



## MEETING OF THE CITY OF SALIDA PROST ADVISORY BOARD

Digital only

Thursday, September 24 2020 - 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Meeting was conducted on GoToMeeting

- 1) Call to Order. Called to Order at 6:06.
  - a) Roll Call
    - i) Attendance: Rob, Connor, Jessica, Adam, Lisa, Amy
    - ii) Staff: Diesel, Laura, Will
- 2) Consent Agenda
  - a) Approval of Agenda - Rob moves for approval. Jessica Seconds. All in Favor.
  - b) N/A - Approval of Meeting Minutes – Prior meeting. Defined secretary roll, Jessica is taking minutes and taking roll. Minutes will be posted online.
- 3) Citizen Comment – 3 minute time limit. No citizens in attendance to comment.
- 4) Unfinished Business
  - a) Financial support strategy finalization
    - i) [Link](#)
    - ii) Diesel presented Cost Recovery Strategy & Model from the consultant with Jamie/110%. She had a contract with the Master Plan, and revisited with the PROST board to involve us. Purpose is to rate city programs and services for what and how much the City subsidises
    - iii) Staff assigned Target cost recoveries for each category
    - iv) Financial Support Model vs Cost Recovery Model. What do we think is a more preferred model? Financial Support Model shows how much subsidies are being provides, Cost Recovery Shows how much the City needs to recoup in cost for the program.
      - (1) Connor: Don't think either is bad. Who will use the model, so is it helpful for staff? Makes sense on how much the City is putting in cost wise in regards to budgeting.
      - (2) Jessica - Financial Support Model seems more positive for the public view, as it appears as supportive to programming rather than money-focused.
      - (3) Lisa - Asked how the graph is going to be used. The model is the same either way, but how is it articulated. Financial Support is better articulated for the public, but maybe the Cost recovery for staff.
      - (4) Laura - Using it as staff for Merchandise to determine how much to charge for merchandise. Didn't use the graph model, but the sheet that has the percentages.



- (5) Lisa - is it being presented to the public? Diesel: yes, it is presented to the public to determine costs. Example: Swim Team. No high school swimming right now, so if the swim team wants to swim, they are a "club" to rent the facility, and the Pool would subsidise only 10%. Vs. With the School District, there is an agreement more in the Community Health & Education category. Also, Fiber Fest is a Special Event Category, which is 10-30% "discount" in the Financial Support Model, instead of the Cost Recovery saying, we need to make back 70% of the cost of hosting this event. All just optics, as they say the same - is it "recovery" or "supporting." If someone came to the city with an event/activity, they would view the Model to determine category as well as setting pricing. Also used to measure performance of various programs - 5 Success Metrics to compare. Mainly, the model will be used to set fees to start, moving into measuring performance. Lisa asks for feedback from Jamie for best practices... Also, get some feedback from community members to see what sounds best.
  - (6) Rob - Let the public know you are trying to recover costs as much as possible - a taxpayer wants the City to be as fiscally responsible as possible. But also subsidising shows how the City is supporting events and organizations.
  - (7) Amy - No input quite yet as joined meeting late. Agree that we want to support programs, but finding balance that we can recover costs and be responsible.
  - (8) Diesel will have a conversation with Jamie and reach out to existing users and staff for feedback.
  - (9) Rob - Important for the public to understand that the city is trying to recover costs, but tell both sides of the story so it's not all cost recovery and the city is subsidising important events. Diesel: The goal is to make costs not arbitrary and have a reason for costs.
- 5) New Business / Action Items
- a) Hard rock expansion
    - i) Hard Rock expansion threatening the Solstice Trail. City Council looking for direction on this to provide a letter to the BLM. The deadline for comment is the end of the month. No time to give a recommendation to Council. SMT is trying to work with Hard Rock/BLM without luck. BLM can't have a stance, they have to go through protocol, but they did already approve the trail. Colorado Mountain Club/Connor - official stance is supporting trail usage - the approval shouldn't go through for a number of reasons. Council wants a statement from PROST to pass on to BLM, and



since this is the Advisory board for parks/trails, we were selected to do this type of work.

- ii) Lisa gives a motion to make a statement in supporting the trail and our partners. Rob will second - important to provide the support as individuals as well as organizations.

- (1) We will support in keeping the Solstice trail and telling Council to support the trail and not Hard Rock expansion.

- (2) Connor - Yes Amy - Yes Rob - Yes Jessica - Yes Lisa - Yes

- (3) The board is agreement, we will send Council a Statement supporting trail.

b) Community Center

- i) Salida Community Center on F St, was built in the 80s, and was given to the City and is rented to the Salida Community Center for \$1/year. A plumbing issue flooded the upstairs and leaked to the basement. In the process of reconstruction. Internal conversations on redesigning the Community Center to make it more community-friendly. The commercial kitchen is well-used.

