

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 16, 2022 REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE PUEBLO CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Directors Present: Matt Cordova, Carl Elley, Corinne Koehler, Dennis Maroney, 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, Pueblo Arts Alliance  
Meghan Wilbar, Artist

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 October 26, 2022 meeting were reviewed. It was moved by Maroney and seconded by Cordova to approve the minutes. The motion to approve the minutes was approved.

**Public Forum:**

None

**Levee Mural Project:**

Ramu said that she had only one submission and they decided that it should be worked on more before approval. They are working to clean up the paint spills. She went to D&S Paint to get a solvent to remove paint. The committee is working on a check-in and check-out policy. Serna will conduct the check-out inspections. Thirty-four artists have used the incentive<sup>3</sup> money the District deposited at D&S Paint. There are currently 10 murals in progress. The Pokemon Go QR Code is done and is live. They are trying to decide if the Corn Maiden mural needs to be relocated from the Main Street Trail parking lot area. Ramu said that she needs eventually for it to be moved to a secure location so that she can renovate it. They hope to then move it to a permanent location. Swerdfeger told her that they would try to barricade around it so that it may be left where it currently is. Ramu said that several entities have put out calls for artists for commissioned murals. She said that she has received a proposal from Jay Rosenberg to put up a 3x5 storyboard for the historic murals and a tribute to Dave Roberts, one of the original artists. Serna said that he would like for the muralists to put up a \$100 application fee that would be refunded after clean-up. Ramu said she thinks this is extreme. Serna said that what is happening is not fair to those who do clean after themselves. It was agreed to take this issue up under New Business.

Serna said that work on the Sister Cities mural has begun, and that it is gigantic.

It was reported that Eric McCue is reaching out to CSU Pueblo for mural engineering services.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Kidd said that there was not an accountant report due to the early Board meeting.

Kidd said that there is a check to Gatehouse Media that is not listed on the spreadsheet. It is for paying the costs of advertising the District's 2023 Budget. Maroney moved to pay the bills and Cordova seconded. The motion passed.

The following bills were posted:

BSJ Operations and Maintenance Account:

\$ 450.00	Black Hills Energy, Lake Runyon lighting
\$ 500.00	MGPM, Monthly Accountant fees
\$ 500.00	B&B, PC, Attorney Fees
\$ 12.26	B&B, Court filing fee
\$ 2,500.00	Kidd Engineering, Administrator/Engineer fees
\$ 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	Prioreschi, Director's Fee
\$ 200.00	Serna, Director's Fee
\$ 46.88	Serna, 75 miles
\$ 18.81	Serna, Paint supplies
\$ 200.00	Willumstad, Director's Fee
\$ 600.00	Palmer Land Conservancy, 200 Colorado Good Life Magazines
363.21	GG's Barbeque, PCD Retreat catering
\$ 1,260.00	Waste Management, Lake Runyon Dumpster
\$ 300.00	Tia Monson, Graffiti paint over
\$ 340.00	Waste Connections, Lake Runyon Trash service
\$ 38.96	Gatehouse Media, 2023 Budget legal notice

BSJ Construction Draw Account:

Through September 23, 2022

\$ 525.00	Kidd Engineering, PCD/City IGA #1B Meetings and CA/CO
\$ 530.00	NorthStar Engineering, Task D. Engineering Design Services, etc. Supplemental Interior Drainage Analysis per FEMA Request
\$ 3,600.00	NorthStar Engineering, Maintenance Assessment Support, Consultations, Artwork and Recreation, Attend meetings and reporting
\$ 2,492.00	NorthStar Engineering, PCD/City IGA#1 Revision, Main Street Bridge and reimbursables
\$ 766.00	NorthStar Engineering, PCD Levee Trail Extension and reimbursables

Kidd said that the Board of Water Works had released the escrow held for care and maintenance of the Carbon Gate access road, and that the funds had been deposited to the Bank of the San Juans Reserve Account.

**Old Business:**

**Dutch Clark Land.** Banner said that School District 60 has indicated that they will accept the land as soon as the property survey is completed.

**Lake Runyon.** Banner said that the County is working on an agreement to be submitted to the Commissioners by Monday. This agreement would give them 18 months to clear up the issues and would provide them with an exclusive right to purchase.

