

Snyderville Basin Special Recreation District Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 8, 2024

Board Room – Trailside Park | 5715 Trailside Drive | Park City, Utah Virtual Meeting via Zoom | Meeting ID: 870 3315 9879

Board Members in Attendance: Ben Castro, Larry Moffitt, Amanda Singer, and Carrie Westberg. Board members participated electronically via Zoom or at the anchor location.

Absent: Nate Brown, Ryan Bruce, and Brandi Connolly.

Staff Present: Lily Chirico, Phares Gines, Dana Jones, Brian Kadziel, Justine Kadziel, Ben Liegert, Matt Wagoner. Staff participated electronically via Zoom or at the anchor location.

Attending Guests: None

CALL TO ORDER AND PUBLIC INPUT

The meeting of August 8, 2024, was called to order by Westberg at 6:00pm.

There was no public input given.

Westberg closed public input at 6:00pm.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 7/11/2024

Board members received draft minutes from the 7/11/2024 Board meeting in their Board packet prior to the meeting.

MOTION: To approve the Board meeting minutes from July 11, 2024. [CASTRO/MOFFITT] All in favor: Castro, Moffitt, Singer, Westberg. Opposed: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Brown, Bruce, Connolly. Motion carries.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE PRIOR MONTH'S

EXPENDITURES34 Board members reco

Board members received the prior month's expenditures in their Board packet prior to the meeting.

Westberg asked about flooring and event fees for Running with ED. Jones said the District recouped all hard costs for the event but not all staffing costs.

- 40 Via email prior to the meeting, Moffitt asked a question about refunded Impact Fees to American
- Homes 4 Rent. Jones explained that their fees were paid very early on in the construction
- 42 process, and refunds are occasionally given, as in this case, if builders don't complete the same
- 43 square footage as anticipated.

MOTION: To approve the prior month's expenditures. [MOFFITT/CASTRO] All in favor:

Castro, Moffitt, Singer, Westberg. Opposed: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Brown, Bruce,

Connolly. Motion carries.

REVIEW OF 2ND QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT

Board members received the 2nd Quarter Financial Report in their Board packet prior to the meeting.

Jones shared that revenue is on track for 2024 and noted Fieldhouse passes are at 77% of the budgeted amount, programs are at 87% of the budgeted amount, and other services are at 78% of the budgeted amount. Regarding expenditures, the District is 45% spent and on track to be 100% spent by the end of the year.

Westberg asked about the \$10,000 decrease in expenditures within Parks and Facilities. Liegert clarified that it was for irrigation maintenance, not water use, and noted a change in coding.

Based on conversations in the July Board meeting, Castro asked if Staff are still planning to amend the District's budgets due to overspending. Jones said Staff no longer anticipate overspending because projects such as The Fieldhouse Front Desk renovation project are not moving forward in 2024. Wagoner added that the District allocated more money than what was utilized for trail projects in 2024. The District may see more trail building in Silver Creek Village in 2025.

Discussion between Jones and Singer followed on Impact Fee revenue. Jones explained that Impact Fees are collected year-round and once collected, the District has six years to spend those fees. Therefore, some of that revenue must be spent each year to avoid refunding it. Castro asked if the District charges the same Impact Fee rates for County buildings as private construction projects. Jones said the District can discount rates but does it sparingly.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF CONCRETE REPAIR SERVICES

Board members received a staff report from Ben Liegert and Steve Good in their Board packet prior to the meeting.

Liegert explained that concrete surfaces are an essential part of making the District's parks accessible but these materials shift and settle over time, especially in harsh winter conditions. As the parks age it is important to periodically inspect sidewalks and other flatwork to maintain their function.

The concrete at Willow Creek and Matt Knoop Parks has already been repaired, but the addition of Trailside Park exceeded the \$20,000 procurement threshold and required Board approval. Funds are available in the Parks and Facilities Department's O&M budget.

