

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services



PR&CS Administration
1401 Recreation Way
Colorado Springs, CO 80905

Agenda

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Advisory Board

Thursday, February 8, 2024

7:30 a.m.

1401 Recreation Way

How to call in to the meeting for citizens:

Please dial +1 (720) 617-3426 Conference ID: 695 126 813#

How to comment:

- *For Citizen Discussion concerning items that are not on the agenda please email your comments to: PRCS-ParksAdvisoryBoard-SMB@coloradosprings.gov in advance of the meeting.*
- *For Agenda Items- Before the meeting, those who wish to comment should submit their name, telephone number, and the topic or agenda item for comment to PRCS-ParksAdvisoryBoard-SMB@coloradosprings.gov. If you are a participant in Microsoft TEAMS please use the chat function to indicate you would like to comment. If you have joined the meeting via conference call, please listen for your opportunity to comment. You will be called upon to comment using the last four digits of your telephone number. Please limit your comment to three minutes.*

Call to Order

Citizen Discussion

Time for any individual to bring before the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board any matter of interest they wish to discuss that is not elsewhere on the agenda. Comments are restricted to three (3) minutes; you will hear an alarm when your time is up. Please contact PR&CS staff no later than the last Wednesday of the month prior if you wish to place a longer presentation on the agenda.

Approval of Minutes – January 11, 2024

Minutes are posted no later than 5:00 pm on the Tuesday before the meeting at:
<https://coloradosprings.gov/city-council/page/parks-and-recreation-advisory-board>

Community/Partner Updates

Rocky Mountain Field Institute Year-in-Review

Carl Woody

Action Items

Presentations

Greyhawk Park Master Plan

Connie Schmeisser

Staff Updates

Community Engagement Update
2024 Projects Look Ahead
Parks Redistricting
E-Bike Update

Stephanie Adams/Blake Zink
Lonna Thelen/D&D
Eric Becker
Lonna Thelen/Scott Abbott

Board Business

TOPS Working Committee Appointments
Westside Community Center Working Committee Appointment

Lonna Thelen
Mark Snow

Adjournment

Rocky Mountain Field Institute 2023 Season Review

Carl Woody

Rocky Mountain Field Institute
Program Director

February 8th, 2024: Presentation to Colorado Springs Parks Advisory Board



RMFI

ROCKY MOUNTAIN FIELD INSTITUTE

About RMFI

- **MISSION:**

Rocky Mountain Field Institute conserves and protects public lands in Southern Colorado through the completion of trail and restoration projects, environmental education, and restoration research.

- **ABOUT:**

- Established in 1982.
- 501(c)(3) designation.
- Trail construction/maintenance, fire and flood mitigation, sustainable recreation access, watershed restoration, environmental education, effectiveness monitoring of trail/restoration treatments.



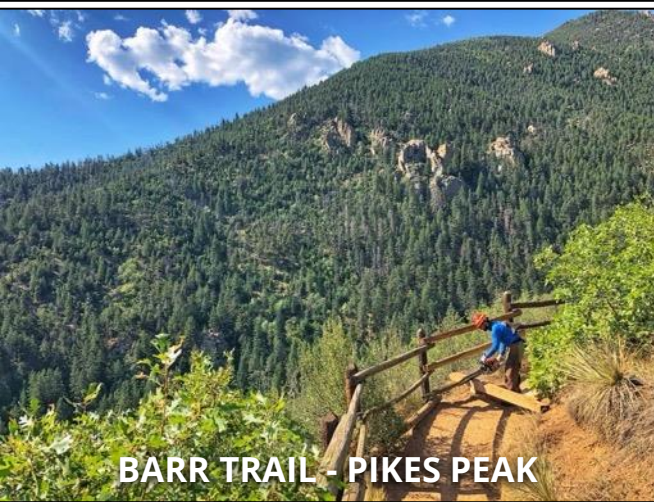
GARDEN OF THE GODS PARK



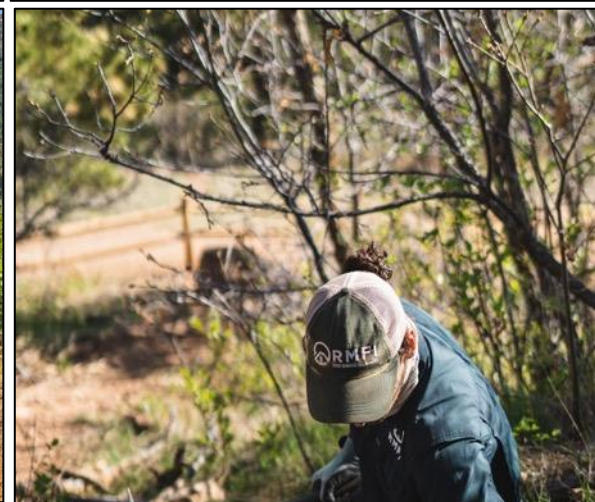
STRATTON OPEN SPACE



PALMER PARK



BARR TRAIL - PIKES PEAK



NORTH CHEYENNE CANON PARK



UTE VALLEY PARK



RED ROCK CANYON OPEN SPACE



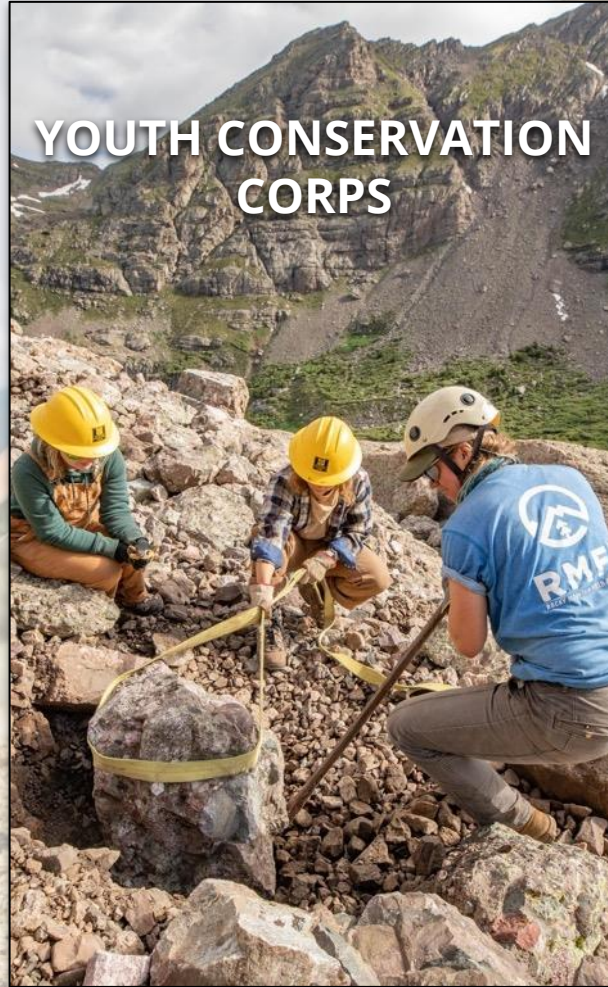
AUSTIN BLUFFS OPEN SPACE

How We Accomplish Work

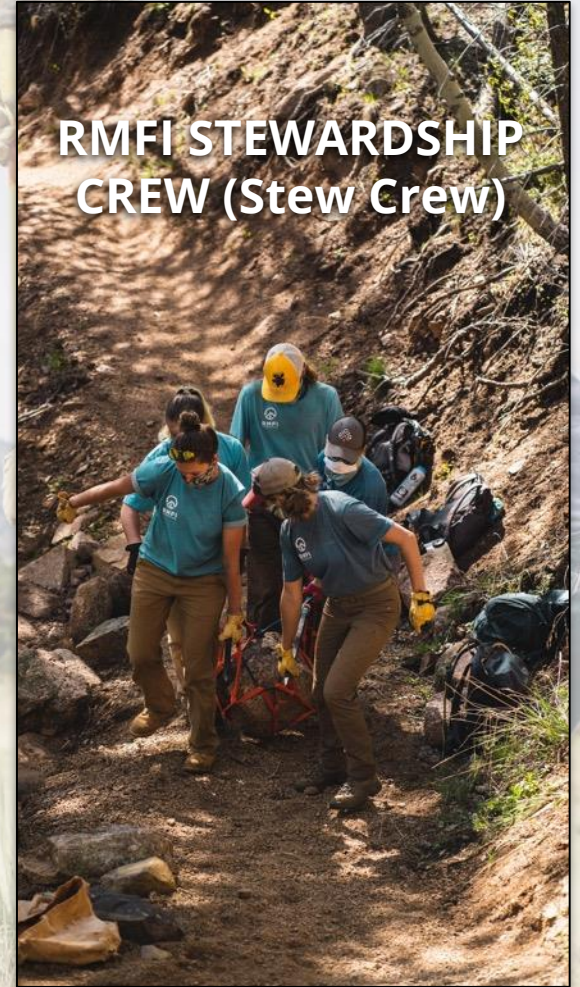
COMMUNITY
VOLUNTEERS



YOUTH CONSERVATION
CORPS

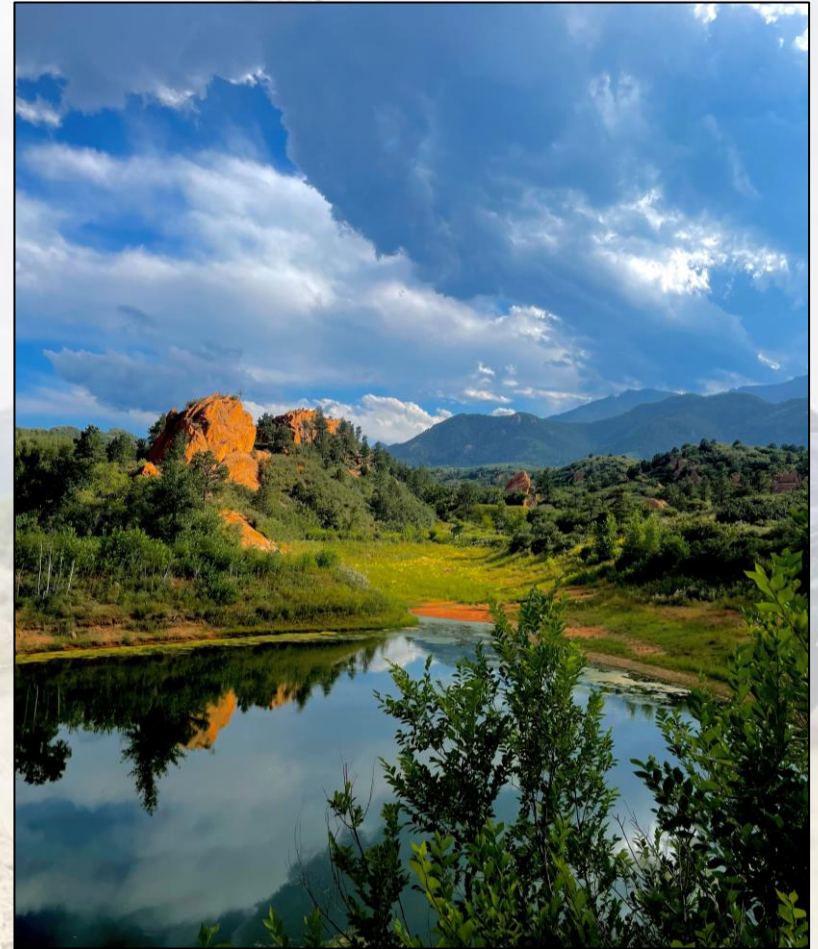


RMFI STEWARDSHIP
CREW (Stew Crew)



2023 City Projects

1. Austin Bluffs Open Space
2. Barr Trail
3. Garden of the Gods
4. Palmer Park
5. Red Rock Canyon Open Space
6. Stratton Open Space
7. Sunset Mesa Open Space



2023 Work Objectives

- Priority areas within each property identified by City staff.
 - RMFI then worked with CSPRCS staff to identify specific work sites and objectives within each priority area.
- Work objectives included:
 - Closure/restoration of social trails.
 - Trail construction/maintenance.
 - Drainage improvement/stabilization.
 - Habitat protection.
- To accomplish objectives, RMFI engaged community volunteers and its own professional stewardship crew.

