



**Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Advisory Board  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, May 13, 2021**

**Members Present:** Ron Ilgen, Carol Beckman, Dr. Daniel Bowan, Larry Bogue, David Siegel, Sarah Bryarly, Greg Thornton, Abby Simpson, Jason Rupinski

**Alternates Present:** Andrea Perry

**Alternates Absent:** Lisa Weiland

**Staff Present:** Karen Palus, Kurt Schroeder, Kim King, Britt Haley, Anna White, Scott Abbott, Kelly Rajab

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**Called to Order:** Board Chair Ron Ilgen brought the meeting to order at 7:31 a.m.

**Citizen Discussion**

Susan Davies, Executive Director for the Trails and Open Space Coalition (TOSC), gave kudos to staff for the successful groundbreaking ceremony at Panorama Park. She said TOSC hosted a virtual eBike forum the previous week, with multiple guest speakers. She thanked Scott Abbott, Regional Parks Supervisor, for his contributions. She did say that TOSC does have some concerns about the upcoming eBike Pilot Program, but that she was eager to hear the presentation about it later in the meeting.

Cory Sutela, Executive Director for Medicine Wheel Trail Advocates, thanked the Board for their volunteer time. He mentioned the crowd-sourced fundraising efforts still happening between his organization and the Cheyenne Mountain Cycling Club for the bike facility in Cresta Open Space. His organization is helping with work being done in Sweetwater Canyon.

**Approval of Minutes – April 8, 2021 meeting minutes.**

**Motion – To approve the April 8, 2021 minutes with proposed changes.**

1<sup>st</sup> – Carol Beckman, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jason Rupinski, Approved, Unanimously.

**Presentation Items**

**2022 Capital Improvement Project Recommendations** (Presented by Kelly Rajab, Analyst II)

Kelly Rajab, Analyst II, presented the Board with the 2022 Capital Improvement Recommendations. This presentation included informing the budget process; the Conservation Trust Fund (CTF) Proposed 2022 CIP Budget; CTF 2021 Fund Balance estimate; PLDO (Public Space and Development); PLDO 2021

Fund Balance estimate; Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority (PPRTA) Proposed 2022 CIP Budget; PPRTA II; Trails, Open Space and Parks Fund (TOPS) Proposed 2022 CIP Budget; January 2021 Revenue Report; TOPS Fund Summary 2020 Estimated Fund Balance; TOPS Fund Future Revenue from 2022 to 2025; Preliminary 2022 Revenue; TOPS Administration and Maintenance; the TOPS Trails Category; upcoming trail projects; TOPS Parks Category; upcoming parks projects; TOPS Open Space Category; upcoming open space projects; Stewardship Program education; Stewardship Program rangers; Stewardship Program land management; Stewardship Program resource management; Stewardship funding history; and finally, Stewardship Funding percent of Open Space revenue.

[Link to PowerPoint Presentation here](#)

Board Vice Chair David Siegel said he would like to see the maintenance of Public Art factored into budgets like this one in the future.

**November Ballot Recommendation Discussion** (Presented by Karen Palus, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director)

Karen Palus, Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Director, briefly went over the consensus responses from a survey regarding the TOPS Ballot Initiatives and sustainable funding that had been sent to the Board. She stated the consensus was very similar to the recommendation made by the TOPS Working Committee, but did want to have one more workshop to get a formal recommendation from the Board before the June 10<sup>th</sup> City Council and Mayor Retreat, where she would present the recommendation. She said staff would work on a date and only one hour would be needed.

### **Staff Updates**

**Sesquicentennial Update** (Presented by Karen Palus, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director)

Karen Palus, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director, updated the Board on the latest happenings with the Sesquicentennial celebration. Beards, Bonnets, and Brews will be hosted at Rockledge Ranch on June 12. Volunteers are still needed for most of the sessions. There will be a gala hosted by the Chamber, as well as a downtown celebration on July 31. Additionally, several breweries and distilleries are working on commemorative items. Karen encouraged the Board to visit the Pioneers Museum for their Colorado @150 exhibit.

**BioBlitz Dates and Locations Announcement** (Presented by Britt Haley, Design and Development Manager and TOPS Program Manager)

Britt Haley, Design and Development Manager, announced there will be two rounds of Bio-Blitz's this summer. There will be a scientist-only Bio-Blitz at Corral Bluffs on June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. There will be a public Bio Blitz at Stratton Open Space on August 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>. Britt thanked Gillian Rossi, Park Ranger Supervisor, and rangers Stephanie Fields and Haley Noneman

for all of their help coordinating.

### **E-Bike Pilot Program** (Presented by Scott Abbott, Regional Parks Supervisor)

Scott Abbott, Regional Parks Supervisor, presented the Board with the E-Bike Pilot Program. This presentation included program dates; the Pilot Program; State and Federal Legislation; Pilot Program areas; Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ); Pilot Program areas; sample survey questions; a trail speeds data collection example; and finally, commercial activity.

[Link to PowerPoint Presentation here](#)

### **Other Updates**

Kim King, Recreation and Administration Manager, said that there is a Request for Proposals underway at the Westside Community Center. While there is a lot of public dialogue about this, she did want to assure the Board that the process was still ongoing.

### **Board Business**

Carol Beckman – Carol went over the presentations that had taken place at the TOPS Working Committee. She asked who is in charge of the list of people who have participated in Crew Leader Training. Jennifer Peterson, Executive Director for the Rocky Mountain Field Institute, said she would get in touch with Carol about this.

Abby Simpson – Abby thanked everyone who attended the groundbreaking for Panorama Park. She invited Board members to come down to the Sand Creek Library to decorate a tile as part of a mural being installed at the site. There are 6,000 tiles that need to be completed. She said she could provide the link to sign up for times to decorate to the Board.

Ron Ilgen – Ron asked if there was an update about the 30<sup>th</sup> Street construction project near Garden of the Gods. Kurt Schroeder responded that there is no proposed schedule yet, but he would speak to John Stark, Manager for Garden of the Gods, about an update.

### **Adjournment**

**Motion: Move to adjourn the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Advisory Board meeting at 10:54 a.m.**

1<sup>st</sup> – David Siegel, 2nd – Carol Beckman, Approved, Unanimously.