

**SOUTH SUBURBAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING NO. 837
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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 5:35 pm on Wednesday, March 11, 2015, at the Goodson Recreation Center, 6315 South University Boulevard, Centennial, Colorado. Chair John Ostermiller presided.

Present: John K. Ostermiller
Susan M. Rosser
Michael T. Anderson
Scott A. LaBrash
Pamela M. Eller – (*absent, excused*)

Legal Counsel: Tim Flynn, Esq.

Management Staff: David Lorenz, Executive Director
Deanna 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 & Community Services
Mike MacLennan, Director of IT
Rich Meredith, Executive Director, Hudson Gardens
Jim Priddy, Director of Parks & Open Space
Bill Ramsey, Director of Golf
Steve Shipley, Director of Finance

Study Session

After the call to order, Mr. Ostermiller convened the Study Session. The group discussed the items on the posted agenda. In addition, members discussed use of the parks by private concerns and District rates, as well as possibly limiting attendance to special events in parks, and what the current policies & procedures in place currently direct staff to do (or what they can do). At the Board's request, Mr. Meredith explained Hudson Gardens' procedures for patrolling and addressing incidents of marijuana use at the summer outdoor concerts. Mr. Ostermiller asked staff to provide a plan at a future public session to improve or eliminate the failing retention pond on the south corner of the Littleton Golf Course property.

The Board paused at 6:35 pm and returned to the public meeting at 7 pm. There were several public in attendance, and Mr. Ostermiller asked these individuals to sign in before speaking.

Legal Counsel's report

Mr. Flynn referred the Board to his written report in tonight's Board packet. An Executive Session, duly called, is scheduled for later this evening (See below). He was planning to be present.

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Mrs. Rosser directed Shephard to correct the spelling of Arapahoe County Commissioner Nancy Sharpe's name, wherever the name appeared in the minutes.

Board members had no additional corrections, additions, or changes. **Therefore, with no objections, the minutes of meeting nos. 834, 835, and 836 (February 11, 24, and 25, 2015) stood approved as presented with a possible correction.**

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Citizens' comments

Mr. Ostermiller explained to the public present that the Board of Directors might not be able to provide a definitive answer to questions posed tonight, as the Board typically turns over questions to staff for more information.

Debbie Kuehn, 5600 South Washington had signed up to speak. She deferred her comments to the Trailhead public hearing.

Mr. Lorenz referred to a series of emails (included in the packet) from Julie Moorhead, a citizen, regarding some safety issues with bikes, skateboards, and foot traffic, on Washington Street and near the proposed trailhead. Ms. Nordstrom had intended to speak and present this evening, but was unable to. Mr. Lorenz shared her most recent email with Boardmembers.

No other public came forward to speak at this time.

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. APPROVE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FOR FEBRUARY 2015 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,031,150**
- B. APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT, ENTITLED "AGREEMENT REGARDING GRANT OF RECREATIONAL TRAIL EASEMENT" WITH THE CITY OF ENGLEWOOD REGARDING THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4747 SOUTH WYANDOT STREET.**
- C. APPROVE THE LICENSE AGREEMENT XCEL ENERGY FOR THE MARY CARTER GREENWAY AT RIVERSIDE DOWNS.**
- D. APPROVE THE NON-EXCLUSIVE SANITARY SEWER LINE EASEMENT WITH SOUTHGATE SANITATION DISTRICT THROUGH PALOS VERDES PARK.**
- E. AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO T2 CONSTRUCTION, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$85,857 FOR THE PALOS VERDES PARK TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS, ALLOCATE \$29,086 FROM THE SURPLUS 2014 FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CENTENNIAL, AND APPROVE A TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET NOT TO EXCEED \$114,086 INCLUDING A 5% CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY AND OTHER PROJECT RELATED EXPENSES.**

MRS. ROSSER MOVED TO ACCEPT ITEMS A–E AS READ. Mr. Anderson seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. **Consent agenda items were approved unanimously (4-0).**

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING: Big Dry Creek East Trailhead, East Powers Avenue and Washington Street (by Littleton High School), final master plan presentation

The property for the proposed trailhead is 4.2 acres. The property was graded, and some infrastructure was built, for a housing development, which wasn't completed, prior to the District's acquisition in 2010. At about the time of the acquisition, the District proposed a bridge construction from the property to the Littleton High School campus; and during a neighborhood meeting; the High School Principal and the neighborhood were

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solidly against the project; therefore, the property has been maintained as open space by the District since then, with the intent of building a simpler trailhead for Big Dry Creek trail users, at some point.

