

Castle Pines Parks Authority

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

January 21, 2016

HELD: Thursday, January 21, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the Castle Pines North Community Center, 7404 Yorkshire Drive, Castle Rock, Colorado.

ATTENDEES: Directors Anna Mallinson, Jim Nikkel, Randy Burkhart, Tom Weldon, Brad Meyering and David Necker were present. District Administrator Janet Burnham also attended as did District Alternate Craig Miller. Legal counsel Steve Brown was present, as well. Eight residents attended as did CPNMD Board President, Keith Dodd, City of Castle Pines Mayor Jeff Huff and City Manager, Don Von Wormer.

CONFLICTS: None

QUORUM: Present

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

ACTION ITEMS:

A. Approve minutes of the regular meeting held 10/15/15 – A motion was made by Director Necker to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held 10/15/15. The motion was seconded by Director Nikkel and was approved 5-0 with Director Burkhardt abstaining since he was not present at that meeting.

B. Ratify payables – a motion was made by Director Meyering to ratify the payables in the amount of \$2,140.37. The motion was seconded by Director Mallinson and was approved unanimously.

C. Approve Resolution No. 2016-001 Meeting Places, Times, Posting – A motion was made by Director Necker to approve Resolution No. 2016-001 establishing the meeting places, the dates and times of the meetings, and the places the meetings would be posted. The motion was seconded by Director Meyering and was approved unanimously.

The Board concurred to have a special meeting on February 18, 2016 to hold a public hearing on the Parks Authority 2016 budget.

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D. Consider a community basketball court – Director Mallinson addressed the issue of the proposed community basketball court and its proposed location in the Retreat Park. She addressed questions that had been brought up in residents' emails in response to the idea. Anna noted that, out of the responses received, about 75-80% were in favor of the basketball court being built in the Retreat Park. She mentioned that the City of Castle Pines was planning on developing a parks and recreation master plan and that it made sense to hold off on any immediate construction action until that plan is further along so that there could be a community-wide resolution to the need for courts in Castle Pines. CPNMD Board President Keith Dodd provided background on how the idea for a court came about.

Several of the attending residents expressed their concerns, including the following:

- concern about drainage issues;
- would like further study as to the best location;
- concern that the original design of the park was for younger children;
- concern that the Parks Authority board is appointed, not elected, and, therefore, might not be the best representation of the residents.

There were also attendees that were very much in favor of the court and the Retreat Park location.

Mayor Huff said that the City Council is very aware of the need for more recreational opportunities in the community. The City would like to work with the Parks Authority to determine the best locations for amenities that can be fairly inexpensively and quickly implemented.

In general, the Board concurred that they were willing to hold off on a decision to build the basketball court pending more information about the City's master plan; however, the Parks Authority may choose to move forward if the City's plan doesn't come together quickly enough.

Pursuant to further discussion, a motion was made by Director Necker to continue to consider action on a community basketball court. The motion was seconded by Director Meyering and was approved unanimously.

With regard to the wording on the signage to be placed indoors at the new library acknowledging the financial contribution of the Parks Authority to the library's outdoor space, Director Mallinson said she would work with the library district on a draft.

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DISCUSSION

A. CPNMD update – Director Nikkel informed the Board that the District had received bids for the storm drain repair that will commence in mid- to late April. The repairs will involve some trail closures and detours.

B. MHOA update – Director Mallinson mentioned that the MHOA is considering redesigning their website and email system.

C. City of Castle Pines update – City Manager Don Von Wormer addressed the City's parks and recreation master plan. Besides focusing on the needs of the Castle Pines community, including new development on the east side of I-25, it will also consider regional assets. They would like the Parks Authority to partner with the City in funding the master plan.

Pursuant to discussion, a motion was made by Director Weldon to contribute \$20,000 toward the master plan. The motion was seconded by Director Meyering and subsequently failed 2-3 with Directors Mallinson, Nikkel and Necker voting against.

The Board concurred that they were not opposed to lending financial support to the plan; however, the only known fact at this time is that the City intends to put \$75,000 toward the plan and is requesting an additional \$25,000 from a GOCO grant. They would like the City to get a better handle on what their actual costs will be and determine what their fallback position will be if the RFP's for the plan come in higher than anticipated.

After discussion, a motion was made by Director Mallinson to agree to contribute some funds to the plan with the amount to be determined upon receipt of more information from the City. The motion was seconded by Director Nikkel and was approved 4-1 with Director Weldon voting against.

D. Castle Pines North Foundation update – none

E. Counsel report – none

All business to come before the board having been addressed, the meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

There will be a special meeting of the Parks Authority on February 18, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.