

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 22, 2021 REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PUEBLO CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Directors Present: Barbara Bernard, Matt Cordova, Corinne Koehler, Dennis Maroney, 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
Sam DeNardo, Auditor

The regular meeting of the Pueblo Conservancy District was called to order by President Koehler at 10:01 am.

Minutes: A quorum being present, the Minutes of the August 25, 2021 meeting were reviewed. It was moved by O'Hara and seconded by Cordova to approve the minutes. The motion was approved.

Public Forum:
None

Levee Mural Proposals:

Serna said that there was a mural submitted but it was rejected due to religious connotations.

Ramu reported that she had three mural proposals to present to the Board:

Autism Puzzle Heart, Holly Taylor. Ramu said that this mural is to be 24x24 and that the artist has an autistic child. Bernard suggested that the artist increase the size of the heart so that it stands out more. Bernard moved for approval and Maroney seconded. The motion passed. Dorothy, Arthur Langill. Ramu said that this mural is to measure 24x24. It is a rendition of Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz. Serna moved for approval and Cordova seconded. The motion passed.

No More Stolen Sisters, Dolores Duran. Ramu said that the artist is a descendant of Native peoples and that this 24x24 mural is a tribute to the early inhabitants of Pueblo women. Bernard suggested taking the hand off of the face. Phillips said that she has Native American ancestry and finds the mural offensive with the hand. Bernard moved to table approval until Ramu talks to the artist. Willumstad seconded and the motion to table passed.

Ramu reported that she has currently approved 10 artists to receive \$250 each of paint and supplies at D&S Paint. Six of the ten have already purchased their supplies. There are 21 murals completed and 16 more are in progress. She said that they are received three to four mural proposals per month. Ramu said that some of the artists were messy and spilled paint on the Levee. She is going to have them paint over the spills. Bernard suggested a mural memorializing the Pueblo saddlemakers be a part of the historic section. Kidd said that there are ribbons, debris and solar lights that need to be taken down and cleaned up when the artist is finished. Kidd suggested that the cable gate be replaced with a swing gate that allows for a row

of locks. This would be easier to negotiate and there would no longer be a problem with people locking around other locks.

Treasurer's Report:

Willumstad said that he had reviewed the accountant's report and did not see anything out of the ordinary.. He moved to receive and file the report. The motion passed.

Kidd said that the bills are normal, but includes payment of the final \$3000 of the approved artist incentive deposit at D&S Paint; and payment to Spaccamonti Excavating for weed and trash removal and cleaning the trash rack at Lake Runyon. Willumstad moved to approve payment of the bills and Bernard seconded. The motion passed.

Vectra Cash Account:

\$ 181.13 Bud O'Hara, East and Centennial High School logo paint

BSJ Operations and Maintenance Account:

\$ 500.00 MGPM, Monthly Accountant fees
\$ 500.00 B&B, Attorney Fees
\$ 1,900.00 Kidd Engineering, Administrator/Engineer fees
\$ 2,000.00 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
\$ 3,000.00 D&S Paint, Levee mural artist supplies incentive
\$ 6,627.25 Spaccamonti Excavating, Grove weed cutting
\$ 600.00 Spaccamonti Excavating, 16th Street trash removal
\$ 1,968.04 Spaccamonti Excavating, Lake Runyon trash rack cleaning

BSJ Construction Draw Account:

\$ 577.50 Kidd Engineering, August 21 through September 17, 2021 PCD/IGA#1 Meetings and CA/CO
\$ 775.00 NorthStar Engineering, August 21 through September 17, 2021, Maintenance Assessment Support, Consultations, Artwork and Recreation
\$ 3,757.50 NorthStar Engineering, August 21 through September 17, 2021 PCD/City IGA#1 T&M Services and reimbursable expenses
\$52,246.89 KR Swerdfeger, Phase 6A PCD/City IGA#1 Pay Request #9

BSJ Reserve Account:

\$ 19,195.29 Pueblo Conservancy District – Transfer to Operating Account
\$ 57,356.89 Pueblo Conservancy District – Transfer to Draw Account

2020 Budget Amendment: Kidd reported that due to project expansion and timing versus what was anticipated when the 2020 Budget was originally approved that there was a significant increase in capital outlay costs. The suggested amended budget addresses those additional costs. Willumstad moved to approve the budget amendment and Maroney seconded. The motion passed.

2020 Audit: Sam DeNardo presented copies of the draft audit report to the members of the Board. He reported that the financial reports fairly present the actual receipts and expenditures of the District. There were no significant deficiencies identified. Phillips move to approve the 2020 Audit and for DeNardo to file it with the State. O'Hara seconded and the motion passed.