MOTION: To award the concrete repair contract services to Precision Concrete for \$14,011.55 and allow the District Director to execute the relevant documents. [CASTRO/MOFFITT] All in

favor: Castro, Moffitt, Singer, Westberg. Opposed: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Brown, Bruce,
 Connolly. Motion carries.

<u>DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF SUMMITT FORESTRY – SUMMIT PARK/TOLL CANYON FOREST HEALTH AND FUELS REDUCTION CONTRACT</u>

Board members received a staff report from Phares Gines in their Board packet prior to the meeting.

In 2020, the District began work on a multiyear Forest Health and Fuels Reduction project within the Summit Park and Toll Canyon Open Spaces to improve forest health and reduce hazardous fuels in these Wildland Urban Interface areas. The project has successfully treated over 350 acres and produced over 3,000 piles of woody material to be disposed of with controlled burns.

A 9.5-acre section of conifers remains in Toll Canyon that was not treated due to isolation from previous work. This stand of conifers connects directly to Pinebrook's Open Space where the Pinebrook HOA is also completing fuels reduction work.

Gines recommended a contract with Summitt Forestry to complete the necessary forest thinning, cutting, and piling. Summitt Forestry has met performance expectations and been an effective project partner in past collaborations. The work would begin this fall.

The District was awarded \$77,250 from the WRI Watershed Restoration Initiative FY25 grant and would spend \$27,075 for this contract. Remaining grant funds will be used towards burning, which is outlined in a separate Staff report. This expense has been accounted for in the 2024 general budget as grant funds are reimbursed in July 2025.

Westberg asked if the expense included other areas, and Gines clarified that it was just for the 9.5 acres in Toll Canyon.

Singer asked what is included in this project. Gines explained that the Forest Health and Fuels
Reduction project includes removing hazardous trees, selectively thinning, removing ladder fuels
and brush, creating piles, and ultimately burning the piles in a controlled setting. Summitt
Forestry would handle everything except the pile burning.

Castro asked for clarification on the project's pricing. Gines said that Summitt Forestry would work to thin, cut, and pile for a cost of \$27,075, and Alpine Forestry would do some management, boundary marking, and burning. The total cost would equal the grant funded amount of \$77,250.

Singer wondered about the total treatment cost per acre when including the burning. Gines said the cost is \$8,031 per acre, which is on the higher end, but Staff wanted to ensure this area was treated this year.

- MOTION: To approve Summitt Forestry's contract for 2024 at the rate of \$2,850 per acre not to exceed a total of \$27,075. [SINGER/MOFFITT] All in favor: Castro, Moffitt, Singer, Westberg.
- Opposed: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Brown, Bruce, Connolly. Motion carries.

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DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF ALPINE FORESTRY FUEL

REDUCTION/FOREST HEALTH CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER 137

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141 The District is seeking a change order to their current contract with Alpine Forestry regarding the 142 Forest Health and Fuels Reduction project.

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144 Gines expects 300-350 piles of slash materials to be created in Toll Canyon this fall along a 9.5-

145 acre section adjacent to Pinebrook HOA property where similar work is being done. The District

146 currently relies on Alpine Forestry to maintain fuel breaks along fire egress roads in Toll Canyon 147 and Summit Park, as well as provide on-call hazardous tree removal and forestry consulting.

Gines explained that Alpine Forestry would begin pile burning in late fall into early winter, after

149 work with Summitt Forestry is completed.

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- This expense has been accounted for in the 2024 general budget. The District was awarded
- 152 \$77,250 from the WRI Watershed Restoration Initiative FY25 grant, which would reimburse
- 153 \$53,000 for this change order in 2025. Alpine Forestry has met performance expectations and
- 154 been an effective project partner. Rates for the provided services will remain consistent with the

155 existing contract.

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- Castro asked about the future of the Forest Health and Fuels Reduction project. Gines hopes to
- treat an additional 25 acres in 2025, but budgeting and other projects will determine actual plans. 158
- 159 Staff will apply for additional grant funding in 2025.