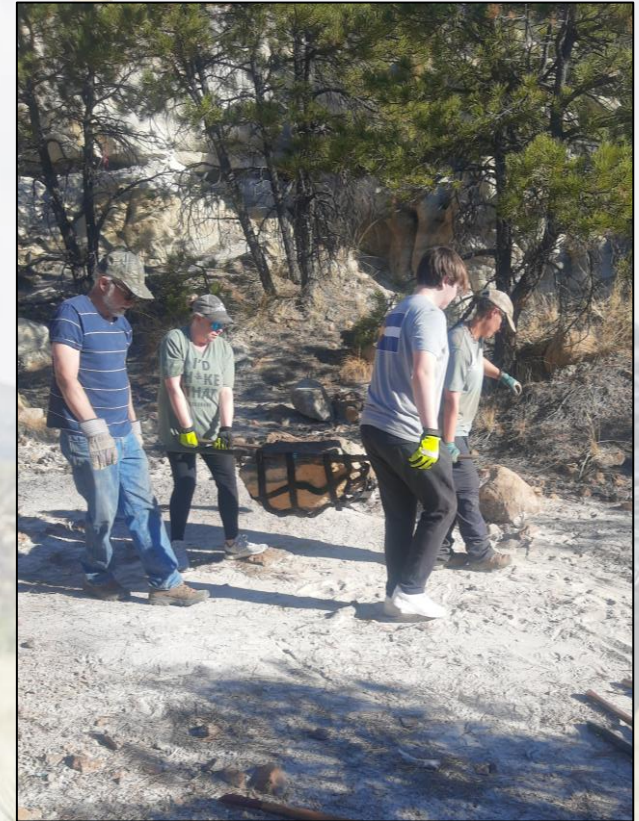


Volunteerism in 2023

- In 2023, RMFI hosted 36 volunteer days and engaged 592 volunteers on City projects.
- Overall goal for 2023 was increasing volunteer engagement across RMFI projects, with particular focus on youth engagement
- Increased volunteer engagement by 6% on City projects.
- Hosted 20 volunteer groups
- Engaged 262 youth on City projects in 2023

2023 Labor Metrics

- Volunteer workdays: 36
- Volunteers: 592
- Volunteer hours: 2,888.25
- Volunteer value: \$99,240.27
- RMFI crew hours: 7,768.75
- Youth Corps hours: 1,621.50
- Total workdays: 223



2023 Work Metrics

- New trail constructed: 916 linear ft.
- Trail improved: 983.25 linear ft.
- Rock/timber steps constructed: 173
- Drains constructed/maintained: 43
- Trail tread armore: 528.25 ft²
- Rock/timber wall constructed: 813 ft



2023 Work Metrics

- Social trails restored: 9,848 linear ft. (~1.85 miles)
- Impacted area stabilized/restored: 7,968 ft²
- Erosion control structures: 193
- Native Transplants: 130 plants
- Native Seed: 54.5 pounds
- Fencing installed: 45 linear feet



Austin Bluffs



New trail construction

Barr Trail



Timber step installation

Garden of the Gods



Timber steps near Scotsman Picnic Area

Garden of the Gods



Timber and rock retaining structures near Ridge Trail

Garden of the Gods



Tread maintenance on Niobrara/Fontanero Connector Trail

Palmer Park



Tread Armoring on Palmer Point/Templeton Gap Connector

Red Rock Canyon



90-day monitoring photos of rock steps/walls

Red Rock Canyon



90-day monitoring of restoration
(Revegetation in right photo)

Red Rock Canyon



Rock Step Installation

Red Rock Canyon



Rock armoring on Sand Canyon Trail

Stratton Open Space



Social trail restoration before/after

Sunset Mesa



Timber step repair

Pikes Peak Regional Crew Leader Training

- Over 2 days, 37 Volunteer Crew Leaders in training learned valuable skills in leadership, volunteer management, and technical skills.
- Hosted in partnership with CSPRCS, TOSC, & Pikes Peak – America’s Mountain. Classroom training hosted at Cascade Fire Department. Field training conducted near North Catamount Reservoir.
- Participants represented a wide variety of land managers, friends groups, volunteer organizations, and other stakeholders.
- 2024 PPRCLT Dates: May 4 – May 5 (one evening on May 1st)



2023 Volunteer Groups

- Aspen Valley High School
- CIVA Charter School
- The Classical Academy
- Colorado College – Ecology Capstone
- Colorado Springs School
- Community Prep School
- Coronado High School
- COS I Love You
- Doherty High School
- FedEx
- HDR
- Leidos, Inc.
- Meadows Park Community Center
- Mountain Song Community School
- Navy Reserve
- Philips
- UCCS
- USAFA
- YES! Club – Catamount Institute
- Young Men’s Service League



2024 Work Plans

- ~180 workdays planned for City-owned properties
- Potential project sites: Garden of the Gods, Barr Trail, Palmer Park, Red Rock Canyon Open Space, Stratton Open Space, Bear Creek Regional Park
- 12th annual Pikes Peak Regional Crew Leader Training



QUESTIONS?

Carl Woody

Rocky Mountain Field Institute
Program Director

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GREY HAWK PARK MASTER PLAN



February 8, 2024 PRCS Advisory Board



Overview

Opportunities & Constraints

Public Feedback

Preliminary Concepts

Final Concept

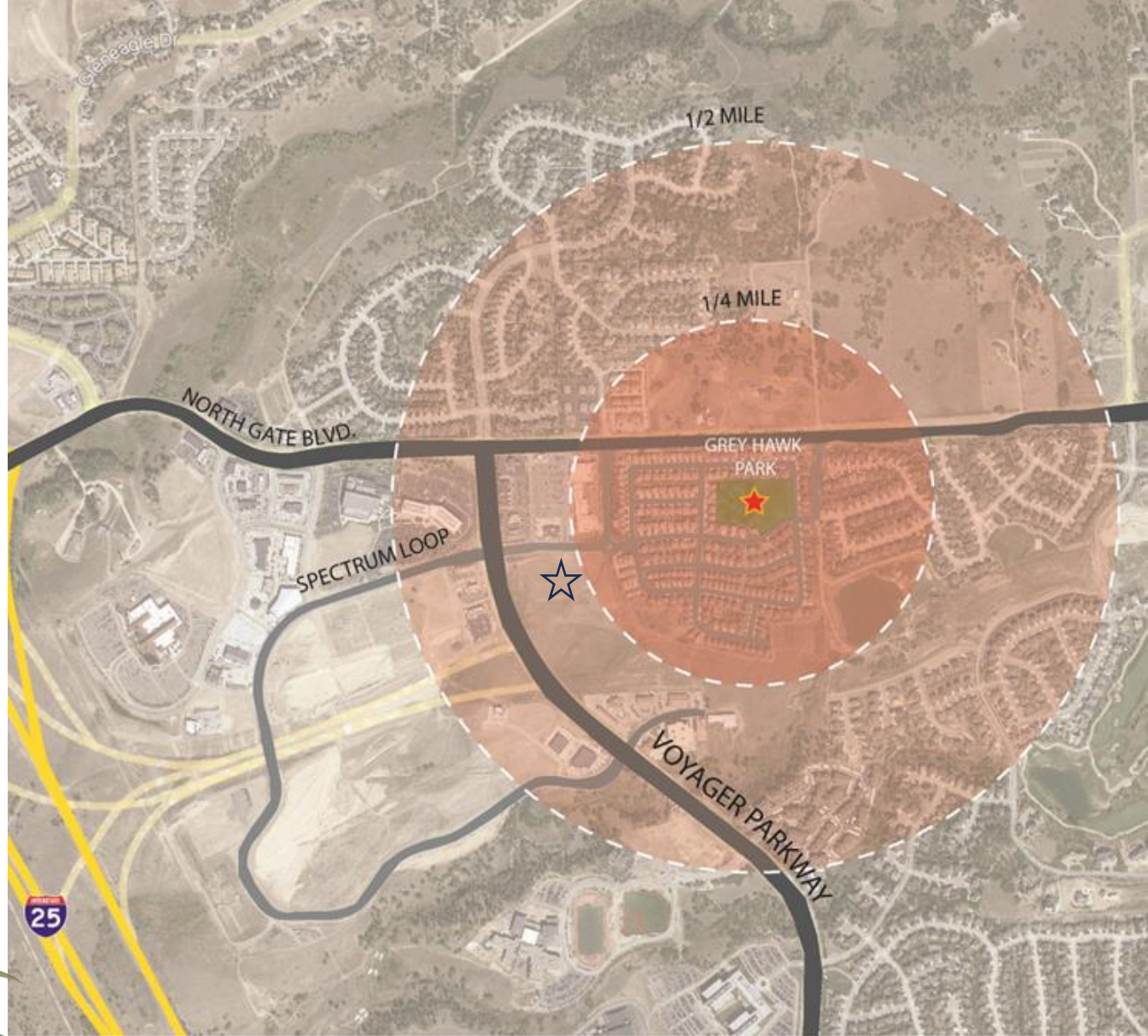
Next Steps

Questions



GREY HAWK PARK

- 4.47 ac Neighborhood Park
Lot 276 Grey Hawk at Northgate Filing No. 1
- Acquired: 2006 (PLDO)
- Frog's Leap Park (1/2 mi)
- Commercial uses to the west
- El Paso County residential (north)
- Future Powers Blvd Extension
- Northgate Open Space Areas
- Spectrum Loop Apartments ☆



GREY HAWK VICINITY MAP



**City of Colorado Springs
Park System Master Plan**



Parks, Recreation, Trails,
Open Space & Cultural Services



September 23, 2014

1. Take Care of What We Have
2. Diversify Financial Strategies/New Funding Methods
3. Broaden, Enhance and Promote Recreation Opportunities
4. Continue OS Conservation in Advance of Development
5. Parks, OS and Trails Create Great Neighborhoods
6. Manage Parks for Better Usability and Greater Enjoyment
7. Enhance and Formulate Strong and Broad Partnerships



MEETING #1

ONSITE MEETING & SURVEY



Neighborhood Meeting #1



SITE ANALYSIS

Existing Conditions:

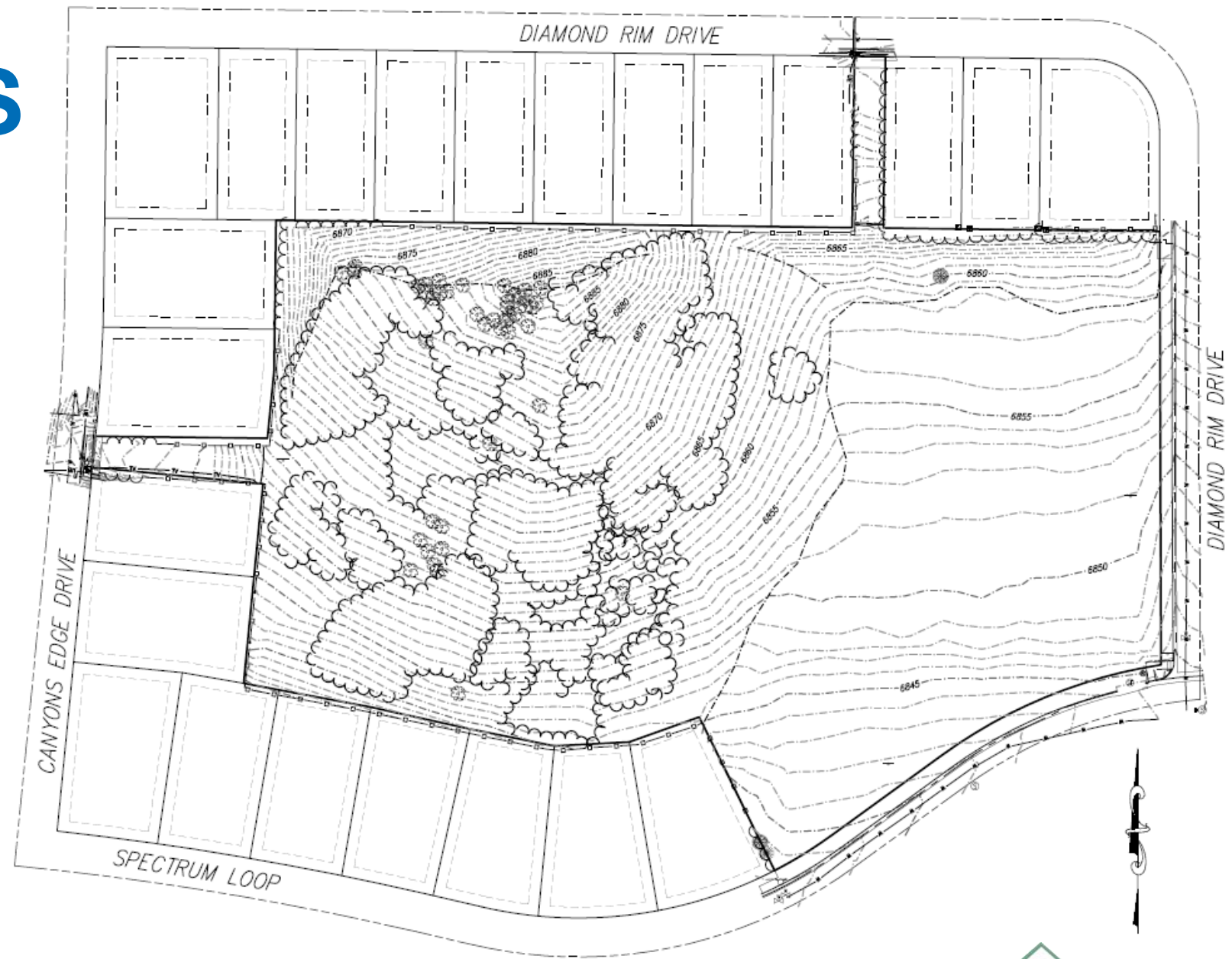
- Site Grade/Slopes:

 - HP: 6885 feet

 - LP: 6840 feet

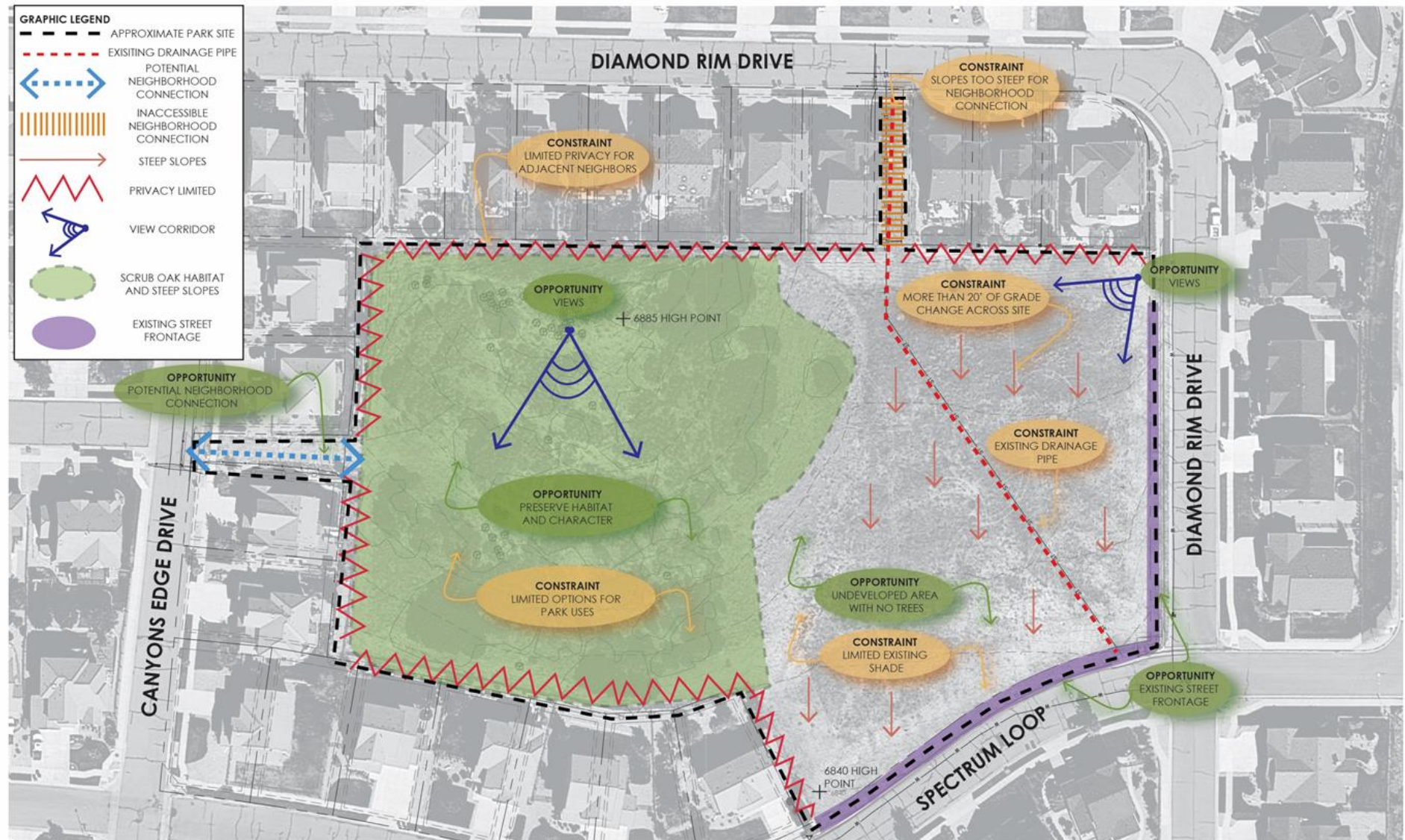
 - Elevation Change: 45 feet**

- Soils
- Views
- Existing Vegetation
- Disturbed Area
- Solar Access/Shade
- Access
- Existing Storm Drain
- Residential Lots
- USPS Mailbox



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- Site Grade/Slopes
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OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS DIAGRAM

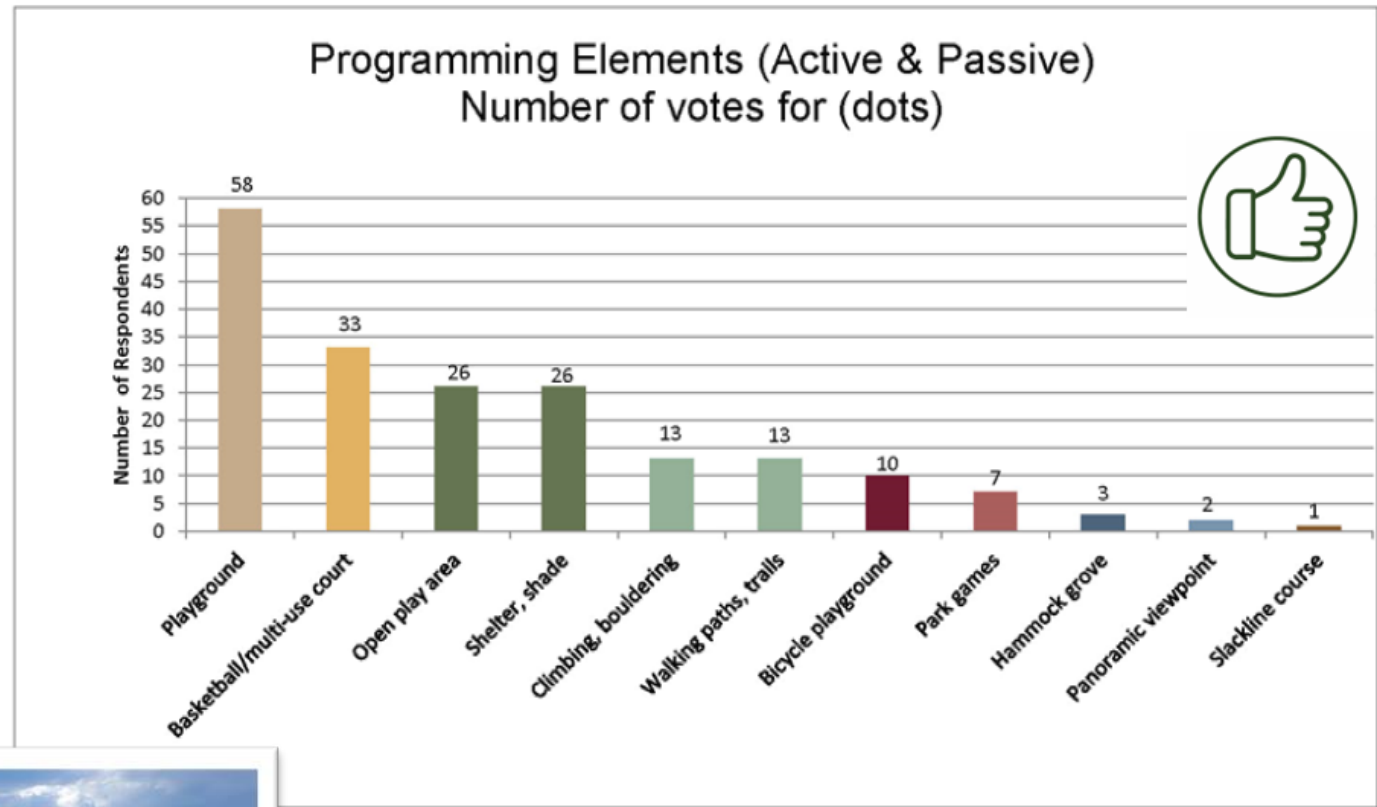
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OUTREACH #1

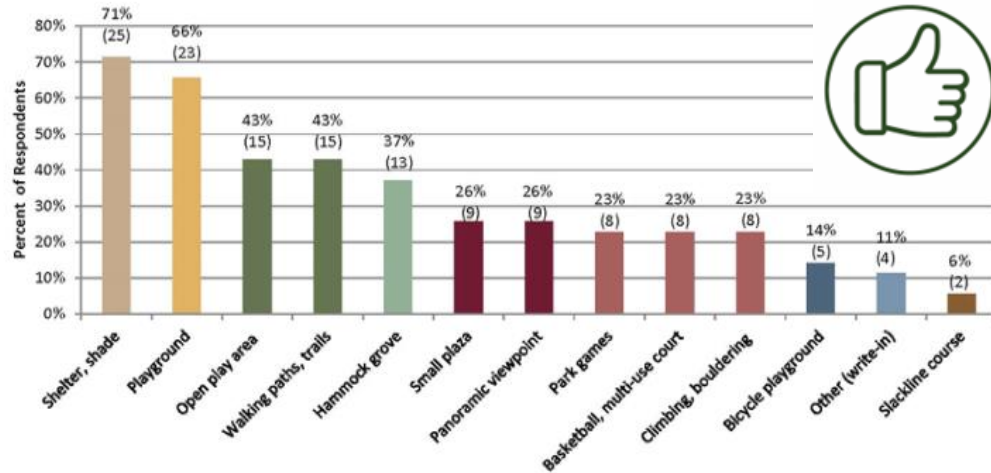
Dot Take Away: Active & Passive

1. Playground
2. Multi-use court
3. Open use area
4. Shade/shelter



5. Climbing
6. Walking paths, trails

Which of the following elements would you like to see included in the plan for Grey Hawk Park? (Choose up to 5)

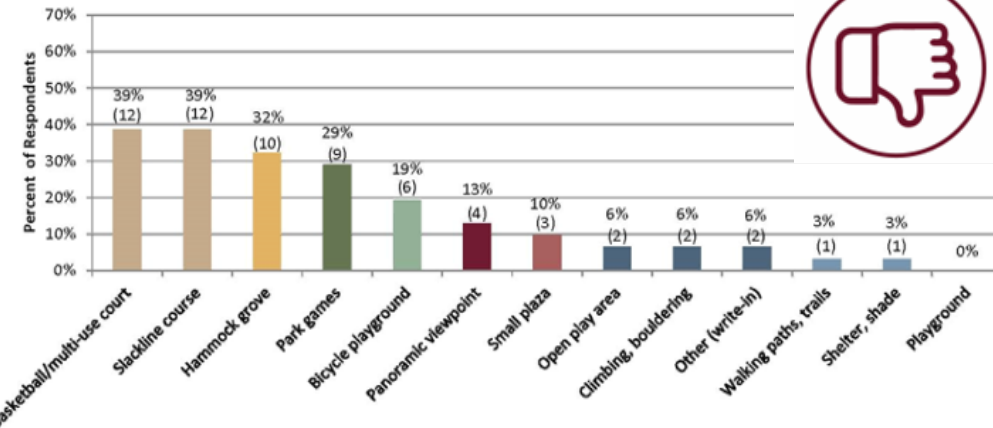


Write-in Responses:
-Pickleball court. -More natural looking elements. -Splash pad or water play area. -Small splash pad and dog park.

Survey: Like LEAST

1. Basketball
2. Slack Line Course
3. Hammock
4. Park Games
5. Bicycle playground

Which of the following elements would you NOT like to see included in the plan for Grey Hawk Park? (Choose up to 5)



Write-in Responses:
-No unused space we payed a premium to live next to the park. -No expansive fields that would draw more water, leave the landscape as natural as possible and put irrigation into a small pad for kids. Could meter the hours it's operational.

Survey: Like MOST

1. Shelter, Shade
2. Playground
3. Open use area
4. Walking paths, trails
5. Hammock grove

MEETING #2 CONCEPTS & SURVEY



Neighborhood Meeting #2



Concept A Features:

- Layout
- Playground
- Shelter
- Multi-use field space
- Slopes
- Storm drainpipe
- Soft surface trail
- No multi-use court



CONCEPT A SITE PLAN

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Concept B Features:

- Layout (flipped)
- Playground
- Shelter
- Multi-use field space
- Slopes
- Storm drainpipe
- Soft surface trail
- Multi-use court

Concept C Features:

- Layout
- Playground
- Shelter
- Multi-use field space
- Slopes
- Storm drainpipe
- Soft surface trail
- Multi-use court



CONCEPT C SITE PLAN

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Concept D Features:

- Layout
- Playground
- Shelter
- Multi-use field space
- Slopes
- Storm drainpipe
- Soft surface trail
- Multi-use court