The property is ringed by the High School campus and athletic field on the south and west, a dense apartment/condominium complex on the north, and single-family homes (several with horse properties) on the east and southeast. The Big Dry Creek and Trail run north to south on the west side. The property has a steep natural slope, which has been terraced into high and low tiers; the slope tips downward east to west, with the high point by the private homes on the east, and the trail, creek, and the athletic field on the low side on the west.

Chad Giron, District Park Planner II presented. He overviewed the history of the property and the project, including the preparation and presentation of several drafts of the most current trailhead concept to the neighborhood and Board of Directors in the last year. He presented the final proposed plan, which includes four parking spaces (including one ADA space) and a small shelter which is large enough for one table. The shelter will not be rentable; and it's of the standard design being used throughout the District. In addition, proposed improvements include removal of a street inside the property, previously built to serve the housing subdivision; planting some trees; and removal of a couple of street lights which are no longer needed, leaving one in place for security surveillance. The water hydrant, also installed for the housing development, will stay, with an appropriate access (a gravel road) to it. The existing three-rail wood fence will be extended to prevent vehicular access into the open space. There will also be some concrete flatwork in the immediate vicinity of the shelter.

The first draft of the plan, presented at a neighborhood meeting last year, included a drinking fountain which since has been removed because the neighbors feared that it would be an attractive feature to the homeless. The proposed location of the trailhead was moved from the west (low) side to the east, as the public has expressed concerns about being able to monitor activity and the potential unlawful activity from Washington Street; and the road into the parking lot from East Powers and Washington Street is shorter.

Mr. Giron asked the Board to approve the trailhead master plan as presented.

Mrs. Rosser noted the first draft of the plan included a larger structure for two picnic tables, and twelve parking spaces, as well as its placement on the lower tier. She asked if the road can be cut into the slope of the property if the trailhead is moved to the lower (western) tier. Mr. Giron assured her that the road could be cut into the slope, with some grading. Mrs. Rosser asked if staff had talked to the Littleton Police and/or park rangers about any past incidents on the open space, and if illegal or unwelcome activity is more likely to occur on a lower tier. Staff had talked to the District's park rangers and understood there were no concerns; and the property has been used as open space for some time. Mrs. Rosser asked, if the residents would prefer a trailhead on the lower tier, would there be a significant added cost? Mr. Giron reported some additional grading would be needed as well as lengthening the roadway. Mr. Giron stated he didn't have a preference for the final location at this point, and if the Board would decide to do so, the plan could be changed. To Mrs. Rosser's question, he stated with the first draft plan, the proposed project was a bit over the \$104K budget; the current plan as proposed is within budget; and with any changes directed by the Board, the cost may be somewhat more than the \$104K. The elevation difference in the tiers is 5 to 6 feet on average. Mrs. Rosser stated that one location on the southwest side is more like 3 to 4 feet, and Mr. Giron agreed.

Mr. LaBrash asked, typically, if (when) does the Littleton Police drive by? Staff didn't have that information. Mr. Lorenz stated that the park rangers patrol the property on occasion, and when there are issues, then they call the Littleton Police. The neighbors have reported that the Police don't patrol very often. The Littleton Public Works Director also talked with the Littleton Police. Mr. LaBrash asked if the District has worked with Littleton Public Schools to close the fence between the High School and the open space, and staff stated they had: They met with an LPS representative, who made arrangements to close the gate on his own initiative; the School's goal is to keep the students on their own campus. Mr. LaBrash replied, the high school kids can and will jump that fence. He noted the boulders placed in the Creek; staff explained that Urban Drainage had placed them, and

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it would be necessary to go through a process with Urban Drainage to get them removed—but, they may serve a (maintenance) purpose.

