

MINUTES

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
July 15, 2014
1401 Recreation Way, CSC 80905

Board Members Present: Jackie Hilaire, Gary Feffer, Charles Castle, Scot Hume, Ron Ilgen, Mina Liebert

Absent: Alex Johnson, John Maynard, Hank Scarangella

CALL TO ORDER

Opening: Chair Hilaire called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

CITIZEN DISCUSSION

There were no citizen discussions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Charles Castle made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 2, 2014 Board meeting. Motion seconded by Ron Ilgen and carried unanimously.

Ayes: Jackie Hilaire, Gary Feffer, Charles Castle, Scot Hume, Ron Ilgen, Mina Liebert
Nays: None
Absent: Alex Johnson, John Maynard, Hank Scarangella

ACTION ITEMS

1. Park Land Dedication Ordinance Amendment

Bret Waters, Deputy Chief of Staff and Director of Emergency Management, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding an amendment to the Park Land Dedication Ordinance by requesting a temporary exemption from Park fees within the Imagine Downtown Master Plan Area. ([See presentation](#))

The Imagine Downtown Master Plan (2009), the Urban Land Institute Report (2012) and several other community based studies and reports have identified and prioritized the need to encourage residential development in downtown Colorado Springs. Significant barriers exist to downtown residential development including the high cost of land, construction, parking and inadequate infrastructure.

In an effort to implement the recommendations contained in The Imagine Downtown Master Plan, the Urban Land Institute Report and other community based studies and reports, and to incentivize and encourage private sector investment in new downtown multifamily residential development, the Executive Branch is proposing a temporary exemption from Park and School Fees for downtown multifamily residential construction in addition to the temporary waiver of certain other land use and engineering review fees.

Bob Cope, Project Manager of City for Champions with Economic Vitality, and Peter Wysocki, Director of Planning and Development, were present at the meeting to respond to the Board members' questions.

Sarah Harrison with Downtown Partnership; Kathy Loo and Darsey Nicklasson, partners in Downtown residential development; and Susan Davies with the Trails and Open Space Coalition, provided comments during public input.

Since Board members Maynard and Scarangella were absent at the meeting, their comments were distributed for discussion. ([See attached](#))

Ron Ilgen made a motion to approve the temporary exemption from Park fees within the Imagine Downtown Master Plan Area for a three-year period. Motion seconded by Castle Castle and carried unanimously.

Ayes: Jackie Hilaire, Gary Feffer, Charles Castle, Scot Hume, Ron Ilgen, Mina Liebert
Nays: None
Absent: Alex Johnson, John Maynard, Hank Scarangella

2. Prospect Drive Roadway Improvement on Park Land

Chris Lieber, Manager of Park Development and TOPS Program, and Tim Roberts, Senior Transportation Planner, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding Prospect Lake Drive roadway improvement in Memorial Park. ([See presentation](#))

East Prospect Lake Drive is a narrow, 24-foot wide road which extends along the south side of Prospect Lake connecting Las Animas Street with Eastlake Boulevard. The length of the project is approximately 1,650 feet and will accommodate two travel lanes, two bike lanes, on-street parking and sidewalks. The installation of bike lanes through this section will remove a gap in the bike system and improve access to Memorial Park.

The roadway improvements account for a future parking lot to be located on the south end of Prospect Lake near the playground while maintaining access to the existing temporary parking lot. A transit stop will also need to be relocated with pedestrian access being enhanced with the project. Several trees along the roadway will need to be removed within the area to be widened.

Chair Hilaire asked for public input but there was none.

Charles Castle made a motion to approve the installation of bike lanes on East Prospect Lake Drive over Memorial park property. Motion seconded by Mina Liebert and carried unanimously.

Ayes: Jackie Hilaire, Gary Feffer, Charles Castle, Scot Hume, Ron Ilgen, Mina Liebert
Nays: None
Absent: Alex Johnson, John Maynard, Hank Scarangella

Break: 9:10 a.m.

Reconvened: 9:20 a.m.

