

Mesa Community Club Board Meeting Nov 3, 2015

Board Members in Attendance: Dari Alexander, Suzie Smith, Kurt Thompson, Steven Bryson, Signa Fox, & Dustin Bryson

Guests in Attendance: Jean Davis, Elisa Valdez, Jim Hamlin, Andrea Clark, Loretta Kachin, & Rebecca Mullen

18:00-18:50: Jean Davis, Mesa County Office Administrator, reviewed revenue-in, expenses, and year-to-date actual reports. Public Improvement District (PID) fund cannot be used for anything other than operations of MCC. Ms. Davis stated she can provide detailed reports on each account within a day. PID personnel working for the county include Pam, Eleanor Thomas, and Judy Barnett (who handles utilities, telephone, etc. in accounts payable). Steve Bryson gets a detailed report on PID expenditures and revenues. The PID was established in 2001 by a vote approving a PID fund. The county owns the building. The lease agreement is for 25 years, was established in 2003, and is set to expire in 2028. The lease agreement states the lessee would pay for utilities, and the lessor is responsible for paying for “capital improvements” (to include foundation, structure, plumbing, heating, building, roof, infrastructure, water fountain, etc. improvements). While there is a “grey area” on what constitutes “capital improvements,” this certainly doesn’t cover items such as rolling tables. The \$45,000 used to renovate the gym came out of capital improvement project and not the PID. When a question arises, the county always refers back to the lease agreement to decide who and/or which entity will pay for what. The PID has been accumulating every year since 2001, currently has reached around \$100,000, and is similar to a reserve fund not subject to taxpayer bill of rights (TABOR). Ours is the only community center in Mesa County which receives PID funds. The Board of County Commissioners serves as the board of the PID fund.

Ms. Davis provided several handouts to the board and interested attendees: 1 email from Rebecca Mullen to Ms. Davis giving examples of PID expense requests, the Mesa County 2016 Budget Request, the Resolution Establishing the Mesa Community Center Public Improvement District Fund, the Project Accounting Expense Status Report dated 1/1/2015-12/31/2015, A Resolution Appointing an Advisory Council for the Mesa Community Center Public Improvement District, the Lease Agreement Between Mesa County, Colorado and the Mesa Community Club, Inc., and an email from Rose Pugliese (Chairman of the Mesa County Board of County Commissioners) to Rebecca Mullen which details the lease agreement and role of the Board of County Commissioners.

Jim Hamlin reported a Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) grant was available with a deadline of this Thursday (Nov. 5th) for application. Ms. Davis stated GOCO grants are competitive, and the county requests we coordinate our applications to avoid conflict with other counties applying for such grants. There is also a 30% requirement of participation by locals for funding.

Finally, it was suggested that a PID expense may cover a mass mailing, in attempt to reach out to those community members who do not attend meetings or have input into what they would like to see done for the community. Ms. Davis requested an email for the contact information for all board officers, once elected.

18:50-18:54 Board Officers Established: Dustin Bryson is Secretary, Signa Fox is Maintenance Coordinator, Suzie Smith is the second Vice President, Kurt Thompson is the first Vice President, Steven Bryson is Treasurer, and Dari Alexander is President. Dari stated the Board's ultimate agenda would include keeping the momentum going of all outside programs and activities.

18:54-19:18 Homeschool Community Request: Elisa Valdez, resident of Collbran, presented a letter to the MCC from the Plateau Valley Homeschool Community. The letter asked, on behalf of the homeschooling population, to use the community center on Wednesdays from 13:00-16:00 year-round. They are trying to promote events and activities for the homeschooled (18 year-olds and younger) and want to create something great for the community. Ms. Valdez estimated 117 homeschooled children in Plateau Valley but wasn't sure of the ratio of Mesa versus Collbran homeschooled population. Ms. Valdez also clarified the Wednesday meeting time would include those children who also go to school. While the homeschooling parents have no funds to pay for the rental of the community center, they are interested in activities which aren't competition-based (i.e. camping activities, yearbook committees, craft fairs, etc.). When asked why the community center in Mesa was sought, Ms. Valdez stated the surrounding towns didn't have adequate facilities available to house 100+ children. Signa, Suzie, Dari, and Kurt suggested an outline/plan be submitted detailing the events the homeschooled community would like to host in the community center.

