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Minutes of the Regular Meeting Of the Board of Directors Edwards Metropolitan District September 15, 2022

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Edwards Metropolitan District, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on September 15, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. in person and via an online Zoom meeting, in accordance with the applicable statutes of the State of Colorado.

Attendance The following Directors were present and acting:

- Mike Trueblood
- Todd Williams
- Joanna Kerwin (via Zoom)
- Tracy Erickson
- Kara Heide

Also in attendance were:

- Kris Miller, Edwards Resident
- Jim Telling, West End
- Ken Marchetti, Marchetti & Weaver, LLC
- Kendra Nicholson, Recording Secretary for the meeting
- Mick Woodworth, UERWA Representative
- John Gitchell, Eagle County Sustainable Communities
- Dan Godec, Eagle Valley Community Foundation
- Melanie Smith, ERWC Representative

Call To Order

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Edwards Metropolitan District was called to order by Director Heide on September 15, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. noting a quorum was present.

Changes to the Agenda

Add on items reviewed

Public Input

John Gitchell reviewed the Electric Bike Share program that is being put in place. Beth Markum from the Town of Vail started a pilot bike share program called Shift Bike in an effort to help reduce emissions, vehicle traffic and encourage multiple transportation options. Director Heide asked Mr. Gitchell what the budget is at this point, he responded that it is currently at \$50,000. The Board members agreed that encouraging alternate modes of transportation is an important topic to address.

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Meeting Agenda Director Trueblood asked that a Homestead resident letter about the condition of sidewalks be added to the agenda. Director Williams would also like to add a discussion about both the landscaping along the roadways and the condition of the sidewalks in Homestead.

Director Update

Director Trueblood stated that a letter requesting support for the Miller Ranch Road pedestrian lighting project was sent to Miller Ranch POA and Mountain Rec District. A letter of support has now been received from Mountain Rec District. CMC is planning to install conduit and bases for the pedestrian lighting on their parcel as a part of their current construction project.

Director Trueblood said that in reference to the RTA he's been getting negative public feedback about the airport interchange, fair free zones, and other pieces included in the proposal that go beyond the bus system component of the RTA.

Director Williams stated he's heard similar statements about the Airport Interchange and other "add-ons" to the RTA proposal.

Director Erickson said he's also heard concerns about the fair-free zones and inclusion of airline subsidies in the RTA. The Homestead sidewalks are also a big issue and he's glad that it's moving forward.

Director Kerwin attended the Climate Action Collaborative e-bike event at CMC on behalf of EMD. She also attended the County Commissioners meeting and the County has added capital equaling \$110,000 for the Freedom Park Playground, it is in the approved budget.

Director Heide stated that with all the new developments going in, she's heard from residents concerns including traffic and how it will be impacted. The #1 EMD priority right now for the Board is the Hillcrest Roundabout. She feels the other concerns about the developments and traffic concerns need to be also addressed in the near future. There was a Board discussion about the ongoing maintenance of the bike paths already in place and the sections that are in poor repair. Ms. Nicholson was tasked with asking Kevin Sharkey about the bike trail maintenance and if it can be addressed.

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UERWA Report

Mr. Woodworth stated Lynn Brooks, ERWSD's general manager, is retiring at the end of the year and the ERWSD Board is conducting an internal search for a successor. Lake Creek Village is under new ownership and is in the process of replacing bathroom fixtures and toilets to save water. Edwards River Park applied for and was granted an extension of the water "will serve" letter.

Funding Requests:

Eagle Valley Community Foundation – Dan Godec – The Community Market is asking EMD for sponsorship. He reviewed the increase in traffic the Market is getting in recent months and stated that they are struggling a bit to keep up with demand. He stated that the majority of what the Market provides is fresh foods and not packaged goods and that the majority of their constituents are from Edwards. He said they also work with the Mira bus mobile medical program. Director Heide asked what the specific funding request is and Mr. Godec replied it is in the \$5,000 to \$10,000 range.

Eagle River Watershed Council – Melanie Smith stated that EMD contributed \$4,500 as a sponsorship last year and they are asking for the same amount again next year. She reviewed several of the programs they run each year including the highway cleanup and the 5th grade water education program.

