MINUTES OF THE JUNE 23, 2021 REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PUEBLO CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Directors Present: Barbara Bernard, Corinne Koehler, Dennis Maroney, Jerry Martin, Ron Serna, Paul Willumstad

Also Present: Attorney Don Banner
Administrator Rick Kidd

Guests: Mike Cuppy, NorthStar Engineering
Cynthia Ramu, Mural Art Committee
Antonio _____, Senator Hickenlooper's Office

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 May 26, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Serna moved to approve the minutes and Martin seconded. The motion was approved.

Koehler thanked everyone for their help in making the '21 Celebration a successful event.

Public Forum:
None

Barricades at Palm:
Kidd passed out pictures of the barricades that the neighboring resident complained about. Kidd said that he had invited the resident to the meeting but that he has not shown up. Options were discussed. Willumstad moved to table this until after discussions with the City. Martin seconded and the motion passed.

Levee Mural Proposals:
Ramu reported that updated mural guidelines had been emailed out. There have been a total of 49 applications received. Thirty-five have been accepted and seven were not approved. Eleven have been completed and 11 have not yet started. She has received approximately $1700 from the community that has been used for artists' paint. She said that she has been working on grants and has received some grant funding and some commissioned murals. Willumstad asked if there is an expiration on approvals for murals. Ramu said that she is following up with the people who have been approved but have not started on their murals. Serna said that the guidelines state that the approvals expire in six months. Ramu then presented the current applications for approval.
Out from the Shadow – Ramu said that this is a collaboration of three artists; Josh Soto, Hanna Watson, and Forest Archuleta-Soto. The intended size is 24'x36'. Asked about the lettering, she said that the initials are from the artists' first names. Willumstad moved for approval and Bernard seconded. The motion passed.
Stop the Stigma – Ramu said that this is a 24'x36' mural proposed by a graphic designer from Miami, Florida who has moved to Pueblo. Her name is Sarah Ballard. Bernard moved for approval and Willumstad seconded. The motion passed.

EVA – Ramu said that this mural is to be 24'x24' in size and by a young artist named Mary Anciso-Chavez. Bernard moved for approval and Willumstad seconded. The motion passed.
Pueblo Pride – Ramu said that this is a mural by Celeste, who has done other mural work on the Levee. This mural is sponsored by Dee Tacko restaurant. The chemical compound depicted was questioned. Ramu did not know what it is. Martin moved for approval and Willumstad seconded. Upon voting there were two yes's and three no's. Ramu is to review this mural with the artist and bring it back to the Board.
Henry Pounds is the artist. This mural shows a face in aspen trees. Maroney moved for approval and Willumstad seconded. The motion passed.
Serna said that we still have not received money for murals for the Central and Centennial logos. Kidd said that there was to be an anonymous donor for Central but he has not received payment yet. There has not been anything from Centennial. Kidd said that money has been received for the East High mural. Serna said that he would get the logo artist started on that one. Koehler said that she has been talking to CSU-Pueblo. She will also contact Pueblo Community College. Martin suggested that the Board look at supporting the mural artists with some paint funding. Koehler said that this may be discussed under New Business.

Treasurer's Report:
Willumstad said that he had reviewed the reports and did not notice anything unusual. Willumstad moved to receive and file the reports and Bernard seconded. The motion passed.

The following bills were posted for review and approval. Willumstad said that they are mostly routine bills. On the first page, under Vectra, the bills are mostly related to the dedication event. The last page shows a payment to K.R. Swerdfeger for their work to date. Bernard moved to pay the bills and Martin seconded. The motion passed.

Vectra Cash Account:

$	700.00	Mike Clark, Levee dedication ceremony band
$	250.00	Mountain Top Productions, Dedication ceremony sound system
$	2,221.94	Stoke Wood-Fired Pizza, Dedication ceremony food
$	3,000.00	Western Enterprises, Inc., Dedication ceremony fireworks
$	190.00	Radio Services, Dedication ceremony walkie-talkies
$	300.00	Southern Colorado Services, Dedication ceremony porta-potties
$	45.00	A-Affordable Disposal, Dedication ceremony trash receptacles
$	325.00	Wark Photography, Dedication ceremony photography
$	433.73	Corinne Koehler, Dedication ceremony wine
$	1,500.00	HARP Foundation, 2021 Rollin On the Riverwalk sponsorship
$	6,525.02	Signs By Scott, Story boards (6 signs and 7 frames)
$	600.00	John Montano, South High Logo
$	81.00	Kidd Engineering, 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
$ 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
$ 6,000.00	Keller Williams Realty, Commission on bluff area property sale
$ 322.00	Post Master, Annual post office box rental
$ 1,500.00	Spaccamonti Excavating, Grove area weed cutting on Levee

BSJ Construction Draw Account:

$ 990.00	Kidd Engineering, May 22 through June 18, 2021 PCD/IGA#1 Meetings and CA/CO
$ 5,546.50	NorthStar Engineering, May 22 through June 18, 2021, Task D – Engineering Design Services, Permitting and Regulatory Approval
$ 3,045.00	NorthStar Engineering, May 22 through June 18, 2021, Maintenance Assessment Support, Consultations, Loan Documents, Artwork and Recreation, Railroad, SHPO, etc.
$ 8,115.50	NorthStar Engineering, May 22 through June 18, 2021 PCD/City IGA#1 T&M Services and reimbursable expenses
$74,451.69	KR Swerdfeger, Phase 6A PCD/City IGA#1 Pay Request #5

BSJ Reserve Account:

$ 12,822.00	Pueblo Conservancy District – Transfer to Operating Account
$ 92,148.69	Pueblo Conservancy District – Transfer to Draw Account

President's Report: Koehler said that she had talked to Kim Kock. He and Ben Neilson have been working on the wave shaper project. This is as a result of what CSCB told Kidd during the '21 Celebration event. The shade structures have been delivered. The City is trying to get the installers back in to get them put up. There is no delivery date on the benchers, etc. yet. Koehler said that tomorrow she will be attending the Downtown Association meeting to receive the Shining Star Award. There was a 501.c.3. Meeting last week. The next meeting will be July 26th. Banner has prepared documents for creating the entity. The Downtown Association event brochure highlighted the mural artwork. There have been great comments about the murals and the District's work on the Levee.

