

Citizen Advisory Board
Parks Advisory Group Meeting

December 8, 2015 DRAFT

Present: Paul Frohardt, John Fernandez, Dennis Piper, Kate Kramer, Lucia Correll, Charlie Oldaker, Ilana Corson, Sean Caffrey, Eric Herbst, Brad Dodson, Dana Prince, Mike Niks

Sean opened the meeting. The attendees introduced themselves. Lucia made the motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting, Dana seconded it, and the minutes were approved.

Lucia Correll passed out a copy of the 2015 PAG Performance Objectives for the PAG to review. The PAG is to give a final report to CAB on whether Forest City met the objectives developed for 2015.

From the November PAG meeting, the PAG determined that Forest City had met their goal for Objective 1 on Westerly Creek North and on Objective 5, on the 26th Avenue Park. Lucia suggested that PAG member review the other Performance Objectives so the PAG can give a report to CAB. Please send your comments directly to Lucia and we will have the objectives discussion at the December meeting.

Brad reported that 176 acres of parkland is a significant amount of land. The cost estimates in the annual report are probably just estimates using a base number such as \$5/sq ft.

For Number 4, we need to get the project costs from Forest City. Brad noted that parks at Stapleton are paid with 1) TIF funds, 2) District System Development fees, 3) and fees from the developer. (*LUCIA was there one more?*)

For #5, how many PAG meeting did Charlie or another representative from Forest City attend? We need to look over the minutes from 2015. The issue of whether to ask a representative from Park Creek Metro District to attend was raised, but since the performance standards are for Forest City not PCMD, it was dropped.

For #1, the group recommended that we change the language to "complete." It was recommended that Forest City and PCMD put up signs explaining why the park will not be open until after the grasses have been given a chance to grow in and be sustainable.

For #2, it is fine and should be left 'as is.'

For #3, we need to look at the PCMD annual report and have a better explanation of the numbers. We also need a map to explain where the acreages in the report are located.

For #4, we should leave it.

For #5, change the wording to "construct."

Forest City needs to look at the Stapleton Parks Master Plan and address the issue of where there will be sports fields and facilities.

Should we ask someone from Denver Parks and Recreation to attend the PAG meetings on a regular basis? If we ask Happy Haynes to come to a meeting, what should the topic be?

Should someone from Aurora Parks attend PAG meetings? John Fernandez shared some names for specific projects.

It was suggested that we ask for an update on the parks and trail along the new section of Martin Luther King Blvd and an update on the 26th Avenue park and development in Aurora.

Mike Niks of the Urban Farm reported that they are waiting on the final transfer of land and will be negotiating a new contract with the new landowners, Denver Parks and Recreation. He also noted that the Urban Farm is working on a visioning document and would like to share that with the PAG once it has been completed.

Kate suggested that Eric Herbst of Northeast Transportation be listed in the updates section of the agenda.

No new information from Charlie with City Council member Herndon's office. No representative from Denver Parks and Recreation in attendance. No representative from Bluff Lake Nature Center in attendance. No representative from Stapleton public art in attendance. Kate report that the Master Plan for SCRGP is coming along well and thanked everyone for their input.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55. The next PAG meeting is Tuesday, January 12, 2016, in Room 200, at 7350 East 29th Avenue, Denver, CO.