- ii) Lisa: Didn't know the CC was a city building. How can we renegotiate some contracts and how can the City make use of the spaces when it's only \$1/year?

Will: need to look at the leases, but the department wants to end the lease agreement so the Rec Department handles management and programming. Ideas of making bigger rooms downstairs for better programming like gymnastics, yoga, music classes, etc. Insurance claim is helping pay. The lease is a "mutual agreement" so should be easy to terminate. The Community Center Board has not heard this yet likely.

c) Member and staff reports

- i) SmartRec (Amelia) task force (see below - Sara and Ryan were refereeing kickball, so not in attendance)

- ii) Will - Working on rebuilding the Community Center.

- (1) Sonia's memorial is being developed at the Touber Building as a garden with pergola and stonework. Moving quickly and well.

- (2) Centennial Park has started improvements with Avalanche Excavating. Holman to K St is getting Curb/Gutter/Sidewalk/Parking. Finish everything around the new courts - curbs/gutters/more parking, more pavement for loading docks and pool access. New Grand Ave Walkway from Holman through the park to the front door of the Pool. The Skatepark has preliminary designs that will take out 6 trees, but an arborist and landscape arch has studied the area, and the park has been developed to keep as many as possible. The Spruce trees weren't



terribly healthy, and a few were damaged during the snowstorm - so would have come out soon anyway. Trees won't come out until the the skatepark developer is on site and ready to go. More trees will be planted - working on a grant to get money to plant more.

- (3) City has been cranking getting all the trees and branches cleaned up from the storm, using TerraFirma. Lisa asks about trees on the other side of the river and on private property that overreaches the path. If it's in the water zone, AHRA is on that. The private property owners needs to deal with the branches - there is a lot of erosion, and have put branches on to help. City is watching for ones over the path and will take care of them. River Trail has had some damage with rocks and cement cracking - is there a plan for maintenance? W: Yes... Not an easy project. Diesel: there is 50k in the budget for path work for next year.
- iii) Laura: 8 front desk staff are getting positive feedback that the pool is open again, hooray. Registration issue is still going on and pre-registration is great, and the 1.5 timeline allows for people to swim, and a half hour to deep clean. Also guarantees there is a lane open! Online registration is a challenge for some people - staff is on the phone a ton walking people through registration.
- (1) Task force meeting for registration - identified some of the glitches and hangups. Sara and Ryan were focused on BikeFest, so now jumping back in. Oct 1 was the ideal roll out, but not quite ready.
  - (2) Public video at the pool that shows rec and community activities. Discussion with communications team to determine content.
  - (3) Locker rooms - close to finished. Tile is on site. Been a long time for reconstruction. Should be done mid-October. Will affect staffing and operations to be cleaned and disinfecting between shifts. Considering if showers were available for shower-only. Considering opening another stage on Oct 1 - indoor soaking pools, increase capacity in relaxation pool, starting private swim lessons. Contingent on a stable environment.
- iv) Expectations for Member reports: Hear what we are hearing from the public. We are the eyes and ears of what is going on in the community and this is a place to make requests of the department.
- (1) Amy - Skatepark, Will did a good job summing it up. Eager to see the PR piece the city rolls out for the community to know what is going on. Hard Rock has donated some materials at a discounted rate to the skate park. (Diesel - signs/banners are upcoming, press release went out today - have to get blacktop down in record time, so there is a communication lag)



- (2) Connor - Glad to see cleanup in park. Questions for Centennial - what courts will be replaced? D: No space at Centennial for BB. Will be 2 regulation size VB courts in hockey rink.
- (3) Jessica - Only hearing Solstice feedback from the public, so glad we are supporting the trail.
- (4) Lisa - Got back in the middle of cleanup, so missed snowstorm. Concerned on trail behind Touber building with trees and rocks falling down.
- (5) Rob - kudos to city staff for branches, and hearing feedback on Hard Rock expansion. Excitement around skatepark.
- 6) Regular meetings?
  - a) Evenings don't work for all. Consistency is good, but not if it doesn't work for all. Morning option? Can we try for a socially distant meeting? Evenings work best for most, but keep consistent so people can plan.
  - b) At this point, keep 2nd Tues of Month evening meetings. Next meeting, Sept 13.
- 7) Lisa will draft up statement for BLM, we'll review and Diesel will pass on to Drew & the mayor
- 8) Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

#### **Future meeting topics**

- Sonia' memorial
- Paving project
- Pool re-opening
- Skatepark
- eBikes
- Project priorities
- Riverpark

#### **Resources:**

[Membership records](#) [Link to Municipal Code Website](#) [Master Plan](#) [Robert's Rules of Order](#)