

City Council

Study Session Agenda

August 11, 2015
Library Conference Room
951 Spruce Street
7:00 PM

Note: The time frames assigned to agenda items are estimates for guidance only. Agenda items may be heard earlier or later than the listed time slot.

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| 7:00 p.m. | I. | Call to Order |
| 7:00 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. | II. | Discussion – Horticulture and Forestry Advisory Board |
| 7:45 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. | III. | Discussion – Open Space Advisory Board |
| 8:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. | IV. | Discussion – Recreation/Senior Center Expansion and New Aquatic Center Request for Proposals (RFP) and Public Involvement Plan |
| 9:00 p.m. – 9:10 p.m. | V. | City Manager’s Report
a. Advanced Agenda |
| 9:10 p.m. – 9:15 p.m. | VI. | Identification of Future Agenda Items |
| 9:15 p.m. | VII. | Adjourn |

SUBJECT: ANNUAL REPORT – HORTICULTURE & FORESTRY ADVISORY BOARD

DATE: AUGUST 11, 2015

PRESENTED BY: HORTICULTURE & FORESTRY ADVISORY BOARD

LIST HIGHLIGHTS AND SUCCESSES OF THE PAST YEAR:

- Public Landscape Plan Review
- Arbor Day Tree Planting Made Possible by CTC/Xcel Tree Grant for \$6,000
- Educational Seed Presentation
- Tree Pruning Workshop

WHAT WORKED WELL FOR YOUR BOARD THIS PAST YEAR?

Overall a very successful year due to excellent group dynamics.

WHAT DID NOT WORK WELL FOR YOUR BOARD THIS PAST YEAR?

Nothing went wrong.

LIST PLANS/GOALS FOR NEXT YEAR:

- Promote the Arboretum and support the below mentioned project
- Educational Presentation
- Arbor Day Tree Planting
- Tree Pruning Workshop

IN WHAT AREAS DO YOU NEED CITY COUNCIL INPUT/FEEDBACK?

No clarification, input, or feedback from City Council is needed. Awarding funding for Arboretum projects is requested.

KNOWING THAT FUNDING IS LIMITED AND NOT ALL PROGRAMS WILL BE A PRIORITY IN ANY GIVEN BUDGET YEAR, WHAT PROJECTS/ PROGRAMS/POSITIONS ETC. DOES THIS BOARD RECOMMEND THE CITY COUNCIL FUND IN NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET?

- Arboretum Landscape Renovation Plan
- More Resources for Horticulture Maintenance

ARE THERE LEGISLATIVE ISSUES (NEW LAWS, AMENDMENTS, CODES, ETC.) THIS BOARD WOULD ENCOURAGE THE CITY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER?

No.

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DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL?

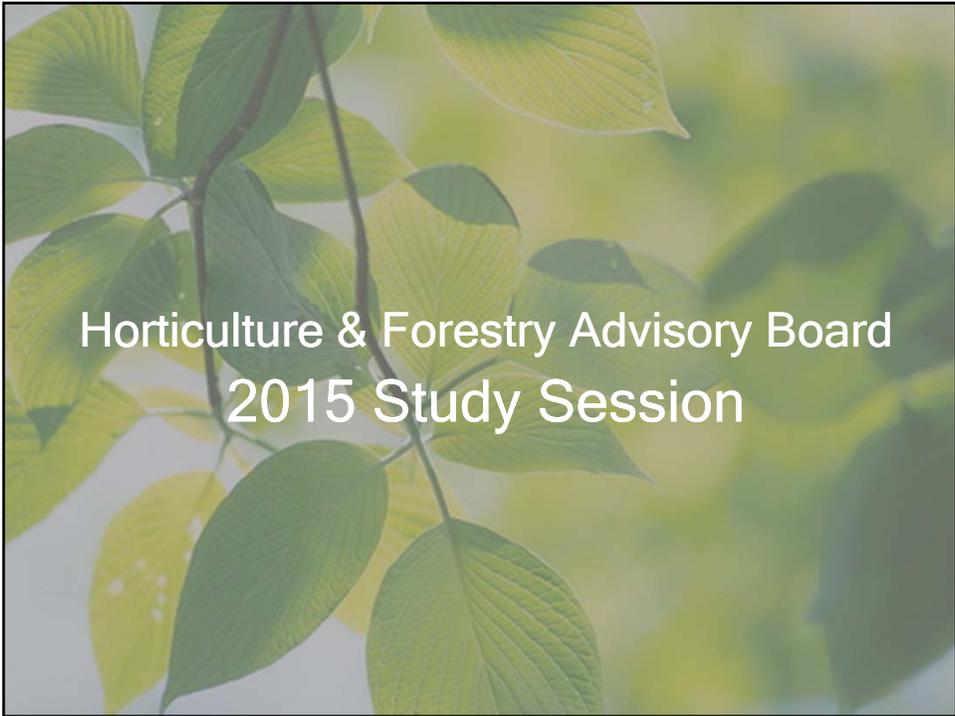
If approved, when do you anticipate Arboretum Landscape Renovation Plan occurring?

RECOMMENDATION:

Discussion

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. HFAB Study Session PowerPoint



Horticulture & Forestry Advisory Board
2015 Study Session



Thank you City Council
for letting Louisville know we
have a beautiful arboretum!

CITY PARK

ARBORETUM

CITY OF LOUISVILLE



Horticulture & Forestry Advisory Board HFAB

What we do...

- Represent the Louisville Community on public landscape projects
- Work with city staff to promote healthy horticultural practices in public and private landscapes
- Provide educational horticulture opportunities for the community



Public Landscape Plan Review

- Wayfinding
- Hutchinson Street
- DELO
- Community Gardens @ Griffith & Lincoln
- Helburg Memorial
- Arboretum Bathrooms
- North End Phase 3 Pocket Park



HFAB 2014 Highlights & Successes

- Emerald Ash Borer Workshop
- Annual Arbor Day Tree Planting
- Educational Seed Presentation
- Tree Pruning Workshop
- Collaboration with Cultural Committee

Annual Arbor Day Tree Planting

Arbor Day tree planting



Courtesy photo

Louisville city forester Chris Lichty, city staff, members of the Horticulture and Forestry Advisory Board, City Councilwoman Susan Loo and Cub Scouts from Pack 80 braved the weather Saturday to plant 22 trees — including six types that will grow to be full-size shade trees — along Via Appia Way, across from the Louisville Police Station. The group started filling in the soil around the trees that were planted by staff, when rain and sleet canceled the event. Staff will finish the project this week. Lichty said Saturday marked the largest number of trees planted for the city's annual Arbor Day event, made possible through a \$6,000 grant from Xcel Energy and distributed by Colorado Tree Coalition.

