

## MINUTES

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board  
August 14, 2014  
1401 Recreation Way, CSC 80905

**Board Members Present:** Gary Feffer, Charles Castle, Scot Hume, Ron Ilgen, Alex Johnson, Mina Liebert, John Maynard, Hank Scarangella

**Absent:** Jackie Hilaire

**Alternates Present:** Bob Lally, Jason Rupinski

### CALL TO ORDER

**Opening:** In the absence of the Chair, Vice Chair Feffer called the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m.

### CITIZEN DISCUSSION

**Chosen Marathon:** Lisa Darden, with Chosen Marathon, said that the Chosen Marathon benefits families who are adopting and its projects worldwide, bringing awareness to foster care. Ms. Darden said that a marathon is being proposed at the Garden of the Gods Park in October 2015 and asked that the Board support the program.

Staff is aware of this request. An issue is that the Garden of the Gods Policy permits the road closure only three times year. The Department already has three events which require road closures.

Karen Palus, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, said that staff will work with Ms. Darden to review their needs review the Department's policy.

**Ute Valley Park:** Susan Davies, Executive Director of Trails and Open Space Coalition, announced that "Help Set the Future for Ute Valley Park" meeting is scheduled on August 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

**Buffalo Soldiers Memorial Update:** Will Breazell, Chair of the Buffalo Soldier Community Memorial Project, provided an update on the status of the Buffalo Soldiers Memorial. ([See presentation](#))

**Handball Court:** Lewis Lambert, with the Colorado Springs Handball Association, thanked everyone for the new handball court at Memorial Park and requested the following:

- Lower the ceiling by 6".
- Smooth out the seams on the walls where the sections come together.
- Add a gate next to the fence area.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Charles Castle made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 15, 2014 Board meeting. Motion seconded by Alex Johnson and carried by 7 to 1 vote.** John Maynard abstained due to missing the July meeting.

**Ayes:** Gary Feffer, Charles Castle, Scot Hume, Ron Ilgen, Alex Johnson, Mina Liebert, Hank Scarangella

**Nays:** None

**Abstained:** John Maynard

**Absent:** Jackie Hilaire

## **INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

Staff introduced Robert Lally and Jason Rupinski who were appointed as new Board Alternates at the July 8<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

1. **Proposed 2015 Fees and Charges for the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department**

Kim King, Manager of Administration, said that this item was presented to the Board at the last meeting. Per the Board's request, staff made some changes. Ms. King provided a presentation on the proposed revisions. ([See presentation](#))

Joe Pock with Pikes Peak Company (Celtic Event Organizer) and Jeff Mosher with Colorado Springs Sports Corporation provided comments during public input session.

**Scot Hume made a motion to approve the revised 2015 fees and charges as shown on Exhibit A. Motion seconded by John Maynard and carried by a 7 to 1 vote.**

**Ayes: Gary Feffer, Scot Hume, Ron Ilgen, Alex Johnson, John Maynard, Mina Liebert, Hank Scarangella**

**Nays: Charles Castle**

**Absent: Jackie Hilaire**

NOTE: Alex John left the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

2. **A Request on Behalf of MREC Oakwood Colorado Ranch LLC to Approve the Proposed Amendment to the Banning Lewis Ranch (BLR) Village #2 Community Park (25.4 Acre) Master Plan**

Connie Perry, Landscape Architect, introduced the item and Josh Rowland, with LAI Design Group working for Oakwood Homes, provided a PowerPoint presentation. ([See presentation](#))

MREC Oakwood Colorado Ranch LLC requests approval of an Amendment to the Banning Lewis Ranch, Village #2 Community Park (25.4 Acre) Master Plan located northeast of Dublin Blvd. and Marksheffel Road, encompassed by the new Vista del Pico Blvd.

The purpose of this Amendment request is to address program changes to the Community Park based upon the proposed addition of a private pool facility to be zoned PUD. The original focus of the park being an actively programmed park with multiple ball fields, paths, picnic facilities and playgrounds has not changed. The changes being requested are sourced from: new pressure from the success of the Village #1 pool facility to include a new aquatic facility in Village #2; a need to meet the growing demands for multi-purpose fields, connectivity and loop trails for walkers, joggers and cyclists; and the continued pursuit for partnership opportunities with School District 49 and the now anticipated K-8 school campus.

If the Parks Board approves the request, the applicant will need to submit Zoning Applications, submitted to the City of Colorado Springs - Planning and Community Development Department to update PK and PUD zone boundaries.

