

## MINUTES

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board  
November 13, 2014  
1401 Recreation Way, CSC 80905

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

**Absent:** Alex Johnson

**Alternates Present:** Jason Rupinsk, Bob Lally (arrived at 10:30 a.m.),

### CALL TO ORDER

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

**Announcement:** Chair Hilaire announced that Councilmember Jill Gaebler was present at the meeting.

### CITIZEN DISCUSSION

**Rock Ledge Ranch Update:** Ron Wright, President of the Rock Ledge Ranch Living History Association, provided the following update:

- Windmill has been purchased.
- The Ranch held fourteen events thus far in 2014. There had been a total of 85,000 visitors.
- The OINK event is scheduled
- Raised \$23,066 through the Holly Berry Fold Art Festival.
- "Shakespeare in Parks" was held at the Ranch for six weeks.
- The Ranch currently has 2014 members.

Mr. Wright presented a check in the amount of \$25,000 to Kim King, Manager of Recreation and Administration. He said that was the first installment of \$50,000 which will be given to the Department through their Public/Private contract. The second installment of \$25,000 will be presented in January 2015.

**Waldo Waldo 5K Event:** Jeff Foster, representing the Waldo Waldo 5K event, addressed his concerns regarding the condition of the Greenway trail (i.e. litter, smell overgrown weeds, etc.). He said that he would like to work with the Department regarding the trail maintenance in order to make that trail a show piece for the event.

**Pikes Peak Pickleball Association Update:** Jeff Norton, Vice President of the Pikes Peak Pickleball Association said that the Pickleball Club is now called Pikes Peak Pickleball Association. This is a non-profit organization. He also provided a brief update on the Great Plains Region tournament.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**John Maynard made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 9, 2014 Board meeting. Motion seconded by Charles Castle and carried by 7 votes.**

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

**ACTION ITEM**

**1. John Venezia Community Park Master Plan Amendment**

Chris Lieber, Manager of Planning and Development, said that in 2009 the original John Venezia Community Park Master Plan was approved by the Parks Board. Given the amount of time that has lapsed between the approval of the original master plan and proposed construction of the park, the Parks Department engaged the public in two community meetings (October and November 2014). The public input became the basis for the proposed amendments to the Venezia Community Park Master Plan.

Sarah Bryarly, Landscape Architect, provided a PowerPoint presentation. ([See presentation](#))

Jeff Norton and Jeff Thomas provided input when the floor was opened to public comments at this meeting.

**John Maynard made a motion to approve the proposed master plan amendment for the John Venezia Community Park. Motion seconded by Charles Castle and carried unanimously.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Alex Johnson**

**2. Healthy Eating and Active Living (HEAL) Cities and Towns Campaign.**

Jeff Webb, Senior Analyst, said that LiveWell Colorado and the Colorado Municipal League have partnered together with cities and towns across the state to create the Healthy Eating and Active Living (HEAL) Cities and Towns Campaign to provide just this type of awareness. The HEAL Campaign invites municipalities to take action in the areas of healthy food access, active communities and workplace wellness to help reverse some of the negative health trends impacting Colorado communities.

Joining the HEAL Campaign now is a way for the City of Colorado Springs to reaffirm its commitment to the importance of healthy eating and active living and receive due recognition for its many positive contributions to residents' quality of life.

On October 14, 2014, the Active Transportation Advisory Committee (a subcommittee of the Citizens' Transportation Advisory Board) voted in unanimous support of Colorado Springs joining the Healthy Eating and Active Living Cities and Towns Campaign.

This item will be presented to City Council at their December meeting.

Chair Hilaire asked for citizen input but there was none.

**Mina Liebert made a motion to support the City joining the LiveWell Colorado Healthy Eating and Active Living (HEAL) Cities and Towns Campaign by issuing a letter of support. Motion seconded by Charles and carried unanimously.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Alex Johnson**

*Break: 9:45 a.m.*

*Reconvened: 10:00 a.m.*

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

- **Pikes Peak Highway Building Award**  
Karen Palus, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, recognized Jack Glavan, Manager of Pikes Peak – America’s Mountain, for receiving an award from the Historic Preservation Alliance: Second place in the “Compatible New Construction” category (a project providing space for contemporary life but respects the character and context of the original structure and/or the surrounding community).
- **Recognition of Chick-Fil-A for Supporting the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department’s Events: Melissa Bernal**  
This item will be postponed until the December meeting.
- **Recognition of Friends of Historic City Auditorium**  
John Carricato, Park Operations Administrator, recognized the Friends of the Historic City Auditorium for their donation for the floor replacement and their continued support of the City Auditorium throughout the year. Dave Weesner received a framed picture on behalf of the Friends group.

**TOPS BUSINESS**

- **Review of TOPS Audit**  
Chris Lieber, Manager of Planning and Development, provided a copy of the TOPS audit which was recently completed by the City Auditor’s office. The TOPS Program is in compliance with the TOPS Ordinance and doing a great job. However, the audit timing change and residency conflict in the Ordinance must be addressed. ([See TOPS audit](#))

**STAFF REPORT**

([See attached](#))

- Pikes Peak – America’s Mountain
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  - Summit Complex Project
  - Fast and Furious 7 Video
- Creekside Project at America the Beautiful Park
- Rampart Disc Golf Project
- Monument Valley Park Ballfield Update
- 2015 Budget
- Mayor’s Community Forum
- Acacia Park Ice Skating Rink
- 2014 Indy GIVE! Campaign
- Matt Mayberry’s 20 Years of Service
- 2015 Discover Colorado Springs Calendar Reveal
- Media Information

**PRESENTATION**

- **Broad Based Universal Gardening Support (BBUG) Program Update**  
Karen Fleming, Garden Program Educator, provided an update regarding the Broad Based Universal Gardening Support (BBUG) program through a PowerPoint presentation. ([See presentation](#))
- **Manitou Incline Update**  
Sarah Bryarly, Landscape Architect, provided an update regarding Manitou Incline through a PowerPoint presentation. ([See presentation](#))

NOTE: Board member Maynard left the meeting at 11:36 a.m.

## **BOARD BUSINESS**

### ➤ **Board Committee Reports and Remarks**

**Meadows Park Community Center (MPCC):** Board member Castle said that a shed has been purchased with a grant money.

**City Auditorium Task Force:** Vice Chair Feffer said that the Task Force will be discussing the creation of a future Committee at the next meeting.

**Art Commission:** Chair Hilaire said that the Committee is discussing taking over art in the City Bus Station.

**TOPS Committee:** Board member Hume said that the committee toured the south end of the trail on Cheyenne Mountain.

**City Wide Event RFP:** Board member Ilgen said that the interviews have been scheduled.

### ➤ **Board Member Absent** Chair Hilaire said that Board member Maynard will be absent at the December meeting.

### ➤ **Board/Committee Representative List** Staff provided an up-to-date list of the current Board/Committee representatives.

### ➤ **Board Holiday Event: December 11, 2014** Chair Hilaire suggested the Board members contribute towards the Board's Holiday Break in December.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### ➤ **Negotiations Pertaining to a Land Acquisition Matter**

Chair Hilaire read the following statement into the record:

*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 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 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.*

After Chair Hilaire polled each Board member, there was a consensus by the Board to discuss "Negotiations Pertaining to a Land Matter" in a Closed Executive Session.

Chair Hilaire declared a Closed Executive Session at 12:15 p.m. and finished at 12:46 p.m.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the Board adjourned at 12:46 p.m.