

FOOTHILLS PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

August 28, 2018

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

- I. CALL TO ORDER: Director Bosanko called the regular meeting to order at 6pm.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Director Bosanko 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 Farrar: | Present |
| Director Butman: | Present |
| Director James: | Present |
| Director Meyer: | Present |
| Director Bosanko: | Present |

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

Potential conflicts of interest were disclosed pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes 18-8-308(2), 24-18-109(3)(a), 24-18-110, and 32-1-902(3).

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: Director Meyer moved that the Foothills Board of Directors approve the August 28, 2018 agenda as submitted. Director Butman seconded the motion. Poll of the Board: Director Butman, aye; Director James, aye; Director Meyer, aye; Director Bosanko, aye. The motion was approved.

V. APPROVAL OF JULY 24, 2018 MINUTES:

MOTION: Director Meyer moved that the Foothills Board of Directors approve the minutes of the July 24, 2018 board meeting as submitted. Director James seconded the motion. Poll of the Board: Director Butman, aye; Director James, aye; Director Meyer, aye; Director Bosanko, abstain. The motion was approved.

VI. COMMUNITY COMMENTS:

A. Eagle Scout Recognition

Sarah McAfee, Park Volunteer and Operations Coordinator, recognized Derek Deslauriers for his Eagle Scout project at Eagle Meadows Park, and he was presented with a certificate. Derek provided the Board a PowerPoint presentation about his project.

Bobby Thomas, Dancing Willows Metro District president, addressed the Board regarding a GOCO grant application to make improvements to Dancing Willows Park. He asked the Board for a letter of support for that purpose, and explained they would also need a Memo of Understanding (MOU). He talked about the need for an easement that could possibly be covered in the MOU as well. Mr. Thomas went over a list of 12 items of improvement they would like to do in the park. There was discussion about the grant process and community notification. The Board agreed that staff can move forward with the HOA and come back with more details. Director Meyer requested that the Board see the letters of support and find out about the community participation.

Leslie Jones, Westridge HOA and Blue Heron Park, expressed concern about property values and said that they don't want the playground initiated until the lake is filled and that project is completed. Ms. Jones expressed concern about the contract from the engineering firm. Staff suggested she contact Jefferson County and was provided with this contact information.

Ronald Hopp clarified that the dam rehabilitation project at Blue Heron Park was funded by other entities, and the playground project would be funded by the District. They are completely unrelated projects.

Ms. Jones expressed concern about mosquitos and asked the District to spray. Paul Rufien indicated that mosquito control is a very specific, legally controlled power that the District does not have because it is not a metropolitan district.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Neighborhood Parks Project Update and Architerra Contract Amendment

Using PowerPoint, Colin Insley shared with the Board the schematic plans and what has been done for each of the five park improvement sites, working with Architerra, as outlined in the memo provided: Dewey Haberman Memorial Park, Governor James B. Grant Park, Blue Heron Park, Christensen Meadows Park, and Wingate South Park.

In response to concerns regarding Governor James B. Grant Park, Director Bosanko opened the floor for community comments.

Bryan Erbenraut expressed the final plan is generally a good plan. He asked to leave the existing blue grass along the east fence. There was discussion.

Bruce Glenn, Parkside resident, was all for the original plan of native grass and wild flowers, and talked about need for water conservation. There was discussion.

Mr. Hopp spoke about the process and weighing options for both sides for the Governor Grant Park concept.

Mr. Insley continued with the presentation, and provided an update for Clement Park Phase C.

According to the memo provided, Mr. Insley outlined an amended contract with Architerra for the five parks projects, and explained that it includes the north parking lot at Lilley Gulch. Mr. Insley clarified the cost increase is for new scope.

MOTION: Director Meyer moved that the Foothills Board of Directors approve the amendment to the Design Services Agreement with the Architerra Group in the amount of \$148,675 and authorize the Executive Director to execute the agreement. Director James seconded the motion. Poll of the Board: Director Farrar, aye; Director Butman, aye; Director James, aye; Director Meyer, aye; Director Bosanko, aye. The motion was approved.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Tribute/Memorial Bench Application

According to the memo provided, Mr. Insley communicated the request from the Cline family for a tribute/memorial bench for their father. Mr. Insley pointed out the location at Lilley Pad Park, and wording for the plaque.

MOTION: Director Farrar moved that the Foothills Board of Directors approve the memorial park bench request from Mr. Bruce Cline for the purpose of placing a park bench with plaque at Lilley Pad Park. Director Butman seconded the motion. Poll of the Board: Director Farrar, aye; Director Butman, aye; Director James, aye; Director Meyer, aye; Director Bosanko, aye. The motion was approved.

IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Highlighting the report provided, Mr. Hopp called attention to the comments received from parents, teens, and students related to Children's Programs.

