

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
COLORADO CENTRE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING/WORK SESSION**

Saturday, August 22, 2009 at 8:00 AM
Crowne Plaza at 2886 S. Circle Drive
Colorado Springs, CO

Board Members Present:

Michael Cantin	President, Chairman
Floyd Edwards	Treasurer
Frank Ingraldi	Vice-President, Vice-Chairman
Shawn Eccles	Secretary
Michael Terry	Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

Also Present:

Alvaro Testa, Pedro Velazquez, Cynthia Monroe and Sandy Goad

I. Preliminary

- A. Call to Order
Director Cantin called the meeting to order at approximately 8:18 am.
- B. Roll Call - Determination of a Quorum
A Quorum was present.
- C. Acknowledgment, Notice and Consent to Special Meeting.

II. General Business Items

- A. Board and Staff Work Session – No action can be taken on any items; but staff directions can be given.

The Board, District Manager, and District Staff held this special meeting to review and discuss various items as stated below:

- 1. District Manager Al Testa presented the draft budget comparison for calendar year 2009 with estimated FY closings. He also presented the Draft budget for calendar year 2010. Significant proposals for 2010 were: 1) no fee increases for residents; 2) water and sewer taps and system improvement fees increased by 5%; 3) the First Responder fee being reduced from \$33 per month to \$30.10 per month per single family; and 4) staff wages will be frozen for calendar year 2010. The Draft 2010 Budget will be presented at the regular Board Meeting of August 27 and the Budget Public hearings will take place at the Regular Board Meetings on October 22, 2009 and November 19, 2009.
- 2. General items discussed were the Web Site, office improvements, a growth plan and risk assessment. The Board would like research done on using

Comcast for internet service (the fire station received free cable service from Comcast); on-line payments; and postage on-line. A new podium and PA-System has been purchased for use during the meetings.

3. Water items discussed included Self-Service reverse osmosis water delivery at the fire station (rejected); a remote water metering system (Dr. Testa is currently researching this with input from CSU); additional water supply wells (Wells 214 and 217 are completed and in service); Manganese and Iron Treatment for Potable Water and Hardness Removal Treatment for Potable Water (Dr. Testa/PCI has started the process of obtaining these additional services for water treatment). Dr. Testa has been researching putting the administrative/field services office at the projected water plant. Hamacher has started to cap the eleven Cuchares wells.
4. Wastewater items discussed were the Wastewater Plant and Interceptor (in process/costs are less than projected); cleaning of the sewer lines; elimination of the lift station; and relocation of Ohio Vault to the Lift Station. Dr. Testa noted that the \$10 fee for the LF wastewater plant will likely go away in 2 years if CCMD has no need to borrow money for the LFMSDD project.
5. Park items discussed were funding for JCC Channel Improvements to reclaim park land (completed); ideas for future park improvements (Dr. Testa submitted a Grant request to GOCO for CCMD Fitness Trails); construction of a skate board park will be researched by Dr. Testa. Possibly meeting with the "skate boarders" and asking for ideas/input would be very beneficial. The skate board area would also need a shaded area next to it.

Improvements to Horizonview Drive were discussed (possibly adding entrance planters to Morning Sun); and ideas for uses for the Sign at Drennan and Marksheffel (CCMD Logo, etc.) Dr. Testa has been talking to the company regarding buying the \$34,000 play structure before the end of the year. If we purchase the structure now, they will throw in an \$8,000 rock climbing structure. The Board would like to purchase this equipment at this time.

6. The Fall-Cleanup will need to be scheduled for October 17th or 24th. Inquiries will be made as to activities at Ft. Carson and Widefield School District so that we won't have conflicting dates for the clean-up. The Board will do a terrain walk to determine what clean-up actions are needed. The trail on the north side of the Horizonview homes would be a good trail to begin work on.
7. The Spring clean-up was discussed and suggestions were that this clean-up be incorporated with some type of Fire Station Fund Raiser. Also, a \$5.00 charge could be collected for the residents to use the dumpsters. All felt it would be a good idea to form event committees to take charge of clean-up, fund raisers, open house events, etc.

8. Drainage issues discussed were channel maintenance and tree removal. Dr. Testa has made inquiries about purchasing a special anti-graffiti paint system. The Board would like to pursue using the product described.
9. Safety issues discussed were street lighting (Mountain View Electric maintains street lighting at a charge to CCMD), street signalization (Marksheffel/Bradley is completed) and street signage (County & City Responsibility).
10. Fire Protection issues discussed included the possibility of checking with the Drennan/Meridian area regarding fire protection. The consensus was that this was worth exploring and if put into effect could lower the fees. The election will be discussed at the August Board meeting. Also, any type of petition process by the residents will be discussed at the August Board meeting.
11. Public input will be added to the beginning of the meetings and any resident who would like to make a comment will need to sign up, come up to the podium and limit comments to 5 minutes. During the meetings, if the Board is contemplating a Motion, all discussion regarding the Motion must take place before the Motion is made. Any public input would be limited to 2 minutes.
12. Other items discussed were the possibility of forming a neighborhood watch group again and "educating" the residents as much as possible on the workings of the District. The tall grass and weed problem is of concern and a letter to El Paso County Code Enforcement and individual owners who have unsightly properties may be of benefit. Also it was suggested that the meeting time be changed to 5:30 in hopes of getting more residents to attend the meetings.

III. Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the special meeting at approximately 3:00 pm. Upon a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Cantin, President

Shawn Eccles, Secretary