

**SOUTH SUBURBAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT  
SPECIAL MEETING NO. 865  
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**Call to order**

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of South Suburban Park and Recreation District was called to order at approximately 6:30 pm on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at the Littleton City Center, 2255 West Berry Avenue, Littleton, in order to conduct a study session with the Littleton City Council. Chairman John Ostermiller presided.

(Note to the file: Special posting had been accomplished, per State statute. /ds)

**Present:** John K. Ostermiller  
Susan M. Rosser  
Pamela M. Eller  
Michael T. Anderson  
Scott A. LaBrash

**Management Staff:** Rob Hanna, Executive Director  
Deanna R. Heyn, Deputy Executive Director

The sole purpose of the session was to receive a report and recommendations for the Littleton Recreation Master Plan from City consultants GreenPlay, LLC and Design Concepts. Dylan Packebush and Bob Easton of GreenPlay, and Dave Peterson of Design Concepts presented the Plan, which was funded by the City. Consultants reviewed each prepared objective in considerable detail. Highlights of their recommendations: to improve various amenities in and create unique identities for local parks; to improve access, both by trail connections and also to follow the ADA plan; to improve communication, both with the public and between the agencies, with one goal of improving customer satisfaction; to improve customer satisfaction with trail experience, and particularly to create pedestrian-only or bike-only trail uses on major trails; to seek opportunities for financial support for various proposed improvements through grants and sponsorships/partnerships; to develop recreational opportunities in water areas; to develop recreational programs for targeted audiences; to provide TrailMark residents with some improved access to indoor recreation opportunities through relationships with other nearby park & recreation providers; to increase the number of indoor amenities; and to create a "community event space" in or near downtown Littleton. (Please refer the final report for a thorough discussion.)

Boardmembers and Councilmembers posed questions, discussed some specific outcomes for objectives presented, and gave input to be incorporated in the document.

Mike Braaten, Deputy City Manager reported that the plan would be presented next to the City's Planning Committee on May 9; and if the Committee approves it, it would be presented to the Littleton City Council on May 17 for approval.

Mr. Hanna suggested that this plan, along with other District cities' master plans, could be incorporated by Appendix into the District's master planning and strategic plan processes, underway in 2016.

After considerable discussion, no formal action was taken either by the Council or by the Board this evening.

In conclusion, Mr. Ostermiller expressed appreciation for the effort that went into the process and plan. Referring to previous statements made this evening, he agreed that the City and District have had a great working relationship for many years and expressed the hope that the relationship would continue. As the District goes forward with its new edition of its strategic plan as well as developing its new master plan, this and other local cities' master plans could be included in the District's master plan appendix. Mr. Ostermiller also explained the District's standard planning process for any project, which

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includes neighborhood meetings; he suggested, that any project is likely to be changed from neighbors' input; he stated emphatically that the District would not "shove a park down the neighbors' throats."

The Council meeting paused for a few minutes, and the Board of Directors' meeting adjourned for the evening at approximately 7:48 pm.

Donna Shephard  
Executive Assistant

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