Educational Seed Presentation

Louisville's Horticulture and Forestry Advisory Board
Presents

It All Starts with a Seed

"Bring out your inner gardener"

WHEN
Thursday, March 5, 2015
7:00 PM

WHERE
Louisville Recreation Center
Brooks Room

Louisville's Horticulture and Forestry Advisory Board is pleased to offer an informative evening on seed starting by:
Janis Kieft, Horticulturist & Seed Buyer
for Botanical Interests Seed Company.

COME JOIN US AND LEARN

- 🌱 How seeds work
- 🌱 How to start vegetable and flower seeds
- 🌱 How to get the best germination
- 🌱 Starting seeds indoors and outdoors
- 🌱 Tips, tricks, and much more!

All attendees will receive free seed packets after the presentation.

Donations accepted, proceeds will benefit FRIENDS OF THE LOUISVILLE ARBORETUM (502) 251-3131

Pruning Workshop



HFAB 2015 Planned Events

Educational Seed Presentation

Annual Arbor Day Tree Planting

Tree Pruning Workshop



HFAB 2015 Discussion Topics

Awareness of Public Landscaped Spaces

Smart Choices

More Resources

Integrated Weed Management Plan



A W A R E N E S S



Are these the renovated bunkers at Coal Creek?



...or maybe these are?

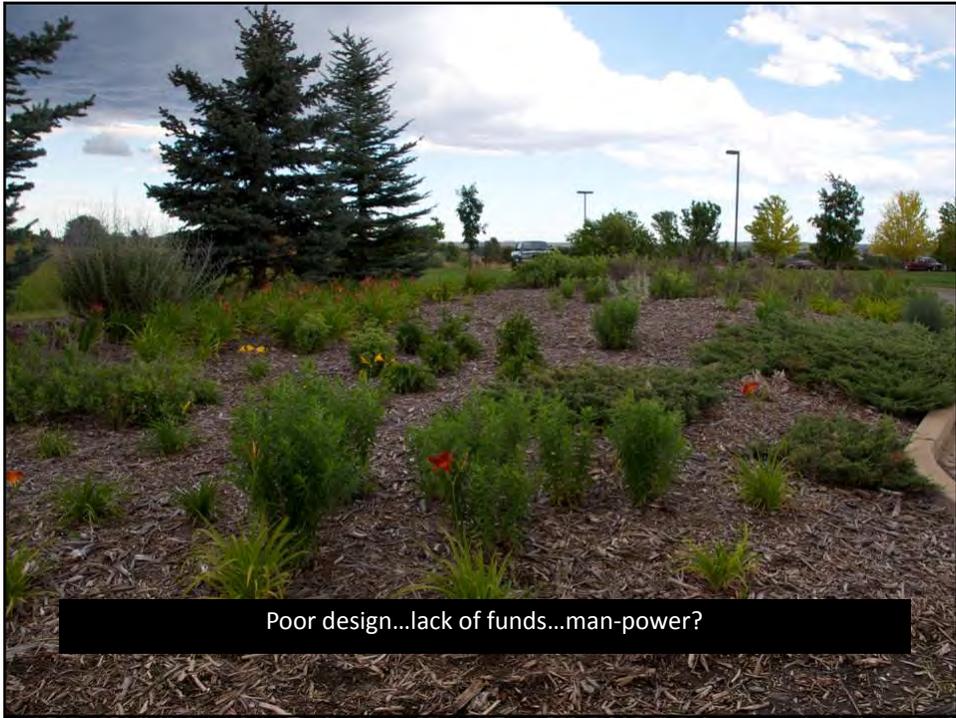


This is of the most visible, public properties in Louisville.



What message is this sending...



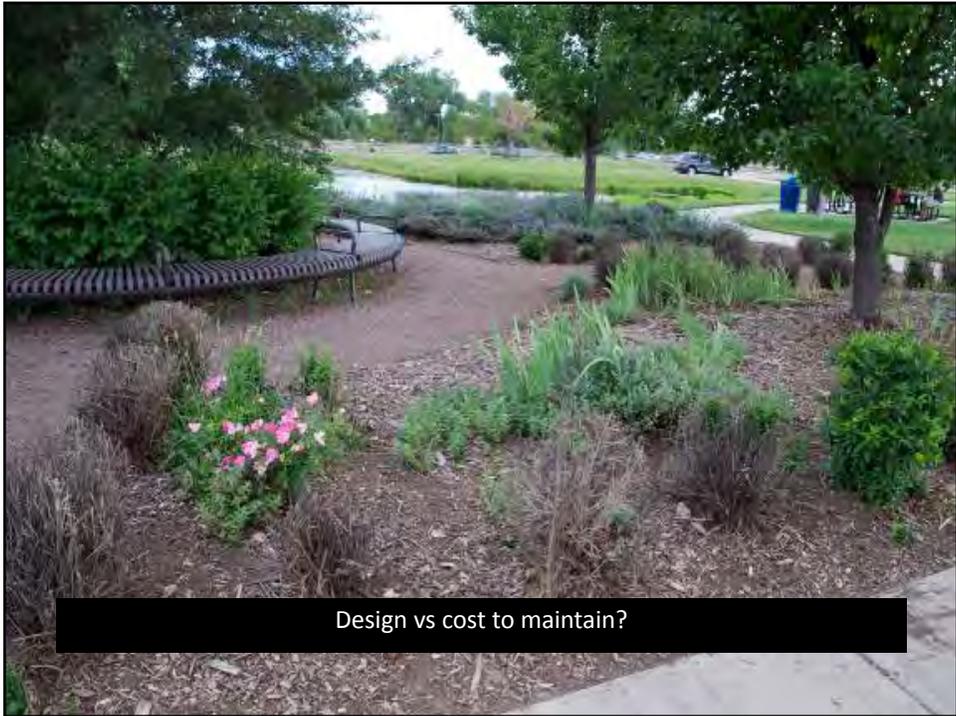




Do we have the resources to maintain this formal garden?