Mrs. Rosser stated she had mixed feelings about removing the boulders in the Creek, as the boulders are a pleasant place for children to play. She asked what allowance the Board would have to move the shelter, based on citizen comments tonight, and Mr. Giron stated that staff would adhere to the Board's direction; staff could work on the exact location through the construction documents preparation.

Mr. Lorenz countered, staff was recommending the presented plan for approval and is not suggesting that the Board could (should) change it. The District had already gone through a normal plan process, including public input. Mrs. Rosser stated she attended the most recent neighborhood public input meeting at the Buck Center, on February 25. The previous plan was for a west-side location and a larger shelter; the plan presented on February 25 had changed from the prior version, insofar as the size of the parking lot was reduced, trees added, and the shelter size reduced. Therefore, there have been numerous meetings with residents, but this plan was presented only at the February 25 meeting and tonight. Mr. Giron stated the prior plan was almost identical, except that the drinking fountain was removed and the street light was retained. Mrs. Rosser referred to the version of the plan presented during the June 11, 2014 sessions, included in that Board packet, and stated the previous plan included a larger parking lot, larger shelter, and the location on the lower side. Mr. Lorenz responded. He agreed the plan changed; but this is what staff is recommending for approval tonight, after the continued planning process; the plan was changed in response to citizens' input.

Mr. Ostermiller asked about the reason to eliminate the drinking fountain. Staff explained that a fountain might be attractive for homeless, and Denver Water may require a new water tap at some additional cost. Mr. Lorenz added, water taps from Denver Water are quite expensive, but it could be purchased.

Mr. Ostermiller opened up the public hearing.

Scott Thomson, 5559 South Washington Street stated his home is nearby and has the horse paddock. He was delighted that the District purchased the property as open space, and he actually donated part of his property for the bicycle path. He thanked Chad Giron and the District planning team, who listened to the neighbors. There is a lot of emotion already about the high school sports stadium. He appreciated the fact that the shelter was reduced in size; there was a lot of concern when the proposed shelter was larger, as it would be more appealing for kids to party there, and reduction of shelter size and removing the water fountain was great. He would like to place the trailhead on the lower level (tier), as the current location impacts the privacy of his home, and he is concerned about his horses being fed by trailhead users. He concluded, overall it is a great plan. He praised Chad Giron's communication to the neighborhood. He suggested that the additional work to put the trailhead on the lower tier (the grading and extended roadway) would be within budget.

Greg Comstock, 5559 South Washington Street agreed with Mr. Thomson's comments. He added, Chad and the team responded to part of the neighbors' concerns. However, he became alarmed when he heard the trailhead would be adjacent to their horse paddock and he would have a parking lot by his back yard. There are issues with high school students coming across the creek. Right now, the property doesn't get a lot of traffic, though children play in the Creek. He is in favor of a water fountain. He is concerned about additional vehicle traffic in the neighborhood; people are already parking on Powers, for close to 15 cars; this plan will allow for an additional four vehicles. There is an issue with emergency vehicle access. The trailhead could be an attractive nuisance. Currently, he cleans up; he picks up hypo needles and has witnessed sexual activity; and he would like to address these issues as part of a larger picture.

Frazier Hollingsworth, 5505 South Washington Street stated, the previous speakers addressed his issues of primary concern.

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Jacqui Clary, 5505 South Washington Street stated she is concerned about the zoning for the property. She asked what the open space designation would allow. Mr. Ostermiller explained there is a conservation easement on the property now, and he doesn't know if the property has been rezoned to "OS." The conservation easement dictates how the property can be used; and it is a perpetual open space easement. Ms. Clary stated that sometimes, tennis courts or other recreation facilities are built on open space; these neighbors would object to it. Will there be a traffic or feasibility study to see if the new development is necessary? Where is the closest trailhead? Would it be possible to close the trailhead later? She wants to know that the property will always be open space and can't be sold for any other use. Mr. Ostermiller stated, that per the terms of the conservation easement put in place by Great Outdoors Colorado and Arapahoe County Open Space, the proposed use is in conformity with the requisites of the conservation easement. The District is proposing to the level of what's allowed per the conservation easement.

