

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 15, 2021 REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE PUEBLO CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Directors Present:

Barbara Bernard, Matt Cordova, Corinne Koehler, Jerry Martin, Bud O'Hara,  
Donna Phillips, Ron Serna, Paul Willumstad

Also Present: Attorney Don Banner  
Administrator Rick Kidd

Guests: Mike Cuppy, NorthStar Engineering  
Cynthia Ramu, Mural Art Committee  
Shanna Lewis, Colorado Public Radio

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

**Minutes:** A quorum being present, the Minutes of the November 17, 2021 meeting were reviewed. It was moved by Bernard and seconded by Cordova to approve the minutes. The motion was approved.

**Public Forum:**  
None

**Levee Mural Project:**

Ramu said that she had four mural proposals for the Board to consider.

Dragon, Tia Monson. This will be a 24x36 mural. O'Hara moved to approve this mural and Bernard seconded. The motion passed.

My Favorite Corner, Forest Archuleta Soto. Ramu said that this 24x36 mural is an abstract to evoke a sense of home. Bernard moved to approve the mural and Cordova seconded. Serna said that he did not like the mural. The motion passed.

The World is a Beautiful Place, Shannon Kelsey Palmer. Ramu said that the proposed 24x60 mural is designed to be a contemplation of life. She said that the original proposal was for 100 feet wide but she worked with the artist to bring it down to only 60 feet. Martin moved for approval and O'Hara seconded. The vote was three for and three opposed. Koehler broke the tie and the motion passed.

Flourish, Azaria Mendoza. This mural is to be 24x36. Willumstad moved for approval and Bernard seconded. The motion passed.

Serna said that there was a rush project to paint over some obscene graffiti. Tia Monson agreed to paint over the graffiti at a cost of \$75 per panel and proposed a mural to paint over the area. The graffiti paint over and mural were approved by Koehler. Serna said that Code Enforcement allows only 10 days after notice to paint over graffiti or there is a \$1,000 fine.

Serna said that they still need to develop criteria and guidelines for murals to be painted in the "historical" designated area.

O'Hara said that he has 5 gallons of anti-graffiti top coat and 3 gallons of gray primer that he will give to Serna.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Willumstad said that he had reviewed the accountant's report and he moved to receive and file the report. The motion passed.

Willumstad said that the bills appeared to be routine. Willumstad moved to approve payment of the bills and O'Hara seconded. The motion passed.

Vectra Cash Account:

\$ 75.00	Tia Monson, Graffiti paint over
\$ 156.51	Bud O'Hara, PCC Mural paint reimbursement

BSJ Operations and Maintenance Account:

\$ 145.00	Black Hills Energy, Runyon Lighting
\$ 500.00	MGPM, Monthly Accountant fees
\$ 500.00	B&B, Attorney Fees
\$ 1,900.00	Kidd Engineering, Administrator/Engineer fees
\$ 412.50	Kidd Engineering, Executive Committee Meeting prep and attendance
\$ 495.00	Kidd Engineering, City/CDOT 11 <sup>th</sup> Street Bridge subsidence repairs
\$ 1,500.00	Cynthia Ramu, Levee Mural Art Coordinator Fee
\$ 200.00	Bernard, Director's Fee
\$ 200.00	Cordova, Director's Fee
\$ 500.00	Koehler, President's Fee
\$ 200.00	Maroney, Director's Fee
\$ 200.00	Martin, Director's Fees
\$ 200.00	O'Hara, Director's Fee
\$ 200.00	Phillips, Director's Fee
\$ 200.00	Serna, Director's Fee
\$ 200.00	Willumstad, Director's Fee
\$ 234.22	D&S Paint, Graffiti paint over materials
\$ 36.96	Gate House-Pueblo, 2022 Budget advertisement
\$ 60.48	Gate House-Pueblo, KRSC Final Payment advertisement

BSJ Construction Draw Account:

\$ 412.50	Kidd Engineering, PCD/City IGA #1 and #2 meetings and CA/CO November 14 through December 10, 2021
\$ 2,380.00	NorthStar Engineering, October 23 through December 10, Task D - Engineering Design Services, Permitting, and Regulatory Approvals
\$ 7,789.00	NorthStar Engineering, October 23 through December 10, 2021, Task K - PCD/City IGA#1 T&M Services and reimbursables

\$ 7,651.00	NorthStar Engineering, October 23 through December 10, Maintenance Assessment Support, Consultations, Artwork and Recreation, Phases 5&6 Warranty, 11 <sup>th</sup> Street Bridge, and reimbursables
\$ 4,617.00	NorthStar Engineering, October 23 through December 10, 2021, Wave Shaper Design Support Services and reimbursables
\$ 1,005.00	NorthStar Engineering, October 23 through December 10, 2021, PCD Trail Extension Design, Layout & CM Services
\$208,593.00	Bridge Brothers Main Street Bridge Order – PR#1

BSJ Reserve Account:

\$ 7,884.16	Pueblo Conservancy District – Transfer to Operating Account
\$ 23,854.50	Pueblo Conservancy District – Transfer to Draw Account

**Old Business:**

**Phase 4 Warranty Crack Sealing.** Banner said that he sent a letter to ASI and their surety. They are to respond by tomorrow.

