

**SOUTH SUBURBAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING NO. 873
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Call to order/Roll call

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of South Suburban Park and Recreation District was called to order at 5:40 pm, **Wednesday, August 10, 2016** at the Goodson Recreation Center, 6315 South University Boulevard, Centennial, Colorado. Chairman Pro Tem Scott LaBrash presided.

Present: Scott A. LaBrash
Pamela M. Eller
Michael T. Anderson
James A Taylor
John K. Ostermiller (*absent-excused*)

Legal Counsel: Timothy J. Flynn, Esq.

Management Staff: Rob Hanna, Executive Director
Rich Meredith, Executive Director, Hudson Gardens
Deanna R. Heyn, Deputy Executive Director
Dave Brueggeman, Park Maintenance Manager
Brett Collins, Director of Planning & Development
Teresa Cope, Director of Communications
Jay Dikeman, Director of Hospitality Services
JoAnn Gould, Director of Recreation Facilities
Mike MacLennan, Director of IT
Eileen Matheson, Director of Recreation Services
Bill Ramsey, Director of Golf
Steve Shipley, Director of Finance
Clay Shuck, Recreation Facilities Manager

Study Session convened

After the call to order, Mr. LaBrash immediately convened the Study Session, and the group discussed the items on the posted agenda. They recessed at 6:25 pm and returned to the public meeting at 7 pm.

PUBLIC MEETING CONTINUED

Citizens' comments

No public came forward to speak tonight.

Employee introductions

Eileen Matheson introduced Joe Pushur, the new Athletics Coordinator for pickleball and flag football. Joe has been working the District in various capacities since 2013.

Legal counsel's report

Mr. Flynn directed members to tonight's Board packet.

He also updated the group regarding the Jamison property sale. The anticipated owner/developer has asked the District's assistance in acquiring a sewer line easement to service their proposed

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residential development. Mr. Flynn will work with the developer and contact the adjacent homeowners association, which is the owner of the easement property. They will try to wrap up this matter quickly. He offered to answer questions; Boardmembers had none at this time.

Minutes approval

Board members had no corrections, additions, or changes. **Therefore, with no objections, the minutes of meeting no. 872, July 27, 2016 stood approved as presented.**

Consent Agenda items

Mr. LaBrash explained that Consent Agenda items are provided for study in the Board's study packets and introduced in Study Session for the Board's review. They can be adopted by a single motion. All resolutions and proposed actions must be read by title prior to a vote on the motion. Any consent agenda item may be removed at the request of a Director and either tabled or heard separately.

- A. APPROVE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FOR JULY 2016 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,674,505.**
- B. APPROVE A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH CANTERBURY CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE ARAPAHO PARK PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$109,186.74, AND APPROVE A TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET NOT TO EXCEED \$285,435.61, INCLUDING 10% CONTINGENCY AND OTHER PROJECT RELATED EXPENSES.**
- C. APPROVE A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH HALLMARK, INC. FOR THE DEKOEVEND TOT LOT PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$82,537.00; AND APPROVE A TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET NOT TO EXCEED \$168,511.00, INCLUDING 10% CONTINGENCY AND OTHER PROJECT RELATED EXPENSES.**
- D. APPROVE A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH TATONKA CONTRACTORS, LLC FOR THE POURED IN PLACE RUBBER PLAYGROUND SURFACING, VARIOUS LOCATIONS PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$174,140.00.**
- E. AUTHORIZE THE BOARD AWARD A CONTRACT TO BETTINI CONSTRUCTION AND SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$350,996.83 FOR THE FAMILY SPORTS CENTER INTERIOR REMODEL PROJECT; AND TO APPROVE A TOTAL PROJECT COST OF \$409,363.00, INCLUDING A 10% CONTINGENCY, INTERIOR DESIGN SERVICES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROJECT COSTS.**

MR. TAYLOR MOVED TO APPROVE ITEMS A, B, C, D, AND E. Mr. Anderson seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. Consent agenda items were approved unanimously (4-0).