Mrs. Rosser noted that Ms. Clary lives further away from the development than the previous speakers; she asked, if the plan is approved tonight, where would she want the trailhead to be placed? Mrs. Clary stated she would prefer the lower location. She added, there are numerous apartment complexes nearby. There are homeless people and high school students who use the path. Some kind of security needs to be provided. The park rangers aren't good enough, and the Littleton Police doesn't have time. She wants the sign announcing it's a trailhead, and she wants it to come down, because advertising the trailhead would attract negative behavior.

Mary Ann O'Brien, 5548 South Washington Street wants the trailhead location to be further west, at least 50 feet. She stated, this is horse country; the proposed trailhead is immediately west of the corrals, and on the neighbors' doorstep. Also, she is concerned that the horses are being fed junk food. She concluded, Please be nice to the horses.

Carrie McLaughlin, 5161 Lakeshore Drive, Bow Mar spoke as the Chair and a representative of the South Suburban Park Foundation. She spoke in favor of approving the trailhead master plan. This project has been a long time in the making; a lot of effort and money have been spent to make this work well. There have been a lot of changes to the plan over time, including eliminating the bridge to the High School. The Park Foundation wants trails to work for people. This seems like a good place to have a trailhead—though she can understand the immediate residents' concerns. She wants the trailhead to be completed and available for District residents and trail users. Mrs. Rosser asked if Mrs. McLaughlin has a preference for either location. Mrs. McLaughlin stated she was leaving it to the experts, and she just wants an accessible trailhead.

Jim Taylor, 2778 West Riverwalk Circle is a trail walker. His walks include the Mary Carter Greenway to the Big Dry Creek Trail, to the terminus. When he's tired, he would like some water; but it's more critical to have a place to sit in the shade. He doesn't care about the tier (location). He deferred to others' opinion about a light (in the shelter or the street light); he doesn't walk at night. He stated he wants the project to go in.

Lesley Shearer, 11 Sunset Lane, Greenwood Village has lived at the top of the hill for the last 38 years. She knows the history of the area and watched it build up. She is sorry to see any of the open space go. She is grateful there is still a little bit. One of the problems is that there is more and more traffic into the area. The Littleton High School has become the high school for the entire School District, so there are activities going on all the time. Vehicles are blocking driveways and parking on sprinkler heads. People are urinating on trees. The traffic is blocking emergency access. There are drug deals going on. Putting more development in the area would pull in more people. She doesn't know about having an elaborate trailhead in this area; she feels "less is more" and would prefer benches along the trail rather than shelters. She mentioned that trash cans should be placed; she picks up trash all the time. Her family uses the trail every day. Mrs. Rosser asked, with the plan on the table tonight, her preference for location; and Mrs. Shearer responded, place it as far away from the residents as possible because of the horses. She added, there is also a lot of wildlife in the area, and bringing in more people will drive the wildlife away. She concluded less development is more.

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Dick Shearer, 11 Sunset Lane, Greenwood Village didn't choose to speak at this time.

Debbie Kuehn, 5600 South Washington Street stated her house is a stone's throw away from the proposed picnic bench. She agreed with Lesley Shearer. This is a dicey fringe neighborhood. There are gangs and drug dealers, as well as homeless. The neighborhood is already congested. The homeless people already camp on the Creek; if there is a shelter, they'll use it. She is asking for just benches down by the Creek, and to forego the shelter, placing the improvements away from the houses. To Mrs. Rosser's observation that the shelter isn't very big, she stated that the Board should visit the neighborhood. (Several members stated they had.) There is parking all over; and if there is another parking lot, the high school students will use it. This is a silly place for a trailhead. Maybe the District should move the plan to "around the corner." There's already a war between gang bangers. She has a business downtown and deals with these problems all the time. There is no security. There are issues being pushed south from Denver. She thinks the homeless will be camping out in the area, and it will be a worse situation over the weekend. She sees the Littleton Police once every few months, and the neighbors will be calling the District rangers. She asked if the District would put in some cameras. She thinks the magnitude of crime and other behaviors will be expand.

