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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SMOKY HILL METROPOLITAN DISTRICT HELD MARCH 3, 2021

A Special Meeting of the Board of Directors (“Board”) of the Smoky Hill Metropolitan District (“District”) was held on Wednesday, March 3, 2021, at 7:08 p.m. Due to the public health concerns the meeting was held virtually via Zoom. Links and call-in information were provided at www.SHMD.info. The meeting was called to order by Chair Stitt.

ATTENDANCE

Directors in attendance:

Carol Stitt
Clint Walker
Mark Sobczak
Tom Mehl
Jerry Dionisio

Also in attendance:

Joey & Stefanie Pacheco
Thomas Lau
David Minkus
Darwin Johnston
Ed Davis
Stephanie Coalson
Peg Sage
Jeffrey Bugbee
Caryn Winkler
Sharon Calhoun
Seven attendees who only gave their first names

MEETING PURPOSE

Chair Stitt introduced the Board members attending. She stated the purpose of the meeting was to update homeowners/stakeholders on the proposed plan to submit to the Arapahoe County Open Space Grant Program for improvements to two parks in Smoky Hill 400: Big Sandy Park and Arrowhead Park. The Board also wants feedback from Smoky Hill homeowners on the plans. She thanked Board members Clint Walker, Jerry Dionisio and Tom Mehl for all their work on putting together the grants.

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GRANT BACKGROUND

Board member Clint Walker gave background on the grant program, which receives its funding from sales and use tax and also from the lottery. Grant applications can be made by 12 municipalities and several Special Districts, such as Smoky Hill Metropolitan District. Grants must be submitted by April 16, and awards will be made and grantees notified on August 10. \$100,000 has been set aside in our budget to pay for our portion of the grant costs, which is 25% of the total cost for a large grant, and 20% of the total cost for a small grant. There is some difficulty in getting hard figures on construction costs this far in advance. Clint noted that homeowner/stakeholder feedback, for or against the projects, must be included in the application. Feedback should be emailed to: Board@shmd.info.

ARROWHEAD PARK

Board member Tom Mehl reviewed the potential plans for Arrowhead Park. Upgrades include a paved walkway around the perimeter of the park along with paved entry walkways so that there will be easy access to the park.

BIG SANDY PARK

Board member Clint Walker reviewed the potential plans for Big Sandy Park. Upgrades include exercise equipment placed along the concrete walkway, a pickleball court and basketball court and also possibly a small park shelter. This will allow for additional recreational activities for homeowners on the north side of Smoky Hill Road without crossing a major street. The plans are based on feedback from the community.

HOMEOWNER FEEDBACK

The most concerns expressed by homeowners living close to Big Sandy Park were about the courts, including lack of available parking, additional traffic, noise and vandalism. Homeowners were concerned that court users would park across their driveways, blocking them in. One homeowner asked who would be responsible for maintaining the courts (the District) and the additional expenses for this. One homeowner noted flooding in 2019 in the lower part of the park and asked if a flood analysis had been completed. The location of the courts would be in the area closer to Smoky Hill Road and not in the back area. Homeowners were in favor of the

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exercise equipment and also of the pavilion to provide shade near the playground.

One homeowner asked about weeds and other landscaping needs in Arrowhead Park. The grant does not include regular maintenance projects; it is for capital projects such as new equipment, walkways, benches, etc.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Stitt thanked everyone for attending the special meeting. There being no further business to come before the Board, upon motion duly made by Director Dionisio, seconded by Director Mehl and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

APPROVED:

Carol Stitt

Clint Walker

Mark Sobczak

Tom Mehl

Jerry Dionisio