

**SOUTH SUBURBAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING NO. 857
MINUTES**

Call to order

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of South Suburban Park and Recreation District was called to order at 5:32 pm, Wednesday, November 11, 2015 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
Michael T. Anderson
Scott A. LaBrash

Legal Counsel: James P. Collins, Esq.

Management Staff: Rob Hanna, Executive Director
Deanna R. Heyn, Deputy Executive Director
Dave Brueggeman, Acting Director of Parks & Open Space
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
Bill Ramsey, Director of Golf
Clay Shuck, Deputy Recreation Manager
Steve Shipley, Director of Finance

Study Session

After the call to order, Mr. Ostermiller immediately convened the Study Session, and the group discussed several of the items on the posted agenda. (See continued discussion at end of public meeting, below. /ds)

Public meeting, continued

The Board paused at 6:52 pm and returned to the public meeting at 7:02 pm. Eagle Scouts trooped the colors and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Special announcements

Eagle Scouts recognition

Mr. Brueggeman, Kiers Swanson, Tree Establishment & Health Care Lead Maintenance Specialist, and Dave Mellblom, South Platte Park Resource Coordinator introduced the Eagle Scouts and reported on the projects. Those in attendance tonight:

Dale Kim replaced 50 shrubs and trees in South Platte Park, mostly north of Mineral Avenue and near existing irrigation lines, to help the Park recover from the recent drought as well as to improve the scenic view for the trail users.

Graham Gates designed and installed a trail user bridge in South Platte Park northern wildlife area. The bridge is suitable as well for equipment access. Graham also improved the drainage under the bridge.

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Luke Favret installed wave breakers (cottonwood logs) to control wind erosion on the south end of Cooley Lake. Luke also repaired erosion damage on the social trails in the lake slope, as well as performing some other rehab on nearby social trails.

Bryce Okazaki replaced weathered wood bleachers with new aluminum bleachers in Cherry Knolls Park. He was so successful in his fundraising that they were able to replace three bleachers instead of two.

Joel Ashton refurbished trail-side benches along the Mary Carter Greenway Trail and Lee Gulch Trail at Mary's Rest, donating about 50 volunteer hours.

And the Eagle Scouts who were not able to attend tonight:

Jonah Vest refurbished trailside benches along Big Dry Creek Trail, contributing over 200 hours of volunteer time.

Andrew Cole built a bridge in South Platte Park, at the north entrance to the Park from the Wolhurst Community.

Kyle Fredericks refurbished five wood picnic benches in deKoevend Park, donating over 160 volunteer hours.

A. J. McDonald built and installed steps on the south-facing slope of Bufflehead Lake in South Platte Park, to allow easy public access and prevent continued erosion of the slope. Then he closed off the old habit trails and covered the damaged area with an erosion control blanket.

Ammon Allen removed 1,000 linear feet of chainlink fence around the Holm Carlson property (deKoevend Park), to improve access for recreation users.

Mr. Ostermiller congratulated the Eagle Scouts on behalf of the Board of Directors for their hard work as well as their accomplishments.

Employee introductions

Ms. Gould introduced

- *Monique Keohane*, the new Arts & Enrichment Coordinator at Lone Tree Recreation Center.
- *Brent Wegscheider*, the new Adult Sports Coordinator for the District.

Mr. Ostermiller welcomed them.

Legal Counsel's report

Jim Collins referred the Board to his confidential written report in tonight's Board packet.

Jamison property, litigation settlement

Jim Collins offered an update on the resolution of the issues related to the sale of the Jamison property in open session, and the Boardmembers concurred. He reviewed three agreements proposed for approval tonight:

- The settlement agreement and associated utility easement, which are intended to end a long-standing litigation matter with the property owners association adjacent the Jamison property. The settlement payment amount is \$111K; \$96K will be paid by the District and added to the property purchase price (and so, the District will recover it). This settlement should bring the matter to a closure. Any additional attorney's costs incurred before closing will be added to the purchase price as well.
- The Fifth Addendum to the buy/sell agreement with Stoneridge Homes. The Fifth Addendum arranges for the payments as described above and provides for a definite closing date (a no later than date) on the sale. The earnest money will go hard now; and should the sale not be completed, the District would retain all of the earnest money.

