

**FOUNTAIN MUTUAL METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
MINUTES
BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday March 15, 2023, 12:00 pm

A Board Meeting for the Fountain Mutual Metropolitan District was held Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 12:00 pm. The meeting was held at the office of Pete Susemihl, 660 Southpointe Court, Suite 210, Colorado Springs, CO 80906.

FMMD Board Members Present: Gary Barber
Curtis Mitchell
Eric Hulen
Janet Refior

Also present: Elise Bergsten
Pete Susemihl
Kirk Medina

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the December 2022 meeting notes was made by Curtis, seconded by Janet and passed unanimously.

FMIC Report –Kirk Medina

Big Johnson reservoir has filled much faster than had been predicted. It is now full. There is a little bit of seepage at the toe drain, but not even measurable. Irrigation starts mid-April.

Legal Report – Pete Susemihl

The election has been cancelled. New Oaths of Office will be ready in May for Gary and Janet.

Grinnell Boulevard – Median Conversion

Weisburg Landscaping has been selected as vendor. We are still in the process of getting them under contract. They predict that construction will take a month or less. They anticipate that a section of the northbound lane will be closed during construction and move south to north as the project is completed.

Grinnell Boulevard - Maintenance

Since EPC asked to dissolve the Grinnell Blvd maintenance agreement, Janet met with the Fountain Valley School Board. FVS Board members are interested in cancelling the agreements and no longer being involved in Grinnell Blvd maintenance at all.

The FMMD Service Plan does not call out street maintenance, so it seems unwise for FMMD to volunteer to take over maintenance from El Paso County Parks. What do the directors think?

The first agreement mainly addressed the construction of the section of Grinnell. The second agreement addressed ongoing maintenance. The conversion of the median to rock will significantly reduce the cost of maintenance for whomever is maintaining it. There are trees on both sides of the street.

Questions:

- Who owns the water taps?

- What happens if we abandon a meter? Would it be possible to be reimbursed for the tap? (at today's prices?) Would it be possible to move the tap credit to another location within the district?
- What is EPC's standard of care for county roads?
- Are the trees mature enough to survive without being watered?

After discussion, directors were in consensus to propose to EPC Parks that we stop watering. FMMD is willing to remove trees as they die and complete the median conversion. EPC would maintain as they would maintain any county road. Pete would be available to prepare a draft MOU. We aim to keep Grinnell Blvd and Goldfield Road tied together in the minds of others.

Windmill Gulch

Gary and Kirk talked about Windmill Gulch, parcels owned by Cygnet and by El Paso County. Some of that land is slated for development, but a good-sized parcel is owned by EPC, and could become a trail opportunity. The Empire Group is the developer of this area and is proposing to pipe the ditch through the "horseshoe" section of the ditch. More to be revealed.

Goldfield Road

Chris Lieber has been engaged on a time/materials basis to work on this concept. We met with Colorado Springs Parks and Recreation and received a very positive response. Chris has nice visuals to show to others and continue this conversation. Kirk believes that FMIC would be supportive. FVS was supportive in the past, and Longinos Gonzalez still supports this. Both FMIC and FVS have new leadership, and we should speak to them directly.

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Elise will work on preparing an RFQ for this project, which might be broken into two pieces – the street crossings, and the landscape maintenance.

Financials/Manager Report

Directors were emailed current financial reports, and a list of bills paid between September 23 and December 7, 2022. These were not ratified at this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted by



Elise Bergsten, Acting Secretary