Koehler said that she had talked to the Pueblo County Detention and they will put Runyon on their list for fill-in cleaning, and will try to start scheduling for regular cleanings. They said that they would try to support major cleanup projects if give a 30-day notice. Koehler said that Pueblo Solid Waste has a trailer to pick up big items. She is to send out contact information for the County Detention and City Solid Waste.

**Lake Runyon Gates and Signage.** Kidd said that the gates are in fabrication. The vendor is waiting until everything is made and then he will do the installation. Kidd said that he is working with Signs by Scott for the sign.

Banner and Willumstad are working on wording for the Exit Ledge signs.

**Administrative Assistant.** Kidd handed out a draft of the position description at the Retreat. Koehler said that there was not an opportunity to discuss it at the Retreat. It will be brought up at a later Board meeting.

**Levee Trail Maintenance Agreement.** Banner said that he had not heard anything from the City yet.

**John Wark.** Banner said that when the property was sold to Wark there was a reservation on the deed to provide for the City to have the properties they needed for the improvements at the White Water Park access road and trail system. Since then, the City and Wark have made agreements for the project area, with easements going to the City. Banner said he has prepared a deed to undo this reservation. He requested a motion to approve this deed and for Koehler to sign it. Maroney so moved and Cordova seconded. The motion passed.

**Board Officer Compensation.** Willumstad said that he had proposed this because officers put in a lot more work and time than the other directors, and he hoped it would be an incentive for others to move into officer positions. Willumstad moved for them to be paid \$300 per month. The motion was seconded by Prioreshi. Banner said that he would have to go to the Court to get their approval before the increase could be instituted. Kidd said that funding for this had been included in the 2023 Budget. The motion passed.

**New Business:**

**Lake Runyon CPW Contract.** Banner said that he has not received a contract from the State yet.

**Retreat Report.** Koehler prepared a synopsis of the assignments taken on by the volunteers. They are to report at the December meeting. Maroney said that is should have a report on the Board of Water Works Low Head Dam in December. Cordova announced that he is planning to resign from the Board in January. NorthStar is to work on a cost estimate to pave over the sliver of land that the District owns around Upper Lake Elizabeth.

**Officer Nominations from the Floor.** Koehler opened up for nominations from the floor. None were proposed. Therefore, there are only the nominations proposed by the Nominating Committee in October: President-Corinne Koehler, Vice President-Paul Willumstad, Treasures-Jim Prioreshi, and Treasurer-Ron Serna.

**President's Report:**

Koehler said that most of her report had been pretty well covered. She said the Jeff Hawkins, City of Pueblo Stormwater, that the maintenance crew will schedule to clean at the outlet pipe off of Argyle and will also help at other outfalls. Maroney said that keeping the debris out of the River is a requirement of the City's MS-4 Permit. Therefore, it is Hawkins' responsibility and not a voluntary service.

**Administrator's Report:**

Kidd said that he did not have a report outside of the agenda.

**PFAR:**

Koehler said the Winter Solstice event will be held on December 17<sup>th</sup>. Ramu is the chair for the lantern parade. There were 200 to 300 participants in the parade across the pedestrian bridge last year. The event will start in the afternoon and will go until after dark. There will be food trucks this year.

**FEMA Certification:**

Cuppy said that all documents have been uploaded to the FEMA dropbox.

**Main Street Pedestrian Bridge and Trail:**

Cuppy said that starting to drill for the foundations piers is eminent. They are scheduling to be working on the pier caps by December 15<sup>th</sup>. Cuppy said that the City is preparing for their improvements and paving of the 4<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge parking lot area. He is concerned that contractor adequately safeguard the bridge cables.

**Trail Amenities:**

Cuppy said that all that can be installed have been installed. The rest will be done after the trail tie-ins to the Main Street Pedestrian Bridge are completed.

**Fountain Creek Report:**

No report.

**Other Business:**

Levee Events Policy. Banner said that the proposed policy was passed out. This may come before the Board for a vote in December.

Maintenance Fund Assessment. Kidd is to get each year's actual receipts to Cuppy.

Clean-up Proposal. Serna raised his earlier request to require the artists to deposit \$100 that would be refunded when the cleanup work was completed. It was decided to table this for discussion in December.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be on December 21, 2022.

Kidd saw that he had received a text message from Phillips stating that she did not receive the Zoom meeting link so she was unable to sign in.

APPROVED:

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Corinne Koehler, President

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Ron Serna, Secretary

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