**County Land Purchase.** Banner said that the contract was agreed to at \$195,000. Bernard moved to approve and sign the contract. Willumstad seconded. Kidd said he had a concern about conveying ownership- of the Levee to the County. Even with maintenance access, he believes there could be some ramifications with the Army Corps of Engineers and FEMA. The motion was amended to sign the contract subject to working out Levee area concerns. The motion passed.

**Dutch Clark Stadium Land.** Banner suggested doing a quit claim deed to School District 60. After discussion, Cordova moved to continue with this concept and Willumstad seconded. The motion passed. Kidd is to see what he can find in the records that would provide a legal description of the property.

**New Business:**

**HARP Board 2022 Representative.** Willumstad moved to retain Maroney in that position and Martin seconded. The motion passed.

**Resignation of Bud O'Hara.** O'Hara notified the Board that he was resigning as a director. He was requested to provide contacts for other people in the St. Charles Mesa area who would be interested in serving on the Board.

**Fountain Creek Greenway and Flood Protection District.** Kidd said that with O'Hara's resignation we needed to have a new appointee. Martin has been the alternate. Willumstad moved to make Martin the appointee and O'Hara seconded. The motion passed.

**Election of Officers.** The Nominating Committee proposed the slate of: Koehler for President, Willumstad for Vice President, Bernard for Treasurer, and Serna for Secretary. Bernard said she may not be available for the full year and recommended someone else be nominated. There were no nominations from the floor. The slate of officers by the Nominating Committee was approved.

**Porta-Potty Security Enclosure.** Willumstad said that he will take pictures of what he has seen at a park in Denver and bring them to the January meeting.

**Sculpture Policy.** Koehler said she has received ideas of what should be included. She will get wording, from NorthStar, on engineering design requirements. Bernard suggested that the sculptures be under the guidance of the Mural Art Committee.

**Additional Seating Along the Levee.** Koehler said that she will talk to Steven Meier about this. Willumstad suggested getting seating with backs so that people can set and relax. Willumstad moved to order four to five benches with backs and arm rests. Martin seconded and the motion passed.

**President's Report:**

Koehler said that a lot has been happening in the last month. Swerdfeger repaired and remounted the bike rack that had been damaged. Since the trail is now open to the public there has gotten to be a lot of dog poop along the trail. She has talked to Steven Meier and he said that he would order and have some disposal bag dispensers installed along the trail. Koehler read a commendation letter that Peter McCarthy had sent to her about the trail and amenities. She also received a note from Jean Latka about the interpretive signs. Koehler and Banner met with Steven Meier and Scott Hobson to discuss the EDA grant application. They suggested that Pueblo Conservancy District be a joint applicant with the City. The Board authorized for the District to be a co-applicant on the grant.

**Administrator's Report:**

Kidd reported that he had received an overlay map showing where the Levee lies within the Lake Runyon area. He said that after the land sale is completed the billing from Black Hills Energy for the lighting needs to be transferred to the County. Kidd said that he received information from the City concerning the Boulder Stormwater Outfall. He said that there is any existing 36-inch culvert under the trail and that their plan is to replace this with a 48-inch culvert. Kidd expressed that he is concerned that they are bringing more stormwater into the area and they are planning to have a reach where the water will still flow over existing urban riprap (broken up concrete, brick, etc.) This existing channel may not have the capacity for the added flows plus it will continue to be an eyesore. He also questions if the seeding that they have proposed will be stable or if there will be erosive velocities. The City has entered into a contract with Saetta Construction to dig, investigate and repair the subsidence on the east end of the 11<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge. He asked NorthStar to watch over this work since they are still in the process of Levee certification.

**Pueblo Friends of the Arkansas River:**

Koehler reported that the group is holding a solstice parade. They are holding a lamp making workshop before then so that the participants can carry the lamps that they made. They have a logo design that will be used on their notices, flyers, etc. The group is sponsoring cleanups on the first Saturday of every month. They are also working on plans for a summer solstice event. They are hoping to have some pop-up vendors participate.

**Recreation Committee Report:**

Cuppy said that the final price for the Conservancy District trail that will fill in the gaps going east to the trail at Lake Runyon is \$2987,068.35. Martin moved to approve this contract with KR

Swerdfeger Construction. Serna seconded the motion and the motion passed. Cuppy said that he will work to get pricing for trail connection and pads around the interpretive signs and for the additional benches by the January Board meeting.

Kidd said that he has requested both Spaccamonti Excavating and KR Swerdfeger to provide pricing to remove and replace the Thomas Phelps Creek flood gates.

**FEMA Certification:**

Cuppy reported that FEMA has been talking to Bill Hoffman, with CTL Thompson to address some of the questions they had. He is also pulling together information from the Pueblo County Emergency Management Plan and will add to that as required specific for the Levee.

**Fountain Creek Report:** No report

**Other Business:**

None

Serna moved for adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be on January 26, 2022.

APPROVED:

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Corinne Koehler, President

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Ron Serna, Secretary