

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 24, 2022 REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PUEBLO CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

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

Also Present: Attorney Lisha Coultrip
Administrator Rick Kidd

Guests: Mike Cuppy, NorthStar Engineering
Cynthia Ramu, Mural Art Coordinator
Roxey Pignanelli, Count Commissioner Candidate
Carla and Daniel – To hear Lake Runyon Discussion

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 July 27, 2022 meeting were reviewed. It was moved by Maroney and seconded by Serna to approve the minutes. The motion was approved.

Public Forum:
None

Lake Runyon:
Discussion of this topic was tabled until later in the meeting to see if any representative from the County comes.

Levee Mural Project:

Ramu said that she has eight pending proposals, but only five currently ready to present for approval.

Butterfly Blues, Maria Stevens. Ramu said that Stevens is a Denver artist. This mural would be 24x36. She said that it is visually different than other pieces on the Levee. Willumstad moved for approval and Pioreschi seconded. The motion passed.

Colorado Sunset, Alisa Proffer. Ramu said that this mural is to be 24x36. It is different than other scenic paintings. It is reflective of Colorado nature. Willumstad moved for approval and Maroney seconded. The motion passed.

Viva La Frida, Sarah Ballard. Ramu said the Ballard just finished the “Heart of Steel” mural, in the historic section. This proposed 24x36 mural is a colorful tribute to the very famous artist Frida Kahlo. Martin moved for approval and Cordova seconded. The motion passed.

Pueblo City Go, Desiree Talmich. Ramu said that she has been working with Talmich on this mural. This mural would be nominated to be a poke stop for Pokemon Go players. It would attract Pokemon Go players to the Levee and the murals. Willumstad moved for approval and Cordova seconded. The motion passed.

CF&I Blast Furnace in the Early Days, Tia Monson. Ramu said that this is a 24x36 mural that Monson has been commissioned to paint. This would be her 14th mural on the Levee. The original black and white painting was by local artist Chuck McGee. It is proposed for it to be

painted in the historical area, next to the Damon Runyon mural. Ramu said that Monson would work to make it stand out and will make it appear dimensional. McGee is to be out there when she is painting it. Serna moved for approval and Willumstad seconded. The motion passed.

Serna said that some artists are wanting to be paid to paint murals in the historic area. Some of the murals are commissioned so they are already receiving compensation for those. Ramu said that the current going rate is \$4000 per mural for design, materials, coordination, and supplies. Banner said he would encourage the Board to continue supporting the art. Ramu proposed that the District commission a 1921 Flood mural, and maybe increase the mural subsidy to \$500 in the historic area.

Martin moved to replenish the account at D&S Paint with an additional \$5000 and a lot \$250 per mural. Maroney seconded and the motion passed.

Martin moved to provide a \$1000 sponsorship for murals in the historic area. The artist has to have a minimum equal match from an outside sponsor, plus the total amount would be limited to \$20,000. Serna seconded. Maroney said that this is a lot of money to obligate to. Ramu said that there are 20 to 25 mural spaces remaining within the historic area, depending upon mural size. Willumstad said that it is a big jump from \$250 to \$1000 per mural. Ramu said that murals in the historic area take a lot of time for research. The motion passed.

Willumstad said that he had received an email from Mike Salardino that the issues for the Sister Cities mural had been resolved. Ramu said that they had and that the artist should be starting in about two weeks.

Sculptures

Ramu said the McCue is working on his sculpture. Wilbar should have his proposal ready in about two weeks. Ramu said that she has sent out the final draft of the sculpture guidelines to the Board. Pioreschi said that the pad for the chess table has been placed.

Treasurer's Report:

Pioreschi said that he is still learning about the reports, but the District is in good shape. We are about \$1M ahead of where we were a year ago. Pioreschi moved to receive and file the report. The motion passed.