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- An assignment to buy & sell the property to another developer, requested by the current buyer/developer. Jim Collins offered the opinion that, while the assignment is not necessary (they can do the deal without the District's consent), he is fine with execution of the assignment by the District.

Jim Collins proposed that the Board approve all three documents at this time. Mr. Ostermiller asked for a motion. **MRS. ELLER MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING: A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH UTILITY EASEMENT BETWEEN THE DISTRICT AND SOUTHBRIDGE TERRACES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION AND FIFTH ADDENDUM TO CONTRACT, TO BUY AND SELL REAL ESTATE BETWEEN JAMISON PARTNERS, LLC AND THE DISTRICT; TO AUTHORIZE THE ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT TO BUY AND SELL REAL ESTATE BETWEEN STONERIDGE HOMES INC. AND JAMISON STREET PARTNERS, LLC; AND TO FURTHER AUTHORIZE EITHER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ROB HANNA OR BOARD PRESIDENT JOHN OSTERMILLER TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL OF THESE AGREEMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE DISTRICT.** Mrs. Rosser seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion was approved unanimously (5-0). Boardmembers congratulated Jim Collins on his success.

Other legal report items

Jim Collins also referred to Mr. Hanna's report during Study Session this evening, regarding the progress on the Cherry Hills Assisted Living development construction project, adjacent the Goodson Recreation Center and deKoevend Park. He had nothing further to report at this time.

Minutes approval

Board members had no corrections, additions, or changes. **Therefore, with no objections, the minutes of meeting no. 855, October 14, 2015 stood approved as presented.**

Board members had no corrections, additions, or changes. **Therefore, with no objections, the minutes of meeting no. 856, October 28, 2015 stood approved as presented.**

Citizens' comments

No public came forward to speak tonight.

Kristen Sarfraz, 5397 South Fox Street, Littleton presented on behalf of the North Littleton Promise Group, a nonprofit organization in northeast Littleton. Annually, the Group provides an after-school program for local families, supports soccer teams, provides a five-week summer camp, and partners on the Santa Claus Breakfast (held at the Buck Center in December). The District was honored tonight with their "Stronger Together" award, for the District's commitment and partnership with the Promise Group. They look forward to many years more of working together; Mr. Ostermiller assured her, the District wants to keep the relationship going as well.

Glen Shellenbaum, 1685 East Noble Place, Centennial stated he was very pleased to see the Eagle Scouts in the room: He was an Eagle Scout 70 years ago. He is a retired engineer, and he worked for the Army Corps of Engineers and Denver Water Board. Now he walks deKoevend Park daily with his dog. He served on the District Gold Medal Citizens Committee last year. He noted page 18 of the citizens final report (Goal 1: Take care of existing parks, playgrounds, shelters, athletic fields and tennis courts). He had three matters to bring to the Board's attention to be looked into, and these are probably out-of-budget-cycle repairs.

- There is a retaining wall under the deKoevend Park/Goodson Recreation Center entryway, where the Dry Creek makes a severe turn. A layer of rock was put in to protect the foundation, as well as concrete. Now the Creek is flowing under the concrete, and there are trees growing as well. Some day, the foundation could be weakened and the District would lose the road.

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- Over the new restroom in deKoevend Park at the corner of the basketball court, there is a large cottonwood, which could come down and damage the roof. It would be less expensive to remove the tree now.
- At the corner of the children's lot, there's a bridge, and one handrail is missing. A child could fall onto the rocks or into the water. He reported this problem to staff three weeks ago and it was marked with yellow tape at that time, but this safety issue has not been fixed.

Regarding the retaining wall, Mr. Shellenbaum noted that the Cherry Hills Assisted Living developer will be working around the Creek shortly with some heavy equipment and removing some trees. He suggested that the developer could do some work while he's there and possibly save the District some money.

Mr. Ostermiller expressed appreciation for Mr. Shellenbaum's report to the Board of Directors.

Gerry McNally, 8453 East Jamison Circle North, Centennial spoke. He is a member of the Lone Tree Men's Golf Club and he also practices at Family Sports Center driving range facility.

He reported that the improved Arapaho Park is a beautiful facility. He notices about one car in the lot (one user?), typically.