There were no comments on this item from the public.

**Mina Liebert made a motion to approve the Banning Lewis Ranch Community Park Master Plan as presented. Motion seconded by Charles Castle and carried unanimously.**

**Ayes: Gary Feffer, Scot Hume, Ron Ilgen, John Maynard, Mina Liebert, Hank Scarangella**

**Nays: Charles Castle**

**Absent: Jackie Hilaire, Alex Johnson**

BREAK: 9:50 A.M.

RECONVIENED: 10:02 a.m.

NOTE: Bob Lally and Ron Ilgen left the meeting during the break.

### **CEREMONIAL ITEM (10:00 a.m. Time Certain)**

➤ **Old North End Neighborhood Association Sign Dedication**

Connie Perry, Landscape Architect, recognized the Old North End Neighborhood Association for the installation of the new entry sign in the median at Nevada Avenue and Lilac Street.

Pat Doyle, Chair of the Old North End Neighborhood's (ONEN) Historic Preservation Committee, acknowledged ONEN Committee members, several City staff and the Board for their support.

**3. Public art proposal for Acacia Park: Alan's Odd Duck by the Smokebrush Foundation**

Matt Mayberry, Manager of Cultural Services, said that the Smokebrush Foundation requested permission to remove the public art piece *Cubical Cactus* from Acacia Park and replace it with a new piece titled *Alan's Odd Duck*.

Don Goede, Executive Director of the Smokebrush Foundation, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the project. ([See presentation](#))

There were no comments on this item from the public.

**Charles Castle made a motion to authorize the Smokebrush Foundation to work with the Parks Department and other agencies (as needed) to remove *Cubical Cactus* from Acacia Park and replace it with a new installation titled *Alan's Odd Duck*. Motion seconded by John Maynard and carried unanimously.**

**Ayes: Gary Feffer, Charles Castle, Scot Hume, John Maynard, Mina Liebert, Hank Scarangella**

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: Jackie Hilaire, Ron Ilgen, Alex Johnson**

**4. Harlan Wolfe Flood Recovery Restoration and Park Improvement Project Update**

Chris Lieber, Manager of Park Development and TOPS Program, introduced this item and Jeff Webb, Senior Analyst, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the project. ([See presentation](#))

To help communities across Colorado restore parks, trails and open spaces that were damaged or destroyed in the historic September 2013 floods, Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) offered \$5 million statewide in emergency grant funds. As part of this GOCO grant opportunity, the City of Colorado Springs Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department submitted an application to help restore and enhance the badly damaged Harlan Wolfe Park, located in southwest Colorado Springs. The grant application was successful and GOCO will be awarding the City \$98,521 to repair food damage, rebuild trails, and expand amenities at Harlan Wolfe Park. In order to receive the Harlan Wolfe Park Flood Restoration and Park Improvement Project funds, City Council is required by Great Outdoors Colorado to pass a Resolution of Support to accept grant funds.

Bob Falcone, President of the Friends of North Cheyenne Cañon, was in support of the project and encouraged the Board and City Council accept the grant.

**Scot Hume made a motion to support the Harlan Wolfe Flood Recovery and Park Improvement Project and recommend that City Council pass a Resolution of Acceptance supporting the agreement between the City of Colorado Springs and the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund so that the City may receive \$98,521 in grant funding for this project. Motion seconded by Charles Castle and carried unanimously.**

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

**5. Appointment/Reappointment of TOPS Working Committee Members**

Chris Lieber, Manager of Park Development and TOPS Program, said that the Parks Board Liaisons to the TOPS Working Committee conducted an application selection process and recommended the appointment of the following individuals to the TOPS Working Committee:

- Leslie Thomas: Term to expire June 24, 2017 (2<sup>nd</sup> Term – Reappointment)
- Joe Lavorini: Term to expire June 24, 2017 (1<sup>st</sup> Term)
- Lee Milner: Term to expire June 24, 2017 (1<sup>st</sup> Term)
- Cathy Grossman: 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate
- Sarah Musick: 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate

**Scot Hume made a motion to approve the above individuals to the TOPS Working Committee. Motion seconded by Charles Castle and carried unanimously.**

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

**PRESENTATION**

➤ **Parks System Master Plan**

Chris Lieber, Manager of Park Development and TOPS Program, provided a summary of the draft plan recommendations, along with a summary of comment received from the public and stakeholders through a PowerPoint presentation. ([See presentation](#))

