

**SOUTH SUBURBAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING NO. 881
MINUTES**

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 5:39 pm, **Wednesday, January 11, 2017** at the Goodson Recreation Center, 6315 South University Boulevard, Centennial, Colorado. Chair John Ostermiller presided.

(Note to the minutes file: The December 28, 2016 regular sessions had been cancelled, with appropriate posting accomplished. /ds)

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

Management Staff: Rob Hanna, Executive Director
Brett Collins, Director of Planning & Development
Teresa Cope, Director of Communications
Jay Dikeman, Director of Hospitality Services
Andy Jennings, Director of Parks & Open Space
Kristin Kolstedt, HR Manager
Mike MacLennan, Director of IT
Eileen Matheson, Director of Recreation Services
Bill Ramsey, Director of Golf
Steve Shipley, Director of Finance

STUDY SESSION CONVENED

After the call to order, Mr. Ostermiller convened the Study Session, and the group discussed some of the items on the posted agenda.

The Board paused at 6:52 pm and returned to the public meeting at 7:05 pm.

PUBLIC MEETING CONTINUED

Citizens' comments

No public came forward to speak tonight.

Executive Director's report

New employee introductions

Greg Howe, Forestry & Horticulture Manager introduced

Mike Reynolds, Forestry Maintenance Technician, now a full-time and year-round employee after three years of seasonal work for the District.

Legal Counsel's report

Legal counsel provided a written confidential report for the Board's review this evening.

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Minutes approval

Board members had no corrections, additions, or changes. **Therefore, with no objections, the minutes of regular meeting no. 880, December 14, 2016 stood approved as presented.**

Consent Agenda items

Mr. Ostermiller read tonight's items into the record:

- A. APPROVE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FOR DECEMBER 2016 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,357,361**
- B. TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE DISTRICT'S CURRENT POLICY ON BACKGROUND SCREENINGS**

MRS. ELLER MOVED TO ACCEPT ITEMS A–B. Mr. Anderson seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. **Consent agenda items were approved unanimously (5-0).** (A copy of the updated background checks policy is attached hereto and made part of the permanent record.)

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2017-001: Approving the regular meetings agendas posting location

A copy of the resolution and notice for posting were provided in tonight's packet for Board review. Shephard affirmed this is a routine annual action of the Board for the first meeting each year, and that the official posting location will continue to be in the Goodson Recreation Center lobby foyer, as it has been for many years.

MR. TAYLOR MOVED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION # 2017-001, WHICH SPECIFIES THAT THE 24-HOUR NOTICES OF MEETINGS (THE AGENDAS) OF THE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS' SESSIONS WILL BE POSTED AT THE GOODSON RECREATION CENTER. Mr. LaBrash seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously (5-0).

District transparency notices

Mr. Anderson noted a recent article in a Special District Association periodical, about special districts posting their annual transparency notices on the SDA website. Shephard explained that the District uses its own web page for online posting rather than the SDA site, as State law allows it to do, in addition to posting other virtual and physical locations as required by State law. The notice is updated at least once a year. A copy of the current transparency notice is available on the <http://www.ssprd.org/Reports-Audits-Budgets> web page.

Board of Directors items

- Mr. Anderson reported on the project completion celebrations held at Arapaho and Writer's Vista parks. Representatives of the Arapahoe County Open Spaces were in attendance. It was nice to see people using the playgrounds all times of the year.
- Mrs. Eller noted the new Tesoro Cultural Center lectures series, focusing on the American southwest, is now sponsored by the District's Arts & Enrichment programmers and lectures are hosted at District facilities every few weeks. The Tesoro Cultural Center brings in lecturers from all over the country, and the most recent event was a lecture by an employee of Yale University's rare book collection area. She was pleased to see 60 public at the session, and the fact that District staff is bringing people into the Buck Center and offering a variety of programming. Mr.

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Taylor added, he believes that this was in response to Scientific & Cultural Facilities District's encouragement for SCFD-funded agencies to create cooperative programming.