At Family Sports, typically there are 120 people on the lower and upper levels of the driving range facility. During the summer months, the grassy area nearby is used by another 30 to 40 people. There is also a little putt-putt course and picnic area. There is one privy onsite to service all these users. He knows that the District Golf staff does their best to make sure it is clean, but a single privy is inadequate.

The range and privy are about 15 feet lower than the parking lot and indoor sports fields. The architectural drawings from the Department of Public Works report there is a lift station. Therefore, the cost of building additional restroom facilities wouldn't be that much, and no permit for a lift station would have to be acquired. Currently bathroom facilities usually have stainless steel fixtures, which are practically impossible to damage and are not expensive. He added, the District sells \$600K in golf balls alone, and therefore these facilities would enhance a District investment; and (anyway) the women and children deserve something better.

Mr. Hanna added, staff is taking notes. He asked Mr. McNally to share the architectural drawings, and he promised that District staff would respond.

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 OCTOBER 2015 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,734,718.

MR. ANDERSON MOVED TO ACCEPT ITEM A. Mr. LaBrash seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the **consent agenda item was approved unanimously (5-0).**

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING: 2016 Budget

No public came forward to speak at this time. Mr. Ostermiller closed the public hearing.

Mr. Shipley presented the Board with an update to the citizens comments log, received by email in the last few days.

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	Request from		Summary
47	<i>CJ and Linda Parry</i>		Jackass Hill Park: improvements to the top/open space area. Should be at least partially developed, so that everyone in the area can comfortably enjoy it. Would like a location to enjoy views including benches and a grassy children's play area.
48	<i>Randy Lahm</i>		Lorenz Regional Park disc golf course. Landscaping improvements. Has massively overgrown weeds and unfriendly flora and severe erosion damage from rains and runoff. Therefore, a) Remove heavy underbrush on fairways. b) Grading and soil repair/drainage/erosion improvements to area west of hole # 1 and other areas. c) Plant trees, to provide better definition and more challenge to some of the holes; or construct walls; or even, place a stack of wooden barrels. d) Concrete tee pads. 5) Over-seeding, with some type of compatible wild grasses.
49	<i>Paige Inman</i>	a.	Sheridan Recreation Center. Wants some flowers planted next year.
		b.	Parks in City of Sheridan: Wants some additional ballfields in the Northgate neighborhood. With building of the new school, lost one backstop at the Community Park; and two lost at Fort Logan Elementary site as well. Fields are used by adults, and community needs a safe place for children to play ball. Field at Bear Creek Drive isn't safe for ball games, because it is too small and the north side borders the bank of the Creek.
50	<i>Ralph Marker</i>		Water storage pond by Federal Boulevard and Bowles Avenue. Wants money and maintenance effort spent on cleanup. Pond level has increased since development, and it has killed many surrounding trees and bushes. There is dead matter & debris floating on the pond, and dead logs surround the pond and are at bottom.
51	<i>Steve P Kelly</i>		Wants a new dog off-leash area. Proposes area along High Line Canal and just south of Orchard Road, and on either side of Little Dry Creek. Wants the area cleaned up as well and the land fenced off. It is currently being used as a dump site by Denver Water.

Mr. Shipley asked the Board of Directors to approve the resolution to adopt the 2016 budget, for a total of \$59,537,603—a balanced budget. Since the Board retreat to review the draft budget on October 5, staff has made a few changes as reported in tonight's packet, including changes in matching partners (capital projects) and an estimated adjustment downward of the year-end contingency balance by about \$220K, impacting funding for next year's projects list; the current contingency balance is now \$2,385,580. He offered to answer any questions.

Mr. Ostermiller noted for the audience present, that the Board of Directors made the decision that there would be no fee increases in 2016. This is something that the District citizens deserve, and the Board at this point believes it is the best policy to follow.

Mrs. Eller noted the contingency reconciliation page: The High Line Canal tree inventory project contribution is reported to be \$10K; she thought the agreed-upon amount was \$5K. Mr. Hanna reported the maximum contribution would be \$10K, if the inventory can be integrated into the District's existing tree inventory system and if the new Canal inventory can be maintained by some organization so that it continues to be useful in the future.

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MRS. ROSSER MOVED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2016 BUDGET. Mr. LaBrash seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and **the motion was approved unanimously (5-0).** Mr. Ostermiller expressed appreciation to staff for their hard work. (A copy of the Resolution is attached hereto and made part of the permanent record.)