West End Update:

Mr. Telling let the board know that they had submitted the County application for completeness review on Tuesday and he forwarded a copy of the application to the EMD board members. He stated that the project has not changed since the last presentation to the Board. Mr. Telling stated that a planner has not been assigned to the file yet. Mr. Telling reported they are in the Schematic Design phase and then will move into the Design Development stage, then to Construction Docs. He plans to bring in physical samples of construction materials when they have been identified for the Boards' review. Director Trueblood asked about how realistic the current photos are. Mr. Telling stated the images now are computer generated and he's working to get renderings that are more realistic. He is also looking to add solar to the building. Director Williams stated he advises covering the upper deck of parking to help limit maintenance. Director Erickson asked if there are any road impact fees to pay? Mr. Telling answered that yes, they will have to pay that fee. Director Erickson suggested the Board keep in mind the pedestrian safety

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around the development and if the sidewalks are sufficient. Mr. Telling stated that landscaping and fencing are going in to direct the pedestrians around to the Preserve and to Edwards Access Rd. Director Heide stated she would still like to see a non-permeable structure on the Eagle River Preserve side of the development.

Hillcrest

Roundabout:

Rickie Davies - Hillcrest roundabout update. Mr. Davies stated that by October they should have 100% construction plans. He said CDOT would like to add a ditch easement on the South side of the project and that CDOT needs to approve plans before the right of way acquisition can be completed. The right of way acquisition should take 6-10 months to completed. There's a fence and gate at the water district's land adjacent to the roundabout that will need to be moved. Director Williams asked Mr. Davies to confirm that there will be conduit to the center of the roundabout for electrical.

Mountain

Hive Referral:

In reference to the Mountain Hive Development Referral, Director Kerwin stated that property is currently designated as open space on the plat and that is what it should remain. The parcel is zoned as commercial general, but platted as open space. The current proposal for development will not meet the requirements for open space. The Board concluded their position is that the land should be preserved as open space which is consistent with the plat and with the Edwards Community Plan. By motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED to submit a letter to oppose the Mountain Hive development and request that the property be retained as open space as reflected on the plat and as shown in the Edwards Community Plan.

2023 Election

Analysis:

Mr. Marchetti stated he and Ms. Nicholson are still in the process of creating a comparison of polling place and mail ballot elections with a goal to have the analysis for the next Board meeting.

Hazard Mitigation

Plan:

Ms. Nicholson will distribute the letter to the Board members for review.

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Letter of Support: Mr. Marchetti received a request from the Eagle County Conservation District asking for a letter of support from Edwards to extend Eagle River Water and Sanitation District's turf replacement program to the western half of Eagle County. There was a discussion about xeriscaping and what it means. Director Heide brought up the idea of a rebate program to match the \$1 per foot being offered through ERWSD. Director Trueblood stated that the details are on the ERWSD website and he will distribute to the group. He suggested that any rebate program include that homeowners need to go through the HOA approval process before submitting for the rebate.

Minutes The Board reviewed the August 18 2022 Regular Meeting minutes. By motion duly made and seconded, it was 4 in favor and Director Williams abstained since he was absent at that meeting

RESOLVED to approve the August 18, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes with the requested changes.

**Roundabout
Replacement
Ribbon:**

The Board reviewed the roundabout ribbon replacement quote. By motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve the roundabout ribbon replacement quote.

**Accounts
Payable**

The Board reviewed the September 2022 accounts payable list and by motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve the September 2022 accounts payable list as presented.

**Financial
Statements**

The Board discussed the certificates of deposit and bank interest rates and reserve funds. The Board reviewed the August 2022 financial statements. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously

RESOLVED to accept the District's August 2022 financial report as presented.

Sales Tax

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Report Director Trueblood reviewed the sales tax and commented it's coming in strong. He also discussed that the summer months are stronger in Edwards when it comes to sales tax.

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) to determine positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and instructing negotiators.

Following the executive session there was a motion to contribute \$2,500 to the Eagle Valley Community Foundation to support the local workforce. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve the \$2,500 contribution to the Eagle Valley Community Foundation.

Motion to contribute to the ERWC at the same amount as last year. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve to contribute to the ERWC at the same amount as last year.

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 September, 2022

Respectfully submitted,



Kendra Nicholson

Recording Secretary for the Meeting