

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

Meeting called to order at 8:05 a.m. by Chair Andrew Sandstrom.

Subcommittee Members Present: Andrew Sandstrom, Sue Wallace (via zoom), Patricia Harrington, Lindsay Houston (via zoom)

Absent: Theresa Truettner, Margaret Loperfido

Staff, Derek Harwell

Guests: Amelia Ramsey and Paul Barney representing WESA (West Elk Soccer Association)

Updates from POA Manager Derek Harwell:

- 1 Topo Map Complete.
- 2 Sunset Hall Blinds in progress.
- 3 Final reimbursement to be submitted for the \$10,000 spend as part of the MetRec Community Collaboration grant.
- 4 Approximately \$18,000 remains in the MetRec grant for parks. Derek to inquire about timeframe for use of funds.

Subcommittee Membership:

Andrew noted that Elizabeth Train has withdrawn from the Committee. Andrew will talk to Theresa and Margaret regarding their involvement.

Andrew will work with the POA Board in January to establish terms and expectations for Subcommittee Members and will discuss shifting some POA Board members to the Parks Subcommittee. Andrew suggested that the Subcommittee be divide into two areas: 1) major grant and 2) events/donations. Sue Wallace noted that we need a strategy regarding events/donations. The skate park generated excitement but end goal has not actualized.

It was noted that it is important to share the goals of the Park Subcommittee with the community. Derek will include information in the next Managers Report.

Update on Major Grant Sources:

Sue Wallace asked about timeline for grants. Andrew noted that MetRec and GoCo are the options for Phase 1 funding which are the big money and development projects.

MetRec: MetRec Board will be finishing their feasibility study of recreational needs in the valley instead of focusing on big grants in 2024. In Jan/Feb 2024 CBS will apply for operational grants with the goal of obtaining funds to offset operational expenses and to use those budget savings as a match for future park improvements. MetRec Capital grants require a match so it is important to stockpile some POA funds to use when needed. The hope is to have the POA ready in apply in early 2025 for grants for physical improvements. Because CB South is a POA it will be necessary to have another entity apply on our behalf. MetRec may be applicant for POA for GoCo grant. Andrew spoke with the County who confirmed they want MetRec to be applicant rather than the County.

MetRec will provide a formal presentation at the POA Board Meeting January 10th at 6:00 p.m. to share their future direction.

GoCo: GoCo grant due by July/August. County is not intending to apply for GoCo during this grant cycle which should be an advantage.

Report on Collaboration with Other Interested Parties:

WESA: Paul Ramsey, President of the WESA board noted that WESA has been looking at grants to help develop field space improvement from the Colorado Soccer Association. WESA would be looking for priority access. WESA is now the primary user for rental space. Because the CB Community School be will under construction and the school fields will not be available, the CB South fields will be important in summer 2024. Additionally, CBS melts out before Town. Andrew noted that WESA can help describe the need and population served for grant writing purposes.

WEHA: There are currently covered hockey spaces in Gunnison and in Crested Butte. Both are used for competitive programming. Uncovered space in CBS is more appropriate for recreational programming. WEHA develops a competitive program vs. rec program at this time. CBS should consider working more with Town of CB to run recreational programming. Discussions continue with WEHA although they are not currently interested in rec programming.

Adaptive: Patricia and Andrew met with Chris Reed of Adaptive Sports and discussed both programming and park design. Chris provided contacts, ideas and enthusiasm. The Committee agree that we should run ideas/plans by Adaptive.

Smaller Foundation Grants:

Sue Wallace inquired about applying for smaller Foundation funding now, especially for the Community Garden. Andrew suggested focusing our effort on big picture needs and Lindsey suggested that reserving our current grant funding for Eileen (consultant) for the big picture is important. The Committee agreed that Sue can move the garden forward as long it does not derail the bigger project.

Rady School: Adrew did meet with Rady and will be meeting with professor in 2024 to inquired about the availability of Capstone project students becoming involved in some aspect of project.

Pricing: Margaret and Sue will meet. No information available at this time. Amelia from WESA will reach out and to Colorado Soccer Association to see if there is a list of preferred contractors which could inform pricing.

Adjourn 9:29 a.m.

Next Meeting Dates:

January 16, 2024

Respectfully Submitted
Patricia Harrington