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### **Minutes of the Regular Meeting Of the Board of Directors Edwards Metropolitan District June 17, 2021**

A Regular (Zoom) Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Edwards Metropolitan District, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on June 17, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. via an online Zoom meeting, in accordance with the applicable statutes of the State of Colorado.

**Attendance** The following Directors were present and acting:

- Kara Heide
- Mick Woodworth
- Mike Trueblood
- Beth Reilly
- Todd Williams

Also in attendance were:

- Joanna Kerwin, Edwards Resident
- Matt Larson, West End Subdistrict
- Liz Bankert, Vail Valley Salvation Army
- Bob Shafer, Arrowhead Metro District
- Teri Lester, Edwards Resident
- Ken Marchetti, Marchetti & Weaver, LLC
- Meghan Hayes, Recording 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 June 17, 2021 at 12:01 p.m. noting a quorum was present.

#### **Changes to the Agenda**

There were no changes to the agenda.

**Public Input** Bob Shafer, Arrowhead Metro District, attended the meeting to inform the board about discussions he had with Directors Trueblood and Williams about how Arrowhead and Edwards Metro Districts can work together on joint solutions to transportation, bicycling and pedestrian issues related to the corridor on Highway 6 from Miller Ranch Road to Arrowhead. There is an agenda item in Board Member Discussion in which the Board will discuss this further.

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Joanna Kerwin, Edwards Resident, asked that when the Board submits their letter for the Vail Health Behavioral Center that we stress the importance of further community engagement on the part of Vail Health with a particular focus toward engaging more communities in Edwards in addition to Old Edwards Estates. She also opposes Edwards Metro working with Arrowhead on a roundabout at their entrance. She feels we have much higher priorities within our own district, like Homestead and West Edwards.

**Legal**            There was no legal input at this time.

**Vail Valley  
Salvation Army  
Funding  
Request**

Liz Bankert presented information about the Salvation Army's Empty Bowl event. Empty Bowls is a community luncheon that brings together talented artisans and the Vail Valley's finest restaurants. Chefs prepare soups, breads and desserts for all to enjoy while local artists create handmade bowls that each guest can take home. The bowls serve as a reminder of the hunger present in our valley each day. Empty Bowls is made possible through the generosity of local businesses, individuals, and volunteers. Every penny raised through Empty Bowls funds their local Salvation Army Food Pantry in Avon. In the past year the pantry provided food to 4,900 households in need and Empty Bowls serves as the main fundraiser for the pantry. Approximately 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the customers of the pantry were Edwards residents last year. The Board will discuss this funding request in Executive Session.

**Band by the River  
Funding  
Request**

Tony Mauro is the planner for this event. He was unable to attend the meeting but has been working with Director Williams as the event is to take place in the Riverwalk Amphitheatre. Director Williams explained that this is a 6-show series featuring a different local artist every Thursday night from July 8th through August 19th, with a possibility for more dates to be added. This event will support the local non-profit Access Unbound. Access Unbound removes financial barriers, working to provide individuals with disabilities, groups, and our partner organizations with trusted, high-quality, professional education and fun recreation. A portion of the Bar sales will go to the organization. The Board will discuss funding this request in Executive session.

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#### **Art in Public Places Funding Request**

Lindsay Johnson, Berry Creek Middle School Art Teacher, was unable to attend the meeting but has been in talks with Director Reilly. Director Reilly presented the idea of having 8<sup>th</sup> grade students create totem poles to be placed around the Edwards Community. There are currently some at the school. A project description and estimated budget for 6 totem poles was included in the board packet. The Board will discuss this funding request in Executive Session.

#### **West End Subdistrict Update**

Matt Larson informed the Board that they are feverishly working to present the PUD application to the County. The date was originally going to be the end of June but there are other efforts their team needed to attend to so they are now anticipating submitting the application in late July or early August.

