

MINUTES OF THE PUEBLO CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING ON MARCH 2, 1987

DIRECTORS PRESENT: P. Kelly, G. Sandstrom and K. Farley
OTHERS PRESENT : L. Ward and R. Koester
GUESTS PRESENT : Sam Genova and Tim Merriman, The Greenway and Nature Center of Pueblo; Ron Velarde, John Tonko, Jim Melby, Ann Fothegill and Robin Knox, Colorado Division of Wildlife; Jim Spaccamonti, Jack Craddock, Solli Raso and Stein Meier, County of Pueblo; Anthony Langoni and Bob Gilliland, City of Pueblo; and Charles Barton, Trout Unlimited.

Chairman Sandstrom prepared and gave the opening remarks on the status of the land ownership and ownership plans for the Runyon and Fountain Lake Area along the Arkansas River. With eventual ownership in the name of The Pueblo Conservancy District, the City of Pueblo will be given use rights along with the CDOW to operate the area as "Runyon Park", for fishing and outdoor trail activities as a Regional Park.

It was determined, after discussion with CDOW, that there are grant funds available for actual physical improvements for:

- a. Erosion Control
- b. Access Improvements
- c. Parking Facilities
- d. Shoreline Stabilization
- e. Provision for Handicap Facilities

The application is to be prepared immediately with City of Pueblo taking the lead--with the County to supply Master Plan data support to insure that immediate improvements are coordinated efforts as part of long range plans.

The County then will begin with organizing the Master Plan of improvements and long range plan for the Park, with all entities having input and furnishing manpower and planning staff.

This District then indicated that they would move ahead on acquisition of the CF&I (Fountain Sand and Gravel) property, first implementing the Reclamation still required to meet State Mine Land Reclamation requirements, and then making agreements necessary to allow Recreational Improvements to proceed.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 P.M., after sub-groups of interested persons met briefly to set up procedures to get grant application filed. The Pueblo Conservancy District Board concluded the meeting knowing they had afforded the various groups and organizations, a forum to properly plan and develop Runyon Park.

Kathleen Farley
Secretary-Treasurer

APPROVED:

Patricia Kelly
G. Sandstrom