

**SOUTH SUBURBAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING NO. 832
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Call to order

A special meeting the Board of Directors of South Suburban Park and Recreation District was held with the Littleton City Council on January 20, 2015. Mayor Cernanec and Chairman Ostermiller called the session to order at 6:30 pm, at the Littleton City Center, 2255 West Berry Avenue. All Boardmembers were present for this session. (Special posting had been accomplished, per State statute. /ds)

District Boardmembers present: John K. Ostermiller
Susan M. Rosser
Pamela M. Eller
Michael T. Anderson
Scott A. LaBrash

Management staff: David Lorenz, Executive Director
Deanna Heyn, Deputy Executive Director
Brett Collins, Director of Planning and Development

Riverside Downs Master Plan approval

The District's sole purpose for the joint meeting tonight was to review and approve the final draft of the Riverside Downs master plan jointly. The property is adjacent to a section of the Mary Carter Greenway near West Belleview Avenue and Santa Fe Drive. Recreation development is proposed on both the riverside trailway property (owned by the Colorado Water Conservation Board and maintained by the District) and the attached shopping center property (owned by Littleton Capital Partners). (See the minutes of the January 14, 2015 regular meeting for additional discussion. /ds)

Two members of the public responded to the plan.

- *Paul Bingham* complimented the City and District on the design and concept, stating, It is needed.
- *Pam Chadbourne* spoke in opposition to the project as a path user. She stated, public money would be better spent sheltering trail users from noise on Santa Fe, replanting the strip with native plants, and cleaning up trash deposited on various stretches of the Riverway.

Mike Braaten, Deputy City Manager over-viewed the approval process and financing partnership.

Councilmember Brinkman addressed the history of the project. One conclusion reached is to integrate the riverway recreation properties with businesses and communities. The proposed project will improve trail safety, will turn the shopping center around to the trail, and will provide amenities for some small recreation activities in that area. She reviewed proposed phases of development. She stated, Littleton Capital Partners has worked in partnership on the project.

Steve Kurtz of Littleton Capital Partners spoke. They believe strongly that the recreation features will add value to their property and will be well received by the community.

Bill Neumann of DHM Design, the project planner engaged by the City, presented recreation features of the plan.

The presenters offered to answer Councilmembers' and Boardmembers' questions.

Mrs. Eller asked if there is adequate parking, and if the shopping center would object to trail users parking in the lot. Mr. Kurtz reported that the shopping center tenants (for the most part) are amenable to the arrangement, trail users already park there, and the shopping center's parking lot is more than adequate for current patrons.

To a Councilmembers' questions, Mr. Neumann reported they anticipate the project will be finished Summer 2015. Concert-goers to the small amphitheater would total a couple dozen souls per event. *Councilmember Cole*

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suggested that this venue would be really attractive and therefore quite a few people would bicycle to the events; are we accommodating enough people? Mr. Neumann noted the locations of bicycle racks. Councilmember Brinkman added, they considered the issue for bicycles and there are racks in every appropriate location.

Following review, the Council voted unanimously to approve the master plan.

MRS. ROSSER MOVED TO APPROVE THE FINAL MASTER PLAN FOR THE RIVERSIDE DOWNS PROJECT ALONG THE MARY CARTER GREENWAY NEAR EAST BELLEVIEW AVENUE IN THE CITY OF LITTLETON, and Mr. LaBrash seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously (5-0) by the District Board of Directors.

There being no further joint business to discuss, Boardmembers exited the meeting at approximately 7 pm.

Pamela M. Eller
Secretary

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