Scientific & Cultural Facilities (SCFD) program. Resolution of support for renewal in 2016

Mr. Ostermiller invited Mr. Taylor to address the Board on this matter.

Jim Taylor, 2778 West Riverwalk Circle, Littleton and a former District Boardmember and Littleton City Councilmember, reported he was appointed to the County Cultural Council, which distributes SCFD funds to about 80 local organizations. A reauthorization of the metro-wide SCFD tax program is coming up in 2016, and the SCFD is asking a number of organizations to provide some support for this reauthorization effort. The Arapahoe County Commissioners and Cultural Council are supporting the reauthorization. While there has been controversy about the percentages of allocation to the tiers of non-profit recipients, the matter will be decided by the Colorado Legislature next year, and then the SCFD tax reauthorization would continue to 2030. The most important thing is, to get the vote approved. The tax is one cent on every ten dollars. Tier III (small) organizations in the County are struggling and need some help; and the SCFD program, even as it is currently structured, is a great benefit to them. There is wide support for this putting the matter on the ballot in 2016. Mr. Taylor urged the Board of Directors to vote Yes.

Mr. Taylor added, he served on the National Cities League Board of Directors. Members around the country asked how the Denver metro area is able to get a Yes vote on tax issues to support both the arts and sports, as most communities choose to support one or the other. The Denver metro area has a good thing, and he would like to see it to continue. A positive vote by the District Board of Directors would move them one step further down the path.

Mr. Ostermiller added, the District currently receives Tier III SCFD funding for two areas, for Culture & Enrichment and South Platte Park; and Tier II funding for Hudson Gardens, totaling \$370K in 2015. He invited Mr. Meredith to come forward.

Mr. Meredith referred the group to the information provided in the packet and the SCFD's impact on this community. A significant sum of money is provided to local large and small organizations. He encouraged the Board of Directors to adopt this resolution. He offered to answer any questions he can. He affirmed there has been a controversy about this renewal: The Tier III organizations made an impassioned plea to the SCFD Board (for a larger proportion of the funds), but the SCFD Board didn't accept their recommendations or requests. The Tier II organizations also made a recommendation and were rejected by that board. But it's time to put aside the controversy and support the reauthorization.

Mr. Ostermiller asked: Hudson Gardens received \$370K this year—the largest award ever? Mr. Meredith concurred. Hudson Gardens received about 3% of the Tier II funds. Tier II organizations are allocated about 22% of the annual \$52 million SCFD tax income. To Mrs. Rosser's question, Mr. Meredith reported that the Arvada Center for the Arts is one of the large Tier II recipients; and with the closure of the Wildlife Experience, the other organizations have received a larger proportion of the Tier II funds; he's not sure about the Gardens' rank. Mr. Ostermiller explained his concerns about the recent controversy, concluding, the most important thing is to get the fund reauthorized.

MRS. ELLER MOVED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT, RENEWAL OF SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL FACILITIES DISTRICT. Mrs. Rosser seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and **the motion passed unanimously (5-0).** (A copy of the Resolution is attached hereto and made part of the permanent record.)

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Members returned to remaining Study Session agenda.

Entertainment District Park, conceptual development plan (conclusion of discussion)

Chad Giron, District Park Planner presented two options for the conceptual development plan during Study Session this evening. South Suburban has committed \$500K to the project, and additional funding is coming from the City and other sources. Current dollars probably are not adequate to develop either of the two options beyond a first phase. For either option, the first phase is anticipated to include trail improvements and enhancements to the north side of a developed Park. Mr. Ostermiller asked the Board's pleasure insofar as moving forward with a conceptual development plan; he suggested that, as long as the City doesn't look to the District to fund the entire proposed park, then the District can work with the City on any plans that the City wants. Members concurred.

TrailMark subdivision. Proposed fire station, TrailMark Parkway and South Wadsworth Boulevard. City of Littleton's request for property ownership transfer and access easement.

Brett Collins presented. The City of Littleton is moving forward with plans for a new fire station in the TrailMark subdivision and near the main subdivision entryway. District staff received a request from the City "late in the game," asking that the District give back some land to the City. The City originally acquired the land from Shea Homes, the original subdivision developer, and then it was deeded by the City to the District in 2007. The City is requesting 995 square feet in a 1.12-acre tract. Brett reviewed the ownership of various adjacent parcels, noting, there are multiple agencies/owners in this area.

