

Crested Butte South POA
Parks Subcommittee Meeting
September 19, 2023
Minutes

Meeting called to order at 8:15 a.m.

Committee Members Present: Sue Wallace, Patricia Harrington, Elizabeth Train, Lindsay Houston

Staff, Derrick Harwell

Absent: Andrew Sandstrom, Theresa Truettner, Margaret Liperfido, (no one on zoom)

New Committee Member:

Lindsay Houston was introduced and welcomed as the new committee member.

Updates on Project this Summer:

Derrick reported on the \$10,000 grant from MetRec:

- Topo map survey in process. Expect map within weeks.
- Sunset Hall/painting and light replacement complete. Continue to look at resurfacing the floor and blind replacement. Elizabeth recommended redoing blinds before price increases as they impact energy usage. She also recommended that the threshold between the door and the floor allows air, leaves etc. in and should be corrected.
- Resurfaced basketball court. Purchased Basketball hoops which were installed incorrectly. This should be resolved soon. Line painting will wait until spring 2024.
- Garden. Sue Wallace, Ryan and Derek are considering design of path to bus stop/cross walk and encourage different pedestrian movement.

Total costs for all improvements reach approximately \$30,000 with \$10,000 from capital reserves, \$10,000 reimbursement from MetRec and \$10,000 current POA budget.

Bus Stop Update:

Dereck described a broken water pipe issue. He is working with Metro to repair. Law Enforcement has identified a vandal responsible for destructive behavior and it is so hoped that vandalism will cease. Local adolescents continue to party. They have been identified and parents have been notified. Long term management will be needed. POA continues to look into self-locking doors and cameras. Bus Stop is very important to CB South and the Valley.

Parking and pedestrian routes around the park are being considered. The POA is trying out parking design alternatives in the commercial district at this time which may inform what will work around the park.

Grant update:

Boetcher Foundation

Elizabeth updated the committee on Boetcher Foundation and noted that they do not want to fund projects that support only one sport/group, but are looking for things that bring the community together.

501c3 Question

Elizabeth noted that we need to resolve how we will proceed in requesting grants. Currently we cannot apply for anything as a POA and must look to others. While there are other agencies that may be available to apply for and administer grants for the POA, those entities may not be the ideal way to manage grants. Additionally, grantors may be concerned with outside parties requiring a portion of the grant to administer the funds and it would reduce flexibility if changes were needed. Elizabeth asked if forming a 501 c 3 should be considered. Sue Wallace supported the idea.

Considerable discussion followed regarding the 501 c 3 question and whether it would be for the park only or if it should be expanded to include other POA issues such as the commercial center. It was agreed that this is an issue for the POA Council to discuss and provide direction.

GoCo

GoCo has three cycles. We would need to apply by October. We agreed that we are not ready at this time.

Representatives of WEHA and WESA

Elizabeth suggested that we have a representative of WEHA and WESA on this committee to represent those uses and to bring forward the information and to articulate the need for those improvements. We are not able to tell their story and document the need.

Discussion followed regarding how realistic the current plan may be with the actual needs and funding sources available in the years to come. The Committee is very interested in the valley wide recreational planning process that MetRec is undertaking to ensure that need and duplication are. The need for flexibility was supported.

Tabled Items:

Due to lack of time the following item was tabled until the next meeting:

- Review Timeline and Strategic Plan and identify point people for the various task

Meeting adjourned at 9:45

Next Meeting: October 17, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Patricia Harrington