

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 25, 2025 REGULAR MEETING OF THE PUEBLO
CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Directors Present: Jim Pioreschi, Marisa Lopez, Carl Elley, Ron Serna, Dennis Maroney, Paul Willumstad, Bony Cosyleon, Corinne Koehler

Also Present: Don Banner, Attorney
Rick Kidd, Engineer/Administrator
Leslie Lucero-Pryor, Administrative Assistant
Cynthia Ramu, Mural Art Coordinator
Tia Monson, Runyon Lake Watch Person
Amanda Hobson, Pueblo Parks and Rec
Arie Heart, Peace Garden Project
Colten Heart, Peace Garden Project
Arial Heart, Peace Garden Project
Susan Finzel, Peace Garden Project
Jeri Spinuzzi, Peace Garden Project
Melonie Seal, Peace Garden Project
Shannon Palmer
Michael Willard
Kristian Skye Hoffmann

The regular meeting of the Pueblo Conservancy District was called to order by President Pioreschi at 8:30 am.

Minutes: A quorum being present, the minutes of the May 28, 2025 meeting were reviewed. It was moved by Maroney to approve minutes and seconded by Willumstad. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Forum:

Ghandi Site – Susan Finzel from the Fountain Creek Watershed District was there on behalf of the Baha Faith Peace Garden and introduced Colton and Arie Heart who made a presentation on what they would like to do to clean up the area. They plan to Clear weeds, use bags of organic soil, plant wild flower seeds, paint rocks and fix tiles. Koehler made motion to approve improvements to be made. Willumstad seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Guest Speaker:

Amanda Hobson with the Pueblo Parks and Rec wants to partner with PCD to extend trail. They would like to connect St Charles Mesa to PCD Trail.

Arts Committee:

Levee Mural Project:

Proposals:

Drew Landon East-Harris "Egret's Eve" 24 X 24 – Koehler made motion to approve. Willumstad seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Drew Landon East-Harris "Predation" 24 X 24 – Koehler made motion to approve. Cosyleon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mural Removal and Painting Report:

Ramu said East meets West is almost completed. An Artist from Canada is coming back to paint. There are 193 submissions, 137 approved, 21 historic murals, 47 artists have received stipends and there are a total of 119 murals on the wall. There are 9 in progress. Cynthia introduced Shannon Palmer who is shadowing her for possible transition to Cynthia's position. Kristian Sky Hoffman is also interested in the position. The Steel City River Fest is July 21, 2025. Ramu is wanting artists to paint band on long wall or on exit ledge near the spectator area. Will cost \$3,000.00 to complete. Tia said there are no changes on the clearcoat. It is holding up very well.

Sculpture Proposals:

Thom Phelps "Enlightened" which is a structure of a 2 ½ foot wide Well Balanced Ball. Koehler made motion to approve, Lopez seconded. Discussion – Willumstad asked how much it will be to install. Installation is \$750.00. All in favor. Motion carried.

John Wilbar's Red Sculpture will be removed and replaced by Figure Eights. This will cost \$750.00 to remove Red Sculpture and replace with Figure Eights. Koehler made motion to approve. Serna seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Elley made motion to open Artist Position to Public. Koehler seconded. Lopez amended to wait until a Job Description has been completed.

Treasurers Report**A. Accountant's Compilation Reports –**

Cosyleon reported that he did not receive the accountant report early enough for an in-depth review, but that everything appeared to be in order. He moved to receive and file the report and the motion passed.

B. Payment of Bills –

Cosyleon said that the bills were normal, plus a few maintenance refund payments. Koehler moved to pay the bills. Willumstad seconded. All in favor the motion passed.

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Old Business:**CDOT Signs:**

Cosyleon said that the signs are in the CDOT que for production. He had not received a schedule for when they would be finished.

Master Plan Update:

Koehler said that Confluence had extended the review period to July 7th. They would like for more public input on the plan. They will prepare a summary after the review period and present the master plan to the steering committee.

New Business:**Final Vote on Bylaw Suggestions:**

Prioreschi asked if everyone had reviewed the final draft of the bylaws. Koehler moved to approve the bylaws as drafted. Elley seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Runyon Cameras:

Prioreschi said that he is continuing to work with the City for locations at Lake Runyon and along the Levee. He hopes to have a report for the next meeting.