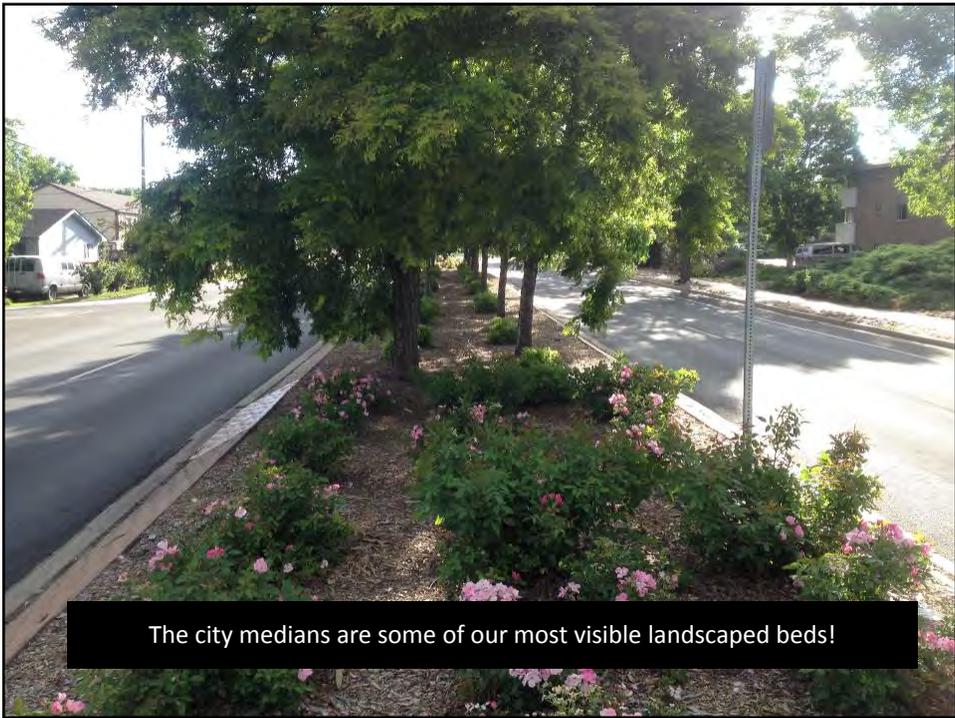


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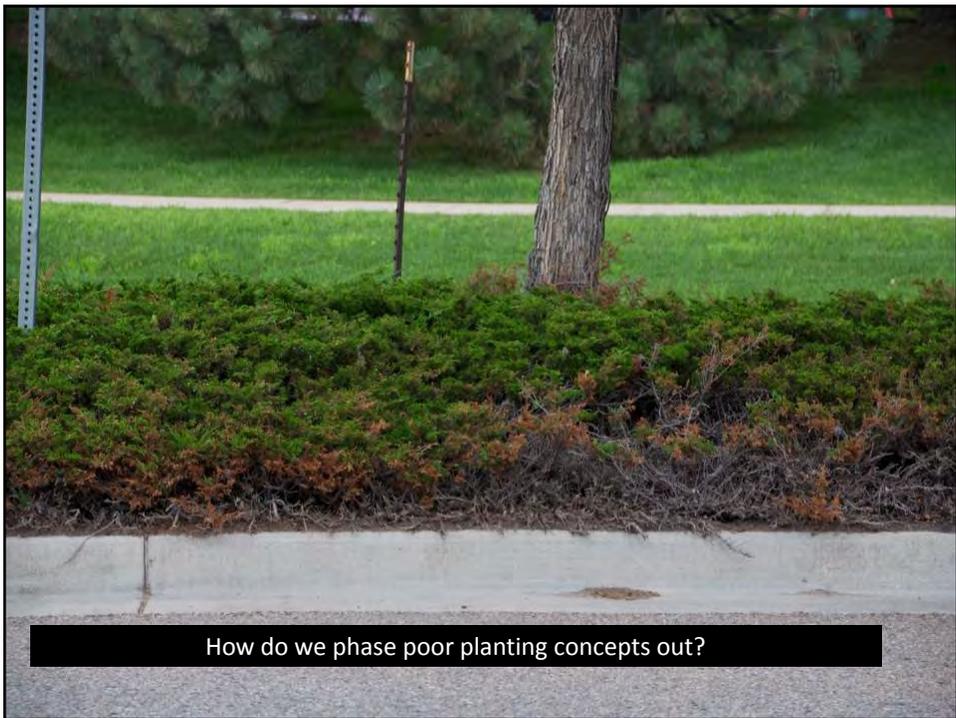


