



**Notice of Regular Meeting of the
Montrose Recreation District (MRD) Board of Directors
Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 11:30am
Montrose Community Recreation Center
16350 Woodgate Road
Montrose CO 81401**

MINUTES

- I.** **Call to Order, Roll Call** – meeting was called to order at 11:31am. Present were Directors Amy Warthen, Barb Sharrow, Christina Files, Ken Otto, Paul Wiesner. Absent were Megan Maddy and Allison Howe, their absences were excused.
- II.** **Open Forum:** Call for Public Comment (limit of 3 minutes per person) – Matt Jenkins, who campaigned for Suzy King, thanked the Board for their service and their promotion of the recent election. Director Christina stated the Senior Safe program last week went well and she complimented the MRD team for our work on this event. She stated 165 students attended. She also stated that she heard many comments from seniors saying that they had a great time. She complimented Justin in particular for helping to organize the event.
- III.** **Staff Recognition:**
- a. **Anniversaries:** None. New staff were introduced in the maintenance department.
 - b. **Awards:**
 - i. Core Staff of the Month – Miguel Lopez was presented with this award. Other nominees were Abby Glaysher and Jarrod Zarkis.
 - ii. Part Time Staff of the Month – Hannah Tippy was presented with this award.
- IV.** **Oaths of Office for Elected Board Members**
Suzi King, Christina Files and Paul Wiesner were sworn in as members of the Board. The Oaths of Office were signed by the new Board members and were notarized. Director Christina called a recess at 11:45 to fill out the paperwork. The meeting was called back to order at 11:54am.
- V.** **Acknowledgment of Director Amy Warthen** – ED Mari thanked Amy for her 9 years of service as a Board member. Director Christina thanked her as well and made remarks commemorating Amy’s service.
- VI.** **Finance Report, January – April 2023.** The finance report was presented to the board in summary form. The full reports are available to the Board in the Board’s Google file. January through March financial reports were received from the city recently. We still have not received the April report from the City. Director Paul stated he had been extremely concerned with the lack of communication from the city but was pleased that we have now received the January through March financials. He also stated that an RFP will be released for the annual compliance audit, including one for financial management practices. Director Paul asked about the natural gas bill which he did not see on the document. Jeremy stated that we have gone to a monthly payment plan. Mari discussed the Colorado senate bill that is coming up for a vote in November as proposition HH. The intention of the bill is a property tax relief for tax payers, however it is far more reaching for Special Districts. This would affect the MRD Mill Levy. Director Paul stated this is a very complex bill and he read it in its entirety. A couple of groups have filed suit because it is truly not one bill but addresses many issues. The consensus of special districts is that this will hurt them financially. He also stated that many of the state representatives do not understand this bill. He and Mari were on a call recently where the bill was explained. Director Ken asked if 2022 numbers from the City were resolved. Mari stated we are very close to resolving last year’s numbers.

VII. Executive Director Update

- a. Election of officers will take place at the June meeting
- b. A new board orientation will be scheduled in August or September
- c. HR – new maintenance team has been hired. We only have one open position which is the Field House Leader. We have a formal orientation process in place now thanks to our HR Generalist, Lisa. This process is for full time staff however we have a scaled down process for part time staff. Most of the onboarding for Part time staff however, falls on the supervisors.
- d. The MRD took part in the Statewide traveling vaccine bus program
- e. Elections – Mari stated she was able to meet with the unelected board candidate. She heard his input and she appreciated the dialogue.
- f. The MRD received the 2023 Starburst Award for the Holly Park renovation. Director Christina asked if this award helps with the next application. Mari said that it does help further boost our reputation and does help with grant funding.
- g. Recreation coordinators have added their monthly reports into the ED report.
- h. NRPA post pandemic survey of directors was reported on.
- i. Mari presented the 2022 Annual Report that staff compiled. She stated that it is posted to our website and will be distributed to our stakeholders and partners.

VIII. Committee Updates and Assignments – note that new Board Committee assignments to be made in June

Director Christina asked Board members to think about what committees they would like to participate on in time for our June meeting, at which time committee assignments will be made.

- a. **Exec. Committee of Board** (Board: Christina, Amy. Staff: Mari, Jeremy) – They did not meet this month
- b. **Administrative** (Board: Allison, Barb. Staff: Mari, Jeremy, Lisa, Debby) - Barb stated that they did meet. The committee received updates on the new onboarding process for staff. She also talked about the FFAM fee assistance program (FFAM) that helps low income families afford CRC memberships. We have over 50 members who are benefitting from this so far.
- c. **Foundation** (Board: Amy, Megan. Staff: Mari, Cindy, Jeremy) – This committee did meet and they discussed the FFAM program as well. The Adventure Tri is this June and is a fundraiser for the Foundation. So far most participants are not from Montrose. This is a good way to reach other communities. So far almost 50 participants have signed up.
- d. **Growth** (Board: Christina, Ken. Staff: Mari, Liz, Justin, Miguel, Jeremy) - Did not meet this month. They would like to meet with the finance committee. Dates were discussed. Monday, June 12 was decided upon tentatively. Mari will send out an invite.
- e. **Finance** (Board: Paul, Allison. Staff: Mari, Jeremy) – see notes above.
- f. **MURA** (Allison) – did not meet.

IX. Approval of BOD Meeting Minutes: 04.27.2023 The Board voted to approve the minutes, the minutes were approved unanimously. Amy Warthen Abstained from voting as she was absent from the last meeting.

X. ADJOURN – Next meeting is at the Field House. The meeting was adjourned at 12:49pm.

Next Regular BOD Meeting

June 22, 2023 at 11:30am

The Field House

25 Colorado Ave.

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