Brett reviewed the footprint and architect's views of the proposed fire station and associated parking area and driveways. He noted, probably the District would be asked for a second easement (near the station entryway) at a later time. The District wants to retain an access to the reservoir and trail for maintenance in the vicinity of the proposed driveway.

Staff was not requesting a formal motion tonight. The next steps for this development would be to transfer the land back to the City and work on the details of the easement. Brett explained, the 995-square-foot piece really isn't useful to the Park District, and therefore there would be no impact to the District from this land transfer. He recommended the District move forward and to partner with the City.

Mrs. Rosser has heard that TrailMark residents are having difficulties with current emergency response times. She asked how big the new fire station will be. Brett noted there is space in the garage for two fire trucks on the plan. The proposed building is 7,000 square feet. To Mrs. Rosser's second question, he reported, staff has heard that the City is trying to get the land transaction completed by the end of the year. Possibly construction will start in early 2016.

Mr. LaBrash asked why the City isn't asking for the entire parcel. Brett explained that City requirements for a land transfer of more than 20% would mandate a planning & zoning review and a City Council review (possibly, two readings), and there isn't time for that level of approval—therefore, only 995 square feet are needed and requested.

Boardmembers had no objection with moving forward. Jim Collins suggested that, as it is the year end already (and the District has only one scheduled regular meeting remaining, in December), that the Board could consider a motion for reasons of convenience tonight. Boardmembers were in agreement. Mr. Hanna added, the City is drafting the plans and paying for the land transaction, and that with legal counsel's input, the transfer process could go forward.

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Jim Collins suggested a motion: **THAT THE BOARD AUTHORIZE STAFF TO PREPARE THE CONVEYANCE OF 995 SQUARE FEET OF A 1.12-ACRE TRACT (ALSO KNOWN AS TRACT C IN CHATFIELD GREEN SUBDIVISION FILING # 1, PER THE PLAT FILING, RECORDING # F052828); AND UPON REVIEW OF THE LEGALITIES, THAT THE BOARD AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE THE CONVEYANCE WITHOUT FURTHER ACTION. MR. ANDERSON SO MOVED; and Mrs. Rosser seconded the motion.** There was no further discussion, and **the motion was approved unanimously (5-0).** Mr. Ostermiller added, he understands the fire station also will be providing service to the nearby Lockheed Martin campus.

Board of Directors items

Mrs. Rosser reported on the most recent Lone Tree Subcommittee meeting. Topics included:

- An update on the Entertainment District Park. The new roadway intersection by the Park is under construction. The Park Meadows Metro District tax was approved.
- Joint 2016 projects.
- An update on the Lone Tree tennis courts lighting project, repair/replacement. Mr. Hanna added, District and City staff followed up since the meeting. Final information was delivered to the City today (Wednesday).

The next Lone Tree Subcommittee meeting will be on December 16.

Mrs. Rosser walked the proposed Highlands 460 trail improvements. Melissa Reese-Thacker, Senior Park Planner led the group on the walk. She noted that in a couple of places, the trailway gets pretty close to back yards. Mrs. Reese-Thacker will be meeting with the homeowners association in early December and will apply for an Arapahoe County Open Spaces grant in 2016. It is a beautiful open space with views of the mountains.

Mrs. Rosser asked about the status of Tuesday News, the employees' weekly e-newsletter. Mr. Hanna reported that senior management staff is changing employee communications within the organization and he is working with the department heads to define what the future communications will be. The Board of Directors will start seeing a combined monthly report from the departments in their Board packets. Employees will be receiving reports after Board sessions in the future. Mr. Hanna is also planning quarterly visits to employee groups, to answer their various questions: There will be minutes from those meetings, to be shared with employees at large. The goal will be to make sure the entire organization is engaged. Mrs. Rosser stated she feels knows a little less about what's going on; the last Tuesday News was produced in August or September, and she thought the News connected the Boardmembers with staff. Mr. Hanna assured her that with the new rollout, the Board will have more information.

Mrs. Eller reported on the quarterly meeting of the South Suburban Park Foundation Board of Trustees.