Administrator's Report: Kidd reported that he received a check for a $200 donation toward sculptures on the Levee. This was in response to the booth and donation slips at the '21 Celebration. Kidd asked how to handle this donation since it was so small compared to the funds needed for sculptures. He was directed to deposit it into the Vectra account and maintain tracking for it. Kidd said that the City agrees that the District director appointments were, by State statute, supposed to be for five years rather than for three years and that there is not to be a term limit. They are to make this correction for the recent appointments. Kidd said that he had the weeds cut off of the bank of the Levee through the Grove area prior to the June 3 celebration. Payment for this was included in the bills. He is working to get another vendor to do weed spraying for the District since Chem-Way no longer wants to do it. He is working with Colorado Vegetation Management. They have licensing to work along watercourses and have sprayed weeds on the Levee in the past. Kidd said that there is a settlement issue on the east end of the 11th Street Bridge. NorthStar alerted him to the City putting out a contract for repairs. Kidd has contacted Andrew Hayes and has met with Charles Roy. He will be brought into the City's contracting process for this project.
Serna asked about what was happening with respect to the County potentially purchasing the Lake Runyon area. Koehler said that the 1A project bond could not be put out until things settle down around the Comanche Power Plant shut down.
Maroney asked about ownerships at the property down by Runyon where Matrix wants to remove the old railroad trestle. Kidd said that he had the submitted description checked out and he is pretty sure that it is for a parcel that the District acquired west of the north-south track and Matrix is asking about east of the track. After discussion, it was decided that the District could let them know that we do not object to their proposed project but that we offer no warranty of ownership of that portion of railway. Willumstad so moved and Maroney seconded. The motion was approved.

'21 Celebration: Koehler said that it is over and thanked everyone for their help. Bernard said that she had talked to Lionel Trujillo about a sculpture. She wanted to know if it should be kept on the table for him to do a sculpture for the District.

Recreation Committee Report: Cuppy said that the shade structure components have been delivered to the Swerdfeger yard. They are waiting for the installers to come in and complete the installations. The concrete trail work is progressing. He said that the City has revised the proposal documents and has put the Main Street Pedestrian Bridge project out to Contech and Bridge Brothers for rebidding. Their bids are to be back in next week. There is a possibility that the Main Street bridge may happen yet this year.

FEMA Arkansas River Levee Certification: Cuppy reported that the certification documents have been submitted to FEMA. They have acknowledged receipt of them. No comments have come back yet.

Levee Amenities: Koehler said that the manufacture and delivery of the benches, bike racks and trash receptacles have been affected by Covid. We do not have a delivery date yet.

Fountain Creek Report: No report

Old Business:
Website Update – Banner said that some of the updating has been done. Rick Thomas has not invoiced for his work yet. Koehler asked that the Board go to the website to see if they notice something that needs to be changed or added.

New Business:
Mural Support – Martin suggested that the District help underwrite the murals. He said that he was thinking along the lines of $250 per artist through the end of the year. We may need to do more through the "historic area" if we have certain requests for directed work. Martin said that he would like to see the momentum increased and that he thinks a paint credit may help. Ramu said she thinks that the $250 was a good amount. She said that some of the really creative art should be more like $500. Banner suggested an allocation of $5000 with an allowance of up to $500 for the first 10 people. Willumstad moved to table this and to ask the Mural Committee to take a look at the idea. The motion died for lack of a second. Martin moved that the Board authorize $5000 for paint and supplies not-to-exceed $500 per artist. Bernard seconded and the motion passed with four yes's and one no. Ramu is to use her discretion for how much should actually be awarded to a specific mural.
Coordination with HARP – Koehler said that she has met with Lyn Clark to discuss how we can work closer together. This request goes back to the District's $1500 sponsorship for the Riverwalk fireworks display on July 4th. They discussed several ideas about how to work to complement the two entities. Coordination of the websites with drop downs to refer to each other is one way. They talked about signage along Elizabeth Street to direct people to the Levee Trail and Whitewater Park. The signage would be at cost to the District. She has talked to the City and to the Greater Pueblo Chamber of Commerce about signage to get people to the River. Ramu suggested a kiosk with historic information and maps. Willumstad suggested hotel brochures for both HARP and the River. Kidd is to put this on the agenda for continued discussion at the next meeting.
Arts Coordinator – Banner said there is a proposal to hire a coordinator for the mural project. After discussion, it was decided to not go into executive session. Banner said that he is aware of the tremendous amount of time that Cynthia Ramu is putting into this. She has estimated that she is spending 20 to 25 hours per week. He said that they had discussed that she is paid $30 to $35 per hour by other arts organizations. They had arrived at a fee reduced to $2000 per month as being fair. Banner said that he could draft a contract agreement. Serna moved that the Banner prepare an agreement and immediately put Ramu under contract at $2000 per month Willumstad suggested making it retroactive to June 1st. Serna agreed to this amendment. Bernard seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Other Business:
None

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:01 pm.

APPROVED:

Corinne Koehler, President

Ron Serna, Secretary

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