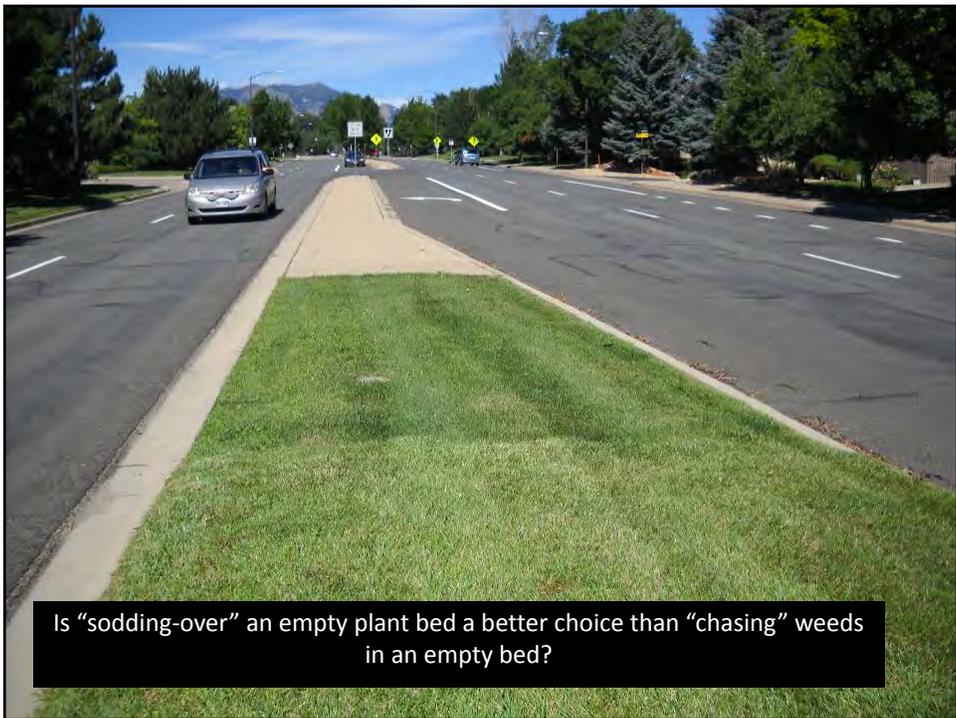
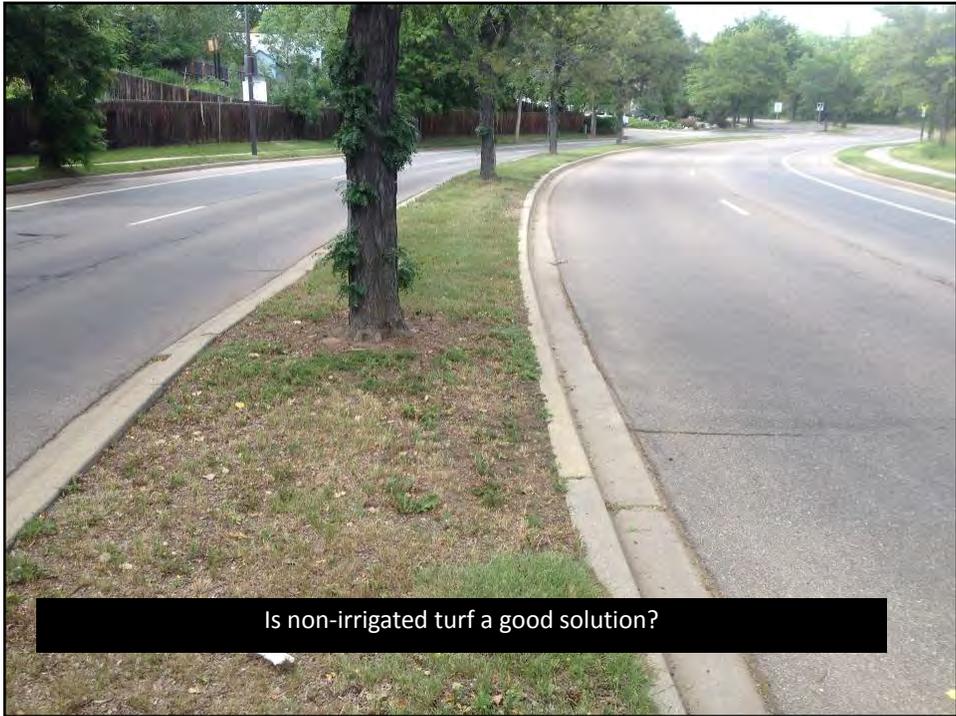
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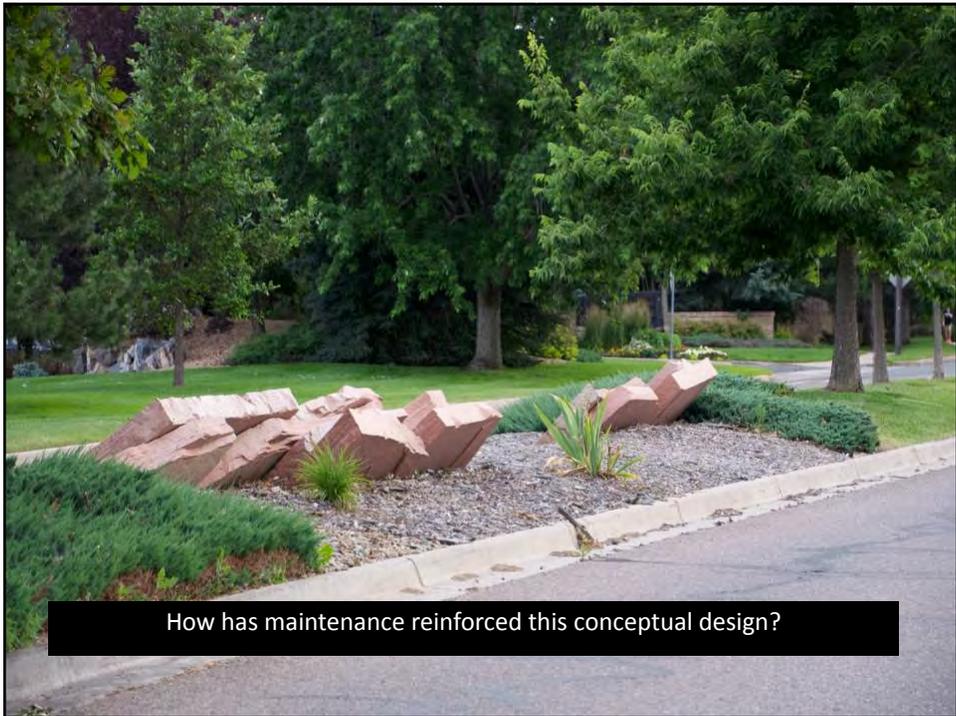


The city medians are some of our most visible landscaped beds!