#### **Project Status Update**

Ms. Hayes presented an update on several projects that the District is involved in. The first project discussed was the Miller Ranch Lighting Project. She informed the Board that grants for federal funding were submitted and that she is continuing to reach out to local partners to secure funding. The Mountain Recreation request for lighting at the field to Battle Mountain High School was approved and community outreach has begun by setting up a booth at the Mountain Recreation movie night.

Ms. Hayes stated she was still working with Bobby Ladd and Gina VanHekken on gathering the information needed to move forward with the Certificate of Occupancy for the Eaton Ranch House Log Cabin.

The move of the recycling center to the Edwards Field House broke ground on June 8<sup>th</sup> and is expected to be completed by July 12<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Hayes met with Director Reilly to discuss other ways in which Edwards Metro could be more involved in climate related projects. Ms. Hayes will be reaching out to Eagle County, Holy Cross, Climate Action Collaborative and ECO Transit to inquire if partnerships could be possible.

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Lastly, Ms. Hayes notified the Board that she approved a request to fix the easement fencing and bridge that lead down to the Old Edwards Estates Pond, since this is the responsibility of the District and the proposal was a minimal cost.

**Vail Health  
Behavioral Center  
Letter of  
Support**

Ms. Hayes presented a red-line version of the Vail Health Northstar Behavioral Health Center letter of support. The Board discussed the pros and cons of having the facility in our community. Several directors requested additional verbiage be added related to community engagement and specific support of a facility in Edwards. After discussion and my motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

**RESOLVED** to approve the Letter of Support with the Board recommendations subject to final reading subsequent to this meeting.

**Edwards  
Arrowhead  
Potential  
Partnership**

Director Trueblood reported to the Board the discussions he had with several members of the Arrowhead Metro District. Arrowhead Metro District is looking to partner with the Edwards Metro District on transportation, bicycle and pedestrian projects throughout the corridor from the entrance to Arrowhead through Miller Ranch Road. Director Trueblood informed the Board that he shared the project priority list noting that there are several projects that are a higher priority but that the list also includes project in the Miller Ranch Road/Highway 6 area. Director Williams also had conversations with representatives from Arrowhead and noted that he feels having a partner to work collaboratively on issues between Edwards and Arrowhead will be mutually beneficial. After discussion, the Board directed both Directors Trueblood and Williams to continue their discussion with Arrowhead Metro District.

Mr. Marchetti asked the Board if they wanted to re-engage McDowell Engineering to perform a traffic study at the intersection of Miller Ranch Road and Highway 6. The Board requested to move forward with this. Ms. Hayes will reach out to McDowell Engineering to request an updated proposal for a traffic study to be performed in the Fall after school is back in session and to be updated after the ski mountain is open again.

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**Minutes** The Board reviewed the May 20, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes. By motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

**RESOLVED** to approve the May 20, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes as presented.

**Accounts Payable** The Board reviewed the June 2021 accounts payable list.

**RESOLVED** to ratify the June 2021 accounts payable list as presented.

**Financial Statements** Mr. Marchetti presented the financials with no questions or concerns from the Board.

**Sales Tax** April 2021 sales tax information is continuing to come in higher than budgeted.

**UERWA Update** Director Woodworth reported that Upper Eagle Regional Water Authority is targeting those users that continue to use water in the Tier 4 and 5 categories, which indicates an excessive and unnecessary consumption of water. They are promoting water efficiency goals for the entire valley since we are experiencing severe drought and UERWA has limited water rights.

**Executive Session** By motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

**RESOLVED** to enter into executive session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e) determine positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and instructing negotiators.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 2:17 p.m. and by motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

**RESOLVED** to approve the Vail Valley Salvation Army Empty Bowl event funding request in the amount of \$1,000 and;

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**FURTHER RESOLVED** to approve the Band by the River funding request in the amount of \$3,000 and;

**FURTHER RESOLVED** to approve the Art in Public Places funding request in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.

#### **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 17th day of June, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

*Meghan Hayes*

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Recording Secretary for the Meeting