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Minutes of the Regular Meeting Of the Board of Directors Edwards Metropolitan District February 15, 2018

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Edwards Metropolitan District, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on February 15, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. at the Community Room of the Western Eagle County Metropolitan Recreation District Field House, 450 Miller Ranch Road, Edwards, Eagle County, Colorado, in accordance with the applicable statutes of the State of Colorado.

Attendance The following Directors were present and acting:

- Beth Reilly
- John McCaulley
- Bill Simmons
- Kara Heide
- Mick Woodworth

Also in attendance were:

- Ellen Smith Eaton, Smith Eaton Real Estate
- Karen Berdoulay, Colorado Department of Transportation Resident Engineer
- Jacob Rivera, Colorado Department of Transportation Design Project Manager
- Matt Figgs, Colorado Department of Transportation Construction Project Engineer
- Todd Williams, Edwards Community Authority Representative
- Tracy Erickson, Homestead Homeowners Association General Manager
- Michael Cacioppo, Business Briefs
- James Collins, Esq., Collins Cockrel & Cole
- Ken Marchetti, Marchetti & Weaver, LLC
- Cissy Olson, Secretary for the meeting

**Call To
Order**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Edwards Metropolitan District was called to order by Director Reilly on February 15, 2018 at 12:05 p.m. noting a quorum was present.

**Changes to the
Agenda**

There were no changes to the agenda.

Public Input Director McCaulley stated he is not sure he agrees with the District's new policy of only hearing public comments at the beginning of the meeting; however, he would like to revisit the policy at a later date if necessary. Director Heide agreed and stated she thinks the Board should continue to allow public dialogue throughout meetings. After further discussion and by motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously

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RESOLVED to adopt a new public input policy of allowing public comments during district board meetings but with a corresponding request that individuals offering public comment be respectful of the Board, others in the meeting and to observe public input time constraints, generally limited to three minutes per person per agenda topic.

At 12:10 p.m. Mr. Cacioppo joined the meeting.

Eagle River Preserve Log Cabin

Update

At the last meeting Mr. Collins recommended transferring ownership of the cabin, including responsibility for future repairs and maintenance, to the County. However the Board wanted to defer the question of ownership at this time. Mr. Collins also recommended that EMD and the County enter into a lease agreement with the Land Trust pursuant to which the Land Trust would accept responsibility for maintenance and upkeep of the cabin during the term of the lease. The proposed lease would include a provision for the log cabin's first floor to be maintained for uses that provide a public benefit.

Mr. Marchetti reported he had attended a recent County meeting that included all County Departments which would be impacted if the Land Trust were to lease the cabin and make the proposed improvements. Eagle Valley Outdoor Movement representative Gina Van Hekken was also in attendance at this meeting. County officials agreed they will not issue a building permit for the proposed improvements until all issues have been resolved. Further discussion followed.

Public Input –

Continued

Mr. Cacioppo made a request asking if all District meetings could be televised on Channel 5 so the public is better informed about Edwards' issues. Discussion followed concerning the implementation and cost of filming future meetings and the Board agreed to add this to a future agenda for further consideration.

At 12:26 Ms. Berdoulay, Mr. Rivera, and Mr. Figgs joined the meeting and Mr. Collins left the meeting.

Spur Road Phase II

Update

Representatives from the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) returned to provide an update of the Spur Road Phase II project. The project includes widening the Spur Road from one to two lanes in each direction, widening the bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad, and replacing the bridge over the Eagle River. A new north/south pedestrian connection will be constructed along the east side of the Spur Road, connecting to the existing sidewalks at the Miller Ranch Road roundabout, and to the

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sidewalks at the proposed new roundabout at the intersection of Highway 6 and Edwards Access.

Ms. Berdoulay reiterated that CDOT has been working with a Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) during the design process in order to reduce construction costs through more efficient designs, reduce overall construction duration, and minimize impacts to the public during the construction process. To date the project team has incorporated the contractor's innovations reducing the estimated cost of the project by \$1.3 million.

The project's design phase is expected to be on budget and the updated construction cost estimates are approximately \$18.6 million with 30% design completed and including the CM/GC innovations. CDOT currently has \$9.7 million for construction committed to this project resulting in a budget gap of \$8.9 million. CDOT is continuing to work to reduce the estimated construction costs and to look for other funding sources within CDOT. CDOT will have better construction estimates in June once 80% of the project design has been completed. CDOT has presented this information to Eagle County Commissioners so they are aware of the potential funding shortfall.

Discussion about lighting, signage, intersection crosswalks, pedestrian bridge designs, and landscaping in roundabouts, medians, and adjacent areas followed.

At 12:45 p.m. Ms. Berdoulay, Mr. Rivera, and Mr. Figgs left the meeting.

Berlaimont Estates Access

Route EIS Berlaimont Estates is a privately owned 600-acre parcel of land surrounded by the White River National Forest Service located on the ridge north of Edwards. The owner has submitted a Proponent's Proposed Action that would result in the issuance of authorization to construct a new road and maintain and use existing roads on the National Forest land and Berlaimont Estates private property. A draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the route has been prepared to analyze and disclose the estimated environmental effects of the provision of adequate access to private property by the US Forest Service.

Mr. Williams expressed his concern about the amount of traffic using the Forest Service access to the project if the Proponent's Proposed Action is approved. Discussion followed and the Board agreed to take into account how the Edwards Community Authority responded to the project in 2010 and how Berry Creek responded to the development before drafting a letter.

At 2:03 Mr. Williams left the meeting.

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Eagle River Village

Trailer Park Director Reilly reported that Chris Lindley, an Eagle County representative, is working with the Eagle River Village Trailer Park management and the Eagle River Water and Sanitation District to find a long-term solution to their potable water needs.

Verizon Wireless Installation

At BMHS At the last meeting it was reported that Verizon Wireless is working with the Eagle County School District to obtain approval for construction of a wireless tower facility to be located at 151 Miller Ranch Road that will improve service in the Edwards area.

Verizon is continuing to work on a couple of alternate design options and hopes to have design simulations for the School Board to review in the next week or so. They are looking at the possibility of a rooftop installation and a free-standing installation.

Verizon will be soliciting more feedback from the public and various organizations once they have a final plan approved by the school district.

Old Edwards Estates

Pond Update The banks of the Old Edwards Estates pond have been filling up with debris that has been removed from the District's spillway. The District has considered burning the debris however it is too close to a residential area. Another option may be to rent a small chipper to chip and spread the willows. In addition, Mr. Marchetti was able to find the head-gate valve located in the pond with all the leaves being off the vegetation over the winter. Solutions will continue to be sought for this problem.

Minutes The Board reviewed the January 18, 2018 Regular Meeting minutes. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve the January 18, 2018 Regular Meeting minutes as presented.

Accounts

Payable The Board reviewed the February accounts payable list and by motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve the February accounts payable list as presented.

Financial

Statements By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously

RESOLVED to accept the District's January 31, 2018 preliminary financial statements as presented.

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Sales Tax The Board reviewed the year-end sales tax revenue report.

Climate Action

Plan Update The District received a link to an online community climate action survey being conducted by Walking Mountains Science Center. Ms. Olson forwarded the link to residents who are on the Edwards email list.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, by motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously

RESOLVED to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Edwards Metropolitan District Board of Directors this 15th day of February, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Cissy Olson
Secretary for the Meeting