

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services



PR&CS Administration
1401 Recreation Way
Colorado Springs, CO 80905

Agenda - Revised Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Please silence your phone during the meeting.

Thursday, February 9, 2017

7:30 am

Palmer Room

Call to Order

Citizen Discussion

Time for any individual to bring before the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board any matter of interest they wish to discuss that is not elsewhere on the agenda. Comments are restricted to three (3) minutes; you will hear an alarm when your time is up. Please contact PR&CS staff no later than the last Wednesday of the month prior if you wish to place a longer presentation on the agenda.

Approval of Minutes- January 12, 2017

Minutes are posted no later than 5:00pm on the Tuesday before the meeting at:

<http://parks.coloradosprings.gov/explore-play/get-involved/boards-committees/parks-and-recreation-advisory-board>

Ceremonial Items – Time Certain 10:00 a.m.

Ice Rink

- Downtown Partnership – Laurel Prud'homme Kim King/Carly Kobasiar
- Colorado Springs Utilities – Tyrone Johnson

Economic Benefit Study Recognition

Karen Palus

- El Pomar Foundation – Thayer Tutt, Walt Hecox, Samantha Albert
Melissa Wills, Lori Bellingham, Garrett Mayberry
- Colorado Springs Convention & Visitors Bureau – Cheryl McCullough
- Downtown Partnership of Colorado Springs – Laurel Prud'homme

Action Items

Crest at Woodmen Land Exchange

David Deitemeyer

Conservation Trust Fund Supplemental Appropriation

Kurt Schroeder

Presentations

Code Scrub – Parks Related Code Revisions

Karen Palus/Britt Haley

TOPS 20th Anniversary Calendar of Events & Video

Tilah Larson

Pikes Peak America's Mountain Annual Report Update

Jack Glavan

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services

Forestry Annual Report
Pioneer Park Access Update
TOPS Stewardship: Archaeological Updates

Jay Hein
David Deitemeyer
Matt Mayberry/Anna Cordova

Board Business

North Cheyenne Canon Master Plan Representatives
City Auditorium RFI Representatives

Adjournment

Closed Executive Session

Sarah Bryarly

In accord with the City Charter Art. III, §3-60(d) and the Colorado Open Meetings Act, C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4) (a, b and e), the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, in Open Session, is to determine whether it will hold a Closed Executive Session. The issues to be discussed involve receipt of legal advice and determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations and instructing negotiators regarding a land acquisition matter. The Chair shall poll the Park and Recreation Advisory Board members, and, upon consent of two-thirds of the members present, may hold a closed executive session. If consent to the closed executive session is not given, the item may be discussed in open session or withdrawn from consideration.

COLORADO SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Date: February 9, 2017

Item Number: Action - Item #1

Item Name: Crest at Woodmen Land Exchange

SUMMARY:

A proposed land exchange of equal size and equal value between the Crest at Woodmen Development and the City of Colorado Springs Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department (Parks Department) for a portion of Park land adjacent to Vincent Drive and north of Cottonwood Creek for private land within the Crest at Woodmen development. This land is located on the east side of the property. The proposed exchange will provide an opportunity to expand and connect a non-motorized recreational trail connection from the Cottonwood Creek Trail north to Woodmen Road.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BACKGROUND:

The Crest at Woodmen is a developer led redevelopment of the former Current USA facility located at Woodmen Road and Vincent Drive, just east of Interstate 25. The developers approached the Parks Department in 2016 requesting an exchange of land they owned for a portion of park property located adjacent to Vincent Drive, just north of Cottonwood Creek (Exhibit A).

The existing park property is 2.26 acres and was donated to the Parks Department in 2002 with the intended use for the Cottonwood Creek Trailhead, to include parking. In late 2011, as part of the Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority (PPRTA) project to improve Vincent Drive, Cottonwood Creek channel and the Cottonwood Creek Trail, Vincent Drive was realigned to the east. The realignment allowed for the roadway to utilize an existing, structurally sound roadway crossing of Cottonwood Creek (formally on the Current USA facility). The realignment of the roadway divided the park land on the southern section of the parcel.

The proposed park land parcel to be exchanged is north of the new Vincent Drive alignment totaling 1.489 AC and could be used as developable land for the Crest at Woodmen. The remaining 0.77 acres of park land would remain under City ownership. During the PPRTA project, access to the lower portion of the park land was improved and a trail connection and two dedicated parking areas were constructed to access the portion of the park land that the City will be retaining. The parking areas consist of a gravel parking area south of Cottonwood Creek and a paved and strip trailhead north of Cottonwood Creek.

The parcel of land to be traded to the City, 1.490 acres, will serve as a new trail corridor to connect the Cottonwood Creek Trail north to Woodmen Road. The trail connection will serve as an off street non-motorized recreational trail, improving user safety and connectivity for the trail system, a component of the Parks System Master Plan.