Historic Signs Approval:

Prioreschi had the three signs that were provided to the District. He displayed them for the Board to see. He said that due to time lag, change of estimator, and an increase in sign sizes, Kaiser Sign Innovations revised the costs for the mounts and mounting for the signs. Their new price is \$459.55 per each, installed. Koehler moved to approve the cost of \$459.55 for the three signs. Elley seconded. Discussion that the signs needed to have a protective layer put over them. Elley moved to amend the motion to allow for up to \$200.00 per sign to have a protective layer installed over the signs. Koehler agreed to this amendment. All in favor. Motion carried.

Fishing Warning at Runyon Lake:

Prioreschi reported that the testing of fish for heavy metals and contaminants was a routine testing by the Colorado Department of Health and Environment in conjunction with the Colorado Department of Parks and Wildlife. Fish with heavy metals and foreign chemicals have been identified in numerous lakes throughout Colorado. Posted on the CDPHE website there are recommendations for limitations on how many fish to consume, varying with species and locations. He does not see a need for the District to do any additional signage. Consensus was in agreement.

Lake Runyon Parking Lot Closure:

Elley moved to close off the parking lot for the 4th of July weekend. Koehler seconded, clarifying the dates of July 4, 5 and 6. All in favor. Motion carried.

Levee Lighting:

Prioreschi said that he had been working with Stephen Mier on the lighting project. He is waiting for the City to provide designs for review to ensure that there will not be any conflict with FEMA requirements for levee certification. He will report back to the Board as this project progress.

Levee Seating:

Prioreschi said that he no longer had the software to do designs and drawings for the seating. He requested approval for NorthStar Engineering to do the design work so that this project could move forward. Elley moved to approve. Cosyleon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Life Jacket Stations:

Kidd reported that he received quotes from three fabricators who have certified welders. The proposals were from Johnny's Boiler Shop and Metal Works, Front Range Welding and Fabrication and Mesa Fab Shop. Mesa Fab had the lowest installed price for both the 5-foot wide and the 8-foot wide stations at \$2,200.00 and \$3,500.00 per each respectively. Koehler moved to contract for fabrication of four of the 5-foot wide stations. Proposed areas for the installations are: Nature Center, City Park, Pueblo Water Park, and Moffit Street. Elley seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

President's Report:

Prioreschi said that the CSU Colorado Natural Heritage Program was going to be conducting wetland surveys across the front range this summer. He said that he volunteered to participate in the study. Prioreschi noted that he observed milfoil in the HARP channel. Therefore, we can anticipate it invading Lake Runyon as well as the current growth in Fountain Lake. He and Koehler participated in the story walk opening. Koehler said that there are 20 signs.

Administrator's Report:

Kidd said that NorthStar Engineering had provided him with a 90-percent set of plans for the Moffit Parking Lot. It is the same layout as was previously presented. The plan indicated concrete paving. This is so that any disturbance of any smelter product contamination would be limited to minor surface grading and no required haul-off. NorthStar requested comments or approval to proceed with the final design. Elley moved to approve the concept plans and proceed with final construction drawings. Koehler seconded. Maroney said that he is adamantly against a boater take out on the south side of the river. Kidd said that the boater take out is not a part of parking lot plan. All in favor. Motion carried.

Other Business As May Be Brought Before the Board:

None

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

2025 SCHEDULED MEETING DATES (Meetings will be at 8:30 am unless posted otherwise)

August 27, 2025

September 24, 2025

October 22, 2025

November 19, 2025

December 17, 2025

APPROVED


James B Pioreschi, President


Ron Serna, Secretary

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PUEBLO CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

MAY - JUNE 2025

DEBITS - BANK OF THE SAN JUANS - OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT

VENDOR	ITEM	AMOUNT
Black Hills Energy	Lake Runyon Lighting Electrical Billing	Pre-paid
MGPM, PC	Bookkeeping	\$ 499.90
Banner, Bower & Coultrip, PC	Attorney Fee	\$ 1,000.00
	D60 Parcel Deed Recording Fee	\$ 23.00
Kidd Engineering	Engineer/Admin Fee	\$ 3,000.00
	May-June MFA Refunds	\$ 1,387.50
Leslie Lucero-Pryor	Administrative Assistant	\$ 500.00
Cynthia Ramu	Levee Mural Art Coordinator Fee	\$ 1,500.00
Tia Monson	Lake Runyon Watchperson	\$ 400.00
	Additional Hours for Cleaning (10)	\$ 250.00
Director Cosyleon	Director Fees-Treasurer	\$ 300.00
Director Elley	Director Fees	\$ 200.00
Director Koehler	Director Fees	\$ 200.00
Director Lopez	Director Fees-Vice President	\$ 300.00
Director Maroney	Director Fees	\$ 200.00
Director Phillips	Director Fees	\$ 200.00
Director Pioreschi	Director Fees-President	\$ 500.00
Director Serna	Director Fees-Secretary	\$ 300.00
	32 miles @ \$0.70/mi - mileage for April and May - Levee graffiti, etc.	\$ 22.40
Director Willumstad	Director Fees	\$ 200.00
JERBCO, LLC	January Website Maintenance	\$ 200.00
~~Waste Connections of Colorado~~	~~Lake Runyon Dumpster~~	~~\$ 215.70~~
Southern Colorado Services & Recycling, LLC	Runyon Porta-Potties Set and Service	\$ 324.00
D&S Paint Center, Inc.	Mural Artist Supply Account	\$ 5,000.00

Spaccamonti Excavating, LLC	Upper Lake Elizabeth Homeless Camp, Chainlink Fencing and Debris Removal	\$ 3,000.00
	Thomas Phelps Creek Trash Rack Debris Removal	\$ 1,420.00
Bank of the San Juans	Credit Cards	\$ -
NorthStar Engineering	Maintenance Assessment Support, Consultations, Artwork and Recreational Opportunities, Attend meetings and reporting	\$ 480.00
	Maintenance Assessment Over Charges thru June 20, 2025	\$ 3,220.00
Allen Family LLP	MFA Refund	\$ 7.24
Diana C Cuneo	MFA Refund	\$ 8.46
Bryan Crites	MFA Refund	\$ 69.85
Anna Marie Giodone	MFA Refund	~~\$ 36.53~~
	MFA Refund Check Re-issue	\$ 40.25
SES Enterprises LLC	MFA Refund	\$ 7,530.67
Robert Romero	MFA Refund	\$ 4,586.87
Hawk Eye Enterprises LLC	MFA Refund	\$ 8,896.18
Musso Family Trust	MFA Refund	\$ 133.30
Valerie R Genova	MFA Refund	\$ 3.10
Justin Charter	MFA Refund	\$ 11.40
Rodmar Company Inc	MFA Refund	\$ 3.46
SUBTOTAL OF MFA REFUNDS THIS PERIOD	\$ 21,327.31	
	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES -- FUNDS TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE RESERVE ACCOUNT TO THE OPERATING ACCOUNT	\$ 46,169.81

**DEBITS - BANK OF THE SAN JUANS - CONSTUCTION DRAW
ACCOUNT**

Kidd Engineering	ARKANSAS RIVER LEVEE:	
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	PERIOD ENDING	
		\$ -
	Kidd Engineering Subtotal	\$ -
NorthStar Engineering	ARKANSAS RIVER LEVEE, ETC:	
	PERIOD ENDING MAY 23, 2025	
	South Side Slope Paving and Trail Design	\$ -
	Survey and Design of Boulder Street Trail	\$ -
	Survey and Design of Runyon Boat Pull-Out	\$ -
	Moffat Street Parking Lot Survey and Design	\$ 10,230.00
	Wildhorse Creek Trash Rack:	
	Task A. Topographic Survey	\$ -
	Task B. Civil Design	\$ 2,850.00
	Reimbursable Expenses	\$ -
	NorthStar Subtotal	\$ 13,080.00
	TOTAL CONSTRUCTION EXPENSES -- FUNDS TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE RESERVE ACCOUT TO THE DRAW ACCOUNT	\$ 13,080.00