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution # 2016-008, to endorse a grant application to Arapahoe County Open Spaces for the Hudson Gardens Phase II River Integration Planning project

Brett Collins presented. Arapahoe County Open Spaces is offering a special grant application cycle in Fall 2016. Hudson Gardens management saw this as an opportunity to apply for a planning grant. District staff has reviewed the plans with Rich Meredith and agrees this is an opportunity to design improvements. Mr. Hanna will sign the letter of support to accompany the application. Brett offered to answer questions.

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To Mr. Taylor's questions, Brett explained that the intent of the project is both to make it possible for boaters to access the Gardens and the coffee shop on the trailway, as well as make it possible for Gardens visitors to access the River. To Mr. Anderson's question, Brett summarized, the grant proposes a \$125K project, and the Gardens would match \$31,250 (25% of total).

MR. ANDERSON MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 2016-008, TO ENDORSE THE APPLICATION FOR FUNDS FROM ARAPAHOE COUNTY OPEN SPACES FOR THE 2016 FALL SPECIAL TRAILS GRANT CYCLE, FOR THE PHASE II RIVER INTEGRATION PLANNING GRANT AT HUDSON GARDENS. Mrs. Eller seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and **the motion was approved unanimously (4-0).** (A copy of the Resolution is attached hereto and made part of the permanent record.)

Mr. Hanna added, the District would know some time after January 3, 2017 if the Gardens will receive the grant.

Related to this project, Mr. Taylor noted the current shoreline along the riverway is rock, and there is some potential safety issue for public accessing the shoreline. He wondered about the District's potential exposure and who would be liable after an accident. Mr. Flynn suggested, people can always sue, but these are boaters recreating on a natural river; and the shoreline property most likely is owned by the Colorado Water Conservation Board. Mr. Taylor also wondered if the bar owners on the shoreline might have an interest in the project and be willing to partner in it. Staff agreed it's possible, noting some similar projects planned for the Riverside Downs property, and the South Platte Working Group's vision for the region. Mr. LaBrash noted the District's previous conversations with one adjacent bar owner about similar improvements and suggested "the ball is in their court" if they would like to pursue it.

Board of Directors items

Mr. Anderson reported on the most recent Lone Tree Subcommittee meeting. Discussion included 2017 budgets and potential capital projects for both agencies. He noted that the City's anticipated 2017 budget is pretty tight, with some sales tax issues and current capital commitments.

City representatives continue to be interested in reports about the Entertainment District Park development; and they think that perhaps Douglas County would consider some additional financial participation.

During the next monthly Subcommittee meeting, Mr. Hanna plans to give a report on potential uses for the old library building by Cook Creek Park, now owned by the City of Lone Tree. Staff is working tentatively towards an intergovernmental agreement approval with the City, during the District's September 8 meeting. The District would operate the library building as a recreation facility. Currently they are discussing recreation programming for a few days a week, starting first-quarter 2017. Approximately \$600–700K in improvements are to be finished before then, and the City has hired Barker Rinker Seacat Architecture for a tenant finish remodel.

Mr. LaBrash added, the discussion during the last Subcommittee meeting about the new RidgeGate Park is encouraging, and particularly the District's proposed role in the park and the fact that the park will be east of I-25. This was his first Subcommittee meeting as a District liaison, and he looks forward to the future meetings.

Mrs. Eller reported on the most recent South Suburban Park Foundation meeting at the end of July. Members discussed the recent Trails to Ales fundraiser, and some changes will be made for the 2017 event. She noted there was a conflict for the biking community in the date chosen, as there was another major bicycle event that weekend.

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Bob Searns, trails planner updated the Foundation trustees on the MetroTrail (regional loop trail) project. They're making some pretty good progress. This project will close gaps between existing trailways to complete a loop around the major metropolitan area. Members are more and more excited as the project continues; they've discussed it with a number of agencies and potential contributors, including Arapahoe County Open Spaces, Douglas County, and Parker Sanitation District (particularly about the Rueter-Hess reservoir area). The goal is a 250-mile continuous loop around the major metro area, all within 25 miles of the State Capitol steps. The trailway will link up with the new "A" FasTracks line (to Denver International Airport).

