

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services



PR&CS Administration
1401 Recreation Way
Colorado Springs, CO 80905

Revised Agenda

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

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Thursday, October 13, 2016

7:30 am

Palmer Room

Call to Order

Citizen Discussion

Time for any individual to bring before the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board any matter of interest they wish to discuss that is not elsewhere on the agenda. Comments are restricted to three (3) minutes; you will hear an alarm when your time is up. Please contact PR&CS staff no later than the last Wednesday of the month prior if you wish to place a longer presentation on the agenda.

Approval of Minutes – September 8, 2016

Minutes are posted no later than 5:00 pm on the Tuesday before the meeting at:

<http://parks.coloradosprings.gov/explore-play/get-involved/boards-committees/parks-and-recreation-advisory-board>

Ceremonial Item 10:00 a.m. Time Certain

Proclamation of Pickleball Days

Karen Palus

Kaboom Recognition – Froncella Ware

Annette Proctor

Springs in Bloom Judges Recognition

Donna Sanchez

Action Item

GOCO School Play Yard Initiative Grant Sponsorship – Academy for
Advanced and Creative Learning, John Adams and Will Rogers
Elementary

Tilah Larson

Downtown Partnership Master Plan

Susan Edmondson

Presentation

Envision Shooks Run Facility Plan

Aaron Egbert/Priscilla Marbaker

Pikes Peak Pickleball Association Tournament

Steve & Ramona Boone/Sherry Fairchild

Wolf Ranch Development and Park Implementation Update

Chris Lieber

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services

Staff Report

Plan COS Comprehensive Plan Update	Carl Schueler/Chris Lieber
Gateway at Boulder Crescent (Michelson Property)	Sarah Bryarly
TOPS Policies and Procedures Alternate Position	Chris Lieber
Water Irrigation/Status of Funding	Kurt Schroeder
Deerfield Hills and Meadows Park Community Centers Update	Kim King
2017 Budget Update	Karen Palus
Venezia GOCO Application	Chris Lieber
Legacy Loop State Trails Application	Chris Lieber

Board Business

Adjournment

COLORADO SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Date: October 13, 2016

Item Number: Action - Item #__1__

Item Name: THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS SPONSORSHIP OF THE SCHOOL YARD INITIATIVE GRANT TO GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO ON BEHALF OF THE ACADEMY FOR ADVANCED AND CREATIVE LEARNING, THOMAS EDISON ELEMENTARY AND WILL ROGERS ELEMENTARY.

SUMMARY:

The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department proposes to sponsor 3 Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) School Yard Initiative grant applications. The \$110,000 grant applications will assist with supporting the construction of unstructured play and outdoor learning facilities for youth. An Intergovernmental Agreement will define the roles and the responsibilities of the City and primary partners.

In many cases, schools will replace aging metal play sets, fields of pea gravel and cracking concrete slabs with nature-inspired climbing structures, soft all-weather surfaces, play and learning areas featuring natural materials like four-season sensory gardens, outdoor classrooms, or water features that can simulate floods and erosion. Projects can also include traditional play equipment to complement natural components and provide a variety of play opportunities.

Each grant application will request \$110,000 from GOCO and the required matching dollars will be raised by each school.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

None

BACKGROUND:

GOCO's School Yard Initiative aims to create school grounds that inspire more active physical play and enhance learning about nature and the environment. Because all School Yard Initiative projects are required to be open to the public during non-school hours, the benefits extend far beyond the student body.

School Yard Initiative grants support schools and local governments in constructing outdoor spaces where kids have frequent opportunities for unstructured play and outdoor learning. All school yards must be designed, in part, by the student population to ensure the components constructed are the most appealing and beneficial to the users they will serve. This program emphasizes projects that reach underserved youth and families who may otherwise have limited access to quality parks.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The City has agreed to sponsor the partner schools as GOCO requires that a qualified government agency submit the application, and receive and disburse funds for this planning grant. No City funds are neither needed nor requested as part of this sponsorship application.

BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

Support the City's sponsorship of the 3 School Yard Initiatives Grant applications to Great Outdoors Colorado on behalf of The Academy for Advanced and Creative Learning, Thomas Edison Elementary and Will Rogers Elementary.

ALTERNATIVE:

The Board may choose not to support the grant applications. Doing so would limit the ability of the schools to apply for a GOCO School Yard Initiative grant.

RECOMMENDATION:

Support the City's sponsorship of the 3 School Yard Initiatives Grant applications to Great Outdoors Colorado on behalf of The Academy for Advanced and Creative Learning, Thomas Edison Elementary and Will Rogers Elementary.

PROPOSED MOTION:

Support the City's sponsorship of the 3 School Yard Initiatives Grant applications to Great Outdoors Colorado on behalf of The Academy for Advanced and Creative Learning, Thomas Edison Elementary and Will Rogers Elementary.

COLORADO SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Date: October 13, 2016

Item Number: Action Item # 2

Item Name: Downtown Master Plan Update

Summary:

The Downtown Partnership has engaged the community in a process to update the Imagine Downtown Master Plan. The Park System throughout the downtown is an important part of the urban core and a key contributor to the vitality of our downtown. The Downtown Master Plan has been developed for formal review and approval. The Downtown Partnership is seeking from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board a recommendation in support of the proposed Downtown Master Plan.

Previous Council Action: N/A

Background:

The updated Downtown Master Plan serves as an actionable, market-based plan to move downtown forward through thoughtful land use and investment; it primarily address public spaces, market opportunities and land use strategies for the next investment cycle. The Plan was developed through a community forum that provided opportunities for individuals to voice thoughts and input on the direction of the plan. The Plan identifies key public and private sector improvements to bolster downtown's economy, improve mobility, enhance parks and public spaces, and promote a more livable city center in the coming years.

The Draft Downtown Master Plan can be viewed at:

<https://ftp1.migcom.com/?u=x1JS&p=8laY&path=/Experience-DowntownCOS.zip>

Financial Implications:

N/A

Stakeholder Process and Involvement: The Downtown Partnership has actively engaged the community through surveys, focus groups, cycling tours of downtown, stakeholder interviews, charrettes, and community forums.

Board/Commission Recommendation: The proposed Downtown Master Plan will be considered by Planning Commission, the Downtown Review Board, and City Council. The recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will be provided to City Council.

Staff Recommendation: A motion to recommend approval of the Downtown Partnership Master Plan to City Council.

Proposed Motion: A motion to recommend the Downtown Partnership Master Plan to City Council.