The following bills were posted:

BSJ Operations and Maintenance Account:

\$ 500.00	Black Hills Energy, Runyon Lighting
\$ 500.00	MGPM, Monthly Accountant fees
\$ 500.00	B&B, PC, Attorney Fees
\$ 2,500.00	Kidd Engineering, Administrator/Engineer fees
\$ 700.00	Kidd Engineering, August 4 Levee tour with FEMA, ACE, and Wood
\$ 262.50	Kidd Engineering, August 9 Executive Committee meeting
\$ 262.50	Kidd Engineering, Runyon meeting at City Hall
\$ 1,500.00	Cynthia Ramu, Levee Mural Art Coordinator Fee
\$ 200.00	Bernard, Director's Fee
\$ 200.00	Cordova, Director's Fee

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\$ 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	Prioreschi, Director's Fee
\$ 200.00	Serna, Director's Fee
\$ 52.50	Serna, 84 miles
\$ 200.00	Willumstad, Director's Fee
\$ 1,500.00	HARP Authority, 2022 4 th of July Riverwalk Celebration
\$ 1,189.49	Waste Management, Lake Runyon Dumpster, July-August
\$ 4,365.00	Spaccamonti Excavating, Wild Horse Creek Weed Cutting, and Trash and Rubbish Removal
\$ 6,517.00	KR Swerdfeger, Cleaning Wildhorse Creek Crossing twice
\$ 4,793.00	KR Swerdfeger, Cleaning Thomas Phelps Creek and Runyon Trash Rack
\$ 125.00	Tia Monson, Graffiti paint over

BSJ Construction Draw Account:

Through July 22, 2022

\$ 612.50	Kidd Engineering, PCD/City IGA #1B Meetings and CA/CO
\$ 2,210.00	NorthStar Engineering, Task D. Engineering Design Services, etc. Supplemental Interior Drainage Analysis per FEMA Request
\$ 960.00	NorthStar Engineering, Maintenance Assessment Support, Consultations, Artwork and Recreation, Phase 6 Warranty, and reimbursables
\$ 425.00	NorthStar Engineering, Wave Shaper Design Support Services and reimbursables
\$ 1,380.00	NorthStar Engineering, PCD/City IGA#1 Revision, Main Street Bridge and reimbursables
\$ 7,859.50	NorthStar Engineering, PCD Levee Trail Extension and reimbursables
\$117,314.64	K.R. Swerdfeger, Phase 6B PCD Trail Extension
\$ 0.00	K.R. Swerdfeger, Phase 6B PCD/City IGA River Trail

BSJ Reserve Account:

\$ 27,367.39	Pueblo Conservancy District – Transfer to Operating Account
\$130,761.44	Pueblo Conservancy District – Transfer to Draw Account

Kidd said that he had invoiced the City for approximately \$42,000 in reimbursements under the IGA. Prioreschi said that she had reviewed the bills and that they looked appropriate. Willumstad moved to pay the bills and Maroney seconded. The motion passed

Old Business:

Dutch Clark Land. Banner said that he emailed Dick Bump, School District 60's attorney. He has not received a response.

South Side Hanging Trail Replacement. Cuppy has talked with Swerdfeger and they are working toward a budget estimate.

Brochure. Koehler said that she has a draft, but still needs NorthStar to provide an appropriate map.

Naming of Bridges. Koehler said that she had not received any formal comments regarding her proposed bridge names. Serna moved to have the bridges named for original Pueblo Conservancy District directors Lee and Nuckols, and to have name and information plaques made and mounted on the bridges. Elley seconded and the motion passed.

Website Updating. Neither Banner nor Koehler have heard anything. Willumstad moved to table this topic to the next meeting.

Allowed Events on the Levee. Banner said that he sent out an email compiling suggestions. He is to prepare a policy draft to present at the next meeting. Elley moved that event organizers be charged a fee of \$1000 to be paid with their application. Seventy-five percent would then be returned to them upon successful cleanup and damages repairs. Pioreschi seconded and the motion passed.

New Business:

Amenity Maintenance. Koehler said that there is a question as to who is going to take care of trash cleanup, weeds, and repairs of the fencing, concrete, bridges, shade structures, benches, etc. Banner said that the easement with the City for the trail system is a non-exclusive agreement from fence line to fence line. He also noted that it is for non-motorized uses of the Levee. Banner was requested to work out a maintenance agreement with the City. Pioreschi, Cuppy and Kidd are to work with Banner on this.

Lake Runyon:

County Commissioners Ortiz and Martinez had been invited to attend the meeting to discuss how the stakeholders could work together for the recreational development and security of this area. Pioreschi talked to Eppie Martinez and Willumstad talked to Garrison Ortiz. Willumstad said that Ortiz told him that the County is still interested but is fearful of the EPA and requirements they may impose if there is any environmental hazard identified on the site. There is a proposal of a low cost lease and the County take over development and maintenance. Martinez told Pioreschi that he is just getting up to speed but there are concerns over the environmental report. Martin moved to pursue a lease with the County, in the interim or them purchasing the property at a future date. Willumstad seconded and the motion passed. Kidd is to talk to Mike Brown, Area Director for the Colorado Department of Parks and Wildlife, about them preparing a lease agreement similar to those of the past. He is to also ask Brown about hydro-axing.