- Colorado Gives Day is on December 8 this year, and the public can pre-schedule their donations as of November 1. The public can give to any number of organizations online through the Gives Day website. The Park Foundation will receive an additional partial match for contributions. The sponsor of Colorado Gives is waiving credit card charges. While the Foundation usually doesn't receive much in the way of match funds, this event is also a recognition opportunity for the Foundation. The Foundation's marketing consultant has shared a process to create a "profile" (personal web page) on the Colorado Gives website: Individuals can style their own giving program to encourage friends, neighbors, and family alike to contribute to the Park Foundation via the individual's profile.
- A recognition location for past Foundation Trustees is being planned (as previously discussed). It will be placed at the West Belleview Trailhead. There is a boulder onsite that can be engraved with Trustees' names.

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- There's a plan in the works for a memorial bench to honor Bill Woodcock, a past District Manager of Planning & Construction. There's a bench at the junction of the Mary Carter Greenway and Big Dry Creek Trail, and the current plan is to add a memorial plaque to it.
- Trails consultant Bob Searns gave the Foundation Trustees a detailed presentation about the proposed Front Country Loop, his proposal to create a loop trail around the entire metro area and tie together many individual trail systems. Mr. Searns envisions this as a recreational amenity for regional citizens as well as a tourists' vacation destination. He and some volunteers are walking stretches of the proposed loop each Saturday, weather permitting, and others are welcome to join them. The Foundation is forming an exploratory committee to consider creating a new group of Trustees and interested community leaders, to serve as a regional, coordinating nonprofit; if District Boardmembers or staff have suggestions for the Committee, they can forward names to Mrs. Eller, Shephard, or Mr. Searns. Mrs. Eller offered to share Mr. Searns' white paper with Boardmembers.

To Mr. Ostermiller's question, Mrs. Eller suggested that not much trail construction will be needed to complete the loop—much of it is already in place, though some trailway is habit trails. This loop may not be as overwhelming a project as it might seem.

Mr. Ostermiller has attended the first public input meeting for the South Suburban Golf Course master plan revision. Eight to ten golfers attended; their main concern was not to slow the pace of play on the course, and therefore not to increase the distance to the restrooms. The architect had some great ideas on how to make the course more interesting. To Mr. Ostermiller's question, Mr. Hanna reported that the Board probably would see a design in Spring 2016.

Mr. Ostermiller reported the South Metro Chamber of Commerce Economic Forecast Breakfast will be held on Friday, January 15, at the Marriott in Lone Tree. He asked Boardmembers and staff to date their calendars. The District typically reserves a table for about 10 people (Boardmembers plus staff).

Announcements and emergency items

Mr. Ostermiller again announced the cancellation of the regular November 25 and December 23 sessions. The next regular meeting will be on December 9, 2015. Happy Thanksgiving!

Adjournment

There was no need to call an Executive Session this evening.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the group adjourned for the evening at 8:25 pm.

Donna Shephard
Executive Assistant

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SOUTH SUBURBAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT 2016 BUDGET

A RESOLUTION SUMMARIZING EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES FOR EACH FUND, AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE SOUTH SUBURBAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT, COLORADO, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR BEGINNING ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, 2016 AND ENDING THE LAST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2016.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the South Suburban Park and Recreation District ("District") has appointed a budget committee to prepare and submit a proposed 2016 budget to the Board at the proper time; and

WHEREAS, the budget has been prepared to comply with all terms, limitations and exemptions, including, but not limited to, reserve transfers and expenditure exemptions, under Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution and other laws or obligations which are applicable to or binding upon the District; and

WHEREAS, upon due and proper notice, published or posted in accordance with the law, said proposed budget was open for inspection by the public at a designated place, and public hearings were held on August 12, 2015; September 9, 2015; October 14, 2015, and November 11, 2015; and interested electors were given the opportunity to file or register any objections to said proposed budget; and

WHEREAS, whatever increases may have been made in the expenditures, like increases were added to the revenues so that the budget remains in balance, as required by law;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTH SUBURBAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT.