David Bolt, 9408 West Gibraltar Place, Littleton is a trail user. He is in favor of the trailhead. This is public open space, and it should be accessible to the public. He understands the neighbors' objection to the people already parking in their neighborhood. A larger parking area would work in their favor. This is a secluded area, and how many people will a recreation development draw in? The illegal activity is here anyway—it isn't attracted to open space. He suggested, that's what the Littleton Police is for—to respond to issues and illegal activity—and the neighbors should have been calling more often. He echoed the approval of Mrs. McLaughlin and Mr. Taylor. He thinks the trailhead should be closer to the west and include expanded parking.

Patrick O'Brien, 5548 South Washington Street addressed his first comment to Mr. Lorenz: Was this payback for not getting the bridge a few years ago? Mr. Lorenz replied it was not. Mr. O'Brien stated doubt that, because of the \$1 million spent to acquire the property, development would stop with this trailhead; he didn't buy it. Mrs. Rosser responded, the District previously purchased other open space parcels with similar price tags. Mr. O'Brien stated the District should have consulted the neighbors, and Mrs. Rosser stated, the District did so. Mr. Ostermiller stated, all the residents of Arapahoe County and the State and City of Littleton helped pay for the property, and because of the District's action, there are several acres of open space directly west of Mr. O'Brien's house. Mr. O'Brien responded, the five houses proposed for the previous residential development wouldn't draw kids. He stated, this recreation development will happen regardless of what the neighbors say or feel. He didn't appreciate it. If the trailhead goes it, he wanted it to be moved into the west side of the property. He added, even benches aren't needed, as the current retaining wall by the trailway along the Creek could be used for sitting.

For the record, Mr. Lorenz reported receipt of three emails, supporting the project as presented: from

Carrie McLaughlin. (Mrs. McLaughlin also spoke tonight.)

Bev Bradshaw, 5165 South Elati Street, Englewood.

Martha Sippel, Lone Tree. Ms. Sippel supported development on the west side of the property.

Mr. Ostermiller read sections of the existing conservation easement for the benefit of the public present, including allowed uses (essentially, to build and use minor structures). He concluded, the District is pretty well restricted about what can happen on the property, which is now part of the District open space in the area. The easement allows a parking lot is a reasonable use, as it is needed for access to the property. He asked if the Board had any further questions.

Mr. Anderson asked for a clarification about the location of the proposed plan, noting the issues of feasibility vs. the comments from the homeowners. He didn't understand why the proposed location was moved to the east

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on the current plan draft—for feasibility, safety, security? The Board is concerned about these issues. Mr. Giron stated there was a lot of feedback and concerns from the onset, from the neighbors, and the change was made in response to feasibility and safety concerns. The previous location placed the shelter away from anyone's view and would invite more unlawful activity. After further review, staff concluded there was the possibility of moving the location to the upper tier; and this was also a cost-savings measure.

Mr. LaBrash asked Mr. Priddy how much graffiti there is in the area. Mr. Priddy responded, there is very little; there is graffiti further to the west, on the Broadway underpass and maybe those walls; but currently there isn't much to put graffiti on in the open space, and he couldn't predict where it would end up. Mr. Priddy stated he thinks moving the shelter further to the west will invite high school students. He has concerns about the School District's ability to keep its students on campus. Mr. LaBrash added, it looks like the High School allows kids to go through the fence.

Mr. Ostermiller noted the conversation during tonight's study session about local homeless activity, and this trailhead is on the Big Dry Creek. Mr. Priddy stated, the homeless are not there, their activity is further west, and they are coming up the river from Denver: To his knowledge, rarely do they get this far. The bigger concern will be the high school students. The Littleton Police and High School, and District park rangers, won't be able to keep the high school students away. The High School needs to do its job and police the back of its campus. A member of the audience stated there's a track team that runs cross-country and uses the holes in the fence access the trail. Another individual stated, every street sign along Washington has been tagged, thought it has been cleaned up. Homeless people have been found camping in the Creek. Another person stated, she sees homeless every day.