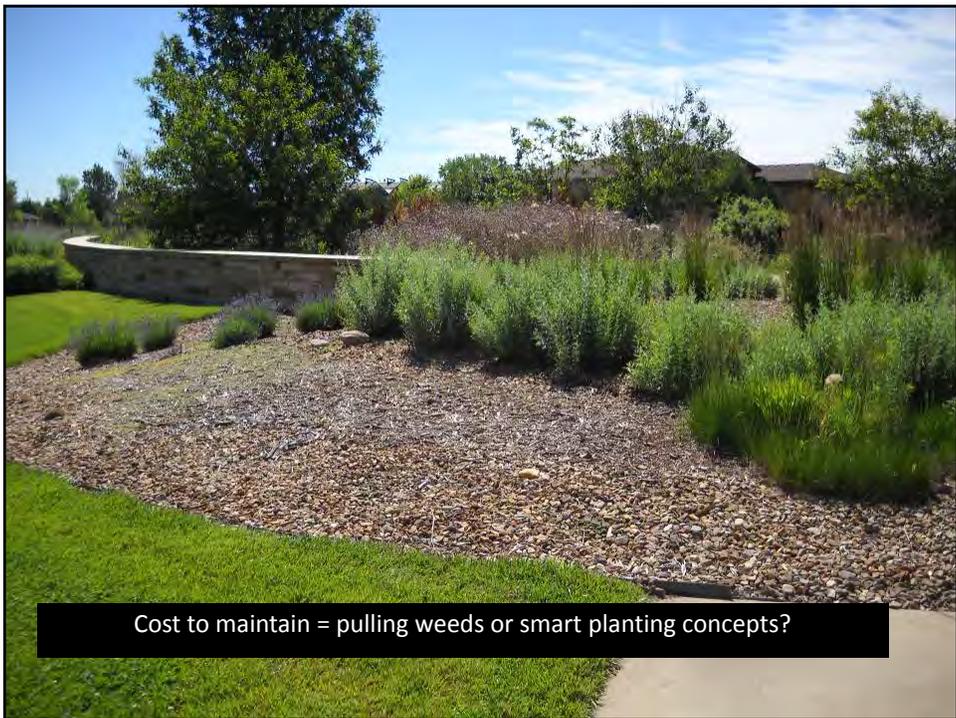








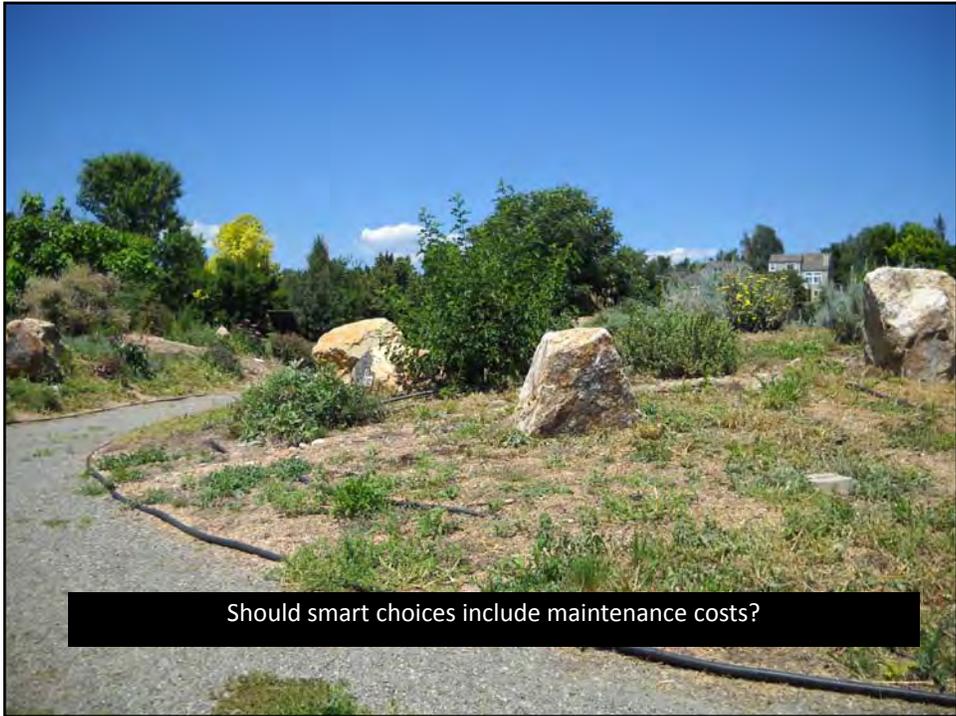
Chasing weeds?



Cost to maintain = pulling weeds or smart planting concepts?

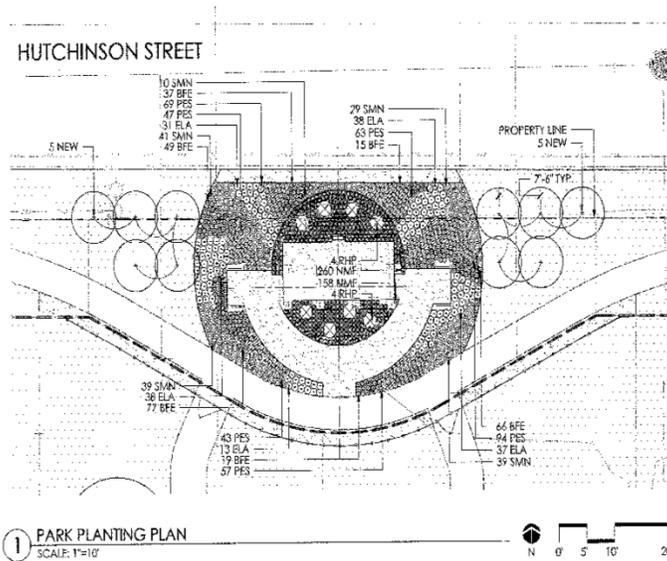




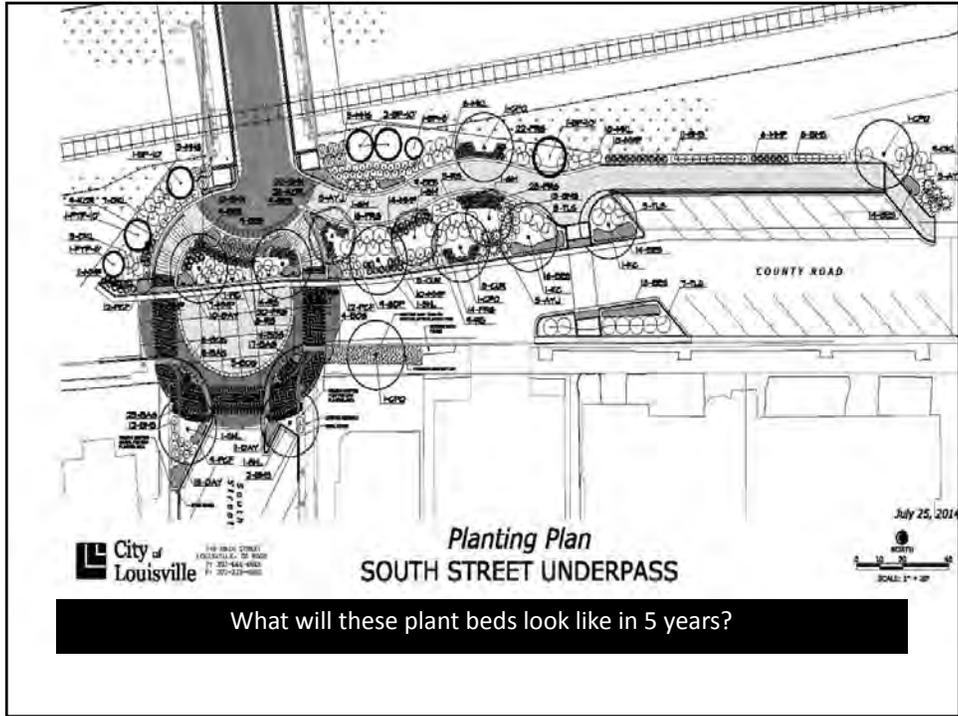




Can annual & perennial beds be cost effective to maintain?