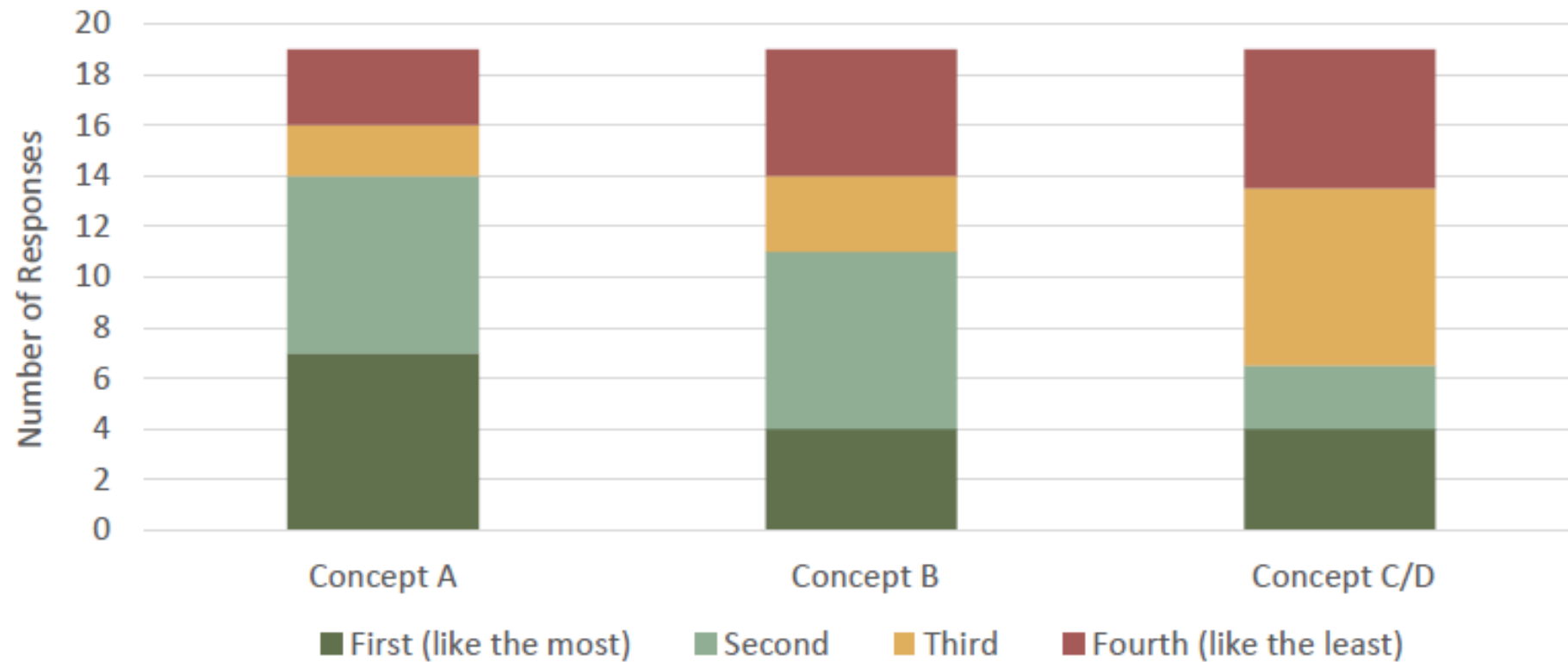
CONCEPT D SITE PLAN

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CONCEPT RANKING

Ranking of Concepts



PLAY EQUIPMENT TYPES

NATURE THEMED



PLAY EQUIPMENT AND STYLE OPTIONS

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PLAY EQUIPMENT TYPES

CHALLENGE COURSE



TRADITIONAL POST AND DECK



PLAY EQUIPMENT AND STYLE OPTIONS

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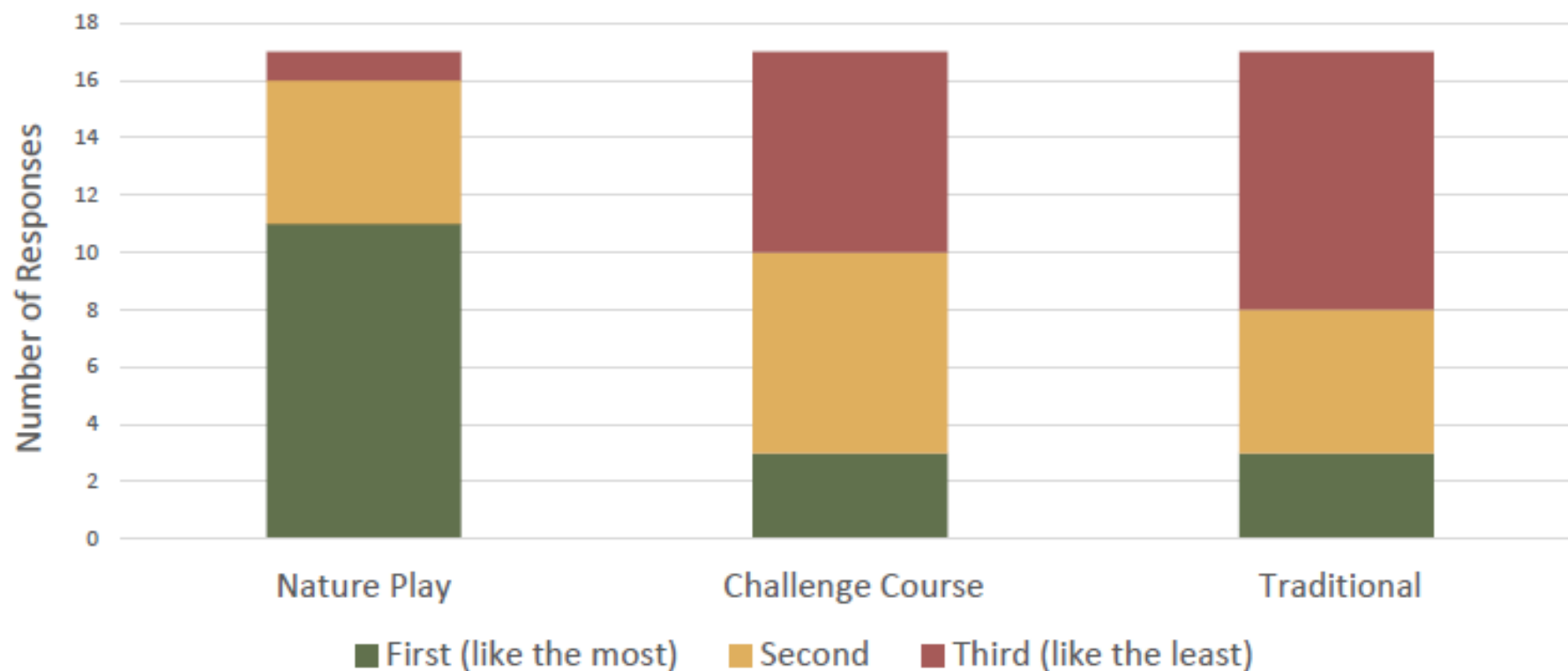
PLAY EQUIPMENT TYPE RANKING

17 Respondents

Play Equipment Type:

1. Nature
2. Challenge
3. Traditional

Ranking of Play Equipment



PUBLIC MEETING #3

FINAL CONCEPT



FINAL DESIGN

Features:

- Layout
- Playground (6500 sf)
- Shelter (15' x 20')
- Multi-use field space (0.6 ac, 26,136 sf)
- Slopes
- Storm drainpipe
- Multi-use court
- Entry/Access
- Walking Loops:
 - Concrete
 - Soft Surface Trail (Width and Distances)
- Landscape/Conservation



FUNDING SNAPSHOT



CONSTRUCTION - EARLY ESTIMATE (W/ Contingency)*		\$	2,200,000
2024 Budget Approved		\$	1,000,000
		\$	(1,000,000)
	Subtotal	\$	1,200,000
POTENTIAL FUNDING - IN PROGRESS			
2023 General Budget Savings		\$	400,000
			(\$400,000)
2024 Parkland Dedication Alternative Compliance Agreement		\$	400,000
			(\$400,000)
2025 Budget Request - TBD		\$	400,000
			(\$400,000)
		\$	-

* Cost Savings sought through Future Phases: Final Design, Construction Proposals, and Construction.



GREY HAWK PARK MASTER PLAN



NEXT STEPS:

MASTER PLAN APPROVAL:

- PRCS Advisory Board – Request for Approval**

2024

- Final Design / Construction Documents (6-8 months)
- Request for Proposals / Contractor (3-4 months)

2025

Construction 2025 (TBD, Approx. 8 -10 months)



Advisory Board

Two Meetings:

1. Presentation, Feb 8th
2. Action, March 14th



GREY HAWK PARK MASTER PLAN



QUESTIONS



COLORADO SPRINGS PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT
PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

Date: February 8, 2024
Item Number: Presentation Item #1
Item Name: **Grey Hawk Park Master Plan Presentation (4.47 acres)**

BACKGROUND:

The Grey Hawk Master Plan (4.47 ac) is within the Northgate Land Use Master Plan located southeast of the intersection of Northgate Boulevard and Voyager Parkway, at 950 Spectrum Loop. This parkland came to the City Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department (PRCS Department) through the Parkland Dedication program and has been in our undeveloped neighborhood park inventory since acquired in 2006.

CURRENT STATUS:

In 2022 this site was selected as the next neighborhood park site to be developed based first on when it came into our inventory, seventeen years ago. With active involvement from the Grey Hawk Neighborhood, specifically the Grey Hawk Homeowners Association (Grey Hawk HOA) President Jayson Campbel and District 2 Council President Randy Helms, Britt Haley, PRCS Department Director, recognized the support and opportunity to partner with and engage the community to complete the park project. This project meets several of the Park System Master Plan Themes and Responsibilities. The most important being, 'Take Care of What We Have.' This will be achieved by completing one of the undeveloped neighborhood park sites and meets our level of service by providing this community a 4.47 acre neighborhood park within a half mile radius.

In early 2023, Staff hired Architerra Group to support the park development, design, and outreach process. The team held three public meetings to engage and receive feedback from the surrounding neighborhoods. The first meeting was an onsite meeting along with an online survey, to help people see the site firsthand and provide feedback on community amenities. The second meeting was a presentation held at School District 20 Classical Academy, along with a second online survey, presenting three to four concepts. Finally, a third meeting (a hybrid meeting - in person and online) held in the Warren Management conference room (the Grey Hawk HOA management company) shared the final master plan design for public feedback.

Although the total process had lower citizen turn out than anticipated, the feedback has been beneficial and positive. The first meeting had the largest attendance, nearly 50 people. The second and third meetings had less than 10 residents in attendance. After analysis and discussion by the project team, the general conclusion was that the public, once they learned the park was moving forward, felt confident they were able to provide initial feedback, understood the expectation for the final product. In general, they were excited to know the park will be developed within a certain timeframe.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The responsibility to own, design, construct and maintain Grey Hawk Park (a neighborhood park site) is with the City of Colorado Springs Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department.

ALTERNATIVES:

We are providing a presentation only this month. Next month, the Board can recommend approval, changes, postponement, or disapproval on the future Action Item.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Parks staff will recommend approval of the Grey Hawk Master Plan design. This month we will take any Board feedback.

PROPOSED MOTION:

Next month staff expects to put forward a motion to approve the Grey Hawk Master Plan (neighborhood park design).

ACTION NEEDED BY THE BOARD:

No motion is needed this month.

PARTIES NOTIFIED OF THIS MEETING:

Jayson Campbell, President, Grey Hawk HOA
City Council President Randy Helms

PRCS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TEAM



PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL
SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

February 8, 2024

WHAT DOES THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TEAM DO?



Community Relations

- Marketing & Outreach
- Social Media
- Surveys & Metrics
- Public Presentations
- Supporting Public Process



Special Events

- City Wide Permits
- Park Permits
- Block Party Permits
- Park Vendor Permits
- Pavilion Rentals
- Film Permits
- Internal Special Events & City Celebrations



Volunteer Mgmt.

- Adopt-a-Park/Trail
- Friends Groups
- Volunteer metrics & policy
- Oversee dept. volunteer compliance
- Background Checks



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GET TO KNOW US



Blake Zink

- Senior Program Administrator
- Time with PRCS: 6 years

Stephanie Adams

- Senior Analyst, Community Engagement
- Time with PRCS: 2 years

Greyson Rowley

- Business Support Specialist
- Time with PRCS: 3 months

Elizabeth Clark

- Analyst II – Special Events & Community Engagement
- Time with PRCS: 1 year

April Allen

- Analyst II – Community & Multimedia
- Time with PRCS: 1 year

COMMUNITY RELATIONS



- Outreach Campaigns
 - Parks and Recreation Month – July 2023
 - Discover COS Calendar
 - Other Public Awareness Campaigns
- Community Surveys
 - Community Recreation Survey – Oct 2023
- Internships & Presentations
- Tribute Tree Program
- Public Process



IAP2 SPECTRUM



INCREASING IMPACT ON THE DECISION

	INFORM	CONSULT	INVOLVE	COLLABORATE	EMPOWER
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GOAL	To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.	To obtain public feedback on analysis, alternatives and/or decisions.	To work directly with the public throughout the process to ensure that public concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered.	To partner with the public in each aspect of the decision including the development of alternatives and the identification of the preferred solution.	To place final decision making in the hands of the public.
PROMISE TO THE PUBLIC	We will keep you informed.	We will keep you informed, listen to and acknowledge concerns and aspirations, and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.	We will work with you to ensure that your concerns and aspirations are directly reflected in the alternatives developed and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.	We will look to you for advice and innovation in formulating solutions and incorporate your advice and recommendations into the decisions to the maximum extent possible.	We will implement what you decide.

