



PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
Wednesday, May 1, 2019 – 5:03 p.m.
AMC, SAND CREEK ROOM, 4TH FLOOR, 80012

MINUTES

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Shannon Crouthers, -Chair, Bobbie McClure, Vice-Chair, Mark Burry, Steve Sundberg, Terry Todd, Kellen Schull, Jessie Van Gundel, Danielle Lammon.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Pamela Akiri (Excused).

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Barrett, PROS Director; John Wesolowski, Manager of Parks and Forestry; Nancy Freed, Deputy City Manager; Tracy Young, Manager of Planning, Design & Construction; Keith Bailey, Interim Manager of Recreation; Chris Ricciardiello, SR Landscape Architect; Elvia Tovar Administrative Specialist; Melvin Wardlow, Recording Secretary. Brandon Wyszynski, Oakwood Homes Developer; Sarah Moll, Terracina Design; Mike Weiher, Terracina Design.

OTHERS ABSENT: None.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** By Parks & Recreation Board Chair, Shannon Crouthers at 5:03p.m.
- II. **INTRODUCTIONS – None**
- III. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** The Agenda for the May 1, 2019 meeting was approved after a motion was made by Member Sundberg and seconded by Member Burry.
- IV. **ADOPTION OF PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MINUTES -** The Minutes for the March 6, 2019 meeting was approved after a motion was made by Member Lammon and seconded by Member Sundberg.
- V. **PUBLIC MEETING – Green Valley Ranch East Neighborhood Park Master Plan.**
Approval of master plan. Chris Ricciardiello, SR Landscape Architect, gave an overview of Green Valley Ranch East Neighborhood Park Master Plan. Showed the layout of the park and explained where each area would be. The Green Valley Ranch East Neighborhood Park is comprised of two sites, PA-14 at 5.8 acres and PA-13 at 5.0 acres, bisected by the Tributary T channel and connected with a regional trail and pedestrian crossing. The park sites, along with two additional neighborhood parks in Green Valley Ranch East, will satisfy population based land dedication requirements. Planning Areas -13 and 14 are located just west of the new Tibet Road alignment, north of 42nd Avenue in the central portion of Green Valley Ranch.
Neighborhood Parks in Planning Areas 13 and 14 will be funded and constructed by the developer of Green Valley Ranch East, Oakwood Homes, and turned over to the City of Aurora, Parks, Recreation and Open Space Department for ownership and maintenance following a two-year warranty and maintenance period.



The GVRE Neighborhood Parks will serve residents within a ½ mile radius of each park. The development and surrounding development area is under construction currently and provides no park or recreation opportunities at this time. The park sites offer unique opportunities to create public spaces for active and passive uses within the context of a redesigned and realigned Tributary T stream corridor.

Board Questions- How big will this park be in comparison to other parks in Aurora?

- Most big parks in Aurora are community parks that are 40 acres, Green Valley Ranch East is a neighborhood park will be 10 acres about an eighth of the size.
- What is a Pocket park?
- A Pocket Park is three acres or less and is something that the development provides.
- Is Green Valley Ranch East all City of Aurora?
- Green Valley Ranch East Neighborhood Park is Aurora, but there is a Green Valley Ranch Denver.
- Will there be designated parking for the park?
- There will not be designated parking for the neighborhood park as it is a walk up facility.
- When will they start building the residencies?
- Building will start in the fall of 2019
- Will the Community Center be maintained by Green Valley Ranch and the Park would be maintained by the City of Aurora?
- Green Valley Ranch East Neighborhood Park will be maintained by the City of Aurora and the Community Center will be maintained by Green Valley Ranch.

Public Comments – None

Member Todd motion to approve Green Valley Ranch East Neighborhood Park master plan as is. Member Schull second the motion. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board approved master plan.

VII. PARKS, RECREATION & OPEN SPACE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- a. Director Barrett updated Board on June 5, 2019 Parks Recreation Advisory Board Meeting will be Canterbury Park Master Plan Amendment approval
- b. Director Barrett informed Board Members of ribbon cutting ceremony for Central Recreation Center will begin at 3:00 P.M.
- c. Director Barrett updated board on Recreation Manager position has eight semifinalist, first round of interviews will start the week of the 6th of May 2019
- d. Director Barrett announces his retirement will be June 28, 2019. Retirement Ceremony at Central Recreation Center June 21, 2019.

VIII. BOARD ISSUES

- a. Board Meetings – Board elected to keep meeting first Wednesday every month at 5:00P.M.
- b. Goals and Objectives 1st Quarter 2019 Tracking Sheets – due to interim Manager Bailey.
- c. Attendance Request – Please respond to Board Secretary request for attendance no later than the Monday before the Parks Bard meeting
- d. Future Meeting Topics:



- i. Chad Angel, Volunteer Coordinator: Volunteer Program Presentation Sand Creek Room July 3, 2019
- ii. John Wesolowski, Manager of Forestry of Forestry and O&M update: Sand Creek Room, July 3, 2019
- iii. Pat Schuler, Manager of Open Space & Natural Resources: Plains Conservation Center Master Plan.

IX. CHAIR'S/MEMBERS' REMARKS

- a. Neighborhood Comments – Member Burry noticed Triple Creek Trail has a lot of dirt piled up in areas around the trail Is the trail under construction? Director Barrett responded, there will be dirt moving for more trail space.
- b. Member Van Gundel went out to Jewel Wetlands and noticed some pretty big potholes in the parking lot. - Director Barrett responded there are a lot of pothole in early spring due to the winter weather The Open Space and Natural Reassures team works year round to maintain the parking lot.

X. OLD BUSINESS – None.

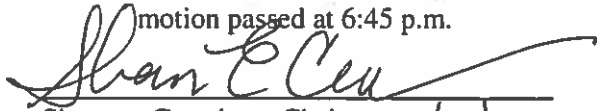
XI. OTHER – None.

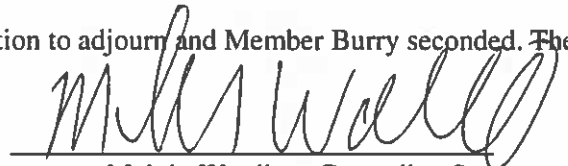
XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS –

- a. Buskers Brews & Barbecue – June 8, 2019 Aurora Municipal Center.
- b. Summer in the City - June 14, 2019. Aurora Municipal Center
- c. Food Truck Rodeo - June 14, 2019 Aurora Municipal Center



XIII. **ADJOURNMENT:** Member Todd made a motion to adjourn and Member Burry seconded. The motion passed at 6:45 p.m.


Shannon Crouthers, Chair
Parks & Recreation Board 6/5/19


Melvin Wardlow, Recording Secretary

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