

**FOOTHILLS PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT**  
**REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**December 8, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Foothills Park and Recreation District was held at The Peak Community and Wellness Center, 6612 South Ward Street, Littleton, Colorado 80127.

- I. CALL TO ORDER: Director Maulik called the regular meeting to order at 6:03pm.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Director Maulik led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
- III. ROLL CALL:
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| Director Maulik:    | Present          |
| Director Shangraw:  | Present          |
| Director Frankland: | Absent - excused |
| Director Sutton:    | Present          |
| Chairman Nunes:     | Absent - excused |

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Ronald Hopp, Executive Director; Paul Rufien, District Counsel; Colin Insley, Director of Parks, Planning and Construction; Tom Woodard, Director of Golf; Patricia Parkin, Director of Administrative Services; Barb Butler, Manager of Recreation Programs; Derek Eberhardt, Operations Manager of Recreation Facilities; Richelle Riley, Recording Secretary; other Foothills staff and members of the public.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

**MOTION:** Director Shangraw moved that the Foothills Board of Directors approve the December 8, 2009 agenda as submitted. Director Sutton seconded the motion. Poll of the Board: Director Maulik, aye; Director Shangraw, aye; Director Sutton, aye. The motion was approved.

V. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 24, 2009 MINUTES:

**MOTION:** Director Shangraw moved that the Foothills Board of Directors approve the minutes of the November 24, 2009 Board meeting as submitted. Director Sutton seconded the motion. Poll of the Board: Director Maulik, aye; Director Shangraw, aye; Director Sutton, aye. The motion was approved.

VI. COMMUNITY COMMENTS:

A. Adopt-A-Park and Trail Program Recognition

Colin Insley said since we started the Adopt-A-Park program in the fall of 2008, we have had a total of 15 different groups and individuals from different organizations participate. They have helped with numerous things such as pruning, trash removal, and trail restoration. Mr. Insley indicated that while that program has been growing, another program is blooming where organizations would like to come in and do a one-day project such as build a playground, paint bridges, clean drainages, etc. We would like to build that program along with the Adopt-A-Park program. Mr. Insley read the names of the volunteers receiving a certificate, and presented the certificates to those who were in attendance. Those volunteers were Tina Green who adopted Willow Creek Park (in attendance); Richard Baer, Coronado Park and Trail; Carrie and Scott Stordahl (Cub Scout Pack 608), Blue Heron Park; Mary Jean Flesh (Sixth Avenue West), Ship Park; Desiree Eke (Scout Pack 686), Kipling Villas Greenbelts; Shelly Kent (Kent Family), Weaver Hollow Park and Pool; Robert Moser (Columbine West Civic), Dutch Creek Trail; Melissa McGinty (All About Dogs), Columbine Hills Trail; Kim Tyler (Cub Scout Pack 84), Lilley Gulch Trail; Pat Fogarty, Peak Athletic Fields; Ramona Lovato, Wingate South Park; Wally Struble (Weaver Creek HOA), Weaver Gulch Regional Trail; Kate Battagline, Weaver Hollow Park and Pool (in attendance); Sue Brown (Love My Dog Training), Clement Park Lake Trail; and Keith Sprincz (Canterbury HOA), Chaucer Park.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

A. 2010 Budget

Ronald Hopp recalled the 2010 proposed budget has been prepared by staff and presented to the Board on October 13<sup>th</sup>. Additional presentations were provided at the two Board meetings in November.

A complete replacement packet for the budget book was provided to the Board. The new total revenues are \$21,661,551 with equal expenditures. Mr. Hopp indicated that tonight we are requesting formal and final approval of the budget as submitted. He pointed out the attached spreadsheet titled *2010 Budget Final Adjustments* showing adjustments that needed to be made since the October presentation. Summarizing those changes, Mr. Hopp told the Board we received final valuation assessments late last week and there is \$11,779 decline. He said there is a favorable adjustment of \$2,000 less for the audit fee, and the janitorial contract was renegotiated for a favorable change of \$2,320. The HMO and multi-choice health insurance did go up for employees; the multi-choice is up a higher percentage than the HMO. We absorbed the cost for employees for the HMO and the same cost for the multi-choice, but any additional cost for multi-choice was passed on to the employees. That additional \$5,079 is revenue we will be collecting. With the finalization of the overall compensation plan and adjustments, we had an additional \$31,555 and additional Social Security costs on those salaries. Because the Alpers Farm project did not get completed in 2009, we are diverting the revenues and the accompanying expenditures into the 2010 budget, as well as the Kipling Trail project. We believe we have somewhat final numbers from the hail damage from the July storm, \$414,908, and are showing the revenues and expenditures associated with that in the 2010 budget. Mr. Hopp said we had an additional request for training for Fleet for \$383. We have entered into a new copier lease for Marketing, and because of some added efficiencies, have a slightly higher rate. Mr. Hopp explained in order to help us balance the budget, we reduced Public Relations and Promotions in the Executive Director's budget as well as the Leisure Services budget by \$5,000 each. We raised the projected revenue that we will generate from Foothills Golf Course and Meadows Golf Course by a total of \$24,531, and we have reduced Professional Services in the Human Resources budget by \$5,624. Mr. Hopp explained we were conservative with those revenue projections early on, and recognized it is dependent on the weather.