Old Business:

Wave Shaper. Cuppy said that McLaughlin White Water had made two proposals for design services. The less expensive is for development of only a Conceptual Plan. The second proposal is for preparing a Preliminary Design. This is more expensive but it would provide enough of design element that they would also be able to provide cost estimates required for submittal requests to potential funding programs. He said that we are still waiting on answers from the City about their support for the wave shaper for funding applications and long term operation and maintenance responsibilities. Willumstad moved to table this until a later meeting and Maroney seconded. The motion passed.

Bridge Naming Rights. Koehler said that we are still waiting on comments from the City. It was decided to table this until October

Land Sales:

Lake Runyon Area. This is on hold until we receive an offer from the County. This item will be tabled until October.

Dutch Clark Stadium Area Land. Koehler said that we are waiting for input from both the City and School District 60. Willumstad suggested doing a quit claim deed to the City. Banner said that could be done. Willumstad moved to Quit Claim the property to the City and send it to the Mayor for him to take to City Council for acceptance. O'Hara seconded. Kidd is to go through the original acquisition documents to see if he could find a legal description for this parcel. The motion passed.

Dutch Clark Slope Cleanup. Kidd is to request pricing from Swerdfeger for them to clean up the old concrete and pipe, and to block the roadway/trail.

HARP IGA Contribution. Koehler said that she is still working with Lynn Clark on this so it will be tabled until October.

New Business:

2022 Draft Budget. Kidd explained how he developed the budget and its comparison with 2021. He noted that he had forgotten to include a line item for the Mural Art Coordinator. Banner said that Ramu offered to accept only \$1500 per month for 2022. Willumstad noted that in a prior Executive Session it was discussed to increase the monthly rate paid to the

Engineer/Administrator. Banner is to provide the amount discussed for Kidd to include it in the budget. The estimated costs for PCD/City IGA#2 construction work was discussed.

Pipe Bollards. Kidd said that Swerdfeger had provided pricing of \$3,771 to furnish and install two painted bollards. Swerdfeger said that it would be an additional \$546.47 each, for a total of \$4,864, to upgrade to stainless steel bollards. Kidd said he asked Steven Meier why the City felt that stainless steel would be preferable. Meier told him that the stainless steel is easier to maintain, that you don't have a problem matching paint colors when repairs are needed, and that in general they look better. It was moved to approve the stainless steel at a cost of \$4,864. The motion passed.

Assessment Resolution. Banner said that he had prepared an assessment resolution to maintain the same three tiers and rates as what the District is currently assessing. Phillips move to approve the Assessment Resolution and Willumstad seconded. The motion passed.

Trail Extension. Cuppy provided pricing, from Swerdfeger, to install concrete trail to fill in the gaps not covered by the current City work. After discussion, Willumstad moved to install the concrete trail from the new Main Street Bridge to the Railroad bridge, from the Railroad bridge to the I-25 bridge, and from the end of the Levee Maintenance Access Road to tie in to the Runyon Trail, at a cost of \$295,850. O'Hara seconded and the motion passed.

Fish Habitat. Kidd requested permission to issue an RFP for design and installation to restore the fish habitat boulders and vanes that were removed to facilitate construction above the 4th Street Bridge. O'Hara moved for Kidd to proceed with issuing the RFP and Cordova seconded. The motion passed.

Nominating Committee. Koehler said that Cordova and O'Hara agreed to serve as the nominating committee. They are to bring a proposed slate of officers to present at the October meeting.

President's Report: Koehler said that she proposes having a longer meeting or retreat so that there is time to have deeper discussions about steps that the District needs to do. It will probably be in November, maybe on a Tuesday evening. She said that she is working on fundraising projects for the Friends of the River.

Koehler informed the Board that John Wark is working on a development plan for the properties he purchased along the bluff. The transfer of the parcel east of the Main Street Bridge was temporarily withheld until after construction of the proposed Main Street Pedestrian Bridge. He would like to have it transferred to him now with exception of what the City needs for the new bridge. Phillips moved to table this until the next meeting. Willumstad seconded and the motion to table passed.

Administrator's Report: Kidd reported that the Mahatma Ghandi group had their gathering at Lake Runyon. He said that cleaning up the artists debris and the spilled paint had already been discussed. He said that some of the artists had been observed backing into the cable fence. Both when turning around and to make it easier for them to climb over the fence or to access materials out of the backs of their vehicles. This bends posts and stretches the cables. FEMA is coordinating a meeting with their team, NorthStar and Kidd to discuss the certification submittal.

Pueblo Friends of the Arkansas: Koehler reported that they now have a Board and officers. They will be holding a meeting the second Wednesday in October at 5:15. They are going to have a cleanup around Lake Runyon on October 2. The Colorado Lottery is hosting another cleanup the following week. Anyone over 12 is welcomed to come help.

Recreation Committee Report: Cuppy said that they are finishing up the work. The trail will be completed and ready for opening on October 8th.

Fountain Creek Report: No report

Other Business:

Phillips said that she has seen on social media that the trail is closed. That should be changing soon.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be on October 27, 2021.

APPROVED:

Corinne Koehler, President

Ron Serna, Secretary