

2017 General Obligation Bond Meeting Minutes

2017 General Obligation Bond- Parks and Recreation Committee

Date: 4/20/17

Time: 9:00am – 11:30am

Location: Montclair Civic Center, E. 12th Ave., 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
8. Rosemary Rodriguez
9. Nancy Jackson
10. Landri Taylor

City Staff:

11. Jay Henke
12. Adam Phipps
13. Jeremy Matsen
14. Michael Bouchard
15. Jason Moore
16. Gordon Robertson
17. Jerry Tinianow
18. John Martinez
19. Laura Perry

Executive Committee Members:

1. Jandel Allen-Davis – By phone

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Meeting Notes

Welcome and Introductions

- Welcoming comments by Committee Chair Sarah Kurz

Call for public comment

- Public Comment: Six members of the public commented on the following projects: Sun Valley projects, Westwood Recreation Center, and Denver Mountain Parks.

Department of Finance Comments: Laura Perry, Capital Program Manager

Deferred Maintenance Funding Needs:

- Parks has about \$119M in total deferred maintenance needs.
- This is due to more people moving here, more use, and assets reaching the end of useful life.
- Growth and escalating prices, assets are becoming more expensive to replace. Impact of deferred maintenance is great. Cost of the maintenance impacts the public.
- Committee is recommended to take a balanced approach of recommended new and deferred maintenance projects.

COMMITTEE QUESTIONS FOLLOW UP (from the prior week's meeting)

DSBO (Division of Small Business Opportunity): Staff is still working on getting a summary from the DSBO office, will have it ready for the next meeting.

Land Acquisition: City staff is working with DPR and Denver Real Estate on this and will have a response for the next meeting. We have used GO bonds in the past to acquire land and purchasing land is also a possibility for this bond.

Civic Center Master Plan Improvements: Project should be noted as a 6-year plan/departmental additional priority on the overall project list (*Parks & Recreation Citywide Input for 2017 GO Bond*). Civic Center Master Plan Improvements and Skyline Park Improvements can be considered by the committee as specific projects, but will be considered in the Downtown Park Acquisition/Development & Existing Park Improvements and Amenities if they are not funded as a stand-alone project.

COMMITTEE SCHEDULE:

-Discussion of current schedule and potential changes.

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- Disclosure of possible conflicts of interest.

Project Summary/ Binder Distribution

Discussion of the project criteria and how the committee will rank each of the projects.

Discussion of the project list and methodology:

- Projects not under evaluation: there are projects that did not make the list due to scoring too low, or that did not meet criteria to make the list.
- Committee discussed questions about the project list. Committee discussed ranking projects without looking at the dollar amounts. This will allow the committee to identify the projects that meet the criteria. Once projects are identified, dollar amounts would be added to the projects.

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- Committee discussed the project list and initial triage into three categories: high, medium, and low. Specific discussion occurred regarding each project and their category. Discussion included specific questions regarding project scopes, ability to leverage partner funding, and feasibility to defer various projects and complete within the Parks annual capital budget.

Look Ahead

- Continue discussing the list of projects at the next meeting.
- Future meeting dates and times:
 - o 4/27/17 – McNichols Building