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PRCS PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT IN 2023

Inform	Consult	Involve	Collaborate
2023 Project Examples			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance & Operations Improvements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MVP Pickleball Resurfacing • Cottonwood Creek Bathrooms • Urban Trail Improvements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pikes Peak Greenway • Rock Island Trail • Open Space Improvements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Space Way Finding • Red Rock Canyon • Austin Bluffs Open Space • Memorial Park Safety Improvements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Block Party Permit Policy Changes • Community Recreation Needs Assessment • Prospect Lake Aeration Project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grayhawk Park Master Plan • Blodgett Open Space Master Plan • Fishers Canyon Master Plan (<i>Moving into 2024</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interpretive Sign project at Leon Young Pavilion with Hillside Advisory Team • Vegetation Management project with RISE and Mile High Youth Corps project on Sand Creek Trail • Downhill Trail Build project with COSMBA in Austin Bluffs Open Space • Projects with Friends Groups (Ex. Friends of Boulder Park)



CAPRA



- **2025 Reaccreditation**
 - 10 committees, 75+ staff involved
 - Mock Assessment in March - May 2024
- **Critical Work**
 - Updated Maintenance & Operations Standards Manual, 2023
 - New Recreation Program Plan, 2024
 - New PRCS Strategic Communications Plan, 2024
 - Updated Volunteer Program & Manual, 2024
 - Reinvigorated relationships with CSPD and OEM
 - Update staff manuals and trainings
- **Launched the CAPRA online Knowledge Base**

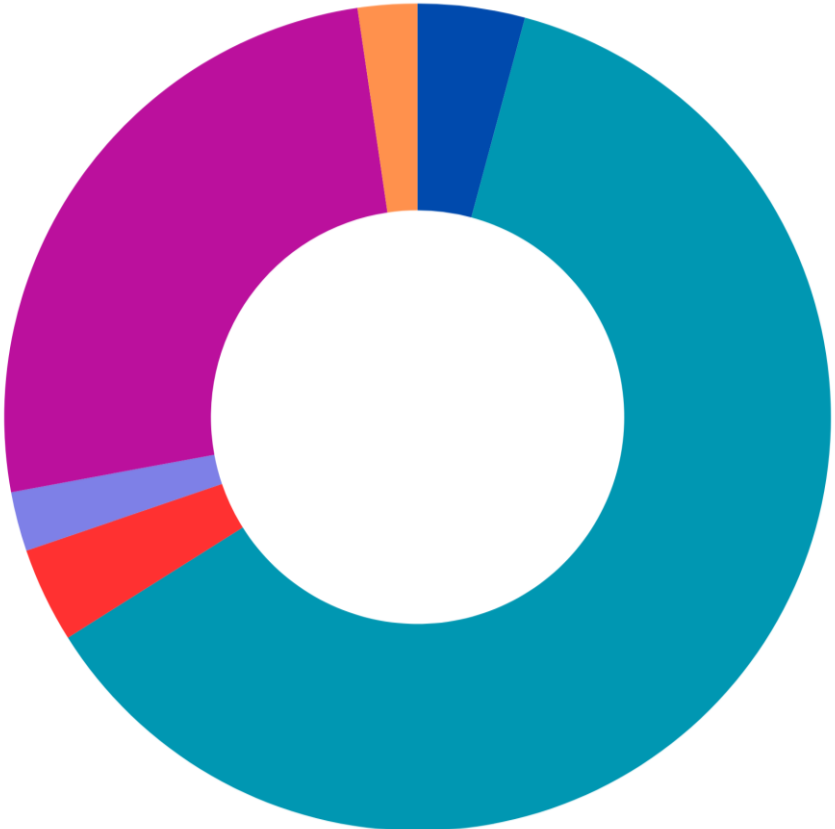


SPECIAL EVENTS



2023 Year in Review:

- Pavilion Rentals: 665
- Park Permits: 275
- Citywide Permits: 45
- Block Party Permits: 40
- Film Permits: 25
- POFA Permits: 25



SPECIAL EVENTS

2023 Year in Review:

Citywide Events

- First year of use of Permit Partner was a success.
 - For 2024, will start utilizing this platform for Block Party Permits.
- Continued success of cultural events and growth in attendance numbers
 - Juneteenth (America the Beautiful Park)
 - 2022 – 10,300
 - 2023 – 12,000
 - Fiestas Patrias (Pioneers Museum & Alamo Square Park)
 - 2022 – 9,000
 - 2023 – 16,700
 - Pikes Peak Pride (Pioneers Museum & Alamo Square Park)
 - 2022 – 14,500
 - 2023 – 25,000

Park Special Events

- Growth in attendance numbers
 - 2022 estimated park event attendance - 185,000
 - 2023 estimated park event attendance - 259,000



SPECIAL EVENTS

Upcoming in 2024

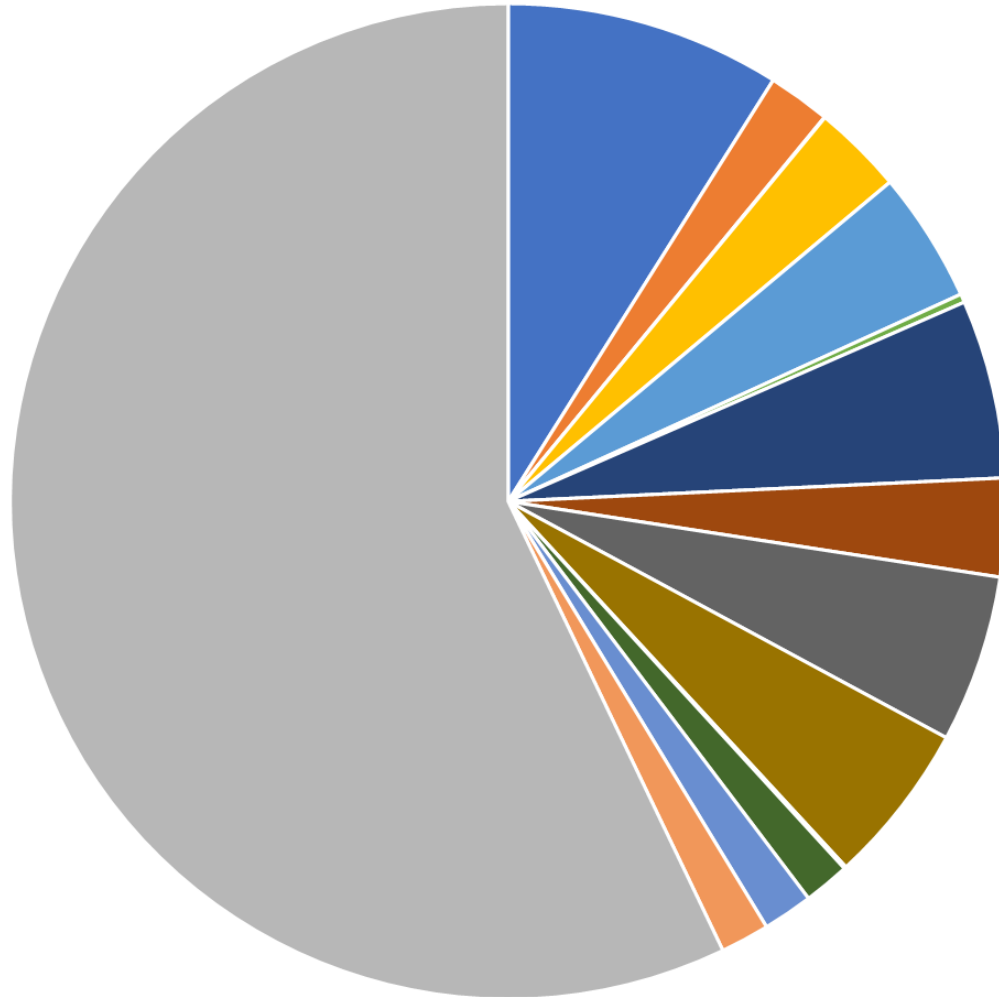
Notable Citywide Events

- 40th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival – 3/16/24
- 39th Annual Space Symposium – 4/8-4/11/24
- Take 5 in the Garden – 5/4/24
- Territory Days – 5/24-5/27/24
- Pikes Peak Pride – 6/7-6/9/24
- Pikes Peak APEX – 6/7-6/9/24
- Garden of the Gods 10K – 6/9/24
- PPIHC Fan Fest – 6/21/24
- Pikes Peak or Bust Parade – 7/6/24
- ❖ Pikes Peak Regional Air Show – 8/15-8/19/24
- Labor Day Lift Off – 8/31-9/2/24
- Fiestas Patrias – 9/13-9/15/24
- Veterans Day Parade – 11/2/24

(Permit applications received to date.)



VOLUNTEERS



- Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department **13,435.95**
- Adopt-A-Park/Trail **3,039.30**
- Adult Sports **30**
- Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum **4,408.38**
- Community Centers **6,394.57**
- Evergreen Cemetery **415**
- Garden of the Gods Park **8,719.52**
- North Cheyenne Canon Park **4,790.45**
- Regional Parks, Trails and Open Spaces **8,175.83**
- Rock Ledge Ranch **7,900.52**
- Sertich Ice Center **106.50**
- Springs In Bloom **2,239.50**
- Therapeutic Recreation Program **2,441.20**
- Urban Parks **2,385.10**
- Youth Sports **85,820**

138,109 TOTAL HOURS

6,703 TOTAL VOLUNTEERS

4.7M ECONOMIC IMPACT

67 FULL-TIME STAFF EQUIVALENT



PARTNER VOLUNTEER HOURS



CATAMOUNT INSTITUTE

- 3 Volunteers, 204 Hours

COS I LOVE YOU

- 220 Volunteers, 660 Hours

FOUNTAIN CREEK WATERSHED

- 528 Volunteers, 2,573 Hours

KIDS ON BIKES

- 144 Volunteers, 1,138 Hours

RMFI

- 572 Volunteers, 2,875 Hours

TOSC

- 121 Volunteers, 368 Hours

UPADOWNNA

- 143 Volunteers, 1,637 Hours



147,565

TOTAL HOURS ON CITY PROPERTIES

\$5,070,333

ECONOMIC IMPACT OF VOLUNTEERS ON CITY PROPERTIES

FRIENDS GROUPS (12)

FRIENDS OF GARDEN OF THE GODS

- **Funded Special Projects to Include –**
 - 2 Kiosks at main & overflow parking lots (\$8,200)
 - Engaged volunteers to do trail maintenance (\$4,000)
 - Supported access to park for disadvantaged youth by subsidizing transportation (\$5,000)
 - Engaged Mile High Youth Corps to do noxious weed control in the park (\$17,820)

MEDICINE WHEEL TRAIL ADVOCATES

- **Contributed 601 volunteer hours on city property**

FRIENDS OF STRATTON OPEN SPACE

- **Reinvigorated the Friends Group, updated website, Facebook, map & tax-exempt status**
- **Contributed 230 volunteer hours**

INCLINE FRIENDS

- **Funded \$1,500 for benches**
- **10th Anniversary Celebration of Incline**
 - Provided 3 recipients with \$2,500 for first-ever scholarship program
 - 2024, reward will be \$2,768, a dollar per step of the incline

FRIENDS OF PEREGRINE PARKS & OPEN SPACES

- **70 unique volunteers contributed 508.13 volunteer hours**

COLORADO MOUNTAIN BIKING ASSOCIATION

- **191 unique volunteers contributed 1,064 volunteer hours**
 - 7 volunteers completed Crew Leader Certification
- **Hand built 1/3 miles of bike-only trails & completed Black Sheep Trail**

GUARDIANS OF PALMER PARK

- **207 unique volunteers contributed 1,336.58 volunteer hours**
- **Over 2,000lbs of trash and dog waste removed**

FRIENDS OF UTE VALLEY PARK

- **Provided \$20,000 for wayfinding signs in park**
- **76 volunteers contributed 478 volunteer hours**
- **2,149ft. of trails restored & 782ft. of trails built**

FRIENDS OF RED ROCK CANYON

CORRAL BLUFFS ALLIANCE (COBA)

FRIENDS OF MONUMENT VALLEY PARK

FRIENDS OF CHEYENNE CANON

ROCK LEDGE RANCH LIVING HISTORY ASSOCIATION

HORTICULTURAL ARTS SOCIETY

RANGER MADISON IS A TRUE ASSET TO THE INCLINE AND INCLINE FRIENDS. WE BELIEVE THERE IS NO ONE THAT WORKS HARDER THAN RANGER MADISON. SHE IS DEDICATED AND CARES DEEPLY ABOUT HER MISSION!
~INCLINE FRIENDS

#COSPARKRANGERS



SOCIAL MEDIA



25K Fans & Followers

2.4M Impressions



428K Followers across all department channels



36.2%
Page & Profile Impressions



83.4%
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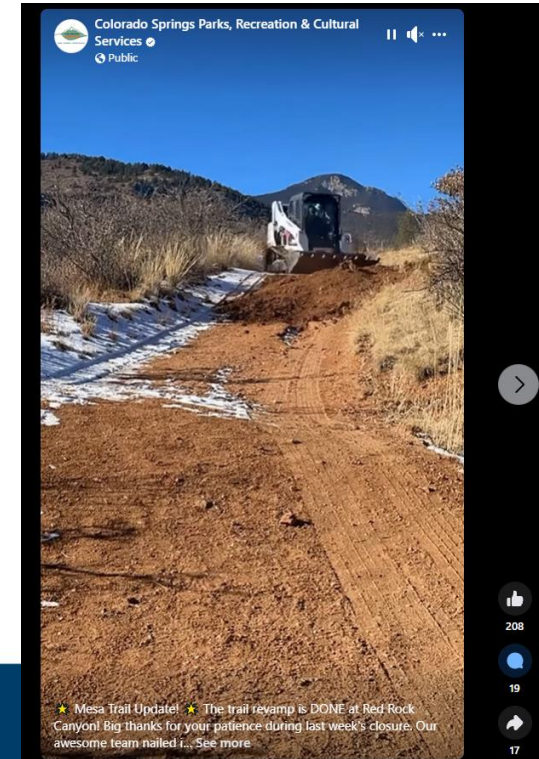
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CONTENT PILLARS

The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department is the steward of a diverse park system that enriches the community through healthy, active opportunities that engage and inspire.

BRAND REPUTATION	UPDATES	ENGAGEMENT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quality of Life Benefits of Recreation Beautification/Landscape Rankings Department Success Employees Expertise History Essentialness of parks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Events Volunteer Opportunities Volunteer Highlights Program Participation Public Process Inform Closures City News 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feature a partner Heritage Month PSA's National Holidays



PRCS MARKETING COMMITTEE

A committee was formed to facilitate collaboration among staff from various divisions/workgroups, to discuss and implement best practices. The committee focuses on providing training in branding, content creation, and accessible communications.