Mr. Hopp acknowledged employees who were involved in saving a patron at Peak Community & Wellness Center using CPR and AED. Derek Eberhardt added that West Metro was pleased with the response of staff. It is going to be recommended to the fire chief that they are acknowledged for saving a life.

Mr. Hopp pointed out information regarding Beers Sisters Reservoir and the dam construction. People are frustrated there is no water in the lake. There is a drought situation, Mr. Hopp explained, and chances of getting water at this point in time is very difficult. The dam rehabilitation project is not the District's project, it would have happened regardless of whether there were water rights or not. Mr. Hopp provided a recap of the project and the efforts the District started in 2016 to obtain water rights. Because of those efforts, the dam was designed as a reservoir instead of a detention pond. Mr. Hopp indicated the District has secured one water right and is working on a second one.

The LDS church, Columbine stake, and the Deer Creek church helped with Chaucer Park playground build.

Mr. Hopp called attention to a list of items that were done during the facility shut-downs of Ridge and Lilley Gulch.

Mr. Hopp described a call he received from a gentleman representing Columbine Knolls South II HOA who stated the HOA has an interest in building an HOA-owned and operated pool, and asked if the District would consider selling or leasing them a space in Coronado Park. Mr. Rufien discussed liability for the District, various processes, and costs if the District wanted to pursue that. There was discussion. The Board was not interested in pursuing the concept at this time.

At the last board meeting, Mr. Hopp recalled that Director James had asked a question about the Gallagher Amendment. In response, Dennis Weiner prepared an analysis and presented the calculations to the Board.

X. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

A. Finance Update

Dennis Weiner discussed the finance update through July 31, 2018 as provided in the packet.

Highlighting the report, Mr. Wiener indicated operating revenues were favorable to budget. That was driven by variances from a few different revenue categories that Mr. Weiner detailed. Operating expenditures were favorable to plan, Mr. Weiner explained.

Mr. Weiner reported that net operating loss was favorable to plan, and net non-operating revenue was favorable to plan.

Looking at the bottom line through July 31st, Mr. Weiner concluded that net revenue was favorable to plan.

B. Foothills Sports Arena Project Completion

Using a PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Hopp provided an overview of the Foothills Sports Arena (FSA) project that commenced the week of July 16th. It included replacement of the synthetic turf, fencing, netting and pads on the support beams; Mr. Hopp described the processes. The project was completed in early August. Special thanks was extended to the community for their support of the mill levy. Mr. Hopp recognized Terry Green who acted as a general contractor for the project.

C. 2001/2010 General Obligation Bond

Outlining the memo included in the packet, Mr. Hopp indicated that in November of 2000, the District placed a TABOR question on the ballot asking voters for a bond issue, and elaborated. Sub-District A was the primary area and it did not include the Sixth Avenue West area. It was successful, and Mr. Hopp recognized projects that were completed with that bond issue. He recalled that in 2010, the District refinanced this debt to a lower interest rate which saved money for the taxpayers in this community. The debt is scheduled to expire in 2020.

With the expiration of the debt, there is opportunity to consider placing a TABOR question on an upcoming ballot to ask consideration by the voters in the community to extend the mill levy associated with that General Obligation Bond for an additional 20 years. It would extend the same annual debt service for 20 years and generate funds that could be used for capital needs throughout the District. Mr. Hopp expressed because taxes would not be raised, but continued, he feels there is a high likelihood of approval if the projects are of quality. He referred to the

Vision 2030 Master Plan as a guide for determining what sort of projects might be quality projects.

Mr. Hopp conducted a preference exercise with the Board. Using PowerPoint, he went through about 25 different project ideas. Distributing a survey form, he asked the Board to rate the projects on a one to five scale, and invited them to add their own ideas as well. Some factors could be community need, voter approval, revenues/expenditures, etc. Mr. Hopp explained this will help guide due diligence. Future steps could include a scientific poll, public outreach, public information distribution, etc. If it is decided to move forward with these types of projects, potential election options could include November of 2019, May of 2020, or November of 2020. Mr. Hopp discussed the Sixth Avenue West area was not included in the original bond, which is a variable to be considered.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A. Contract Negotiations per 24-6-402(4)(e), C.R.S.

MOTION: Director Farrar moved that the Foothills Board of Directors move into Executive Session to discuss Contract Negotiations pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute 24-6-402(4)(e). Director Meyer seconded the motion. Poll of the Board: Director Farrar, aye; Director Butman, aye; Director James, aye; Director Meyer, aye; Director Bosanko, aye. The motion was approved.

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:47pm. Executive Session started at 8:52pm and ended at 9:15pm. The regular meeting reconvened at 9:15pm.

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:16pm. The next regular board meeting will be held at 6pm on Tuesday, September 25, 2018, at Peak Community & Wellness Center, 6612 South Ward Street, Littleton.

Submitted by:

Richelle Riley, Recording Secretary