

**Citizen Advisory Board
Parks Advisory Group Meeting
June 9, 2015
Draft**

Attention: The next PAG meeting is on July 14 , 2015

Chair: Sean Caffrey

Notes drafted by: Kate Kramer & Lucia Correll

Attendance:

Dennis Piper, Park Consultant; Front Porch; Chris Story, Bluff Lake; Kate Kramer, Sand Creek Regional Greenway Partnership; Eric Herbst, TMA Stapleton; Alexis Harrigan, District 11; Brian Hyde, Park Hill resident; Lucia Correll, Corollary Consultant/resident; Ilana Corson, SDC; Charlie Nicola, Forest City Vice President; Sean Caffrey, Resident/Chair of PAG; Brad Dodson, Denver; Paul Frohardt; Stapleton resident; Mike Nick, The Urban Farm. (Please excuse the misspelling of names and please correct).

Approval of Minutes: the May minutes were approved with the change to add Brad Dodson to the attendance list.

Westerly Creek North and the Prairie Uplands Update

Charlie Nicola gave the presentation. Charlie noted that the major rainfall event last Sunday washed out some of the work in the channel approaching Sand Creek. The channel diversion was breached, riffles damaged and portions of the channel slopes were damaged. The rains in May probably have not delayed the work however the flood this last Sunday will require a couple weeks of re-working at an estimated cost of approximately \$100K. Contractors will try to make up the time over the next few months, however there will likely be extended general conditions and other costs resulting from the flooding and delays in starting landscaping work and the issuance of Valley Crest's contract. PCMD has been waiting on other agreement for the ability to issue the contract which scope includes installing the permanent irrigation system, all plantings and trails.

Paul asked about the Natural Resource Damage grant. Charlie said he believed it is in for signatures with the City. He said there is another agreement covering the FEMA and UDFCD work –also in final stages with the City. Charlie thought they are both moving forward and Brad will get the details on the status of the contracts.

Kate asked about the timeline and Charlie said that he hoped that planting will be substantially completed this fall. A time critical item is the planting of the grassland seeding, which is most of the acreage of the project. The seeded areas need time to establish to Parks specifications which will affect when the park can be opened to the public The actual date will depend upon how well the grasses establish. Kate asked if temporary fencing could be put along the trails, so the public could use the trails before the grasses have been established. Charlie said that is really expensive for all the extra fencing so probably not.

Brian Hyde discussed the work being started by Denver between 11th and 13th along Westerly Creek near Lowry. He also told the PAG about the underpass at Montview and the improvements to the trail in Montview Park to 17th. This leaves only about 4 blocks to address until Westerly Creek is completed between Sand Creek and Lowry.

Acreage numbers for all parks at Stapleton

Charlie said that they are 10 acres ahead of targeted in-tract park development in the south and 8 acres ahead in the north. In Filing 49, designers are planning approximately 7 acres of in tract parks. For the entire area north of I-70 approximately, 34 acres of in tract park are left to be planned. He mentioned that about 173 acres remain to be developed (primarily in Section 10) to get to the 1,116 acre total required by the MFDA.

Charlie said that the park development is following the same approval process as it has for the last 15 years at Stapleton. He pointed out that information on acreages of both the IOS and TOS are published in IFDA's for each filing and that numbers are also included in the Park Creek Metro District (PCMD) annual report. The 2014 annual report came out a few weeks ago.

Charlie will send an electronic copy to Sean.

Partner Updates and Miscellaneous Announcements

Brad Dodson talked about a small neighborhood grant program, PS You Are Here. The grants are usually \$5000 to \$10,000 and here is an email from Brad with the link to the web site.

Here is the link - <http://artsandvenuesdenver.com/imagine-2020-creating-a-future-for-denvers-culture/psyah/>

to the *PS You Are Here* placemaking micro-grant program that I mentioned this morning at PAG. The application guidelines and toolkit will be available next week and the application window will be open August 3rd to September 18th. Let me know if you have any questions. Brad

Chris Story reported on Bluff Lake Nature Center (BLNC). It is a busy season and the lake is full and creating wetlands behind the dam. BLNC is working on mosquito control full time. The Blues, Brews, and Brats sold out and had good weather. Kate report that the Race for Open Space was great with good weather, too! The RFP for the Denver SCRG Master Plan is out for bid and citizens should look forward to several public outreach meetings. Dennis asked Alexis if the concessions pavilion at Central Park can be rented out to the public. She will check. Alexis reported that she has taken a job with Denver Public Schools and is sorry to be leaving City Council Herndon's office. She thanked the PAG volunteers for their service.

Lucia reported on the 1- 2 acres on Westerly Creek that has been a construction staging area for Urban Drainage and Flood Control. Darryl will mow the areas and UDFCD will treat the weeds.

Sean thanked everyone for coming and the meeting was adjourned.

- 8:30 Introductions and **May Minutes** Approval, Sean Caffrey
- 8:40 Discussion of Westerly Creek North and Prairie Uplands Parks, east and west
- 9:20 Discussion of acreage numbers for all parks at Stapleton. Data needed for next PAG meeting
- 9:30 Other Updates: