

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 22, 2023 REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PUEBLO CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Directors Present: Corinne Koehler, Marisa Lopez, 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
Karen Foglesong, Art Committee
Eric McCue, Sculpture Artist

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

Koehler introduced Marisa Lopez. She is the City designee to fill the seat vacated by Matt Cordova and will serve the remainder of his term. Marisa works at the El Pueblo Museum.

Minutes: A quorum being present, the Minutes of the February 22, 2023 meeting were reviewed. It was moved by Serna and seconded by Maroney to approve the minutes. The motion to approve the minutes was approved.

Public Forum:
None

Levee Mural Project:

Ramu said that she has two murals to present for approval.

Johnny's Boiler, Shannon Palmer. Ramu said that this mural would be 28 feet high by 60 feet long. The propose to paint it in the historic mural area since Johnny's has been serving the Pueblo community since 1946. The general discussion was that this appeared to be an advertisement, which the murals are not supposed to be. Martin moved to approve the mural with "Johnny's Boilershop" appearing in the lower right hand corner, per current guidelines. The motion died for the lack of a second. Maroney moved to approve the mural without Johnny's being on it. Willumstad seconded the motion. Pioreschi recommended that it could say "Sponsored By Johnny's Boilershop" in the lower right hand corner. The motion passed four to two. Banner said that the District needs to determine what a sponsorship is and how the sponsorship can be depicted on the mural. Willumstad moved to send this to the Arts Committee to make their recommendations to the Board. This motion was approved. Martin moved to approve the mural with it saying "Sponsored by Johnny's". Lopez seconded and the motion passed four to three.

River Breeze, Joel Carpenter. Ramu said that this mural would be 28x36. Willumstad moved to approve it and Pioreschi seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Soul Seeker, Eric McCue. This is a sculpture proposed by Eric McCue. He said it is 72-inches high and is made of steel plate. It will be painted with automotive paint and clear coated. Lopez moved to approve the mural and Martin seconded. The motion passed.

Ramu said that the deadline for voting on one of the proposed City of Pueblo murals ends on Friday. She also reported that she will be helping with Earth Day programs at the El Pueblo Museum and will be promoting art work and murals for the Levee.

Treasurer's Report:

Prioreschi said that he had reviewed the February accountant's compilation report and nothing stands out. The current status compares with last year. Prioreschi moved to receive and file the report and the motion passed. Kidd was requested to check with Bank of the San Juans to ensure that the funds being held at the bank are protected. There is currently over \$1M in the Reserve Account. This is a concern to the Board in light of recent bank failures. Prioreschi said that the bills appear appropriate for payment. Kidd noted that there are two checks to Bridge Brothers for payments that are to be made at certain milestones. The current schedule is that both of these milestones will be met before the next regular Board meeting. Martini moved pay the bills. The motion passed.

The following bills were posted:

Vetra Checking Account:

\$ 1,200.00 DK Horn, Wilbar, Space Jack, and Osner Sculpture Design Work

BSJ Operations and Maintenance Account:

\$ 500.00	MGPM, Monthly Accountant fees
\$ 1,000.00	B&B, PC, Attorney Fees
\$ 3,000.00	Kidd Engineering, Administrator/Engineer fees
\$ 1,500.00	Cynthia Ramu, Levee Mural Art Coordinator 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
\$ 300.00	Prioreschi, Director's Fee
\$ 300.00	Serna, Director's Fee
\$ 32.50	Serna, 52miles
\$ 300.00	Willumstad, Director's Fee
\$ 500.00	Southern Colorado Greenback Chapter, Trout Unlimited, 2023 Frost Bite Fish-Off Sponsorship
\$ 1,850.00	Pueblo Heritage Museum, 2023 Membership and Meeting Space
\$ 112.88	Signs by Scott, Exist Ledge Signs
\$ 49.35	Signs by Scott, Sculpture Signs
\$ 20.00	Signs by Scott, Danger Decals
\$ 200.00	JERBCO, March Website Maintenance

BSJ Construction Draw Account:

\$ 1,662.50 Kidd Engineering, PCD/City IGA #1A Main Street Pedestrian Bridge Meetings and CA/CO
\$ 262.50 Kidd Engineering, PCD West Levee Trail Extension
\$ 1,120.00 NorthStar Engineering, Maintenance Assessment Support, Consultations, Artwork and Recreation, Attend meetings and reporting
\$ 7,809.00 NorthStar Engineering, PCD/City IGA#1 Revision, Task K Main Street Bridge and reimbursables
\$ 926.00 NorthStar Engineering, PCD Trail Extension-East
\$ 1,720.00 NorthStar Engineering, PCD Trail Extension-West
\$139,062.00 Bridge Brothers, Main Street Pedestrian Bridge - No. 3 payment per contract
\$142,842.50 Bridge Brothers, Main Street Pedestrian Bridge – No 4 payment per contract

Old Business:

Administrative Assistant. Koehler said that we had received two applications. One applicant backed out and the other was not available until November. Koehler sent her a letter explaining that we had hoped to have someone in position before then. Judy Parry responded that she would still like to be interviewed because she believed that she could do both jobs for the next few months. Kidd and Koehler will schedule an interview with her. The job posting will remain open until the position is filled.