Section 1. That estimated expenditures for each fund are as follows:

General Fund	\$22,651,167
Debt Service Fund	3,689,902
Conservation Trust Fund	745,187
2010 1 Mill Fund	6,389,928
Golf and Recreation Facilities Enterprise Fund	26,061,419
TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENDITURES, ALL FUNDS	\$59,537,603

Resolution to adopt budget

Section 2. That estimated revenues for each fund are as follows:

<u>General Fund</u>		
From the 2015 fund balance carryover	\$ 1,787,727	
From sources other than general property tax	3,588,001	
From the general property tax levy	17,275,439	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND		22,651,167
<u>Debt Service Fund</u>		
From the 2015 fund balance carryover	-	
From sources other than general property tax	10,000	
From the general property tax levy	3,679,902	
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE FUND		3,689,902
<u>Conservation Trust Fund</u>		
From the 2015 fund balance carryover	24,887	
From sources other than general property tax	720,300	
TOTAL CONSERVATION TRUST FUND		745,187
<u>2010 1 Mill Fund</u>		
From the 2015 fund balance carryover	774,269	
From sources other than general property tax	2,942,500	
From the general property tax levy	2,673,159	
TOTAL 2010 1 MILL FUND		6,389,928
<u>Golf and Recreation Facilities Enterprise Fund</u>		
From the 2015 fund balance carryover	(195,900)	
From sources other than general property tax	26,257,319	
TOTAL GOLF AND RECREATION FACILITIES ENTERPRISE FUND		26,061,419
TOTAL BUDGETED REVENUE, ALL FUNDS		\$ 59,537,603

Section 3. That reserves have been or are hereby established for each appropriate fund or combined as a single reserve fund as set forth in the budget in order to preserve the spending exemption for reserves under Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution, and all such reserves shall be transferred or expended within any fund as set forth in the budget.

Section 4. That the budget as submitted, amended, and herein above summarized by fund, be, and the same hereby is approved and adopted as the budget of the South Suburban Park and Recreation District for the year 2016.

Section 5. That the budget hereby approved and adopted shall be signed John K. Ostermiller, Chairman of the Board, attested to by Pamela M. Eller, Secretary, and made part of the public records of South Suburban Park and Recreation District.

ADOPTED this 11th day of November, 2015.

Attest:

SIGNED

JOHN K. OSTERMILLER, CHAIRMAN

PAMELA M. ELLER, SECRETARY

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT
RENEWAL OF SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL FACILITIES DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD) is a nationally acclaimed model for funding cultural organizations; and

WHEREAS, the SCFD provides funding from a one-tenth of a cent sales tax in the seven-county Denver metro area, to more than 300 small and large metropolitan arts and science organizations, and does so with minimal regulation and overhead; and

WHEREAS, more than 13 million people visited the Denver metro area's cultural institutions in 2014, and SCFD funding allowed more than half of those attending regional organizations to visit at reduced rates or for free, and offered more than 100 free days a year, while all of the region's cultural organizations provided free programs and exhibits to 4 million attendees; and

WHEREAS, SCFD-funded organizations provide entertainment, education and enlightenment for millions of metro residents, including 4 million tours and cultural experiences for school children, both in classrooms and at the cultural facilities, annually; and

WHEREAS, SCFD funding helps metro cultural organizations preserve and protect priceless collections of animals, art, plants, natural history and historical sites; and

WHEREAS, the most recent activity impact study of the arts shows the region's cultural organizations and facilities generate more than \$1.85 billion a year in economic activity, providing more than 10,000 jobs and generating \$410 million in cultural tourism; and

WHEREAS, the SCFD has been approved by the Colorado Legislature and endorsed by voters in three region-wide elections in 1988, 1994 and 2004; and

WHEREAS, the SCFD's board conducted a three-year public process to identify recommended changes, and has adopted a series of significant enhancements to improve the effectiveness of the District; and

WHEREAS, the SCFD's modest one-tenth of a cent sales tax equals only one cent on a \$10 purchase, and in 2016 voters will be asked to extend, not increase, the tax for an additional 12 years;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 11th day of November, 2015, **that the Board of Directors of the South Suburban Park and Recreation District supports the renewal of the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District** with the provisions adopted by the SCFD Board and urges legislative and voter support for renewal of the District and the continued benefits the SCFD provides.

South Suburban Park and Recreation District, by

Attest:

SIGNED

John K. Ostermiller, Chairman

Pamela M. Eller, Secretary

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