Mrs. Rosser had asked Mr. Priddy to provide more information about the homeless. She noted that paving had been removed from the roadway installed for the housing development. She asked about plans to re-vegetate the roadway, and open space mowing policy. Mr. Priddy and Mr. Giron responded. The roadway will be re-seeded with a native seed mix. The District would mow the perimeter of the open space 3 or 4 times a year, mostly for weed control; and the center would be mowed perhaps once a year. Referring to the Willow Spring Open Space project several years ago (a Southgate Sanitation line installation), Mrs. Rosser asked if the property would be closed for a while after re-seeding and Mr. Giron stated it would be.

Mr. Ostermiller asked about illegal and unwanted activities in Carbone Park (by Heritage High School), and Mr. Priddy replied there isn't much, adding, the LHS campus is different from Heritage, it's a different atmosphere.

Mrs. Rosser asked if the graffiti nearby is from outside gangs, or from competing groups within the High School. Mr. Priddy couldn't provide that information. Mr. Ostermiller noted the City of Littleton's requirement to removal graffiti within 24 hours, and Mr. Priddy affirmed that the District adheres this the regulation as much as possible.

There were no further questions from the Board. Mr. Ostermiller asked for a motion.

MR. ANDERSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED FINAL MASTER PLAN FOR THE BIG DRY CREEK EAST TRAILHEAD, AND DIRECT STAFF TO BEGIN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS. Mr. Ostermiller seconded the motion. Discussion continued on whether the Board could approve the plan with a different location, on the lower tier. Mrs. Reese Thacker, Senior Park Planner suggested the Board could amend the motion and direct staff to follow that direction. Mr. Lorenz disagreed; he believe the motion is to approve the plan as presented.

Mrs. Rosser proposed a friendly amendment, TO MOVE THE LOCATION BACK TO THE LOWER WEST SIDE, WHERE IT WAS BEFORE, AND THEN TO DIRECT STAFF TO BEGIN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS. Mr. LaBrash seconded the friendly amendment. Mr. LaBrash stated, a lot of the discussion tonight was directed to some disagreement with the footprint (location). Most who spoke were against the location closer to the street and the home properties. He asked Mr. Giron if the location could be moved and still provide some safety and security. Mr. Giron suggested the District could install a photocell

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solar light under the shelter that comes on during the dusk; and there is power on site. Possibly a solar panel would work. They also could keep the street light where it is as well, for added visibility. Mr. LaBrash suggested, once the shelter goes in, the park rangers could make more frequent trips. Mr. Giron explained he couldn't respond, but he could forward the suggestion to staff. Mr. Lorenz stated the park rangers have a phone number for evening calls; however, it's difficult for them to be in the location more often than currently, as they often are across town; it would be much more efficient to call the local police.

Mr. Anderson stated, the trailhead project is typical of the basic amenity that South Suburban tries to provide to trail users. It's good for the District and trail users. It's consistent as for developments elsewhere. The District needs to move forward. The smaller size seems amenable to both. He doesn't think that either proposed location is a design issue, and both would still address safety and security.

Mrs. Rosser expressed appreciation to everyone who's spent time on the project and the neighbors' involvement. She assured the group, the Board does listen, and the Board was elected by the 135K residents of the District. She's looking at the issue from the immediate neighbors' point of view as well as that of the wider users group. She attended the February 25 meeting to find out the attendees' thoughts. She can see the issue from both groups' points of view. The first time she visited the property, a horse ran up to the fence; and she would have concerns about the public feeding the horse. As a trail user, she would rather be on the lower west side (where there are trees and the creek, rather than near the horses), and especially on a hot day. The four proposed parking places won't add much activity to the neighborhood, and the parking lot will also provide a turnaround. The shelter will provide some shade (and little else). She wants the trailhead to be as safe as possible, on the lower side, and with the smaller footprint proposed in the current plan.

Mr. Ostermiller stated he has a problem with moving the trailhead to the west. He is concerned about the proposed landscaping plan, as probably the final will be much different, taking the shelter more completely from public view. He doesn't know if a light in the shelter could be seen with more trees planted nearby, and it will become a secluded area on the trail. He concluded, the plan couldn't just be moved to another location, and therefore he couldn't accept the friendly amendment to the motion. Mrs. Rosser responded, the proposed west-side location had a gentler slope and would be more visible (than to the north). To her question, Mr. Giron suggested the project could be within budget at the different location, but he needed to look closely at the landscaping plan, including visual screens vs. safety and security. Probably the original plan location was just 3-4 feet lower than the current location. Mr. Lorenz stated it was inappropriate to approve the plan then relocate the trailhead. He encouraged the Board to tell the staff to present a revised master plan that reflects the actual location.

