

**The Rico Center Board Meeting  
Thursday, February 21st, 2019  
6:30 pm  
Gretchen Treadwell's Home**

1. **Call to Order/Roll call.** Gretchen called meeting to order at 6:39 pm. Gretchen Treadwell, Cristal Hibbard and Emily Nolan were present. Nancy Scarborough phoned in. Gretchen welcomed Katie Stokes as a potential board member and Laura Pick and Zach McManus as public attendees. Laura expressed interest in being on the board. Katie introduced herself to the board with a brief background of her history in Telluride and in Rico. She currently sits on the Rico Trails Alliance Board, Telluride Historical Board and additionally as a representative on various HOA boards as part of her work as Director of Operations for Alpine Lodging. She wants to be actively involved in the Rico community and is interested in understanding more about the role of The Rico Center. Laura is a full time resident of Rico since September after graduating with a Master's in urban planning with an emphasis in public health. She expressed interest in the long term outlook of The Rico Center. She has experience coordinating, developing and operating within organizations like OSU Emergency Food Pantry and City of Arvada and working collectively with groups like LiveWell Colorado. She has a history of sitting on campus advisory boards. Gretchen confirmed for public that there are currently 2 board member positions open. The Board allowed time for questions Board Member expectations was discussed. The Board answered that outside of monthly meetings, there is an additional time commitment during the grant cycle, described the nature of meetings and the outlook for the future and reiterated the commitment required in the fall during grant cycle. There was a discussion of by-laws and the basic requirements and an explanation regarding the benefit of the the hired administrator position. The importance of the Board of County Commissioners meeting that occurs every summer and the history of The Rico Center in the community was also discussed.
2. **Approval of December 13th, 2018 Meeting Minutes.** Cristal moved to approve meeting minutes. Gretchen seconded. Unanimous vote received via email.
3. **Approval of Agenda.** Gretchen moved to approve the agenda. Zach asked to be included in new business. Cristal seconded. Unanimous vote received via email.
4. **Recap of 2019 Grant Recipient Reception.** Board shared that the event had great attendance and was overall a fun night. The Mineshaft and Prospector were applauded on a job well done. Board suggested this become an annual event and discussed the successful format of the evening. Public commentary praised the reception style and the ample opportunity to connect with board members and obtain information or get questions answered. TRC was thanked for hosting and noted by public comment that it was gratifying to get the opportunity to personally thank TRC members for their efforts.
5. **Financials and Grant Status.** It was reported that Rico Fire Protection District has requested the full or partial grant payment be distributed. Board discussed options and recommended payment in full. Emily Nolan will connect with Dave Kunz for grant distribution.

- 6. **Discussion - New Board Members.** The opening of potential additional Board Member positions was briefly discussed. There are currently two open spots on the Board; one has been open for some time and the second opened when Ann volunteered to vacate. Examining residence status as a specific rule for Board Membership will require additional discussion with other Board members. Board would like to consider alternate membership options for part time residents that offer significant and valuable knowledge and investment in history of Rico and The Rico Center.
- 7. **Old Business.** Updated grant application was discussed. Emily will move forward with uploading form to Google Drive and will send to Board for review. This will be an agenda item for next meeting. Cristal recommended, once complete, sending this form to out of cycle grant requesters. Gretchen opened up for discussion the TRC website and what it should be offering for public view. Board agreed to include monthly agendas, meeting minutes and a schedule with upcoming meetings published months out. Emily will work with Karen for the updated website development. Public commentary suggested a blast about grant recipients, spotlighting the awardees. Board will encourage awardees to provide a brief bio of the projects being funded. Board agreed that financial documents will remain available upon request. Gretchen moved to approve funding hours for website development with Karen Overn. Cristal seconded. Unanimous Vote received via email.
- 8. **New Business.** Zach offered over the remaining Fun Run t-shirts and sweatshirts from 2018 Fun Run. Gretchen recommended donating or handing out to locals in Rico. Gretchen and Cristal will handle distribution. Zach opened a discussion regarding the Town Hall bathroom remodel. Mike Dougherty and Sparks Plumbing won the bid as selected by the Town Board. Testing in areas of Town Hall showed asbestos. An out of cycle grant request to handle is expected. The sewer vote is expected on the upcoming 2019 ballot. Town is looking into multiple sources of funding including local and state grants to keep the mill levy low. Inquired to know how TRC grant funding may work. Board outlined potential matching funding programs, timeline to grant cycle and terms and restrictions of a multi-year agreement. Board will seek Nicole Pieterse's input related to by-laws. Public commentary inquired about ramifications of TRC support on what seems like a political topic. The Board agreed it comes down to community benefit and whether this meets TRC grant requirements, noting that transparency will be key from all organizations involved. Zach also discussed a voter registration drive supported through the town and opened up a discussion to brainstorm ideas on details. Fourth of July timeline, drink credits at the Enterprise and town iPad for registering were all discussed. He noted the need to have a drive organizer who can register voters.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 28<sup>th</sup> at Cristal's home at 6:30pm.  
 Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm.

Approved the 25th day of April, 2019.

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