Colorado DPW Contract. Banner said that he has reviewed the proposed contract, with the changes. He believes it is in compliance with the discussions and the needs of the District. Maroney moved to approve the draft contract and Serna seconded. Serna asked if it included brush removal. Banner said that it does not. The motion passed.

Hyde Park Properties. Pioreschi said that there is nothing new to report.

Levee Event Guidelines. Banner sent out his proposed draft of the guidelines. He said that he had used both the HARP Authority's guidelines and the City of Pueblo's. Both are multiple pages with a lot of detail. With the detail and requirements that may well be needed he believes this would be a huge administrative burden on the District for us to handle the permitting. He suggested an IGA with the City, which would incorporate the District's needs in with the City's guidelines for events to be held on the Levee. Pioreschi said that he agreed with this except that permittees should have to come to the District to sign-off on their application. This would be similar to a routing slip for construction or subdivisions. After further discussion, Banner said that he will proceed that way and see what can be worked out with Pueblo Parks and Recreation.

Bridge Lighting. Pioreschi said that he is meeting with the City on Friday to discuss lighting, electricity, and security cameras.

Pueblo Water Low Head Dam. Maroney said that there is nothing new to report other than the video that Pueblo Water has produced. Koehler said that she saw some equipment on site. It appeared that they were doing soils borings.

Debris. Kidd he had observed the rebar and notified CDOT that he was confident that it is left over from their demolition of the old 4th Street Bridge abutments. CDOT responded that they take safety seriously and will work with us on this issue. Koehler said that there is a lot of trash coming out of City storm drains and discharging into the River. There are multiple drains and there is trash at all of them.

Dutch Clark Property. Banner said that District 60 provided him a survey and that a quit claim deed has been prepared. He said that the quit claim deed had been approved by the Board September 2022. Banner is to send them a letter bringing attention to erosion and trash issues, and that the Pueblo Conservancy District expects them to address these issues.

New Business:

Change Order for Main Street Pedestrian Bridge South Side Anchor Block Drain. Cuppy discussed the ground water conditions and suggested that a perimeter drain be installed to help maintain the integrity of the anchor block. He said that Swerdfeger said it should cost less than \$5,000. Willumstad moved to approve this extra work at a cost not-to-exceed \$5,000. Martin seconded and the motion passed.

Boulder Purchase. Pioreschi said that Swerdfeger has not given him a price yet. The idea is to have a stockpile of boulders that the District can use to control traffic access, and to use in the River if additional boulders are required for the fish habitat reconstruction.

River Cleaning. Koehler said that there is a lot of trash coming into the River from the City storm drains and from areas upstream. As the property owners, maintaining the River and cleaning out trash that deposits into the River on our land is our responsibility. She suggested that we plan for cleaning and include that in our budget. Banner is to send a letter to the City reminding them of their mandate to control and clean up trash from their storm drain system.

President's Report:

Koehler said that PFAR had about 65 people attending their Birds of The Corridor event. In May, they are to talk about a Sam Ebersole film on the 1921 Flood. They have started a fund raiser called Trout on the Route and it is going well. Planning for a Summer Solstice event is moving forward. Andrew Hayes has told her that it is anticipated that the route down and the parking lot at Pillar Park will be torn up at the time of the event, and for all summer. So they are exploring alternatives and thought holding it at Lake Runyon may be a good option. Koehler said that with the Arkansas River development there needs to be a plan for accesses, signage, tubing put in and take out locations, parking, etc.

Koehler said that she talked to a group of 3rd graders last year. Now the whole school has taken on projects for various aspects of the Arkansas River.

Administrator's Report:

Kidd said that Tony Delmonico has agreed to let Aptim Environmental come in to clean smelter residue from the District's property. However, he wants to keep the gate locked and he wants assurances that nothing will be done that impacts their house. Kidd reported that he has installed signage instructing people that the Exit Ledge is not to be used except for an emergency. He said that he also has signs to install for the HARP control structure. Willumstad suggested taking pictures of sign installations.

FEMA Certification:

Cuppy said that there has not been any additional responses from FEMA.

Levee Amenities:

Cuppy reported that Bridge Brothers has said that they expect the Main Street Pedestrian Bridge to start shipping out on Monday. He said that NorthStar, Swerdfeger, and Kidd had walked the concrete trail extension area to the west. They did a visual layout of the trail route and are now working on the engineering plans for it. There will be areas planned in for future installation of shade structures.

Fountain Creek Report:

Martin said that he had talked to the new Executive Director and they have scheduled for Terry Hart and the new Executive Director to attend the May 24th Pueblo Conservancy District Board meeting. Koehler said that she has met the new Executive Director.

Other Business:

Serna asked what the plans were for bleachers to be on the slope above the Viewing Ledge. The Art Committee would like to know what they can plan for in painting this area.

Koehler said that PFAR has scheduled their next clean-up for April 15th, to coincide with Creek Week, and as part of the America the Beautiful project. They will meet under the Union Street Bridge and work both ways. They will start at 9:00 am.

The Parks Department is to serve notices for vacating various homeless camps.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:58 am. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be on April 26, 2023.

APPROVED:

Corinne Koehler, President

Ron Serna, Secretary