



**Notice of Regular Meeting of the
Montrose Recreation District (MRD) Board of Directors
Thursday, July 25, 2024 at 11:30am
Flex Rec
1309 Mayfly Dr.
Montrose CO 81401**

- I.** **Call to Order, Roll Call** – the meeting was called to order at 11:34am. Present: Director Megan Maddy, Director Paul Wiesner, Director Christina Files, Director Suzi King, present on Google Meets: Director Barb Sharrow. Absent: Director Allison Howe and Director Ken Otto.
- II.** **Open Forum:** Call for Public Comment (limit of 3 minutes per person). No public comments.
- III.** **Staff Recognition:**
- a. **Introductions:** Joseph Owens: Maintenance Technician – Facilities.
 - b. **Certifications:** None
 - c. **Anniversaries:** Abby Glaysner, 3 years. Gene Stollsteimer, 3 years. Bryce Carroll, 1 year.
 - d. **Awards:**
 - i. City of Montrose – “Make A Difference Award”: Justin Mashburn.
 - ii. Volunteer of the Quarter: Q1 2024. Levi Brown. Levi was not in attendance.
 - iii. Patron of the Quarter: Q1 2024. Joe Noll, he and his mother were in attendance.
 - iv. PT Staff of the Month: March, April 2024. Tyler Graves, who was not in attendance.
 - v. Core Staff of the Month: March, April 2024. Miller Bowles was in attendance.
- IV.** **Quarterly Reports**
- a. **ADA Improvements** – The MRD budgeted \$50,000 for ADA improvements in 2024. So far approximately \$6,000 has been spent. Two teams are advising on the ADA Plan and help direct its progress. The Citizen Advisory Team on Accessibility (CATA) met June 4 and the Accessibility Management Team (AMT) met July 24. The AMT will provide recommendations and plans for the CATA to review. Each team meets quarterly. An action plan for ADA projects is in place. New technology accessibility rules for Colorado were put into place in July 2024, and the State requires that websites be fully accessible. The website committee is working to develop steps to ensure it complies. The committee is using software that aids in making documents accessible, members have taken several trainings on website accessibility and is working closely with Streamline (MRD’s website carrier) and Allyant to ensure accessibility.
 - b. **Adaptive Program updates:** Adapted swim lessons have been offered since Jan 2024. There are currently more than 30 participants. Special Olympics swim team trains at the CRC and the Special Olympics Regional Swim Meet and the Special Olympics State Meet were held at the CRC. The first annual Adaptive Night at the CRC was held on May 9. Over 20 organizations participated and there were over 100 attendees. Sensory/Autistic Night will be held at the Field House on August 10. Four thousand and twenty dollars (\$4,020) was raised for adaptive programs through various events, programs, and fundraising so far. Director Barb gave Matt B kudos for helping her daughter use the pool lift. She stated that he was very helpful and kind and is training lifeguards how to assist those who use the lift.
 - c. **Capital Improvement Plan. Property tax backfill revenues of \$201,239 were placed into CIP. The funds will be held there for the remainder of 2024. Plant Operating Costs are effectively being used to plan and complete maintenance projects.** We have spent \$165,877 so far in 2024. The CIP chart was presented showing allocated funds and the spending on the year.

V. **2025 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan Process, Preparation Overview** – The budget timeline was presented by Jeremy. The process started July 3 and will end with adoption of budget by Board on December 12. Director Paul asked why the budget is again a “no growth” budget. Paul also stated that a “no increased subsidy budget” may be a better term. He would like room (dedicated funding) to add more programs etc. Mari explained that staff are continuing to analyze the ongoing programs to ensure there is participation and are successful. Jeremy stated that the expansion of the Enrichment program shows that we are continuing to grow our programs, as well as maintain subsidization of the Enrichment programming.

VI. **Committee Updates and Assignments**

- a. **Exec. Committee of Board** (Board: Alli, Suzi. Staff: Mari, Jeremy) – Director Suzi and Mari met on the Board agenda yesterday.
- b. **Administrative** (Board: Barb, Christina. Staff: Mari, Jeremy, Lisa, Debby) – The Admin Committee did not meet this month.
- c. **Foundation** (Board: Megan, Barb. Staff: Mari, Astro, Debby) – Director Megan stated that she did not attend the last meeting. Debby reported that she did attend and financial statements, the recent triathlon and the FFAM program were discussed.
- d. **Growth** (Board: Ken, Suzi. Staff: Mari, Jeremy, Justin, Miguel) – Director Suzi said they are waiting on BarryDunn reports/progress, in order to meet. (BerryDunn is the consultant for Boldly Baldrige).
- e. **Finance** (Board: Paul, Alli. Staff: Mari, Jeremy) – Director Paul reported they did not meet. Paul did say that revenues are at 50% of our budget year, right where they should be. The outlier is the Flex Rec which is not meeting its financial goals. Tax revenues continue to go up. Director Paul said Special Districts in Colorado have provided a lot of pushback about the decreased property taxes that are to coming to the district, and it is putting pressure on the State to remediate this situation.
- f. **MURA (Board: Alli) Development Proposals** – Director Allison was not present but Mari stated the July 31 meeting has been cancelled. She also stated that a July 17 MDP article discussed a proposed development project at Colorado Outdoors.

VII. **Executive Director’s Update** – Regarding accessibility rules, Mari made the board aware that some website changes are coming to ensure we are following rules. Making documents accessible and being transparent are both important and staff are working hard to ensure both are done. The MRD is awaiting the preliminary design concepts from LOSE Design for Boldly Baldrige and a Growth Committee meeting will be held to review/discuss once they are received. Another Block Party at Colorado Outdoors (CO) is being planned. We are currently planning for October 24 yet are waiting to ensure that date works for other CO businesses. Mari will meet with MCSD staff on July 22 to further discuss the future of the Field House surrounding a long term lease agreement. She stated that the MRD has implemented Placer AI with the City of Montrose, and that this software will provide us with valuable data to make management decisions. Mari stated that the GOCO GenWild grant has been submitted and we received a NRPA grant for coaches training. The GOCO grant would serve as a planning grant for additional recreation programming. Astro did an excellent job on this grant and the feedback from GOCO so far has been positive. Mari encouraged the Board to read through the entire Director’s update for more information. Lastly, she mentioned that staff had an employee BBQ on July 18 to celebrate Parks and Recreation Professionals.

VIII. **Approval of BOD Meeting Minutes**

- a. Regular Meeting of the Board 06.27.2024 – Director Paul made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Director Christina seconded the motion. Director Suzi then suggested an amendment to the motion to add language about the time that the Board went into and exited the Executive Session. The board voted unanimously to approve with those adjustments to the minutes.

IX. **Adjourn – the meeting adjourned at 1:04pm.**

Next BOD Regular Meeting

August 22nd at 11:30am

Montrose Community Recreation Center, 16350 Woodgate Avenue, Montrose CO 81401