HARP IGA Funding Request: Koehler said that Lynn Clark has requested that the District maintain the same level of support as in the past. They have increased the funding requested from both the City and the County. Elley moved to maintain the annual IGA Contribution at \$50,000, with an additional allocation of \$10,000 for maintenance. Pioreschi seconded and the motion passed.

E-Bike Policy: Koehler said that the City Council had approved an e-bike policy for City trails, etc.

President's Report:

Koehler brought the copies of the magazines the District paid for. She requested the Directors to take some to display in their places of business and to hand out. Koehler has been in meetings with the Health Department and the Pueblo Parks and Recreation Department concerning the QR codes to be placed on the bridges. Three QR code plaques will be put up. The QR codes will encourage people to go see other sites around town. The City has submitted a grant application for \$1,000,000 to support the proposed wave shaper project. They have not yet heard anything concerning the status of the application. The City has also applied for a \$500,000 grant for the installation of bathrooms at Pillars Park. Koehler said that the City has posted a job opening for an MS-4 Stormwater position. She has not received any responses to her emails asking the City about cleaning up where their stormwaters discharge into the River.

Tracy Harmon joined in on Zoom. She said that on September 15th there will be a Pueblo Friends of the Arkansas River reception near the Damon Runyon mural and the Chess Table.

Administrator's Report:

Kidd reported that he had taken representatives from FEMA, the Corps of Engineers and their engineering consultant Wood for a tour of the levee system. Wood is under contract to do an evaluation of existing levees under the revised FEMA flood criteria. They said that they would like a copy of our FEMA certification documents. Kidd told them that the information would be provided to them after we had successfully responded to all of FEMA's review comments and had their approval of the certification. Kidd said that he did not want for them to review submittal information that had not yet been approved. They understood and were agreeable to waiting for the information. Kidd noted that a copy of the District's Bylaws accompanied their Director packet information. Kidd reported that Aptim Environmental called his attention to District ownership of some land at the end of Rush Street. Antonio DelMonico is the adjacent landowner, at 413 Rush Street. DelMonico has encroached on District property with part of his residence, sheds, fencing, and yard area. Kidd signed the agreement for Aptim to do any necessary cleanup and requested that they restore the surface to existing conditions or better. Kidd suggested making an offer to DelMonico to purchase the portion of the property that would not be needed for maintenance of the Levee. Willumstad moved to pursue conveying the adjacent excess property as long as it is done under a quit claim deed, and Mr. DelMonico pay any costs in conjunction with subdivision variances or lot line rearrangements. Elley seconded and the motion passed.

Pueblo Friends of the Arkansas River: Koehler said that they will be participating with the Creek Week cleanup on October 1st. The target area this time will be around Lake Runyon. The Colorado Lottery will be sponsoring another cleanup on October 8th. That area will be from Lake Runyon to Lake Pueblo.

FEMA Certification.

Cuppy said that NorthStar submitted a package with the additional information that FEMA had requested. He has received a little feedback of them requesting more information regarding their work for designation on internal drainage areas.

Main Street Pedestrian Bridge and Trail:

Cuppy said that the trail on the east side of the new Main Street Pedestrian Bridge area is almost complete as far as they can go to leave room for construction of the bridge. This is the trail portion that the District is paying for. The concrete crew will now be moving over to the west side to bring the City trail down to the area of the pedestrian bridge. Bridge Brothers is working on preparing fabrication drawings. These will supposedly address many of the concerns expressed during the last drawing review. They claim that construction drawings should be done within a couple of weeks. Bridge Brothers says that they are still planning for a December completion.

Fountain Creek Report:

Martin said that they are talking about the possibility of working with the Pueblo Conservancy District for maintenance at least a portion of Fountain Creek going north from Pueblo.

Other Business:

Koehler asked if there was interest in holding an informational retreat in mid November. Elley said that his restaurant could be used for the meeting space if it was held on a Monday. The consensus was that there is an interest and to explore dates that would work for the Directors.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:14 pm. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be on September 28, 2022. An Executive Committee meeting will be held on September 13th.

APPROVED:

Corinne Koehler, President

Ron Serna, Secretary