

Citizen Advisory Board
Parks Advisory Group Meeting
June 14, 2016

Present: Charles Oldaker, Sara Davis, James Sudderth, Adrienne Burton, Tia Cavender, Paul Frohardt, John Fernandez, Kate Kramer, Sean Caffrey, Rachel Ellis Adams, Eric Herbst, Chris Ricciardiello, Brad Dodson, Lucia Correll.

May minutes were approved.

Charlie Nicola gave a preview of the Section 10 Concept Trunk Open Space plan.

- This plan will be presented at the public meeting on June 14 at 6 PM at the Recreation Center.
- The parks in this section will be consistent with the prairie composition and feel of the Arsenal land. There will thus be fewer trees than you see in South Stapleton., Denver Parks notes the success rate of trees in this type of terrain is poor. In general though the area will be irrigated to establish the landscaping.
- The budget for the Trunk Open Space is \$30 million, of which \$19M is hard costs. Funding is not currently available. Denver City and County is working on a plan to fund the Section 10 parks as well as other trunk funded projects such as Smith Road and the widening of Havana. The concerned government entities will meet after July 5 to discuss possible avenues for funding according to Brad Dodson.
- There will be about 2000 rooftops in Section 10
- Infrastructure construction in Filing 49, which borders the TOS to the West, is underway with the expectation that lots will be sold to builders in September 2016. The builders will be building new product elevations.
- Filing 52, 54 and 55 have not yet been taken down and are still owned by DIA .

Park Updates

26th Ave Park:

- The first lots will be sold this fall.

- There will be no single family housing east of Moline. The toe of the boot, which is the land east of Moline, south of proposed MLK and wets of Peoria is planned to be multi family and retail.

Prairie Meadows:

PCMD is waiting for Denver approvals to begin grading the park. Grading is underway in Sand Hills Experience and the Dog Park. The bulk of the work in the P-A parks will not be done until fall of 2017.

Adriene Burton, Denver parks

- Denver Provides dog stations, but does not provide bags. This is the responsibility of the citizenry.
- Wastewater is leading the City Park Golf Course changes. Go to <https://www.denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/platte-to-park-hill.html> to find out about City Park Gold Course,

Sara Davis, City Forester:

- The Forestry Department has launched a campaign, “Be A Smart Ash” to educate people about Ash Trees and the Emerald Ash Borer.
- The Forester is seeking requests for trees for the public right of way. They have received about 800 requests and have capacity for approximately 4000.

James Sudderth: Arboreal Specialist

- The Forestry Department will be surveying the City before the end of Oct to see where the Ash trees are located. Ash Trees are no longer on the list of trees approved for the public right of way.
- The Forestry Department is encouraging the diversification of the canopy.

Bluff Lake:

- Tia Cavender and Chase Parks has been working with Bluff Lake to mitigate the collection of trash in the outfall area. Tia has hired an engineering intern to examine the problem.
- Chris Story will be leaving Bluff Lake. He will be sorely missed. Apparently he will still be involved in some of his favorite projects so hopefully we will continue to see him.