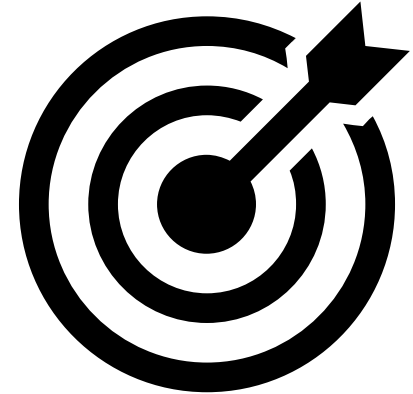
PRCS Community Engagement Team

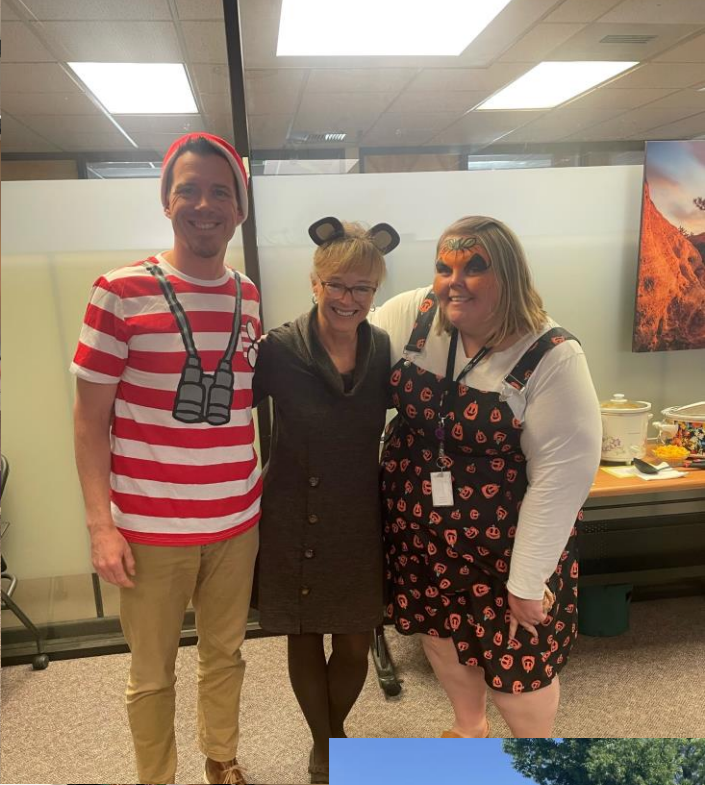
Support well-run, strategic Community Engagement efforts across the PRCS Department.



Team Tactics

- Create a PRCS Communications Calendar to better manage internal events, outreach campaigns, public process and overall community messaging.
- Build awareness for the role of the CE team by working with internal staff to improve communications and workflow
- Plan and execute an engaging 2024 Parks and Recreation Month. Tracking both public and staff participation to set benchmarks for future growth.





PRCS Community Engagement Team

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2024 LOOK AHEAD



02/08/24

PRCS Design & Development Team Members



Grey Hawk Park

2024

- TOPS Working Committee, February 7th
- PRCS Advisory Board, February 8th
- Final Design / Construction Documents
- Request for Proposals / Contractor

2025

- Construction

FINAL CONCEPT PLAN
 GREY HAWK PARK - COLORADO SPRINGS
 JANUARY 18TH, 2024



Vertical Facility projects

- Pioneers Museum HVAC project.
- Renovation of Pioneers Museum courtroom 3 and front desk.
- Westside Community Center HVAC, Roof and Tunnel repair.
- Greenhouse rebuild

Developed Park Projects

- Monument Valley Park Duck Lake
- Venezia Park - update to Pickleball courts, lights, landscape
- Skyview infields 5 & 6
- Garden of the Gods 12-inch waterline
- GOG storm pipe eastside of park

ADA Projects

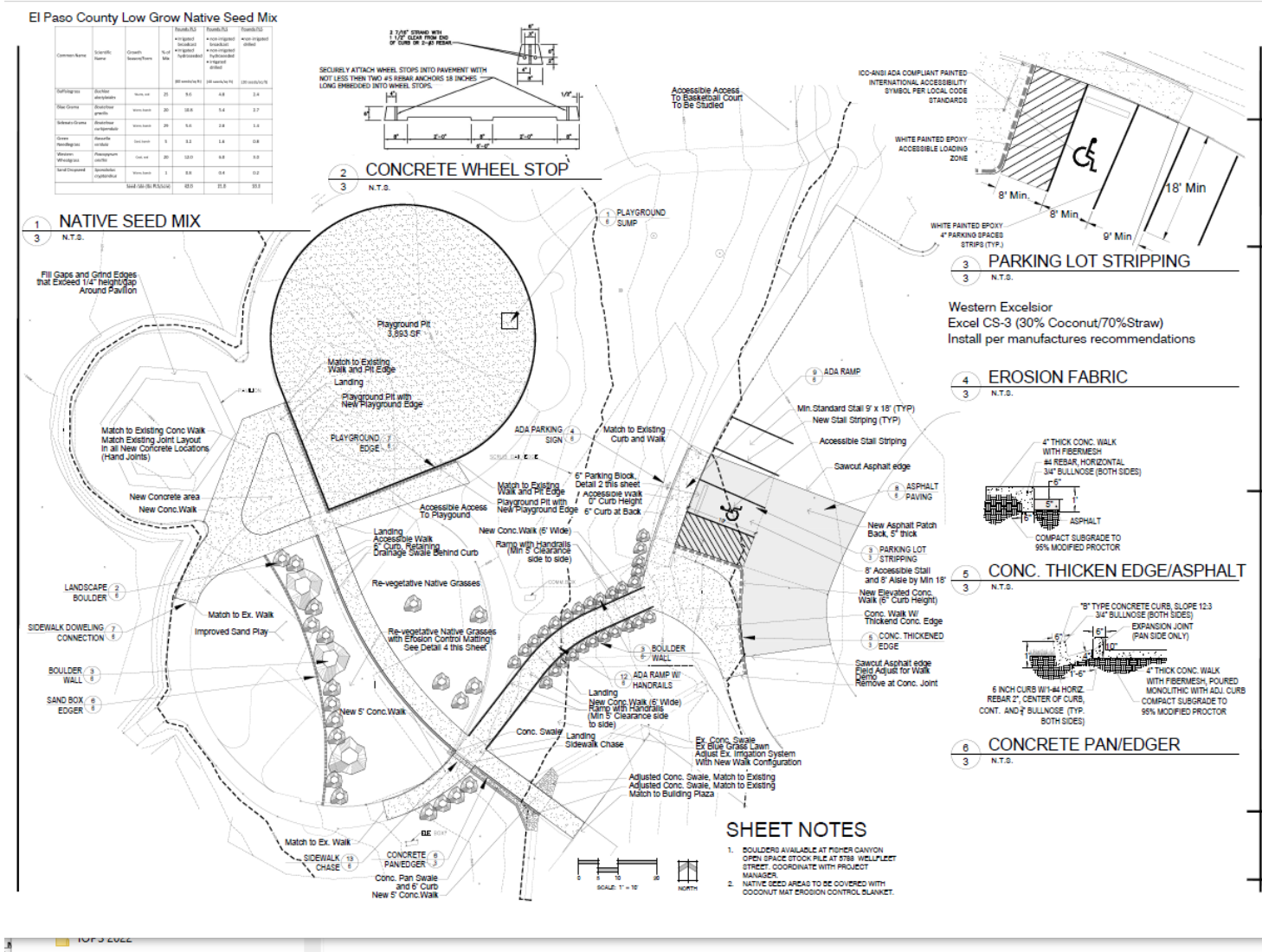
- Wasson Park access to baseball field
- Quail Lake access to playground, picnic table and restroom
- Pinon Valley access ROW ramps and parking
- Ford Frick access to parking lot/vehicle entrance

Oak Meadows Park – Playground Renovation

- Replacement of the Playground
- Improved surfacing
- ADA accessible parking, access and playground and access to Community Room at Fire Station 16
- Neighborhood meeting this month
- Spring/Summer completion



cept subject to change



Legacy Loop

- Rock Island Trail
 - Van Buren Street to Templeton Gap Road
 - Approx. 1.5 miles of trail construction and retaining wall
 - Access from trail corridor to Cascade Ave. and Nevada Ave.
 - Funding: TOPS, PLDO, LWCF and Colorado the Beautiful Grants
 - Spring/Summer 2024 Completion (Tentative)



Legacy Loop

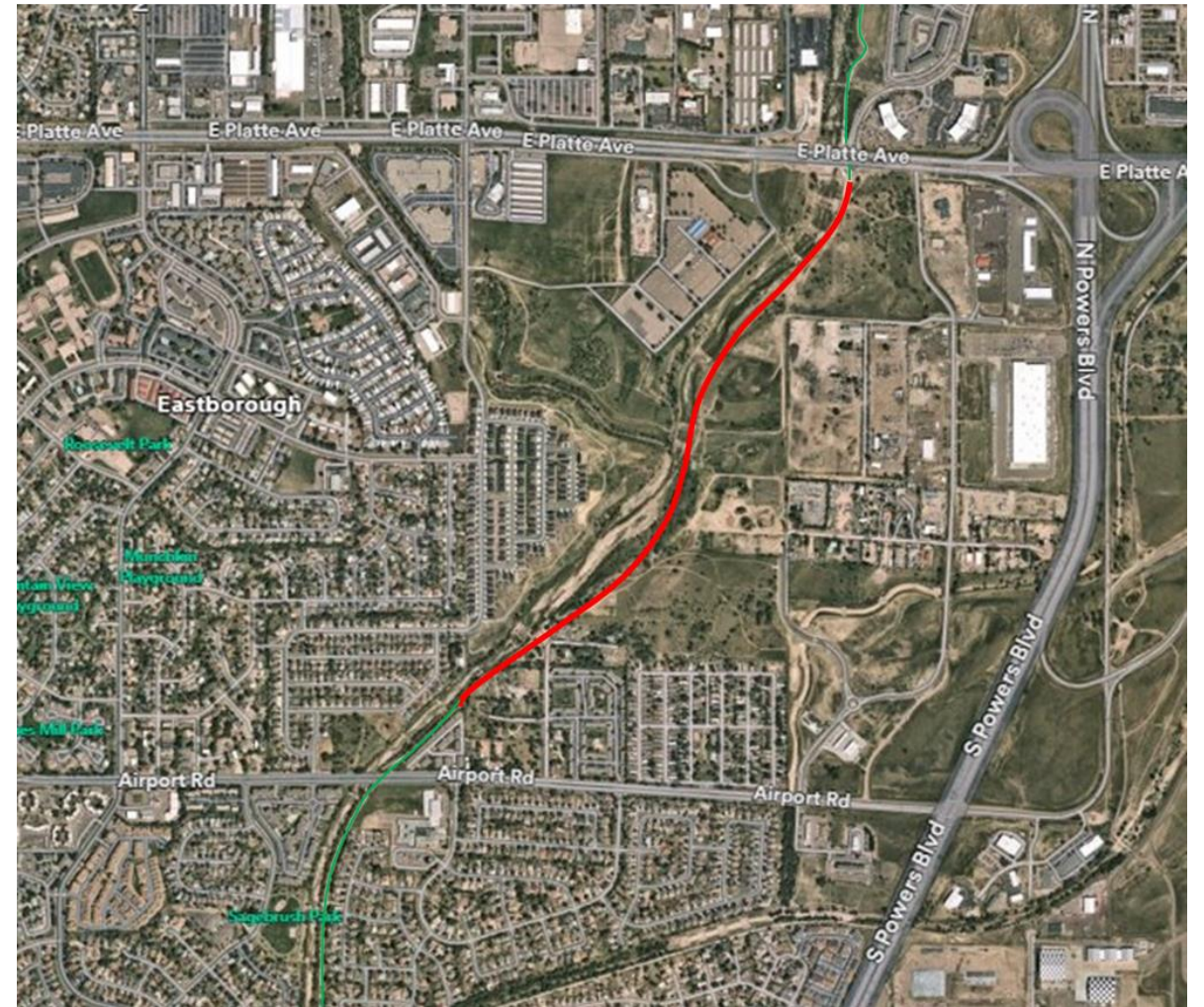
- Mesa Creek Confluence
 - 90-foot Pedestrian Bridge in Place
 - Trail Construction Underway
 - Funding: TOPS, PLDO, LWCF Grant
 - Spring 2024 Completion (Tentative)
 - Trail connectivity south to Mesa Road planned for 2024/2025



Sand Creek Trail

Airport Road to Platte Ave.

- Design of Tier 1 Urban Trail
- Approximately 1 mile of trail connectivity
- Stormwater and Traffic Improvements



Sand Creek Trail

Palmer Park Blvd. to Constitution Ave.

- City Review/Easement Acquisition
 - Bidding Process 2nd /3rd Qtr. 2024 (Tentative)
 - 2024 Construction (Tentative)
 - Funding: TOPS, CDOT Grant



Rock Island Trail

Sand Creek Trail to Constitution Ave.

