2017 General Obligation Bond- Parks and Recreation Committee

Date: 3/30/17

Time: 9:00am – 11:00am

Location: Rude Recreation Center, 2855 W Holden Pl., Denver CO

Attendees

Committee Members:
1. Sarah Kurz, Committee Chair
2. Barbara Evans Small
3. Jeanne Robb
4. Leslie Twarogowski
5. CM Wayne New
6. Erin Porteous
7. Jeff Shoemaker

City Staff:
1. Jay Henke
2. Adam Phipps
3. Nikki McCabe
4. Michael Bouchard
5. Scott Gilmore
6. Jason Moore
7. Lisa Lumley
8. Gordon Robertson
9. Jerry Tinianow
10. John Martinez
11. Happy Haynes
12. Courtney Law

Members of the Public:
1. Brad Cameron – Additional New Green and Park Open Space
2. Sayuri Toribio - Westwood Recreation Center
3. Noemi Enriquez - Westwood Recreation Center
4. Marisol Valencia - Westwood Recreation Center
5. Norma Brambila - Westwood Recreation Center

Executive Committee Members:
1. J.J. Niemann
### Meeting Notes

#### Welcome and Introductions
- Welcoming comments by Committee Chair Sarah Kurz

#### Call for public comment
- Public Comment:
  - A Member of Denver Public spoke about Parkhill Golf course and why it should be considered for the bond as additional new park and green open space.
  - Four members of public spoke to support a new Westwood Recreation Center. The Westwood neighborhood is in need of additional recreational space; the current spaces are at maximum capacity. A recreation center would support the children and health of the community. All four speakers prefer to keep the library and the recreation center separate.

#### Project Summary/ Binder Distribution

Presentation given by Happy Haynes, Executive Director, Parks and Recreation

- Overview of the Parks Department: Mission, Staff overview, Current parks assets & asset inventory cost analysis, department challenges, Budget overview including asset inventory cost breakout, and capital maintenance overview.

- Deferred Maintenance Needs: 47% good, 19 poor, $124M in deferred maintenance
  - Specific areas of deferred maintenance include: court maintenance to deteriorating surfaces, playgrounds with dilapidated conditions, miles of roadways through parks needing repairs for large holes, bridges needing repair to the point that a number have been and need to be closed to public, over $70M of facility and recreation center repairs to the point that some risk being closed to public. Historic structures and landmarks in critical condition, needing maintenance and restoration.

- Important Bond Criteria as seen by Parks: Cost, equity, deferred maintenance, public input, master and strategic plans (need to finish projects that have been started), bond collaboration with other agencies.

- Introduction to member of the City’s NDCC Department Todd Wenskoski- briefly spoke about NDCC projects in the area and how they relate to Parks. NDCC will be present at next meeting to support the Parks presentation.

#### Committee Q’s:
- Maintenance vs. New facilities/Parks?
- Looking forward, what types of facilities will be needed to address growing needs of City?
- In P2P projects, is there funding for City Park Golf Course?
Response: P2P is not part of the GO Bond project list.

- In respect to deferred maintenance, does it make sense to build new facilities and increase assets when Parks is currently struggling to keep up with maintenance of current assets?

  Response: addressing deferred maintenance needs is and will continue to be an important part of the Parks and Recreation system. Likewise, investing in new facilities to continue to serve existing users, while addressing increased demand is also of strategic importance for the Parks and Recreation system.

- Are deferred maintenance needs distributed across city, or are there areas with higher needs?

  Response: Older facilities do have higher needs. This will be addressed in following week’s discussion.

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Look Ahead

Committee received binders from DPR staff coordinator. Binders include parks maps and council districts, contact information, background on NDCC, & project information, 2 types of project sheets: each project will have a project summary providing: contact person, council district & location (if applicable), statement of why project is needed, cost estimates, project readiness Criteria sheet which can be used for project evaluation.

- Future meeting dates and times:
  Next meeting will be held at the Chambers Grant Salon, 1385 Curtis St., Denver, CO

- Presentation Schedule: Next week will hear from Parks department with support from NDCC

- Site Visits