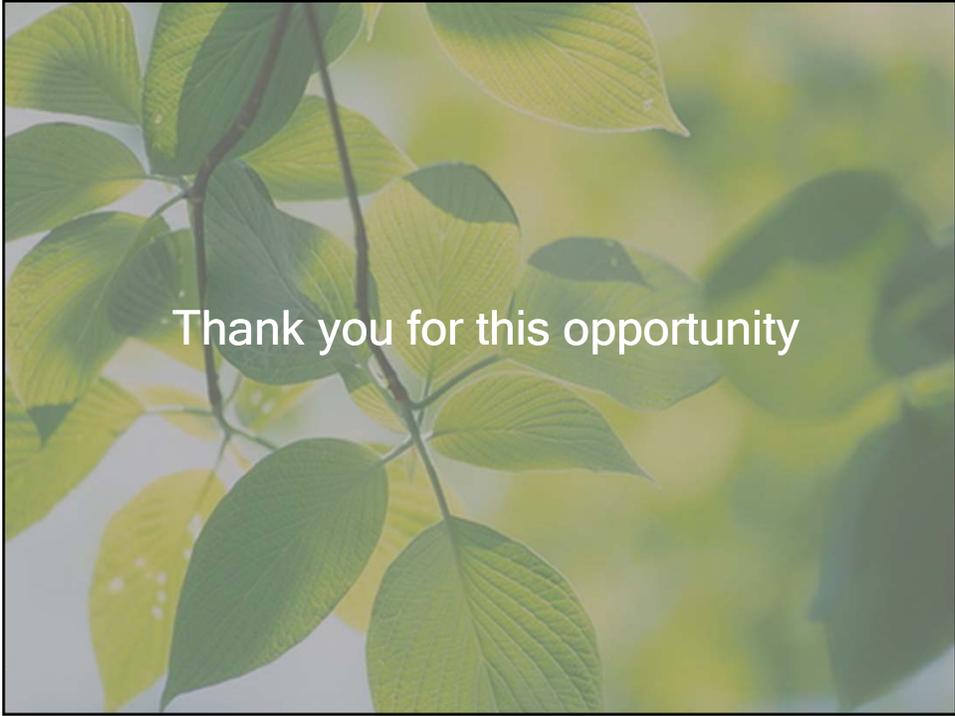
Design vs cost to maintain?



Current City Maintenance Statistics

- 26 Parks
- 140 Acres bluegrass turf
- 250 Acres of undeveloped property
- 1,000 Acres of open space & ROW
- 47 miles of trails
- 10,000 trees

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SUBJECT: ANNUAL REPORT – OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD (OSAB)

DATE: AUGUST 11, 2015

PRESENTED BY: HELEN MOSHAK, OSAB CHAIR

LIST HIGHLIGHTS AND SUCCESSES OF THE PAST YEAR:

1. OSAB and OSAB Wayfinding Tiger Team provided input and review of wayfinding project options and designs.
 - OSAB partnered with staff and consultants to conduct wayfinding open houses and solicit feedback from the public and other advisory board members. Earlier in the process, we also attended the other board meetings to directly solicit input on trails and wayfinding.
 - Advocated to Staff & City Council that the Budget for a Wayfinding Program be prioritized for 2014-2019.
2. Enhancing the Resource Management aspect of our open space culture.
 - Support of staff efforts to manage natural resources, weed control, coyote management plan, etc.
 - Advocated for a new line item in the operational budget for “Natural Resource Management” which was approved in 2015 in the amount of \$10,000
3. Joint meeting with Superior this spring – updating each other on projects, sharing ideas and exploring partnership opportunities.
4. Invited staff and advisors from other entities to participate in a Property Acquisitions Panel to learn more about successful approaches to developing, tracking and advancing relationships with owners and stakeholders for open space property acquisitions.
5. Provided feedback and input to Memorial Bench Policy review and update.
6. Partnered with Council on brainstorming for future priorities for open space in Louisville.
7. Involvement in Budget Discussions
 - Conducted two sessions of blue sky brainstorming on Open Space Operations budget ideas during our May and June meetings.
 - Advocated for more information on details of Open Space budgeting and spending in the Open Space and Parks Fund.
 - Begin process of providing input to CIP and Operations budgets.
8. Education & Volunteer Program involvement
 - Brainstormed education and volunteer opportunities.
 - Supported volunteer program (72 active participants so far this year).
 - Board members attended and advocated for Education & Outreach events (423 citizens reached so far this year).

9. Initiated Public Input process of New Trails Planning.
10. Provided a Monthly Forum to Receive Citizen Input.

WHAT WORKED WELL FOR YOUR BOARD THIS PAST YEAR?

1. Wayfinding Project: Tiger Team (Laura Denton and Tom Davinroy) contributions to Wayfinding Project.
2. Brainstorming on Open Space future with Council.
3. OSAB rounds of brainstorming on Operations budgets.
4. Support of Seasonal Ranger Program to make progress in the areas of compliance, education and outreach.
5. Open Space Stewardship – successful flood recovery projects, burrowing owls.
6. Developing process for providing input into and feedback on the operations budget and development process.
7. Jeff Lipton as Council liaison!

WHAT DID NOT WORK WELL FOR YOUR BOARD THIS PAST YEAR?

1. Initial presentations and requests from staff during the development review process and related project management for OSAB review, input or approval were not communicated well to OSAB – working with staff now on providing instructions in the packet before the meeting, improving the content of the materials and clarifying and expanding the presentations to the board to ensure a deliberate and informed action. Continuing to improve.

LIST PLANS/GOALS FOR NEXT YEAR:

1. Continue to make Wayfinding and Trail Network Connectivity/Improvements the top operations and capital budget priority for 2014-2019. Once completed, this project will be a crown jewel for the city and serve as blueprint for a trails master plan that will lay the foundation and inform future Open Space, Parks, and City CIPs.
2. Work with Staff and Council to proactively enhance and expand the resource management operations and habitat restoration by allocating and expanding budget and staff resources and engage and involve citizen and volunteer contributions.
3. Support and promote Wayfinding project with citizens and visitors.
4. Work with staff to provide input and feedback on operations and CIP budgets.
5. Brainstorm on increasing volunteer opportunities and engagement broadly.
6. Develop a consistent practice of preparing ahead of time for meetings or doing homework prior to a meeting in order to advance the agenda and prepare for in-depth discussions.

WHAT IS YOUR BOARD'S MISSION STATEMENT AND DO YOU THINK IT NEEDS ANY UPDATING OR CHANGING:

Open Space Mission: To conserve and restore Open Space through land acquisition and management for the protection of natural and cultural resources and provide opportunities for education, volunteering and appropriate passive recreation.

Open Space Vision: An Open Space program funded for future generations that enriches the experience of living in Louisville by providing opportunities for citizens to reconnect with nature and their cultural heritage while also enhancing their mental and physical well-being.

During the Wayfinding Project this past year and as we worked with other departments and jurisdictions on trail improvements, development, closures, and connections we sought clarification from staff and council on our official role in this area. After consulting with staff and relevant documents and with the encouragement of council, it is the opinion of Joe Stevens, Parks and Recreation Director that trails fall within the purview of OSAB (even if they are not located on Open Space). See attached memo.

IN WHAT AREAS DO YOU NEED CITY COUNCIL INPUT/FEEDBACK?

1. Priority of Wayfinding / Trail Network connectivity and improvement Project.
2. Feedback on how to support Council and Staff in balancing use of Open Space and Parks Tax Fund between readiness for acquisitions (strategy for reserve acquisitions balance) and investing in Open Space operations and capital improvements for the current system with a significant investment in resource management and habitat restoration.
3. Feedback on the Operations budget process and how to improve for next year.

KNOWING THAT FUNDING IS LIMITED AND NOT ALL PROGRAMS WILL BE A PRIORITY IN ANY GIVEN BUDGET YEAR, WHAT PROJECTS/ PROGRAMS/POSITIONS ETC. DOES THIS BOARD RECOMMEND THE CITY COUNCIL FUND IN NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET?

1. A multiyear phased and committed budget plan for the Wayfinding Project.
2. Integrating long term planning and implementation of a comprehensive resource management program into the Open Space operations budget.
3. Evaluate and explore expanding the seasonal ranger program to a full time ranger staff member to continue and expand resource management, education, outreach, safety, and compliance.

ARE THERE LEGISLATIVE ISSUES (NEW LAWS, AMENDMENTS, CODES, ETC.) THIS BOARD WOULD ENCOURAGE THE CITY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER?

Explore future ballot measure language to designate a portion of the Open Space and Park tax to not sunset in order to acknowledge and ensure a commitment to manage the resources we have into the future.

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL?

1. When will we hear about the funding decisions on the Wayfinding Project?
2. What is the Council's current position on balancing use of Open Space and Parks Tax Fund between readiness for acquisitions (strategy for reserve acquisitions balance) and investing in operations and capital improvements for the current system and developing a resource management program component?
3. At the appropriate time, please provide feedback to the Boards and Staff on the Operations budget process and how to improve this process for next year.

RECOMMENDATION:

Discussion

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Memo: OSAB Review and Recommendations Regarding City Trails
2. OSAB Operations 10-year Horizon Brainstorming Session Results- May 2015
3. Memo: Boulder County Open Space and Trails Request
4. Power Point Presentation

Memorandum

To: Open Space Advisory Board
From: Joe Stevens
Date: July 8, 2015
Re: OSAB Review and Recommendations Regarding City Trails

This memorandum is to affirm that Open Space Advisory Board (OSAB) duties and responsibilities include reviewing and making recommendations on City trails to City Council and/or Planning Commission and/or City staff per Section 4.02.040 of City of Louisville Ordinance No. 1329, Series 2000. Pertinent sections include:

*4.02.040. Ongoing Duties.

- D. “Provide comments on development proposals for land immediately adjacent to, or materially impacting, Open Space lands...” Land immediately adjacent Open Space is inclusive of trails and, therefore, trails comments are encouraged from OSAB.
- E. “Provide input on the location of trails and paths on Open Space.” Logically, trails do not necessarily start and/or stop on Open Space. OSAB’s responsibilities include providing input on how trails that traverse Open Space provide community and regional connectivity.
- I. “Provide recommendation as to how the City can manage park and other land adjacent to Open Space lands in a manner that best promotes the continued integrity of Open Space.” This includes but is not exclusive to trails.
- L. “Provide a forum for citizen comment on open space and trails issues.” This language does not limit trail review only to trails on open space, but lists one of OSAB’s duties as providing a forum for citizen comment on City-wide trail issues.
- M. “Provide any additional recommendation on open space issues the Board finds appropriate.” While a “catch-all phrase,” it is reasonable to assume that OSAB has a responsibility to review and opine on our trail

system as the network of trails, on open space, cannot exist in isolation from the City's vast integrated network of trails.

I believe the current Ordinance language is sufficient. One of OSAB's duties is to review and make recommendations on City trails per provisions contained in Ordinance No. 1329, Series 2000 and consistent with the intent of City Council as expressed in a study session on January 27, 2015.

cc: Malcolm Fleming
Meredyth Muth
Ember Brignull

OSAB Operations 10-year Horizon Brainstorming Session Results May 2015

All the brainstorming ideas are listed and sorted into 5 main themes identified by OSAB after brainstorming.

1. ACQUISITION – The process and results of Open Space Property Acquisition

City Proactive – High Priority

No Sunset Provision on tax

Conoco Phillips

Conoco Phillips Land – Public access

Excel Property off Dillon Road for Dog off-leash area

Enough Open Space to prevent future overcrowding (also listed in Planning)

2. DEVELOPMENT PLANS – Planning for the development, strategic management and operations of Open Space property acquisition and operations/management program.