- City Review/Easement Acquisition
 - Bidding Process 2nd Qtr. 2024 (Tentative)
 - 2024 Construction (Tentative)
 - Funding: TOPS, PPRTA, CDOT Grant



Templeton Gap Bridge: Monument Creek Bridge

Decking Replacement

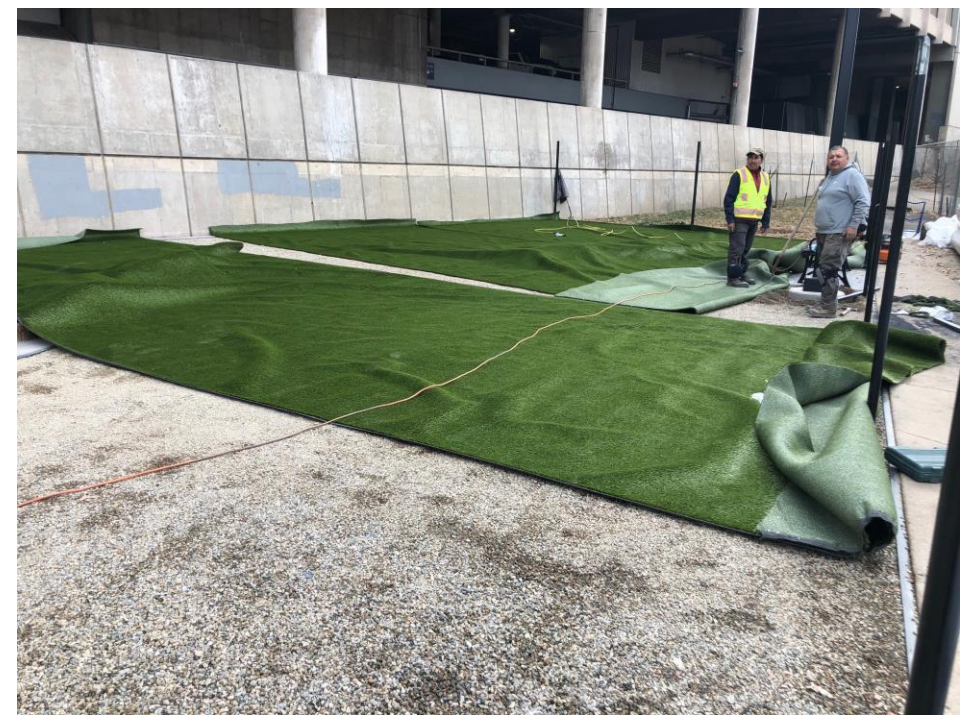
- Funding Approval Underway
 - Design complete for concrete decking replacement
 - Contractor acquired pending approval by PPRTA
 - Late Winter/Early Spring 2024 Construction (Tentative)



Current Decking for Replacement

Antlers Dog Park

- 16,000+ SF of fenced-in play area
- Large and Small dog area
- Project nearing completion
- Delayed opening considered due to Dog Virus



Austin Bluffs Open Space

- Wayfinding and signage
- Austin Bluffs Trailhead (south Pulpit Rock) Phase 1
- Spine Trail ~2 miles new trail
 - 2 segments (Pulpit Rock area and Union Blvd Area)
- Enlightenment Trail – Hiking only trail to Pulpit Rock Summit
- Open Space restoration projects



Blodgett Open Space

- Master and Management Approval Process
- Initial Master and Management Plan Implementation based on priorities and funding
- Chamberlain Trail, Open Space Trails, Bike Only Trails, Quarry Trailhead
- Open Space Restoration Projects
- State Trails Grant Funding Opportunities
 - Open Space Improvements
 - Blodgett Peak NEPA analysis



Fishers Canyon Open Space

- MYHC noxious weed treatment
- Master and Management Public Process
- Master and Management Plan approval process
- Initial Master and Management Plan Implementation based on priorities and funding
- LWCF Grant Funding Opportunity
 - Open Space Improvements
 - Chamberlain Trail, Open Space Trails, Trailhead
- 2025 Fire Mitigation with MHYC (6 weeks)



Chamberlain Trail

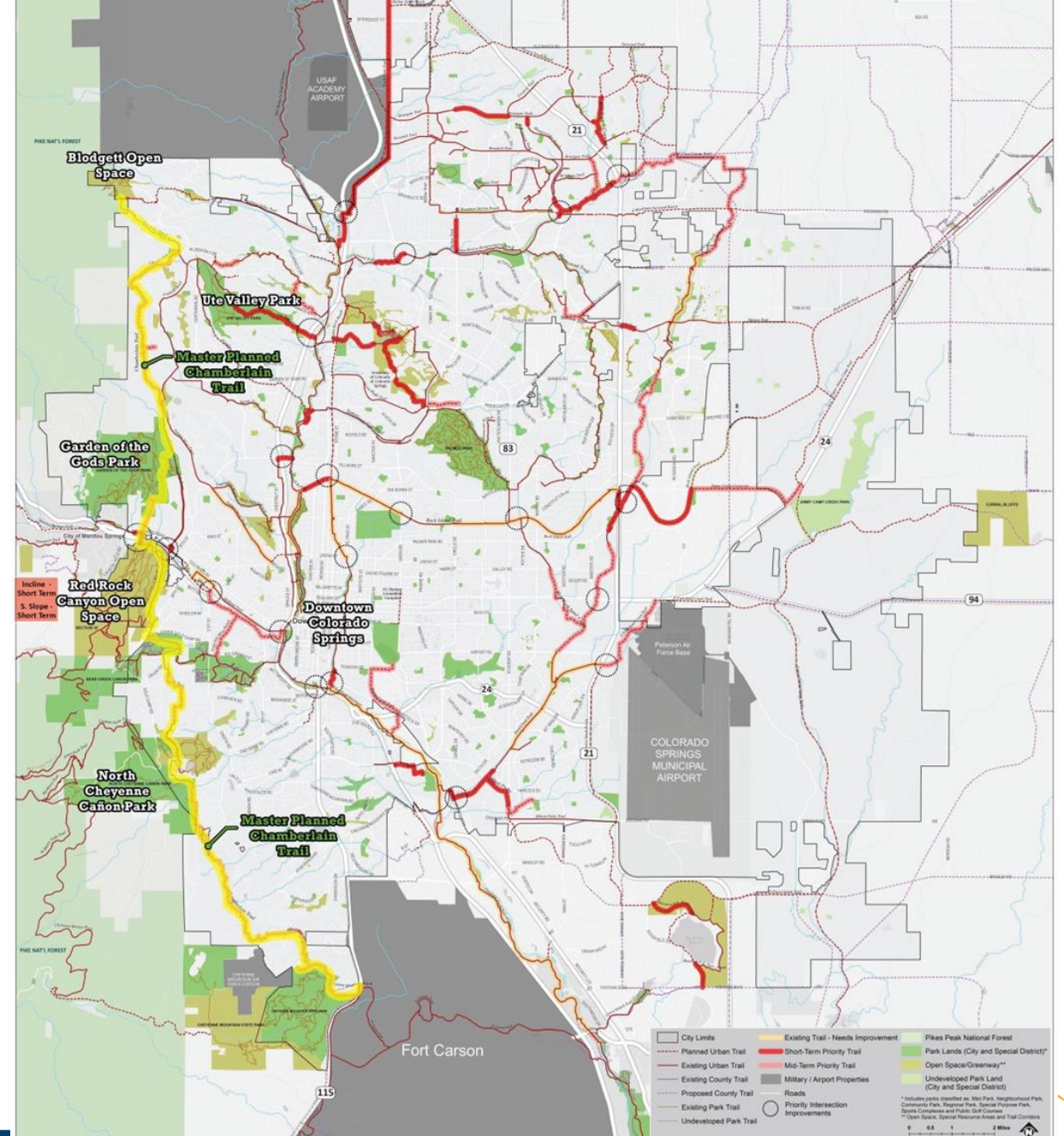
- 26+ mile master planned trail
- Singletrack trail experience along foothills of Colorado springs
- ~13+ miles of route in place

North planning area (north of Highway 24)

- Blodgett Open Space Connection

South Planning Area (south of Highway 24)

- Skyway Connections
- North Cheyenne Canon Park to Cheyenne Mountain State Park
- Fishers Canyon Open Space
- Zoo coordination
- Other Opportunities



Open Space Wayfinding and Trailhead Kiosks

- Conclude wayfinding (trail markers) at Austin Bluffs, Red Rock Canyon Open Space, North Cheyenne Canon Park
- Post installed, awaiting warmer weather for decal installation
- Welcome Signs (Trailhead Entrance Signs)
- Complete remaining open space properties
- Trailhead Kiosk
- Expanding trailhead plaza spaces
- Complete multiple trailheads throughout open spaces
- Improving and enhancing the ADA accessible trailhead
- New signage, maps, rules and regulations, LNT messaging



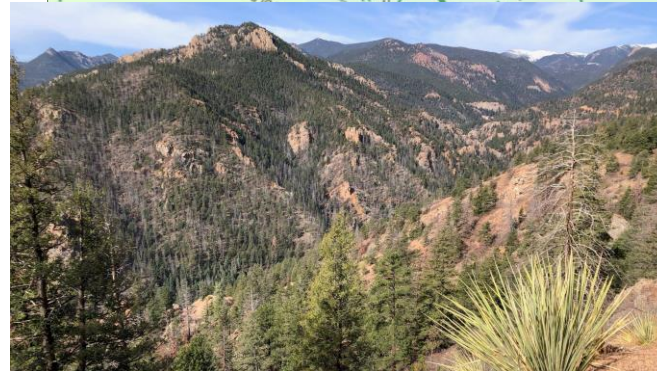
Black Canyon Open Space - Snyder Quarry Reclamation

- Scope of work to include:
 - Major earth work,
 - Drainage improvements,
 - Revegetation
- Finalizing planning documents
 - Seeking grant funding opportunities
 - Anticipating work in 2024 and 2025
- Fire Mitigation Project
 - Included in a 181-ac project with Navigators and Cedar Heights
 - Work now through Spring



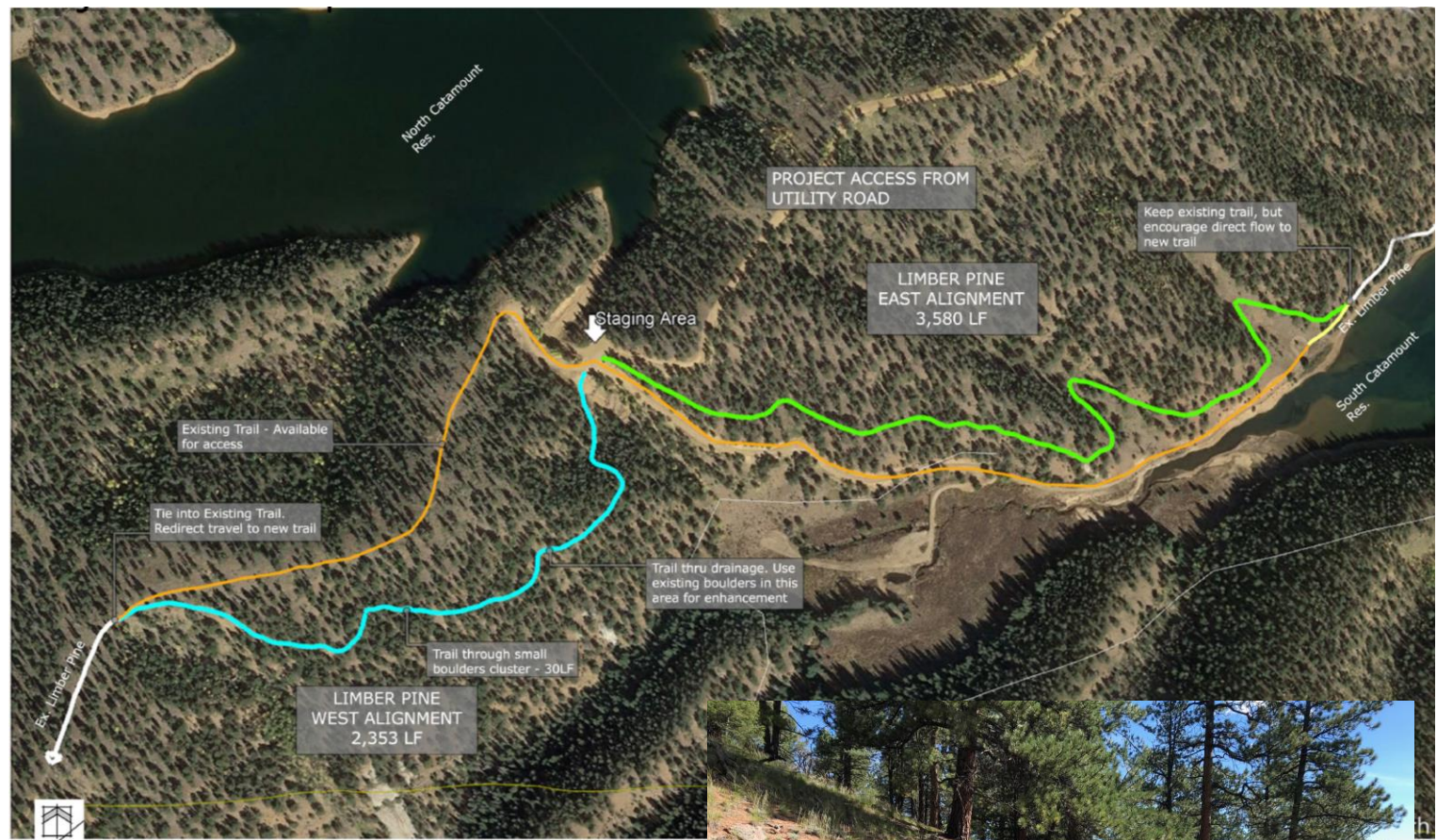
North Cheyenne Canon Park

- Continuation of the North Cheyenne Cañon Park Master Plan recommendation
- Ladders Trail Improvements
- 2.75 miles of new trail construction
- Grade separated crossing for Captain Morgans
- Formalizing and improving Captain Morgans Downhill Bike Trail
- Formalizing and improving Penrose Trail
- Seeking LART funding for improvements on Mt. Cutler Trail and Mt. Muscoco Trail
- RMFI Stewardship workdays planned for Mt. Cutler Trail and Tunnel 3 bypass trail
- Wayfinding for all trails and trailhead kiosks



