camp next to the Levee in the alley between Rush and Palm streets. He reported it, but the response back was that they could not find it.

PFAR:

Koehler said that a Winter Solstice event was being planned again for this year. They will be doing a lantern parade again. The PFAR will be cleaning upstream from the Main Street Bridge on November 5th. They are hoping to host some educational programs starting in 2023.

FEMA Certification:

Cuppy said that he had been working on hydrology to delineate the localized drainage concerns behind the Wildhorse Creek Levee. He will be sending a letter to Kim Koch on Monday.

Trail Amenities:

Cuppy said that all of the District's trail is done except for the reach close to the new Main Street Pedestrian Bridge. The last of the benches and the bollard at the Clark Street access will be installed when they come back in to do the tie-in with the bridge. Cuppy said that he and Kidd believed there needs to be slope paving to hold the gravel up around the bridge abutments, and to keep it from raveling out and into the River on the water side of the abutments. The first proposal for the change order was about \$19,000. This has been negotiated to \$16,330, which is commensurate with other concrete flatwork we have done. Therefore, he and Kidd recommend approval of this change order. Willumstad moved for approval and Maroney seconded. The motion passed.

Main Street Pedestrian Bridge and Trail:

Cuppy said that final details are being worked out and Bridge Brothers still anticipates mobilizing in November.

Fountain Creek Report:

None.

Other Business:

Banner informed the Board that he had requested Lisha Coultrip to start coming to the meetings with him next year.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 am. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be on November 16, 2022.

APPROVED:

Corinne Koehler, President

Ron Serna, Secretary