

# Castle Pines Parks Authority

## SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

April 16, 2015

**HELD:** Thursday, April 16, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the Castle Pines North Community Center, 7404 Yorkshire Drive, Castle Rock, Colorado.

**ATTENDEES:** Directors Anna Mallinson, Jim Nikkel, Tom Weldon, David Necker, Brad Meyering, and Randy Burkhardt were present. District Administrator Janet Burnham also attended as did legal counsel Steve Brown.

**CONFLICTS:** None

**QUORUM:** Present

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** A motion was made by Director Necker to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Director Burkhardt and was approved unanimously.

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

**A. Approve minutes of the regular meeting held 1/15/15 –** A motion was made by Director Nikkel to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held 1/15/15. The motion was seconded by Director Mallinson and was approved 4-0 with Directors Burkhardt and Meyering abstaining since they were not present at that meeting.

**B. Consider request from Douglas County Library District –** Director Mallinson opened the discussion regarding the Library District's inquiry about whether or not the Castle Pines Parks Authority (CPPA) would participate in the plan for the outdoor area surrounding the new Castle Pines library branch. Director Necker informed the Board that he had been approached by the Library District since they are looking for help to offset the total cost of the project. The existing plan includes landscaping, seating areas, and open areas. Counsel Steve Brown advised the Board that the CPPA establishing agreement would likely support participation since it is broadly stated with regard to expenditures that benefit the public for parks and open space in general. Members of the Board expressed a desire to have some educational/interpretive elements - i.e., a butterfly garden, a hummingbird garden, a mini-arboretum, a high plains xeric garden, etc. – included in the design. Director Necker suggested that perhaps the CPPA participation could be in the form of lending expertise while Director Nikkel raised the issue of Castle View Park and the community's desire for more recreational facilities. There is the ongoing concern about how to best utilize existing

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funds and have a continuing funding source for the CPPA. In addition, there are still hard feelings regarding the Mayor's request to the CPPA to give up funding from the Master Homeowners' Association.

Pursuant to discussion, a motion was made by Director Nikkel to form an exploratory committee headed by Directors Mallinson and Necker with the intent of exploring opportunities to assist with the library landscape and an associated educational element. The motion was seconded by Director Burkhardt and was approved unanimously.

Counsel Brown suggested to the Board that, with the CPPA's existing money, the Board could choose to participate in pet projects within its scope, such as the library, until the money has all been used or stay the course waiting for a funding source to support future parks or, at some point if the CPPA is dissolved, simply give the money to the Castle Pines North Metro District or the City of Castle Pines for parks/recreational facilities.

The Board concurred that the CPPA would not be willing to just hand money over to the Library District but that the CPPA must be able to direct how the money is spent and it must be directed to amenities that would benefit the community as a whole. Directors Mallinson and Necker, as the exploratory committee, will convey that message to the Library District and report back to the CPPA Board at the next meeting.

All business to come before the board having been addressed, the meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

The next regular meeting will be held June 11, 2015.