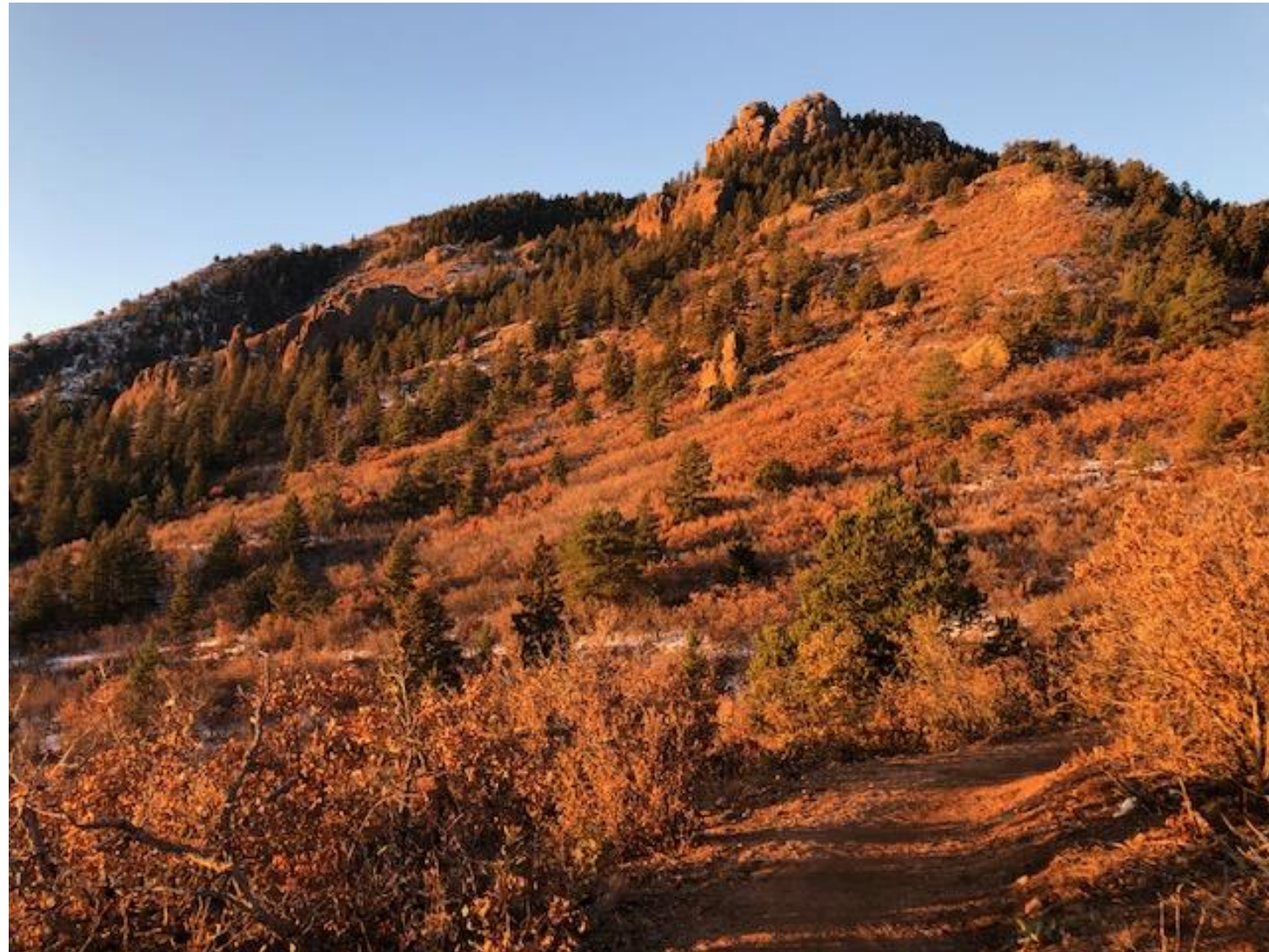
Limber Pine Trail Improvements – North Slope Recreation Area

- Partnership with TOSC and Medicine Wheel Trail Advocates
- Trail realignment of 5,900 LF
 - Reroute steep unsustainable section
 - New trail to move recreational use off utility road
- Out to bid early February
- Anticipated construction in Spring/Summer (subject to change)



Red Rock Canyon Open Space

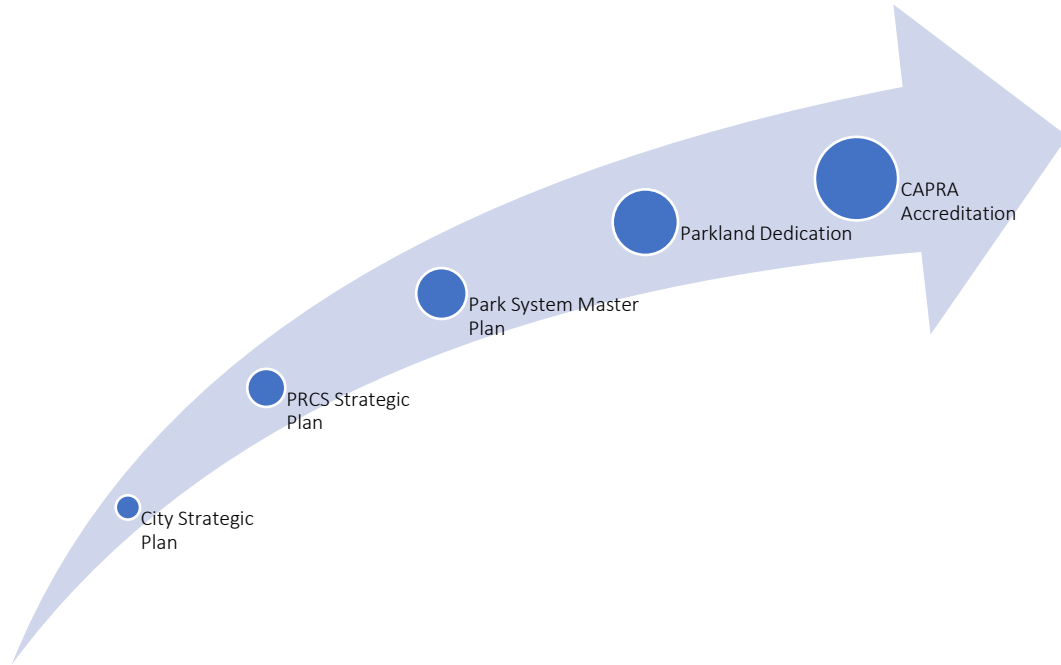
- Wayfinding and kiosk installation
- Safety improvements at Section 16 Trailhead
- Improved trail connectivity to Bear Creek Cañon Park
- Coordination with Regional Parks, Trails and Open Space crew for minor improvements in open space
 - Greenlee Trail
 - Round up Trail
 - Meadowlark Trail



Questions?



Planning (Pending decision)



Link to Redistricting Presentation:

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/2500559449d547fb995a2b63b9d7503d>

COLORADO SPRINGS PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT
PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

Date: February 8, 2024

Item Number: Board Business Item #1

Item Name: Appointment of a TOPS Working Committee Member & two alternate TOPS Working Committee members

SUMMARY:

In accordance with the Trails, Open Space and Parks (TOPS) Ordinance approved by voters in 1997 and the TOPS Policies and Procedures Manual, adopted in September of 1997, the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Advisory Board is responsible for establishing the TOPS Working Committee to “work together, to guide our City in the prudent acquisition, development and preservation of Trails, Parks and Open Space, thereby creating a legacy for future generations in the Pikes Peak Region.”

The TOPS Working Committee reports to and serves at the discretion of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Advisory Board (Parks Board). A member of the TOPS Working Committee resigned in December of 2023 creating a vacancy on the committee. The TOPS Working Committee also needs alternate members. This item recommends appointment of a member to fill the vacancy and two members to serve as alternate members.

PREVIOUS ACTION:

N/A

BACKGROUND:

A member of the TOPS Working Committee, Ingrid Richter served on the TOPS Working Committee and due to other obligations has resigned her position on the committee; therefore, there is a vacancy on the committee.

Numerous applications were received to fill the vacancy on the TOPS Working Committee. After staff narrowed the applications to an interview pool, the Vice Chair of the Parks Board, the Chair and Vice Chair of the TOPS Working Committee, the TOPS Program Manager, and the Design and Development Senior Landscape Architect conducted interviews. Three individuals were standouts from that process, conducting their interviews with enthusiasm, prior preparation and diverse interests in the areas that TOPS covers. They also reside in different areas of the city which is helpful to representing diverse opportunities across the City.

Pursuant to the TOPS By-Laws Article IV, subsections 1, 3 & 4, terms for members and for alternates shall be for three years and shall begin and end in September. The new member will finish the term of Ingrid Richter’s appointment September 22, 2022 to September 3, 2025. Alternates are eligible to serve three-year terms and will be assigned a term of March 6, 2024 to March 3, 2027. If member vacancies occur during their term, they are eligible to be recommended for a member position. This means the newly appointed members will attend their first TOPS Working Committee meeting as a member or as an alternate on March 6, 2024.

After thorough consideration, the interview panel unanimously recommends the following appointments:

Emily Danti: As a member to assume the vacated term of Ingrid Richter September 22, 2022 - September 3, 2025.

Ms. Danti has professional experience in commercial construction and wealth management and resides in the Old North End. She was a board member of the Trails and Open Space Coalition from 2015-2020 and served a portion of her time as president. Ms. Danti indicated that she is an avid enthusiast of the outdoors and grew up camping, rock climbing, hiking and adventuring all over Colorado. Emily has lived in Colorado Springs her whole life and has spent many hours enjoying the trails of Colorado Springs.

David Bundrick: As an alternate to serve a term from March 6, 2024 – March 3, 2027.

Mr. Bundrick is currently an executive pastor with previous experience in fitness and recreation programs and a Master's degree in Parks and Recreation Administration. He is a Director of BOMB (Believers on Bikes) and is active in trail building volunteering. Mr. Bundrick looks forward to supporting the Parks Department and providing input where possible. He is a neighbor to Ute Valley Park.

Randy Courduff: As an alternate to serve a term from March 6, 2024 – March 3, 2027.

Mr. Courduff is a project manager for a military planning firm and an Army retiree. He has volunteered with the Trails and Open Space Coalition, Rocky Mountain field institute and has led multiple company hikes to encourage the enjoyment of open spaces. Mr. Courduff looks forward to protecting existing areas and promoting new areas by being a part of the TOPS Working Committee. He resides in the southwest part of the city.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

N/A

BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

ALTERNATIVE:

Do not approve the recommended appointments or suggest an alternative to staff and the Parks Board.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the appointments of Emily Danti as a TOPS Working Committee member and of David Bundrick and Randy Courduff as alternate members to the TOPS Working Committee as presented.

PROPOSED MOTION:

Move approval of the appointment of Emily Danti as a TOPS Working Committee member and David Bundrick and Randy Courduff as TOPS Working Committee alternate members as presented.

COLORADO SPRINGS PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT
PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

Date: February 8, 2024

Item Number: Board Business Item #2

Item Name: Appointment of Westside Community Center Working Committee
Alternate Member

SUMMARY:

The Westside Community Center Working Committee is in need of one alternate to fully fill all vacancies. Applications have been accepted on an ongoing basis. The Working Committee chair Justin Trudeau and Vice Chair Liz Lopez-Vaughan, along with City staff Mark Snow and Jamie Bequette, interviewed two candidates on January 22nd. The attached slate of proposed committee members is being presented for consideration and approval.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:

N/A

BACKGROUND:

A key request during the Westside Community Center engagement process was to create an advisory board to help inform the building usage as well as programs and services provided through the Center. With the Advisory Board's approval, a working committee that reports to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Advisory Board, similar to the TOPS Working Committee, has been formed and citizens have had the chance to apply to become a member of the Committee following the format of the TOPS Working Committee application process.

Below is a brief background on the individual recommended for appointment to the Westside Community Center Working Committee:

Marjorie Valin (alternate) – Marjorie moved to the westside community 2 years ago. She has a background in marketing, branding and working with non-profits. She's excited to see the Westside Center be a 'community hub and resource.'

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

N/A

BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

ALTERNATIVE:

Do not approve the recommended appointment or suggest an alternative.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the appointment of Marjorie Valin to the Westside Community Center Working Committee as presented in Exhibit A.

PROPOSED MOTION:

Move approval of the slate of appointment of Marjorie Valin to the Westside Community Center Working Committee as presented in Exhibit A.

Exhibit A – Proposed Slate of Westside Community Center Working Committee Members

The following individual is recommended as an alternate member of the Westside Community Center Working Committee for a two-year term beginning February 15, 2024 and ending February 14th, 2026:

Alternate:

Marjorie Valin