



**PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
*Wednesday, October 2, 2019 – 5:11 p.m.*  
AMC, SAND CREEK ROOM, 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR 80012  
**MINUTES**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Brooke Bell, Director of Parks, Recreation and Open Space; Joe Sack, Manager of Recreation; Nancy Freed, Deputy City Manager; John Wesolowski, Manager of Parks, Forestry and O&M; Melvin Wardlow, Recording Secretary.

**OTHERS ABSENT:** None.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** By Parks & Recreation Board Chair, Shannon Crouthers at 5:11 p.m.
- II. **INTRODUCTIONS – Roxanne Garcia, Student Metropolitan State University**
- III. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** The Agenda for the November 6, 2019 meeting was approved after a motion was made by Member Todd and seconded by Member Lammon.
- IV. **ADOPTION OF PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MINUTES -** The Minutes for the September 4, 2019 meeting was approved after a motion was made by Member Sundberg and seconded by Member Burry
- V. **MEET A PROS –** John Wesolowski, Manager of Parks, Forestry and O&M gave a power point presentation on Ready to Work Program. Ready to Work Goals: **Provide** a pathway to self-sufficiency for homeless individuals who are ready to work through a work-first model. **Change** the perception of people experiencing homelessness in the community and with employers. **Develop** a sustainable, transitional employment business model. RTW (Ready to Work) will schedule, screen, and supervise all manpower. RTW will ensure a professional and clean sober workforce. RTW Crews will be easily identifiable in RTW uniforms. RTW has 50 positions in Aurora and 44 in Boulder, Colorado. RTW employees commit to 9 to 12 months and begin to seek mainstream employment at 7 months. Housing for one-year, supportive services including addiction recovery and financial management.
- VI. **PARKS, RECREATION & OPEN SPACE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
  - a. Manager Sack updated Board Members on budget work shop.
  - b. Manager Sack informed the board that the Aurora Center for Active Adults (ACAA) will be getting two new vans.
  - c. Manager Sack updated Board Members on Central Recreation Center. Since middle of May, Central Recreation Center had 70,706 visits with passes, and 28,792 drop- in visits with a combined total of 99,498. Sold were 453 annual passes, 579 monthly passes, 1,110 punch pass visits and 6,281 easy- pay passes.

*NOTE: By simple majority vote, Board may re-establish Agenda order. Quorum is reached with five members.*



VII. **BOARD ISSUES** – Member Schull motioned to suspend Tracking Sheet, motion passed.

VIII. **CHAIR’S/MEMBERS’ REMARKS**

- a. Neighborhood Comments – Member Lammon informed Board Members that Wheatlands Community Park will be doing a Grand Opening on October 26<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Member Akiri went to Montview Park and noticed there were no poo bag stations. Manager Wesolowski responded that Montview Park should have poo stations and will check and replace if missing.
- c. Member Burry mentioned that there are still no park rules signs at Triple Creek Trailhead. Director Bell responded that she will get an update from Planning, Design & Construction Manager Young.


IX. **OLD BUSINESS** – None.

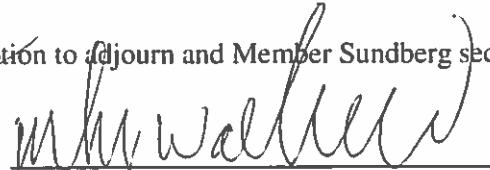
X. **OTHER** – None.

XI. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** –

- a. November 11<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day Salute, 7711 E. Academy Blvd, Denver
- b. December 3<sup>rd</sup> Holiday Tree Lighting, Aurora Municipal Center, Great Lawn.

XII. **ADJOURNMENT:** Member Burry made a motion to adjourn and Member Sundberg seconded. The motion passed at 7:07 p.m.

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 Shannon Crouthers, Chair  
 Parks & Recreation Board

  
 Melvin Wardlow, Recording Secretary

ADOPTED 1/8/2020