MR. OSTERMILLER STOPPED THE DISCUSSION AND ASKED THE BOARD'S INDULGENCE, MOVING TO TABLE DISCUSSION, TO MARCH 25, 2015 (WITH SPECIAL POSTING TO BE ACCOMPLISHED). HE ASKED STAFF TO COMPLETE AND PRESENT PLANS FOR THE TWO PROPOSED LOCATIONS ON MARCH 25. He noted that one Boardmember (Mrs. Eller) was unable to attend this evening. **Mr. LaBrash seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously (4-0).**

Mr. Ostermiller affirmed that additional public comments would be taken on March 25, based on the merits of the various locations.

The meeting paused at 8:30 pm and the public left the meeting. He continued the meeting at 8:41 pm.

PUBLIC HEARING: 2015 Budget Amendment

Mr. Shipley presented. Every year, the Board is presented with an amendment to the budget, to reflect project fund carryovers for unfinished capital projects. In addition this year, there is an additional \$4.491 million in funds available from the 2 mills approved by the voters (November 2014 election). The Board discussed potential projects during the February 25 study session. Appropriations will be increased, for a total budget of \$63,196,642. He offered to answer questions.

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No public had signed up, or remained, to speak.

Mr. Anderson stated he had no problem with the resolution. **MR. ANDERSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE “RESOLUTION TO AMEND 2015 BUDGET.” The motion was approved unanimously (4-0).** (A copy of the Resolution is attached hereto and made part of the permanent record.)

Acting Executive Director appointment

Anticipating Mr. Lorenz’ retirement on March 31, 2015, Mr. Lorenz asked for a formal action to appoint Mrs. Heyn, effective from April 1 until the new executive director is on board. There was no discussion. **MR. ANDERSON MOVED TO TAKE FORMAL ACTION TO APPOINT DEANNA HEYN AS ACTIVE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DURING THE SEARCH FOR THE NEW, PERMANENT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2015 AND PROBABLY CONTINUING THROUGH MID-SUMMER 2015.** Mrs. Rosser seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously (4-0).

Hudson Gardens Board appointments

Mr. Lorenz presented. All appointments to the Gardens Board must be ratified by the South Suburban Board; and the District has two appointments (chairs).

- Mr. Lorenz asked that the Board approve Ned White and Chuck Stroh for additional terms. Messrs. White and Stroh already were approved by the Gardens Board.
- As Mr. Lorenz goes off the District payroll, the Board should appoint another person to the District Board seat. He suggested, it would make sense that it is some who knows what’s going on and can work in cooperation with Gardens Executive Director Rich Meredith and the Gardens Board. He recommended the Board appoint Deanna Heyn, Acting Executive Director, to serve as a Boardmember until the permanent executive director is on board.

There was no discussion. **MR. ANDERSON MOVED TO TAKE FORMAL ACTION TO REAPPOINT NED WHITE AND CHUCK STROH FOR ADDITIONAL THREE-YEAR TERMS, FOR THE HUDSON GARDENS BOARD; AND TO APPOINT DEANNA HEYN TO REPLACE THE RETIRING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, EFFECTIVE ON MARCH 31, 2015 AND FOR AN UNDETERMINED AMOUNT OF TIME.** Mr. LaBrash seconded the motion. Mr. Anderson offered a friendly amendment, **THROUGH MID-SUMMER 2015.** The motion was approved unanimously as amended (4-0).

Board of Directors items

Mr. Anderson met last week with the Lone Tree Subcommittee. They continued discussions on various projects.