➤ **Valley Hi First Tee Update**

David Deitemeyer, Parks Planner, and Jeff Stedman, with First Tee, provided an update on the First Tee program and additional opportunities for the program at Valley Hi Golf Course through a PowerPoint presentation. ([See presentation A & B](#))

*NOTE: Scot Hume left the meeting at 12:00 noon.*

➤ **Goose Gossage Bike Park Update**

Chris Lieber, Manager of Park Development and TOPS Program, and Tammy Donahue, provided an update regarding the Bike Park at Goose Gossage Sports Park through a PowerPoint presentation. ([See presentation](#))

➤ **Velodrome Temporary Roof Structure at Memorial Park**

Chris Lieber, Manager of Park Development and TOPS Program, said that in May, representatives of the USOC presented alternatives for enclosing the Velodrome, including an inflatable “bubble” structure and a “tent” structure. Since then, the USOC engaged a team of consultants to evaluate alternatives and has determined that a “bubble” enclosure is the preferred option.

Tammy Donahue, a consultant, provided an update regarding the current plans for a temporary/seasonal roof structure through a PowerPoint presentation and sought feedback from the Board. ([See presentation](#))

A public meeting will be hosted by the Parks Department and the USOC in late August or early September to share information about the proposal and seek community input. This item will be brought back in September for the Board's review and action.

### **STAFF REPORT**

[\(See attachment\)](#)

- Proactive Park Patrols/Bark Rangers Administration
- Cooperative Maintenance Agreement with Colorado College, July 2014
- Code Scrub
- Budget Update
- Colorado Springs Summer Parks Update
- Manitou Incline Enhancements
- Request to Close the Incline
- Support Letter to the Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO)
- Upcoming Events
  - August 16<sup>th</sup>: Spruce Up the Springs Project at North Cheyenne Cañon Park, 8:30 a.m.
  - Pioneers Museum Gift of History Breakfast: August 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 a.m.
  - 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Springs in Bloom Recognition and Golden Trowel Awards Presentation: August 28<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m. at America the Beautiful Park
- Media Information

### **BOARD BUSINESS**

- **Board Representative for the Ute Valley Master Plan**  
Hank Sacarangella volunteered to be the Board representative for the Ute Valley Park Maser Plan process.
- **Board Judge for the 2015 Discover Colorado Springs Calendar – “People at Play”**  
Alex Johnson and Charles Castle volunteered to be a part to the judging team for the 2015 calendar.
- **Board Representative for the Pikes Peak Highway Summit House**  
John Maynard and Ron Ilgen volunteered to serve as the Board representatives for the Summit House.
- **Pups in the Parks**  
Joe Stafford, Director of Animal Law Enforcement for the Humane Society of the Pikes Peak Region, discussed proactive patrols of City of Colorado Springs and El Paso County parks for violations of animal ordinances. Animal Law Enforcement (ALE) Officers are dedicating time as available to patrol parks for animal owners who are in violation of animal control laws such as dogs running at large, aggressive animals, failing to remove excrement, animal licensing, and/or otherwise allowing animals to act in a manner that is or can create human-animal conflict. The primary goal of this new program is to encourage responsible pet ownership within the community. ALE is also focused on creating a safe environment to enjoy our parks, trails, and open space, as well as helping protect wildlife and preserving our natural resources. These goals are mainly pursued using a voluntary compliance model which means Officers encourage animal owners in violation of the law to comply through education. However, when repeated or blatant violations occur and/or irresponsible pet ownership endangers public safety citations will be issued. Thus far this program has focused on heavily used facilities and areas that have historically been problematic such as Garden of the Gods, Stratton Open Space, Red Rock Canyon, Palmer Park, and Bear Creek Parks but have also received several requests from citizens to patrol other areas which are fulfilled on an as available basis. ALE is hopeful that they can continue this program for the remainder of the 2014 and to increase the frequency and duration of patrols during September and October
- **Board Committee Reports and Remarks**  
**A Grant for City Auditorium:** Board member Castle said that a grant request for repair of the auditorium chairs has been denied.

**Meadow Park Community Center Update:** Board member Castle reported on the following:

- A visit with the Mayor went well on July 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Brian Kates received a “Most Innovative Award”.
- A major pothole in parking lot have been fixed.

**City Auditorium Task Force:** Vice Chair Feffer requested that Board member Johnson’s request regarding a creation of a City Auditorium Task Force be added under the Action Item in September.

**Camp Creek Drainage Project:** Vice Chair Feffer said that the creek is retaining water with recent rain.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the Board adjourned at 2:01 p.m.