

**SOUTH SUBURBAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING NO. 863
MINUTES**

Call to order

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of South Suburban Park and Recreation District was called to order at 5:44 pm on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at the Goodson Recreation Center, 6315 South University Boulevard, Centennial, Colorado. Chair John Ostermiller presided.

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

Legal Counsel: James P. Collins, Esq.

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
 Mike MacLennan, Director of IT
 Rich Meredith, Executive Director, Hudson Gardens
 Bill Ramsey, Director of Golf
 Steve Shipley, Director of Finance

Study Session

After the call to order, Mr. Ostermiller convened the Study Session, and the group discussed the items on the posted agenda. Additionally, the four candidates for the May 3 Board of Directors election introduced themselves to the staff and guests in attendance.

The Board paused at 6:48 pm. Mr. Ostermiller called the public meeting to order at 7:01pm.

Citizen comments

None this evening.

Executive Director's report

Mr. Hanna reported the following items:

- Chairman Ostermiller has signed the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Lone Tree for financial contribution to the Lincoln Pedestrian Bridge.
- The District has entered into contract with Barker Rinker Seacat Architecture to provide final design for the South Suburban Golf Course.
- A joint meeting with the Littleton City Council and South Suburban staff is scheduled for April 26th to review the Littleton Parks, Trail and Recreation Master Plan.
- The Colorado Avalanche have submitted a proposal to extend the lease for practice at the Family Sports Center one year.
- Staff and Board member Anderson will be interviewing two consultants for the Strategic Plan and Comprehensive Master Plan on March 16, 2016.
- Candidates for the Board of Directors regular election on May 3, 2016 are: Scott LaBrash, Tom Wood, Jim Taylor and Ed Avery. There are two board positions on the ballot.

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Legal Counsel's report

Mr. Collins referred Board members to his confidential monthly update report included in tonight's Board packet. He had no additional report.

To Mr. Anderson's question, Mr. Collins responded the lease agreement for renewal of the David A. Lorenz Regional Park property has been returned to the Arapahoe County offices. There are no foreseeable issues in the agreement renewal.

Minutes approval

For the February 10 regular meeting, Board members had no corrections, additions, or changes. **Therefore, with no objections, the minutes of meeting no. 862, February 10, 2016 stood approved as presented.**

Consent Agenda items approval

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 2016 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,254,368**
- B. RATIFY REAPPOINTS OF DIRECTORS ANDY HANCOCK AND BERNIE SHARP TO THE HUDSON FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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

NEW BUSINESS

Public hearing: Highlands 460 Trail System Master Plan

Chad Giron presented the proposed Highlands 460 Trail System Final Master Plan. The three phase plan was developed after the South Suburban's 2014 Gold Medal Citizens Advisory Committee and the City of Centennial's 2007 Parks, Open Space, Trails and Recreation Master Plan identified the trails near Highlands 460, Polo Run, Forest Park and Hidden Hills subdivisions as priority trail improvement projects. Phase I includes converting an existing dirt trail from Arapaho Park east to Big Dry Creek and a dirt trail from Jamison Avenue north to the Dry Creek Shopping Center into 8 foot wide crusher fines trails, and a potential improved creek crossing at Big Dry Creek. Phases II and III, with future funding, would include: converting other dirt trails through the Open Space, connecting Arapaho Park and Otero Avenue, and an improved creek crossing at the Fillmore Tributary.

Mr. Giron added that the existing and established dirt trails are frequently used by District residents and the benefits of upgrading the trails to crusher fines are to provide a uniform, stable surface for trail users and allow the District to maintain them regularly. Additionally, re-routing the trail from Jamison Ave to the Dry Creek Shopping Center (around the existing fire station) would lead pedestrians to a signalized street crossing at Dry Creek Road. Staff has met with City of Centennial's traffic engineers to consider striping the neighborhood trail street crossing and adding pedestrian crossing signs.

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The following members of the public made comments or asked questions regarding the project:

Dave Wood

Tom Baughman

William Oliva

David Franzblau

Nancy Haws

Mr. Giron and Mr. Ostermiller responded to the public's comments and questions as follows:

- Staff will make a commitment to work with the City of Centennial on precautions to make street crossings safer.
- The project was developed after both the 2014 South Suburban Gold Medal Committee and the 2007 City of Centennial's Parks, Open Space, Trails and Recreation Master Plan identified as priority trail improvement to connect neighborhoods of Hidden Hills. Both were public requests to accommodate existing activity.
- The goal is not to make the trails American with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant, as crusher fine trails would not comply, but to make the trails safer and improve current conditions. There is no plan to further improve the trails or any additional development to the area.
- Staff would propose pedestrian gates or bollards to address unwanted vehicle issues, while allowing for maintenance vehicles and law enforcement access through.
- Five-thousand dollars annually would be budgeted to maintain the trails after the completion of the improvement project. The District does not budget, or maintain dirt trails. Without trail improvement, they will only get worse and more trails will appear as users go around rutted areas.

A few public and Mr. LaBrash expressed concern for neighbor privacy and security in the proposed Phase II section of Forest Park. The access easement is very narrow through the homes and fence heights vary. Mr. Giron responded that care would be taken to make the crusher fines trail go through the middle of the open space, as now the dirt trail does not go through the center and is too close to some homes. Mr. LaBrash added that the City of Centennial looks to South Suburban to focus on connectivity of trails and that is why they have provided partner funding.

