### 2017 General Obligation Bond - Parks and Recreation Committee

**Date:** 4/7/17  
**Time:** 9:00am – 11:30am  
**Location:** Denver Performing Arts Complex, Denver CO

#### Attendees

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<td>1. Sarah Kurz, Committee Chair</td>
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### Meeting Notes

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<td>- NAME: Bridget Walsh</td>
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- Park Hill Resident – Discussed an economic report on the benefits of parks - $575m/yr. and ecological benefits of parks and open space. Specifically, the benefits of microbes and bacteria. Asking to preserve open space & Park Hill golf course.

- NAME: Lindy Eichenbaum– Director Civic Center Conservancy

- Civic Center Park was neglected in the past, but over the past 12 years this has changed drastically. However, to sustain this, the work must continue. $3.2m raised by CCC since 2010. Progress has been made, but $25m remains from the master plan. Conservancy is committed to raising private money, but public money is still needed. 200,000 visitors a year to the park, needs to be a priority in.

- COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

- Jeff Shoemaker – Has reached out to City Council members to give comment on their top 3 priorities.

- Councilman New - $444M items on the project list, he and his team have compiled a spreadsheet.

### Project Summary/ Binder Distribution

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

- Addressing Issues from Last Meeting: Questions from Park Hill Golf Course – Agreement between Clayton Trust and City of Denver: Provided for termination of conservation easement, which describes why the agreement was entered into. Intent – How the golf course will be operated and preserved. Happy brought this to share with the committee and the public.

- Second follow up question – Peer Cities, how their capital assets are handled (addressing councilman New’s questions from last meeting). This is yet to come and will be provided by DPR.

- Agenda: (Presentation)
  - 2007 Better Bond Recap
  - DPR funding gaps

- 2007 Better Bond Summary
  - Presented a summary of 2007 projects, for a total of $95m (Citywide and Individual projects)
  - Discussed the prioritization process in 20070

- DPR funding gap – from Jacobs analysis, deferred capital maintenance
  - Annual requirements - $41,715,000 required to catch up and keep up with deferred maintenance
    - Deferred = $20m/yr. would be required to keep up
    - Life cycle maintenance = $21m
    - Currently at $10m – Gap is $34m

- Overview of Bond Program Criteria: Cost, Equity, Deferred maintenance need, Public input, recent plans, collaboration with other agencies, if the projects were on other lists.

- Overview of proposed projects:
  - Overview of top priorities – presented the top priorities and overall cost.
  - Map presented of each project within each district, which also shows a correlating ‘equity index’ chart that has a variety of social indicators that are significant data points in each district. Shows that a number of the projects are in high need areas.
- Question: How will this be used in the selection process?
  - A: The map shows that Parks is trying to identify areas in the city with higher needs, and that the projects are in many of these areas that have a high area of need.
- Q: The higher need areas – what about the criteria for the mapping?
  - A: Parks will bring the criteria to the next meeting to show how the map was created.
- Q: How will the map be used by the committee?
  - A: TBD by the committee.

  o Deferred Maintenance Projects – presented by DPR:
    - Q: Committee – Can DPR please prioritize the list with the most critical projects?
      - A: Parks staff is prepared to triage the list when the time comes.
    - Q: Does this list of projects include rec centers?
      - A: Yes.
    - Q: Will this presentation be on the Bond website? (committee and public asking this question)
      - A: Parks will follow up on that next week.

- PRESENTATION OF PROJECTS – DEFERRED MAINTENANCE (Presented by City Staff)
  o ADA Improvements (Citywide)
    - $2.5m request to address high-profile issues.
    - Does not address all ADA needs.
  o Bear Valley Tennis Courts
    - $1m project
    - 40-50 yr. lifespan
      - Q: full reconstruction – will these be tennis courts only (pickleball, etc.)?
        - A: looking at only tennis courts. This is based on needs assessments and other methods to identify what is needed.
      - Q: This is right on the boarder. Do other municipalities ever contribute?
        - A: No – but, people from other municipalities do pay to use specific programs and rec centers.
  o City Park Playground Replacement
    - $2M project
    - Q: Are there matching funds?
      - A: Yes, matching funds are a possibility for all projects presented. However, no matching funds are accounted for in the cost for each project. The $2m presented here is the overall project cost.
    - Comment – Will the city consider private funding, branding, corporate branding, etc.
      - A: Yes, this is something that the agency would consider, but this is a sensitive topic that will require an overall policy of the city.
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- Dog parks (Citywide)
  - $2m projects
  - Comment – There is an opportunity to do private partnerships for this project as well.
  - Q: Does this highlight specific locations?
  - A: No, just citywide need

- Fountains (Citywide):
  - $2.6m – phased: $1.5m

- Pool Reconstruction (Citywide)
  - $11m – Phased: $8.5m for Curtis park only
  - Curtis park pool – complete reconstruction

- Synthetic turf – replacement (Citywide)
  - $6.8m – phased: $3m
  - Many fields nearing end of lifecycle. $3m will address only critical needs.
  - Q: What neighborhoods would the projects take place in?
  - A: New fields at Sonny Lawson and New Freedom
    Replacement of fields at Parkfield and Valverde
  - Q: Lifecycle – will the replacement fields last longer than 10 years?
  - A: Not that department is aware of. 10 years is the anticipated lifecycle of the new turf.