3. Proposed 2015 Fees and Charges for Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services

Kim King, Manager of Recreation and Administration, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the proposed 2015 Fees and Charges. ([See presentation](#))

Mike Ferris; Susan Davies with Trails and Coalition; Jeff Mosher with Colorado Springs Sports Corporation; Joe Prock with Pikes Peak Company (Celtic Event Organizer); Cheryl McCullough with Convention and Visitors Bureau; provided comments during public input session.

After a brief discussion, the Board requested additional information from staff and decided to table the item until the August meeting.

Scot Hume made a motion to table the item until the August meeting. Staff is to meet with event organizers and discuss their concerns/fee increases and bring back the information which the Board requested. Motion seconded by Gary Feffer and carried unanimously by a 5 to 0 vote. Charles Castle abstained.

Ayes: Jackie Hilaire, Gary Feffer, Scot Hume, Ron Ilgen, Mina Liebert
Abstained: Charles Castle
Nays: None
Absent: Alex Johnson, John Maynard, Hank Scarangella

PRESENTATION

➤ **Integrated Water Resources Planning**

Brett Gracely, Manager of Water Supply Resources with Colorado Springs Utilities (CSU), provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding CSU's Integrated Water Resources Planning efforts. ([See presentation](#))

Maintaining a dependable water supply for Colorado Springs residents and businesses is one of the community's greatest challenges. Continuous, long-term water planning is the reason Colorado Springs has an excellent and reliable water system today that supports the economy and quality of life.

Over the next two years, an Integrated Water Resource Plan (IWRP) will be developed to serve as the community's roadmap for ensuring a reliable, cost-effective water supply for the next 50 years and beyond.

Colorado Springs' last water resource plan was done almost 20 years ago and they have already implemented or are continuing to implement all four major components recommended in that plan, including conservation efforts, non-potable water development, existing infrastructure improvements and the Southern Delivery System, a new major water delivery system. Adding new supplies or infrastructure can take several decades, so the time to plan is now. Recent drought, wildfires and flooding exemplify the need for continued water resources planning.

STAFF REPORT

([See attachment](#))

➤ Code Scrub Update Karen Palus, Director, PR&CS

➤ **Upcoming Events**

- July 4th, 21st, & 28th: Musical Mondays at Monument Valley Park, 7:00 p.m.
- July 19th: Spruce Up the Springs Project and Bike Library Dedication at Meadows Park Community Center, 8:30 a.m.
- July 25th: Rocky Mountain State Games Kick-off, 5:00 p.m., Downtown - Tejon Street
- July 27th: Fiddles, Vittles and Vino X at Rock Ledge Ranch, 2:00 p.m.~8:00 p.m.
- July 31st through August 23rd: Shakespeare at the Rock Ledge Ranch, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday~Saturday
- August 16th: Spruce Up the Springs Project at North Cheyenne Cañon Park, 8:30 a.m.

➤ Media Information

BOARD BUSINESS

➤ **Board/Committee Reports and Remarks**

Tennis and Handball Courts Ribbon Cutting: Vice Chair Feffer said that a Ribbon Cutting event for the new Tennis and Handball Courts in Memorial Park was held on June 28th.

City Auditorium: Board member Castle said that a tour of City Auditorium is being provided to City Council members on July 31st and possibly on August 7st.

LART Funds for Sustainable Parks: In response to Board member Castle's question regarding adding 1% to the LART tax for sustainable parks, Chair Hilaire said that LART is complicated. Besides, any changes to LART fund will require a vote of the people.

Community Gardens in Parks: Board member Castle said that foreclosed city properties in Columbus, Ohio, are being used for community gardens. He will look in to community gardens for park system.

Chair Hilaire suggested that getting in touch with Larry Stebbins with Pikes Peak Urban Gardens.

Board member Liebert mentioned said that there is a State legislation which passed, that there are incentives for businesses that donate fresh local produce to food bank.

Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC): Board member Liebert said that an ATAC meeting is scheduled this afternoon.

Board Alternates: Karen Palus, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, introduced two new Board Alternates (Bob Lally and Jason Rupinski), who were appointed by City Council on July 8th. An Orientation will be scheduled for the new members.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

JOINT PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD AND TOPS WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING **AT 1:00 P.M.**

- **Park System Master Plan Workshop**
Chris Lieber, Manager, Park Development and TOPS Program