MRS. ROSSER MOVED TO APPROVE THE HIGHLANDS 460 TRAIL SYSTEM FINAL MASTER PLAN WHICH INCLUDES A THREE PHASE CONSTRUCTION PLAN. It was not seconded.

MR. LABRASH AMENDED WITH A MOTION TO APPROVE PHASE I ONLY, WITH MORE DISCUSSION AND PUBLIC INPUT FOR PHASE II AND III. Mr. Anderson seconded the motion.

Mr. Ostermiller added that Phase I would allow for more detail and a history of use in consideration of how to proceed with additional phases.

The motion was approved (3-1). Mrs. Rosser opposed.

The Board took a recess at 8:24 pm and reconvened with the public meeting at 8:32pm.

Public hearing: Resolution #2016-006: 2016 Budget Amendment #1

Mr. Shipley referred Board members to his report included in tonight's Board packet of the annual budget amendment following closeout of 2015. He stated that there were carryover capital projects from the 2015 budget as well as new staff positions as approved by the Board. The 2016 amended budget totals \$67,555,170.

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MR. ANDERSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2016 BUDGET. Mr. LaBrash seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously (4-0). (A copy of the Resolution is attached hereto and made part of the permanent record.)

High Line Canal at deKoevend Park: Sumac Hill Farm Conservation Easement IGA

Brett Collins presented. He requested for the Board to approve authorization of the Executive Director to sign necessary documents to enter into a conservation easement on Sumac Hill Farm property. He summarized that obtaining 10.91 acres, north of the Goodson Recreation Center, across the deKoevend Open Space would allow for preservation of the open space, wildlife habit and views; goals of both Arapahoe County and City of Centennial Master Plans. South Suburban, City of Centennial, Arapahoe County, South Metro Land Conservancy, Trust for Public Lands and a Landowner donation will contribute to the purchase. Arapahoe County will hold the easement.

Mr. Ostermiller added Sumac Hill Farm is a beautiful property in the middle of the Metro area. It would be a good investment that is supported by the High Line Canal Working Group.

MRS. ROSSER MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SIGN THE FUNDING AGREEMENT AND NECESSARY REAL ESTATE DOCUMENTS TO PURCHASE A CONSERVATION EASEMENT ON THE SUMAC HILL FARM PROPERTY. Mr. LaBrash seconded the motion. Mr. Jim Collins recommended an addition to the motion. MRS. ROSSER MOVED TO ADD VERBIAGE WITH SOME FLEXIBILITY TO MODIFY THE DOCUMENTS WITHOUT SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE. Mr. LaBrash seconded the additional verbiage. The motion was approved unanimously (4-0).

Board of Directors comments

Mr. Anderson reported on the most recent Lone Tree Subcommittee. He noted the committee was very receptive and interested in public participation in the South Suburban Strategic and Master Plan Process that Mr. Hanna introduced that day.

Mr. LaBrash reported on the Centennial District 1 and 2 meeting where Denver Water presented a multi-year project north of Arapahoe Road at Clarkson Street. Denver Water is replacing bad piping in the mains.

Mr. Ostermiller reported on a recent conversation with Mayor of Sheridan, Dallas Hall. A joint dinner or get together will be scheduled with the Sheridan City Council and the South Suburban Board of Directors. He stated the Board is encouraged to have an open dialogue with the Sheridan City Council on various issues common to both parties.

Mr. Anderson also reported on the Colorado Golf Summit he attended with Mr. Ramsey. The Summit is put on by and with speakers from the United States Golf Association (USGA) and Colorado Golf Association (CGA). A big topic at the Summit: marketing to millennials and the change of the landscape, sustainability and growth of the game. He found it interesting the positive portrayal of Top Golf and its help of growing the game to people who might not have otherwise been exposed to it.

Announcements and emergency items

Mr. Ostermiller announced a Special Joint Meeting with the City of Littleton, work session. A quorum event on Tuesday, April 26, 2016, start time 6:30pm, at The Littleton Center, Community Room, 2255 W. Berry Avenue. The purpose of the meeting is to review City of Littleton's Parks and Recreation Master Plan. This event is open to the public.

There was no Executive Session this evening.

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Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the group adjourned for the evening at 9:06 pm.

Mindy Albert
Administrative Coordinator

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**RESOLUTION #2016-06
RESOLUTION TO AMEND 2016 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of South Suburban Park and Recreation District appropriated funds for the fiscal year 2016 as follows:

General Fund	\$22,651,167
Golf and Recreation Facilities Enterprise Fund	26,061,419
Debt Service Fund	3,689,902
Conservation Trust Fund	745,187
2010 One Mill Fund	6,389,928

WHEREAS, the necessity has arisen for additional expenditures requiring the expenditure of funds in excess of those appropriated for the fiscal year 2016; 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 2016 as follows:

General Fund	\$25,497,775
Golf and Recreation Facilities Enterprise Fund	26,512,134
Debt Service Fund	3,689,902
Conservation Trust Fund	936,629
2010 One Mill Fund	10,918,730

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 9th day of March, 2016.

South Suburban Park and Recreation District, by

SIGNED

John K. Ostermiller, Chairman

ATTEST:

Pamela M. Eller, Secretary