- Congress Park Pool
  - $9m – phased $8m
  - $8m would be for complete replacement, with the additional $1m for replacement of an adjacent playground.
  - This is a very high needs project. The pool leaks hundreds of gallons of water every day.
  - Q: Does the public know about problems like this? How can we communicate these problems and needs?
  - A: Yes, the public has given feedback on this project.
  - Comments – The public process should include engaging the community to let them know just how great the need is in terms of the condition of some of these assets.
  - Q: Can you explain the 36 mo. Timeline?
  - A: This included planning and all aspects of the project.

- Globeville Elyria Swansea Rec Center Upgrades
  - $15m – phased $12m.
  - $12m would cover only the indoor pool at the Swansea rec center.
  - NDCC is a partner in these upgrades.

- Irrigation (Citywide): $17m – phased $10m
Q: Repairs - Are there operating funds in the budget for this?
A: Yes, this is built into the budget. However, the budget has been exceeded in the past.

- Mountain Parks
  - $4.5m – Phased $2m

- Morrison/Genesee CCC Camp Restoration Work
  - $6.5m – phased $4m
  - Discussion of the potential benefits of the project. The committee agrees that this project would have various benefits.

- Neighborhood Park improvements (Citywide)
  - $21.5m – phased $10m
  - This is a great need citywide.

- Park Maintenance Facilities
  - $15m – Phased $8m; $4 New, $4 upgrades

- Rec center maintenance upgrades
  - $8m - $4m in upgrades, $4m for needs identified in the FCAP (Facility Condition Assessment Plan)

- Ruby Hill Phase 3
  - $11.5m – phased $6.5m,
  - Phased project would include roads and parking only.

- Sullivan Gateway – Phase 3
  - $2m
  - Q: how are the historic structures evaluated?
  - A: There is an extensive process that goes into all historic projects.
  - Comment: The public has given input on this project and similar structures that historic preservation is important.
  - Q: Sister cities – have we ever asked other cities to help us fund some of these projects?
  - A: No. However, the idea has been discussed.

- South Platte River – Retaining walls
  - $11.4m – Phased $5.7m
  - DPR is in the process of identifying partners (CDOT, Urban Drainage).
  - Project is at risk of escalated cost due to environmental concerns.

- PRESENTATION OF PROJECTS – NEW PROJECTS
  - Burns Park Improvements
    - 5.8m – phased $3.5m
    - $3.5m – would handle grading and another portion of the project.
Downtown Acquisitions
- $26.5M – phased $10m: $5m Acquisitions, $5m new amenities
- Does not include the Civic Center Park project proposal

Green Valley Ranch Rec Center Addition
- $19m – phased $12m: This would build only the pool.

Paco Sanchez Park
- $6.5m – phased $4.5m. The 6.5m would complete the project. The $4.5 would complete all but the turf fields for phase 3 of the project.

RiNo Promenade
- $10.3m – phased $5m.
- There will be opportunity for partner funding.
- Q: – How will the project make it safer for the community.
- A: Mobility. The project will create a bike/pedestrian friendly environment.
- Comment: Mayors priority – transit.

Sun Valley Community Park
- $2.5m
- Start of the development of an 8+ acre park.

West Denver Rec Center
- $37.5m – phased $5m: acquisition and concept design only
- Q: If it doesn’t get on the bond list, is there any funding sources available?
- A: No, but DPR would try to find funding for the acquisition and concept.
- Discussion: Dual-use project – Library/rec center. This is a possible opportunity for the project. The committee sounds like they would be interested in recommending this.

Other proposed projects – DPR presented a list of potential projects that the agency is not recommending for the 2017 bond.

PRESENTATION QUESTIONS/COMMENTS from the committee:
- Discussion: Scheitler Rec Center VS. Green Valley Ranch project proposal – This was a project that didn’t ever come to fruition, but it was looked at as a completely different project than what we’re looking at now.

Look Ahead
- The list of Public/City Council requested projects will be presented next week.
- Scoring of projects: the committee will begin evaluating each of these projects in order to present a recommended list to the executive committee.
- Executive Committee – wants to see each committee narrow down the lists as much as they can. The overall projects that were presented come in at a total of $3b. The total of the bond will be around $500-600m.
- Future meeting dates and times:
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