

MD Board Meeting Summary

The Metropolitan District Board met on Tuesday, Feb. 23 for its regular Board meeting. The following is a summary of that meeting:

- a) The Board conducted an executive session to receive legal counsel regarding possible inclusion of the North American Development Group property and to receive advice of legal counsel regarding a grievance received by the Board.
- a) Staff provided an update regarding Jefferson County and the State of Colorado's COVID-19 dial and the impacts on programs. In particular, the COVID-19 dial colors currently include a 50 percent of occupancy restriction which would require summer pool session registrations instead of the option of summer passes. Staff will wait until April to see how the dial changes and decide at that time. Parks Director Malloy provided the Board with information about projects that the Parks Department completes during the winter, which includes median preparation, backflow repair and inspection, tree pruning, fleet rebuilding, fence repair and leaves and pine needle removal, along with routine maintenance and inspections.
- b) Director Sawatzki presented information regarding a potential nighttime trail closure for District trails. The Board requested additional information and analysis along with a cost assessment for additional discussion at a future Board meeting.
- c) District Manager Wieland presented highlights of the Landscape Maintenance Services Agreement with NADG Ken-Caryl Ranch LP for the 1.45-acre landscape area north of Sunset Ridge. The agreement was approved later in the agenda.
- d) District Manager Wieland presented the current 10-Year Capital Plan including information regarding the plan's current estimates for both costs and years of completion. Additional effort is needed to ensure cross-collaboration and discussion with the Master Association. The Strategic Plan and results of the Community Survey will provide important direction for ongoing development of the plan.
- e) District Manager Wieland presented information regarding a strategic planning process. Strategic plans answer important questions for elected officials, staff, and community members and emphasis has been taken to ensure that the plan and process are easy to understand for all parties involved. The process is a five-step process that includes involvement from the Board, staff and the community.
- f) Resident John Hamilton spoke regarding the nighttime closure of trails topic. Mr. Hamilton currently uses the trail system at night with his children and does not support the closure. Resident Mike Miro provided advice for the Board to fully entertain the results of the Community Survey and use the 10-Year Capital Plan to possibly seek an extension of the bond mill levy. Resident Jerry Sullivan inquired about the 1.45-acre landscape strip once development on the NADG Ken-Caryl Ranch LP project begins and progresses. Resident Tim Berg inquired about ADA improvements in the North Ranch and voiced support for keeping the South Hogback trails open. Resident Rilla Reinsma expressed support for the nighttime closure of South Hogback trails. Ms. Reinsma thanked the Parks Department for their efforts to clean up the pine needles. Resident Josh Holmberg emailed regarding the nighttime trail closure discussion. Mr. Holmberg feels that nighttime use should be available for those commuting and recreating. He expressed concern over enforcement difficulties and costs for doing so.