- District representatives updated the Lone Tree members on the process for selecting a new executive director to replace Mr. Lorenz.
- The Lone Tree representatives were pleased with plans moving forward on the new Entertainment District Park and appreciative of District Planning staff’s taking leadership in developing the plans. The goal is an implementation of some sort to complete a park property during the second quarter of 2016.
- They also discussed the extension of the Willow Creek Trail across Lincoln (the bridge project). The City has not put the intergovernmental agreements in place yet for funding commitments. The contractor is working on a conceptual design. In the near-term, the goal is to have the City Council approve the designs, sometime in 2015.
- Plans for the Cook Creek Pool shade structures are to come.

Mrs. Rosser agreed with Mr. Anderson’s summary.

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Mr. Anderson also reported on his visit to the South Suburban Ice Arena, to attend the Special Olympics event recently. What a satisfying feeling to see those individual participate and take joy in their achievements on the ice! Mr. Ostermiller reported positive reports from his experience as well.

To Mr. Ostermiller's question, Ms. Cope and Ms. Gould reported that about 550 to 600 people attended the pancake breakfast held by the City of Littleton for its 125th anniversary celebration last weekend. Mr. Ostermiller praised the customer service provided by the Buck Center staff and asked Ms. Gould to pass on his Thank you!, on behalf of the Board of Directors and management staff. Mrs. Rosser agreed.

Announcements and emergency items

As discussed earlier, a public meeting on March 25 at 7 p.m., with special posting to be accomplished. Members discussed the start time for the study session.

Executive Session

At 8:55 pm, Mr. Ostermiller reported a request for an executive session tonight.

MR. OSTERMILLER 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,**
- (B) FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFERENCES WITH DISTRICT LEGAL COUNSEL, TO RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE ON SPECIFIC LEGAL QUESTIONS,**
- (E) FOR THE PURPOSES OF DETERMINING POSITIONS RELATIVE TO MATTERS THAT MAY BE SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATIONS, DEVELOPING STRATEGY FOR NEGOTIATIONS, AND INSTRUCTING NEGOTIATORS, AND**
- (F) FOR DISCUSSION OF A PERSONNEL MATTER,**

AND SPECIFICALLY, THE ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY PROPOSED TO BE CONSTRUCTED ADJACENT GOODSON RECREATION CENTER AND DEKOEVEN PARK; A POTENTIAL PROPERTY ACQUISITION ADJACENT THE HIGH LINE CANAL; DISCUSSIONS REGARDING OWNERSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE OHLSON PROPERTY, ALSO ADJACENT THE HIGH LINE CANAL; DISCUSSION REGARDING THE SALE OF THE JAMISON PROPERTY; OTHER MATTERS OF PRESENT AND FUTURE ACQUISITIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS; AND PERSONNEL MATTERS RELATED TO THE SEARCH FOR THE NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. Mr. Anderson seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion was approved unanimously (4-0).

Members paused briefly to execute several documents approved this evening, then continued into Executive Session at 9:05 pm.

MR. ANDERSON MOVED TO RETURN TO THE PUBLIC MEETING AT 10:46 PM, and the motion was approved unanimously (4-0).

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board tonight, the group adjourned for the evening at 10:46 pm.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND 2015 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of South Suburban Park and Recreation District appropriated funds for the fiscal year 2015 as follows:

General Fund	\$15,429,566
Golf and Recreation Facilities Enterprise Fund	25,234,278
Debt Service Fund	3,675,922
Conservation Trust Fund	948,613
2010 One Mill Fund	5,388,209

WHEREAS, the necessity has arisen for additional expenditures requiring the expenditure of funds in excess of those appropriated for the fiscal year 2015; and

WHEREAS, the unanticipated additional expenditures are contingencies which could not have been reasonably foreseen at the time of adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for such an expenditure from surplus funds available to the District,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the South Suburban Park and Recreation District shall and hereby does amend the Budget for the fiscal year 2015 as follows:

General Fund	\$24,737,066
Golf and Recreation Facilities Enterprise Fund	25,841,860
Debt Service Fund	3,675,922
Conservation Trust Fund	947,410
2010 One Mill Fund	7,994,384

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such sums are hereby appropriated from the revenues of the District to the proper funds for the purposes stated.

DATED this 11th day of March, 2015.

South Suburban Park and Recreation District, by

John K. Ostermiller, Chairman

ATTEST:

Pamela M. Eller, Secretary

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