- Mr. LaBrash spoke with appreciation for the South Suburban Ice Arena staff who hosted the Littleton Public Schools alumni hockey game, held December 30. About 39 alumnus skaters participated, having graduation dates spanning 1975 to 2014.
- Mr. LaBrash also reported on the most recent Lone Tree Subcommittee meeting. Topics included the old Lone Tree library building: its conversion into a community center, a naming program and plans for programming, and the use of the facilities by the Lone Tree Symphony over the short-term; new staff at the Lone Tree City offices; the Lincoln bridge construction project; the Rueter-Hess reservoir site development, with a possible opportunity for the District to provide some recreation programming; and the possibility of putting a dog park in the City. Mr. Anderson noted that dog owners use the Prairie Sky Park baseball field when it's not programmed; Mr. Hanna added, he wants to address this District policy of allowing this use on the fields, as part of the upcoming master plan discussions. Messrs. LaBrash and Hanna reported on discussions about possibly using some property surrounding the Cook Creek Pool, owned by the City, for additional recreation activities.
- Mr. Taylor plans to attend the Sheridan CANDO meeting this Friday. The agenda includes some discussion about the boomer bond project. Mrs. Eller added, she anticipates that discussion will continue on possible uses to repurpose the pool building adjacent Sheridan Recreation Center and owned by the Sheridan School District, for a new indoor recreation use. There is some grant funding for developing a plan.
- Mr. Ostermiller attended the public information meeting on the South Platte Park master plan, held at Carson Nature Center in December. About six public attended. He noted that a second Littleton matter, regarding the Mineral Light Rail Station adjacent South Platte Park, is under discussion (and that includes the Station's currently un-paved parking lot). For some City representatives and public, the two matters have become "attached."

After some discussion tonight, Boardmembers and senior management agreed that it would be best if the South Platte Park master plan continues to be considered as a separate matter, for several reasons. Regarding approval of the final Park master plan by the City, Mr. Jennings reported that the plan will be reviewed again and approved by the City Planning Commission before presentation to the Littleton City Council during first quarter 2017. Mr. Hanna will attend the next City Planning Commission meeting when the South Platte Park master plan is on the agenda.

Mr. LaBrash expressed concern about potential development which may increase density on the Station property, and the attendant potential impacts to the Park. The group agreed that the District's main concern with the RTD station discussions is to protect the integrity of South Platte Park.

Mrs. Eller noted that the Park staff had successfully developed a working relationship with the ALTA residents adjacent the Park. The group talked about the recent sale of the Tuck (Wild Plum) property adjacent the Park, and there are some contingent approvals still needed from local agencies before it can be developed into residential housing. To Mr. Hanna's request, Brett Collins reported the Ensor property, also adjacent, and the ongoing discussions about the sale and redevelopment of that property for residential and retail development.

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Announcements and emergency items

Mr. Ostermiller announced a quorum event: the South Metro Denver Chamber 2017 Economic Forecast Breakfast. Friday, January 13, 2017, 7:30 - 9 am, at the Hyatt Regency DTC, 7800 Tufts Avenue.

STUDY SESSION RECONVENED

Following a short recess, the Board reconvened the Study Session at 7:41 pm and addressed the remaining items on tonight's Study Session agenda.

Adjournment

There was no executive session this evening.

With being no further business to come before the Board of Directors, the group adjourned for the evening at 8 pm.

Donna Shephard
District Records Clerk

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South Suburban Park and Recreation District
Resolution # 2017-001

WHEREAS special districts are required by Subsection 24-6-402-(2)(c), C.R.S., to designate annually at the District Board's first regular meeting of each calendar year, the place at which notice will be posted at least 24 hours prior to each meeting,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTH SUBURBAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

1. **NOTICES** of meetings (formal and study sessions) and agendas of the District Board, required pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-401, et seq., shall be posted within the boundaries of the District at least 24 hours prior to each meeting at the following location:

**GOODSON RECREATION CENTER
6315 SOUTH UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD
CENTENNIAL, ARAPAHOE COUNTY, COLORADO**

2. **NOTICES** of special formal meetings required to be posted at three public places within the District and at the offices of the County Clerks at least 72 hours (three days) prior to said meeting shall continue to be made, pursuant to C.R.S. 32-1-903(2).

ADOPTED this 11th day of January, 2017 by a vote of 5 for and 0 against.

South Suburban Park and Recreation District, by

ATTEST:

SIGNED

John K. Ostermiller, Chairman

Pamela M. Eller, Secretary