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161 Moffitt asked if there was any County funding for this project. Gines said not for this purpose.

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Castro asked if the area would help with trail visitation. Gines said it's not within the trail corridor.

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- 167 exceed \$53,000. [CASTRO/SINGER] All in favor: Castro, Moffitt, Singer, Westberg. Opposed:
- None. Abstain: None. Absent: Brown, Bruce, Connolly. Motion carries. 168

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DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Board members received the monthly update from District Director, Dana Jones in their Board packet prior to the meeting.

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- 174 Jones is working with Summit County Community Development Director Peter Barnes
- 175 to discuss plans at Silver Creek Village. Jones added that Staff are focusing on planning efforts
- 176 as they look to the future, including storage and office space. Jones noted projects are being
- 177 completed and the second half of the year will look forward to 2025 and beyond.

179 Staff will begin the 2025 budget process this month which will involve Managers and

Supervisors. Jones said the Controller is reviewing codes to ensure revenue and expenses are

being tracked correctly.

Singer asked if Staff conduct any surveys at the conclusion of summer camps and if the results could be shared. B. Kadziel said parents receive a survey after each week of camp or after a program's season. Those results will be shared with the Recreation Committee. Castro asked about surveys for adult programs. B. Kadziel said they are typically sent for all activities in all age groups. Results are collected via Survey Monkey.

Castro asked for an update on The Fieldhouse Front Desk project. In hopes of receiving more bids, Wagoner said Staff are expanding the project to include a pool-access redesign. This would also follow regulations from HB257. In addition, Staff hopes to give contractors more lead time by working on designs now for potential construction next summer.

Westberg mentioned a social media post where Basin's Trails department were side vegging along the Spiro and Armstrong trails but she was unclear if those were within the District's boundaries. Gines noted that area has several overlaps, and Staff sometimes help Mountain Trails Foundation with maintenance in this area and vice versa.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE UPDATES

Westberg requested Board Committee updates from the following:

STANDING COMMITTEES

Audit & Policy Review: did not meet.

District Director Liaison: Castro shared they discussed matters mentioned in the Director's update.

Parks & Facilities: Moffitt said they discussed upcoming concrete repairs at Trailside Park and the potential purchase of a chlorine generator. A chlorine generator converts salt to chlorine which would save the District a significant amount of money in pool maintenance costs. Moffitt also said The Fieldhouse stair resurfacing project is nearly complete but waiting on a piece of trim. Discussions are ongoing about the Willow Creek Park Pond lining.

Personnel: did not meet.

Recreation: did not meet.

Strategic Planning & Interlocal Agreements: Castro shared they discussed the Interlocal Agreements and said they will be bringing changes to the Board for discussion.

- Trails & Open Space: Westberg shared they discussed the new e-bike ordinance and related
- signage. Gines said approximately 100 signs were delivered and Staff will work to post them.
- 223 Singer asked if the District would ever post a speed limit sign of less than 15 miles per hour,
- which is the limit in the e-bike ordinance. Jones said posted speed limits must reflect an

- ordinance, and to post a different limit would require an additional ordinance. Westberg said they
- also discussed education and enforcement plans for the new e-bike ordinance. This will be a
- primary focus for the new Ranger Supervisor position which will start in the coming weeks. The
- committee also reviewed how wildfire and fuel mitigation and how area priorities are
- determined, and the possibility of new trail counters and trail connections. The committee also
- discussed the 5-year Trails and Open Space plan, which staff are still working to create an
- implementation plan. Lastly, the Committee toured the Trailside Greenhouse. Singer asked about
- the Greenhouse's purpose. Gines said it's full of native seeds that are being propagated for
- restoration projects.

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BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS

Castro asked about the Board Retreat. Westberg encouraged the Board to submit availability to the Board Chair.

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ADJOURN

240 At 6:49, Westberg called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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Minutes prepared by Lily Chirico
Clerk/Roard Member Approval:

