

**SOUTH SUBURBAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING NO. 874
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Call to order

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of South Suburban Park and Recreation District was called to order at 5:37 pm, Wednesday, August 24, 2016 at the Goodson Recreation Center, 6315 South University Boulevard, Centennial, Colorado. Chair John Ostermiller presided.

Present: John K. Ostermiller
Scott A. LaBrash
Pamela M. Eller
Michael T. Anderson
James A. Taylor

Legal Counsel: James P. Collins, Esq.

Management Staff: Rob Hanna, Executive Director
Deanna R. Heyn, Deputy Executive Director
Brett Collins, Director of Planning & Development
Teresa Cope, Director of Communications
Jay Dikeman, Director of Hospitality Services
JoAnn Gould, Director of Recreation Facilities
Andy Jennings, Director of Parks & Open Space
Mike MacLennan, Director of IT
Bill Ramsey, Director of Golf
Steve Shipley, Director of Finance
Eileen Matheson, Director of Recreation Programs

Study Session

After the call to order, Mr. Ostermiller convened the Study Session, and the group discussed the items on the posted agenda. Pam Eller was appointed to be representative for the District at the annual Special District Association meeting in September.

Executive Session

At 6:07 pm, Mr. Ostermiller noted a request for an executive session. **MRS. ELLER MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO, OR, AS AUTHORIZED BY... C.R.S. SECTION 24-6-402(4), # (A) CONCERNING THE PURCHASE, ACQUISITION, LEASE, TRANSFER, OR SALE OF ANY REAL, PERSONAL, OR OTHER PROPERTY INTEREST AND # (E) FOR THE PURPOSES OF DETERMINING POSITIONS RELATIVE TO MATTERS THAT MAY BE SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATIONS, DEVELOPING STRATEGY FOR NEGOTIATIONS, AND INSTRUCTING NEGOTIATORS, AND SPECIFICALLY TO REQUEST A NEGOTIATING PARAMETERS FOR A POTENTIAL CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT ON A PARCEL ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF C-470 AND BROADWAY. MR OSTERMILLER ADDED # (F) FOR DISCUSSION OF A PERSONNEL MATTER for the Board members only. Mr. LaBrash seconded the amended motion, which was approved unanimously (5-0).**

The Board of Directors, Mr. Hanna, Jim Collins and Brett Collins convened into Executive Session from 6:07 pm to 6:31pm as the others in attendance exited to the public session room at Goodson Recreation Center. The Board of Directors, only, continued the Executive Session until 6:45pm.

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Public Meeting reconvened

The Board of Directors returned to the public meeting at 7:01 pm. Mr. Ostermiller welcomed guests and staff.

Citizens' comments

No public came forward to speak tonight.

Executive Director's report

Mr. Hanna had no further report.

Minutes approval

For the August 10 regular meeting, Board members had no corrections, additions, or changes. **Therefore, with no objections, the minutes of meeting no. 873, August 10, 2016 stood approved as presented.**

Consent Agenda items

Mr. Ostermiller 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. GOODSON RECREATION CENTER FRONT DESK REMODEL PROJECT, REJECT BID

MRS. ELLER MOVED TO ACCEPT ITEM A. Mr. LaBrash seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. **Consent agenda items were approved unanimously (5-0).**

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING: Discussion/Direction: 2017 Budget—Public Hearing No. 1

Mr. Hanna indicated that this is the first of three public hearings. Staff have begun preliminary estimates and capital improvement projects lists. The District Master and Strategic plans will be completed early 2017. He presented the main goals as was decided upon by the Board of Directors and Executive team at an earlier Board retreat:

- Maintaining District assets
- Reviewing fee policies
- Addressing safety issues
- Continuing with deferred maintenance projects

Mr. Hanna added that the results from the Master Plan and Strategic Plan will give staff and the Board direction of where to make investments on capital improvements and programs requested by the citizens.

To Mr. Ostermiller's request, Mr. Hanna elaborated on the process by which new proposals go through: design work, master planning, public input for the project, budget for the costs of consultants and costs estimates, public review and feedback of design, construction bids and finally construction.

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A project may take several years from proposal to completion. The goal is to ensure projects have public support, proper funding and planning.

Mr. Ostermiller opened the public hearing.

The following members of the public made comments in support of a dog park at deKoevend Park.

Blair Brown

Sam Zonkle

Jeffrey Streck

Kathleen Odorizzi

Mr. Streck reported that he collected a petition with two-hundred and fifty signatures in support of the project. The list was not provided on this evening. The neighbors learned the baseball fields would not be an option as an off leash area in 2017, per Arapahoe County, and would like another option at the park.

Mr. Taylor asked if neighbors would be open to a dog park in another area in lieu of deKoevend Park specifically, as another area may be a better fit. Mr. Streck replied the neighbors would be open to another suggestion.

Mr. Hanna stated that the Master Plan process will produce a long list of wants and needs of the public. The Board and staff will then prioritize and put a timeline on that list. Draft results of the Master Plan online survey should be available mid-October. He urged those in attendance not to get frustrated with the process, as the Board has a history of making sure projects that neighbors are passionate about get funded.

Ray Delong spoke in support of maintenance and enhancements to the disc golf course at David A. Lorenz Regional Park. He stated the course is in poor condition. He asked for shrub and weed clearance of the fairways, backfilling of the erosion ditches and eventually enhancements of the park, as similar courses are currently doing.

Mr. Ostermiller read aloud a list of requests from citizens who could not be in attendance, as detailed below. Mr. Taylor requested staff to review each request and come back with recommendations.

1	Scott Lennick	TrailMark	More pickleball courts at Cornerstone and new pickleball courts in TrailMark.
2	Jay Maish	Littleton	Build Ridge Road trailhead on the Littleton Community Trail
3	Mark Eames	Province Center	Install 2 lights at Province Center Park
4	Brad Miley	Centennial Ridge	Update playground at Centennial Ridge Park
5	Laura Biewick	Littleton	Fountain and improved oxygen circulation for Bowles Grove Park pond
6	(Several members of the public)		District staff has heard that several public are again requesting a dog park in deKoevend Park this year, via NextDoor and Facebook. More details to follow.
7	Grant Miller		Two applications of milky spore in summer and fall 2017 to kill Japanese Beetle. Possibly this is a capital or an operations

Discussion and action items

Mr. Hanna explained there has been a request for a 30 day extension from the developer, who is scheduled to purchase the Jamison property. Derek Vanderryst, representative of Jamison Street

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Partners, was in attendance. Mr. Vanderryst explained there have been a few delays outside of Jamison Street Partners' control, that have not allowed for closing within the original contract date. They do anticipate to be on the City of Littleton's hearing October 4, 2016; and they will close thereafter.

MRS. ELLER MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SIGN THE "SIXTH ADDENDUM TO CONTRACT TO BUY AND SELL REAL ESTATE," TO SELL THE JAMISON PROPERTY, 101 WEST JAMISON AVENUE, LITTLETON. Mr. Anderson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously (5-0).

Board of Directors items

Mrs. Eller announced Harriet LaMair, Executive Director of the High Line Canal Conservancy, will be presenting at the Special District Association Conference. Mrs. LaMair will speak on how the Conservancy came about and its process. She is expected to speak again next year with a progress report.

Mr. Anderson met with the South Suburban Board of Trustees and Moreton to review the status of the 457 and 401(a) plans. He reported there were no substantial changes, the plans are healthy and participation is high.

Mr. Ostermiller attended the South Metro Denver Chamber, as a member of the Legislative Action Committee. The Legislative Action Committee and Chamber's Board of Directors discussed several ballot initiatives, including a notable initiative concerning the increase in minimum wage to \$9.30 per hour with an annual increase of 90 cents every January until it reaches \$12 per hour in the year 2020. He indicated the initiative has received favorable support.

Mr. LaBrash did not attend any meetings but did express kudos to staff for the good communication about the recreation center closures.

Mr. Taylor attended the Western Welcome Week parade where he judged a particular category of parade floats and later worked a booth. He believed the crowd was smaller than years past.

Announcements and emergency items

Mr. Ostermiller announced a quorum event on Thursday, August 25: the River Run Park dedication event at Broken Tree Golf Course, 2101 West Oxford Avenue, hosted by the South Platte Working Group, start time 5 pm.

A quorum event on Friday, September 9: the Littleton Rotary Golf Tournament, at South Suburban Golf Course, 7900 Colorado Boulevard, start time 8 am.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the group adjourned for the evening at 7:48 pm.

Mindy Albert, Administrative Coordinator

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