

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF BOARD WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ESTES VALLEY RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

*Tuesday, March 15, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.
Estes Park Golf Course Clubhouse
1480 Golf Course Road, Estes Park, CO 80517*

Present: Kathy Asche, Ken Czarnowski (*via phone*), Ron Duell, Dave Kiser

Staff: Janet Carabell (*EVRPD Administrative Assistant*), Tom Carosello (*EVRPD Executive Director*), Mary Davis (*EVRPD Finance Director*) Herb Loveall (*EVRPD Parks-Trails Maintenance Manager*), Kim Slininger (*EVRPD Comprehensive Trails Master Plan Manager*)

Trails Committee Members: Danny Basch, Hal Dalzell, Ed Hayek, Tina Kurtz, Dan Marshall, Gary Matthews, Lisa Plaut, Amy Plummer, Dick Putney

Guests: Greg Muhonen, Stan Gengler

Prior notice of this meeting was given by posting a notice at the Town of Estes Park's Municipal Building, the Estes Park Public Library, Estes Valley Recreation and Park District's Administration Office, the Larimer County Clerk's Office in Estes Park, and the Boulder County Clerk's Office in Boulder.

President Asche called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Board President Asche began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of reflection.

Moved by Dave Kiser, seconded by Ron Duell, to approve the agenda, as presented.

No discussion. Ayes – 4. Motion carried unanimously.

The purpose of this meeting was for the Board to meet with the Estes Valley Trails Committee to discuss future trail plans, priorities, and the comprehensive trails master plan. Executive Director Carosello gave the Board an overview of the recent Trails Committee meetings, easements and trail connection issues. Committee members discussed their concerns and thoughts about various trails, including Otie's Trail, Aspen Brook Trail, Fish Creek Trail, Fall River Trail, Dry Gulch Road plans, a possible Brodie Avenue connection to the school campus, safe routes through downtown Estes Park into Rocky Mountain National Park, and linkages to the larger Estes Valley Trails system. It was noted that the trails master plan, to be completed in 2016, will help identify/determine future trail project priorities and linkages.

Discussion centered on whether or not the Board wants the Trails Committee to pursue trail easements, the need for "common" trail policies amongst various entities (e.g.: bikes/no bikes on "trails" through town), having Trails Committee members attend and/or provide input into the Town's master plan process, and expanding the Town's shuttle system to stop at trailheads. Greg Muhonen, Town of Estes Park Public Works Director, expressed an interest in collaborating with EVRPD and the Trails Committee on common interest trail projects.

Mr. Carosello noted that one large project can deplete EVRPD's entire trails fund balance; he used the example of the Town's Dry Gulch Road project, which is ~1.5 miles long and costs ~\$2 million per mile for a hard surface sidewalk/trail. EVRPD's Project Manager, Kim Slininger, noted that a portion of EVRPD's trail funds should be allocated for trail maintenance. Mr. Carosello agreed that trail fund expenses should be prioritized. Mr. Carosello suggested that the Trails Committee could possibly evolve into a quarterly regional group meeting in the future. Board member Duell said that EVRPD and the Town should work together more closely. He used the example of Community Drive – when the Town recently paved it, they could have included a shoulder/sidewalk along Community Drive to Manford Avenue.

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.


Kathryn Asche, Board President


~~Ron Duell, Board Secretary~~
Dave Kiser, Treasurer

Recorded by Janet Carabell