Cottonwood Creek Trail is not constructed east of Vincent Drive. to Academy Boulevard which creates a significant gap in our trail system. While the plans to connect the Cottonwood Creek Trail under Academy Boulevard are currently being designed, the new connection will likely not

be in operation for two years. This alternative trail connection associated with the proposed land exchange will establish a much needed, legal off-street access corridor to provide recreational and commuter access from the Pikes Peak Greenway Trail and Cottonwood Creek Trail to Woodmen Road and the Academy Boulevard corridor. The new trail connection will also look to reduce trespassing by recreational users of the Cottonwood Creek Trail onto private property near Academy Boulevard and Cottonwood Creek.

Appraisals were conducted on both parcels and found to support the land exchange. The proposed land exchange would be of equal value and equal size.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The cost associated with the land exchange includes appraisals, survey, title work and closing costs. The Parks Department paid for the cost of an appraisal on the parcel proposed to come to the City of Colorado Springs. All other fees associated with the land exchange transaction will be paid by the Crest of Woodmen.

Stakeholder Process and Involvement:

City Planning and the Crest at Woodmen held a public meeting in the spring of 2016 to discuss the proposed redevelopment with the adjacent neighbors. Comments were collected specific to the proposed development and trail corridor adjacent to the neighborhood east of the development.

BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the proposed Crest at Woodmen Land Exchange

PROPOSED MOTION:

A motion to approve the proposed Crest at Woodmen Land Exchange

Attachments:

Proposed Land Exchange Exhibit

Exhibit A

Crest at Woodmen Land Exchange



COLORADO SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Date: February 9, 2016

Item Number: Action - Item #2

Item Name: Conservation Trust Fund Supplemental Request

SUMMARY:

2016 Conservation Trust Fund revenues exceeded what was originally forecasted by \$953,548. Parks is seeking to use the available funds to accomplish some unfunded priority projects.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:

City Council approved the 2017 expenditure budget via Ordinance 16-116 on November 22, 2016

BACKGROUND:

The original projected revenues for 2016 Conservation Trust Fund (CTF) budget was forecast to be \$4,000,000 and the 2016 CTF budget was created and approved by City Council accordingly. The 2016 Capital Improvements Budget (CIP) for the department was initially presented to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board on May 12, 2016 and approved by the Board on June 9, 2016. In the presentation, a list of Additional Unfunded Priority Projects was presented and listed a wide variety of CIP and deferred maintenance facility needs. The list included tennis court resurfacing in the amount of \$750,000 and playground renovations in the amount of \$350,000. Other immediate needs have arisen since that time that are attributable to health and safety issues, ADA issues, and capital project budget shortfalls that have occurred due to the significant inflation of construction costs. Funds available for appropriation have been calculated as follows:

\$ 942,548.41	2016 Beginning Fund Balance
\$ 4,953,635.71	Total 2016 CTF Revenue
\$(4,664,441.46)	Total 2016 CTF Expenses
\$ (62,132.37)	Less 2016 PO Rollover
\$ (207,418.98)	Less 2016 Project Rollover
\$ (410,000.00)	Recommended Fund Balance Reserve
\$ 552,191.31	2016 End Available Fund Balance

With these available dollars it is proposed that they be appropriated to reduce the backlog of tennis court resurfacing projects, playground resurfacing projects, to address capital project budget shortfalls and to address several immediate health and safety issues at our facilities.

The projects to be included would be:

\$ 70,000.00	Complete the 2D approved Sinton trail reconstruction project that has been impacted by escalating construction costs.
\$ 70,000.00	Replace the rubber floor surfacing within Sertich Ice Center that has deteriorated to a point of being unsafe.
\$ 32,000.00	Tennis court resurfacing at Grant, Sandstone and Cottonwood Parks.
\$ 70,000.00	Replace Sertich Ice Center Zamboni that has become a safety issue for the operator.
\$ 45,000.00	Correct drainage in the Meadows Park Community Center parking lot that is affecting ADA access to the center.

\$ 263,000.00 Playground safety surfacing including expanding the original project at the Polly Wog playground at Memorial Park, and replacing surfacing at Wilson Ranch Park and Explorer Park.

\$ 550,000.00 Total Requested

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Completion of the Sinton Trail reconstruction and installation of the playground surfacing will reduce ongoing maintenance labor costs and reduce potential City liability. Replacement of the Sertich floor surfacing and correcting the ADA issue at Meadows Park Community will limit potential City liability at those sites.

BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

ALTERNATIVE:

Allow the available dollars to remain in fund balance.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the Conservation Trust Fund Supplemental Request.

PROPOSED MOTION:

Move approval of the Conservation Trust Fund Supplemental Request..