Mr. Taylor attended the groundbreaking for the new C-470 toll lanes. The event was well attended by local political people. Mr. Taylor served on the coalition from inception in his role as a member of the Littleton City Council, and he was very pleased with its fruition. The Federal Highway Administration representative praised the collaboration between the local agencies.

Mr. LaBrash reported that the hockey camps are wrapping up and tryouts are in full swing. There are a lot of questions in the ice community about the District's plans for the South Suburban Ice Arena, and the potential collaborative project with other local agencies to construct a new arena. He is explaining that the District is aware of the problems with the old Ice Arena building and this is going to take time. A lot of the people are excited.

Mrs. Eller complimented Teresa Cope and staff for providing content for most of the front page plus, for the recent South Platte Independent edition. Ms. Cope responded, the kudos belong to Jamie DeBartolomeis.

Announcements and emergency items

Mr. LaBrash announced:

- Tues., August 16: Quorum event, Hunters Hill playground celebration. Starts at 4:30 pm.
- Thur., August 25: Quorum event. River Run Park dedication event, hosted by the South Platte Working Group. Starts at 5 pm.

Mr. Taylor noted the upcoming Western Welcome Week kick-off night: August 12, 6 pm at Sterne Park. He'll be there on behalf of the District Board.

Mr. Hanna reported on a meeting today with Steve Greer, the City of Centennial's new planning director, and himself and Brett Collins. Mr. Greer was very excited about the shared projects with the District. Mr. Hanna also reported the City has hired consultant Design Workshop to help them develop a new parks and recreation master plan.

Adjournment

There was no executive session this evening.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the group adjourned for the evening at 7:28 pm.

Donna Shephard
Executive Assistant

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South Suburban Park and Recreation District
Resolution # 2016-008
TO ENDORSE APPLICATION FOR FUNDS

WHEREAS, the South Suburban Park and Recreation District (“the District”), as part of its mission statement acquires and improves land within the District boundaries to develop and provide park and recreation facilities for the public;

WHEREAS, Arapahoe County Open Spaces provides funding for such projects through distribution of its Open Space Grant monies;

WHEREAS, the District provides park and recreation services to the residents of the cities of Bow Mar, Centennial, Columbine Valley, Littleton, Lone Tree, and Sheridan and portions of Arapahoe, Douglas and Jefferson Counties;

WHEREAS, Hudson Gardens is an outdoor facility owned by the District and open to the general public.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the South Suburban Park and Recreation District Board of Directors shall and hereby does endorse the following:

- 1: The Board of Directors of the District strongly supports the grant application for planning Phase II of the River Integration Improvements at Hudson Gardens.
- 2: The Board of Directors of the District has appropriated 25% of the overall project cost in matching cash funds for said Arapahoe County Open Spaces Grant and authorizes the expenditure of funds necessary to meet the terms and obligations of the awarded grant.
3. The District commits to completing the plan for the Phase II River Integration Improvements at Hudson Gardens.
- 4: The project site is owned by South Suburban Park and Recreation District.
- 5: The South Suburban Park and Recreation District will maintain, through the King C. Hudson and Evelyn Leigh Hudson Foundation, Inc., the Phase II River Integration Improvements at Hudson Gardens in a high quality condition and will appropriate funds for maintenance in its annual budget.
- 6: If the grant is awarded, the South Suburban Park and Recreation District Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Executive Director to sign the grant agreement with Arapahoe County.

7: This resolution is in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 10th day of August, 2016 by the Board of Directors of the South Suburban Park and Recreation District,

by a vote of 4 for and 0 against.

South Suburban Park and Recreation District, by

ATTEST:

SIGNED

Scott A. LaBrash, Chairman Pro Tem

Pamela M. Eller, Secretary

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