Mr. Hopp concluded those are all the adjustments that we have made since October 13<sup>th</sup>. We have the budget information tonight for the Board's approval that we would submit to Jefferson County and the State of Colorado. Mr. Hopp said we have prepared resolutions that meet all the statutory requirements for the adoption of the budget, the appropriation of funds, and certification of the mill levies for 2010. We have provided a public notice as required in the Columbine Courier indicating that the 2010 proposed budget is open for public inspection during business hours, will be reviewed at the November 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Board meetings, and a public hearing on the budget is scheduled for tonight.

Director Maulik pointed out some of the property tax values dropped in sub-districts A and B, so we will see a slight decrease in taxes this year. It went up or stayed the same for the main part of the District. Mr. Hopp said the biggest drop seemed to be in the sub-district north of Hampden, although none of them have dropped a lot.

1. Public Hearing

Director Maulik opened the public hearing at 7:20pm to consider the Foothills Park & Recreation District's budget for 2010. There were no comments. The public hearing was closed at 7:21pm.

2. Resolutions

**MOTION:** Director Shangraw moved that the Foothills Board of Directors approve Resolution No. 09-008 to adopt the 2010 budget for the Foothills Park & Recreation District, Resolution No. 09-009 to appropriate the 2010 budget for the Foothills Park & Recreation District, and Resolution No. 09-010 to levy 2010 property taxes for the Foothills Park & Recreation District. Director Sutton seconded the motion. Poll of the Board: Director Maulik, aye; Director Shangraw, aye; Director Sutton, aye. The motion was approved.

Director Maulik observed staff did an excellent job balancing the budget which we are required to do by law, but it does not mean we are close to fixing the state of affairs in this District. There are upkeep, maintenance, repair, and replacement items that are not

happening. There is going to come a time when this Board is going to have to reach out to the community to see if there is any way to get more funds to get us to where we need to be.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Adding to the report provided, Mr. Hopp said the interim audit work with John Cutler and Associates starts next week. He recalled last year it went very smoothly, and anticipates it will go even more smoothly now that they have audited one year.

Mr. Hopp explained the incentive with the King Soopers bags. People receive a facility pass if they bring in a coupon that is on the prescription bags. It could target people who may be seeking wellness opportunities. Regarding opportunities for debt restructure, Mr. Hopp said he will be sharing information with the Board probably in the coming week, and believes there is a good opportunity with the General Obligation Bond. If it is something the Board wants to move forward with, we would have a resolution for the Board in January. Director Maulik said she has received a handful of thank you notes via email from staff concerning the incentive meetings. She observed that Mr. Hopp and staff worked very hard to get cuts made; the gratitude needs to go back to staff. Director Shangraw agreed; it was well over due. Mr. Hopp said he has received quite a few cards and emails as well, and will be compiling those to share with the Board probably in January.

Concerning Mesa View Estates, Director Maulik asked if staff had anything in mind as far as a deposit figure. Mr. Rufien answered we had a meeting and brain stormed the best we could project right now what was going to be involved. We now have the task of putting some cost estimates together to compare and contrast. Mr. Rufien confirmed we are well into the process but don't have any figures to present to the Board.

There was discussion about illegal access and dumping at Fehringer Ranch. Jefferson County is going to put some barricades up, and we will do some fence mending and minimal repairs. In response to Director Maulik's concern, Mr. Hopp agreed we could look into reporting it as vandalism and submit to the insurance company.

The lack of pottery sales at Southwest Plaza on "Black Friday" was discussed. Mr. Hopp said as a result, staff have decided it would cost more money to hold the golf open house there than we would benefit, so it has been cancelled.

X. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Mr. Hopp talked about the ESCO progress. He discussed that there are some very preliminary indications of items they would like to do; staff are in the process of reviewing those. They are hoping to make a recommendation that we could possibly pursue a project by June of 2010.

Regarding Mr. Hopp's performance review, Director Maulik suggested Mr. Hopp's staff should review him as well. The Board will work through Ms. Parkin to conduct Mr. Hopp's review. It may be done the second meeting in January.

Barb Butler discussed grant opportunities for the Jefferson County Public Health's application for the Urban Area application for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. There are two separate grant opportunities through the stimulus package, one is to address tobacco issues and the other is related to wellness activities.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

The regular meeting was adjourned at 6:36pm. The next Board meeting will be held at 6pm on Tuesday, January 12, 2010, at The Peak Community and Wellness Center, 6612 South Ward Street, Littleton.

Submitted by:

Richelle Riley  
Recording Secretary