Steve made a motion to accept the minutes for October's meeting, and Suzie seconded the motion to accept. There was no opposition.

19:18-19:23 Treasurer's Report: Steve presented the monthly utility bills (PID Authorization) and the Club Account Activity for August and September, and the Revenue and Expenditure by Fund through Period 10. Steve stated he would get with Signa to arrange for the yard to be aerated at the suggestion of the county. Steve also stated he'd invite Jean Davis to attend another board meeting in 6 months.

Suzie made the motion to accept the Treasurer's report, and Kurt seconded the motion. There was no opposition. Report accepted.

19:24-19:30 Rental Report: There is a private party on the 7th. On the 14th, a vaccination clinic will be held from 8:30-12:00. There is a Mesa County Library event scheduled in December. It was noted Elisa Valdez had been quoted non-PID rates for the use of only the main gym. On February 13, 2016, there is a Young Life event for which the PID rate had been quoted. On April 16, 2016, Mary Hilliard has requested use of the main gym with the rates on the paperwork. While no paperwork has been submitted yet, they only pay for the days of rental. Rental fees haven't been charged historically for a day-and-a-half for set-up and a day-and-a-half for tear-down.

Basketball hoops have arrived. Jeahnene Werham is subbing as the custodian, as of yesterday (Nov. 2nd), while Becky is on leave. The bench has been removed while being refinished. Travis (from Mesa County) put up the movie screen in the library and is looking to mount one in the gym.

19:30-19:35 Maintenance: Steve stated there was going to be a new format for the reports.

Old business included the new flooring being installed in the library on the 12th and 13th of this month. They installers will be taking care of the old carpeting, unless someone else wants it. On the 11th, the library needs to be emptied out into the gym.

The website committee consists of Rebecca Mullen, Steve, and Dari. Each expressed a desire to meet on an undetermined date. Rebecca states she has Barnaby's contact information to update the website with Halloween photos, etc.

19:35-19:50 Survey Results: Dustin presented the results of the community interest in the various areas of improvement survey. Signa, Suzie, Andrea Clark, and Dari discussed opening up the survey to the wider community. Andrea and Suzie agreed to draft a survey for the Board's review during December's meeting. A possible prepaid reply was discussed to accompany the mass mailing survey, in an attempt to generate more responses.

19:50 Marquis Change: Small animal vaccination was mentioned.

19:50 Google Groups: Dustin agreed to set-up two groups: one for the board, and one for community members. This is in hope that communication would be easier among all interested.

19:53 Bank Signatures: need to be updated by new board members. Steve and Dari will go to Palisade to set up a new document at the bank.

19:55 Bulletin Board: Kurt will volunteer his phone number and will be first on-call if Dari isn't available to respond.

19:56 Website: needs to be updated with a new interface with Barnaby. The list of new board members needs to be updated.

19:58 Keys: Kurt and Suzie still need keys. Loretta is going to call around and get keys returned from those who don't need them; namely Grey Gourmet.

19:59 Snow Removal: Steve is going to call Snow Busters. Dari asked for a copy of the contract Mo did last year, as we have no physical copy and don't know what the work statement is.

20:00 Dolly: Suzie mentioned a dolly would be helpful to transport stuff back and forth. Loretta agreed that a dolly would be helpful.

Suzie motioned for the purchase of a dolly, and Signa seconded the motion. No one opposed.

20:04 Board Seat Vacancy: Dari is going to call Amy Harvey to see if she is interested. Andrea stated she may be willing to take a board seat.

20:09 White Board: Loretta is searching for such a board.

20:10 Email Blasts: The small animal clinic will include vaccinations and licenses. If possible, the marquis should list some prices. In the future, someone can write things for the Plateau Valley Times.

20:13 Free Use of the Community Center: by the homeschooled population pros and cons were discussed.

20:18 Adjourn: Suzie made the motion to adjourn the meeting, and Kurt seconded the motion.