Strategic Plan to include future Acquisition and Infrastructure investments

Develop O.S. Strategic Plan with City Planning and public

Develop & Implement 5-yr Strategic Plan

Exchange Port-a –Potties for Vault Toilets

Strategy Plan

- Habitat
- Inventory
- Education
- Enforcement

Infrastructure: Strategic Plan to include future Acquisition and Infrastructure investments

Native Species and Urban Environment Management Plan (also listed in Natural Resources section)

3. TRAILS – The development and management of Open Space trails and related infrastructure

Wayfinding Network

Walkable/Bikeable

Different surfaces/seasons

Linkages

Wayfinding+ (also listed in Education and Programs)

Bike to Major areas

Soft and Hard Surfaces adjacent on Trails

Soft surfaces adjacent to hard surfaces for running

Missing trail links

Bike access to Old Town and McCaslin

Connection between Open Space and Schools

Connectivity

Open spaces to one another

Louisville to region, neighbors

Easy and Intuitive trail Navigation

Seamless Trail Connectivity

On-Street bike lanes throughout Old town
Trails
Linked
Sensible ***
Seamless
Children, Elderly, all
Wonderful Trails with No user conflicts
Trails Kept well Graded
Crusher Fines replaced quickly
Dedicated Bike and Walk lanes

4. EDUCATION AND PROGRAMS – Open Space Education, Outreach, and Use Programs

Enhanced Education and Outreach
Full time education Programming
Youth Bike ranger Program
Open Space Activities Center
Citizen Scientist Program
2 suggestions for Birding and Fishing Ops (also listed in Natural Resources Section)
Kids plugged into structures
Races
Urban gardens
Pump Tracks (BMX)
Volunteer Ops
Community Open Space Arts Program
High School and College Natural Resource Management Internships
Louisville Open Space Fellows Program
Partnership with Denver Botanical Garden
Full time OS Volunteer Coordinator
Open Space Afterschool Program
Full-Time O.S. land manager position (also listed in Natural Resources Section)
Full-time O.S. Ranger (also listed in Natural Resources Section)
Open Water Program
Open Space Protected Legally
Wafinding A+
Public knows difference between Open Space and Parks
Pets
Owners pick up 100% of the time b/c to do otherwise is unacceptable
Pets feel welcome
User friendly
User friendly: Signage, trash, etc.
2 suggestions for No user conflicts
Youth inspired by open space to care for outdoors: engaged, aware
Library check out
Enhance education outreach efforts – school
Open Space After School Program: Collaboration with BVSD, BoCo; reach at younger age, flora and fauna surveys, habitat restoration
Consistent Enforcement Efforts
Abundant Volunteer opportunities

Engagement: All user groups
Youth Education
School Partnerships
XC Ski Grooming

5. NATURAL RESOURCES –The inventory, study, management and protection of Open Space natural resources

High School and College Natural Resource Management Internships
Wetlands Preserved, enhanced and Productive
Native Species and Urban Environment Management Plan (also listed in Planning section)
Wild Areas
Non-native Plants are gone
Fish thrive
2 suggestions for Birding and Fishing Ops (also listed in Education and Programs Section)
2 suggestions for Birds Flock to Louisville due to Habitat
Snakes are appreciated
Habitat restoration
Harper Lake enhancement
Properties managed in a fashion that insures future health
Inventory plants
Restored Natural Habitats
Preserve wildlife habitat
Restore Ecology
Close Property to restore after snow/rain
Healthy Wildlife populations
Resources: monitoring and maintenance
Healthy ecosystems: Full time land manager (also listed in Education and Programs Section)
Full time Ranger (also listed in Education and Programs Section)
Quiet Places To Reflect, Paint, etc.
Need Structures well sited
Agricultural lands well preserved

Memorandum

To: City Council
From: Ember Brignull, Open Space Manager
Date: August 11, 2015
Re: Boulder County Open Space and Trails Request for 2016

On July 29th, 2015 staff received Boulder County's annual request for open space and trail collaborative projects. Open space and trails requests will be considered in setting county priorities for the following year (2016). As background, I have included last years' request to the County.

The Open Space Advisory Board (OSAB) will be finalizing their recommendations at the August 12th, 2015 board meeting. OSAB recommendations are tentatively scheduled to go before City Council on September 1st, 2015 as a consent agenda item.

Information requested by the County is as follows:

- A. Open Space Requests: Through the efforts of all of our open space programs, we have preserved a lot of open space in Boulder County. What significant parcels remain in your area in order to consider the job done? Please list properties numbered in order of priority, even if you have submitted them in a previous year.

- B. Trail Requests: Boulder County gives stronger consideration to trail projects that connect to existing community trails on county open space properties and regional trails, and trails that are recommended in management plans. Trails that serve primarily a local population are not likely to be considered for funding through the Boulder County Parks and Open Space CIP. Please list projects numbered in order of priority, even if you have submitted them in a previous year.

Attachment(s):

- 1. Resolution No. 47, Series 2014
- 2. City of Louisville Property & Trail requests for 2015

**RESOLUTION NO. 47
SERIES 2014**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD'S
RECOMMENDATION TO BOULDER COUNTY PARKS AND OPEN SPACE
REGARDING 2015 PROPERTY AND TRAIL REQUESTS**

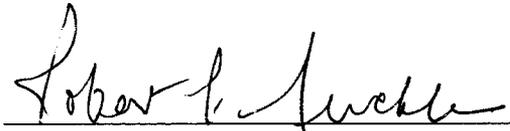
WHEREAS, Boulder County Parks and Open Space invited the City of Louisville Open Space Advisory Board and the Louisville City Council to submit property and trail requests for potential partnership opportunities.

WHEREAS, on August 13th 2014, the Open Space Advisory Board made recommendations regarding the 2015 property and trail requests.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOUISVILLE, COLORADO:

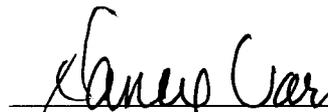
1. Approve the recommendations of the Open Space Advisory Board to Boulder County Parks and Open Space regarding 2015 property and trail requests.
2. In forwarding these recommendations, City Council affirms its intent that open space acquisitions are upon condition of a mutually acceptable purchase agreement being reached between willing buyers and willing sellers, and City Council does not intend any acquisition be made through eminent domain.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of September, 2014.



Robert P. Muckle, Mayor

ATTEST:



Nancy Varra, City Clerk



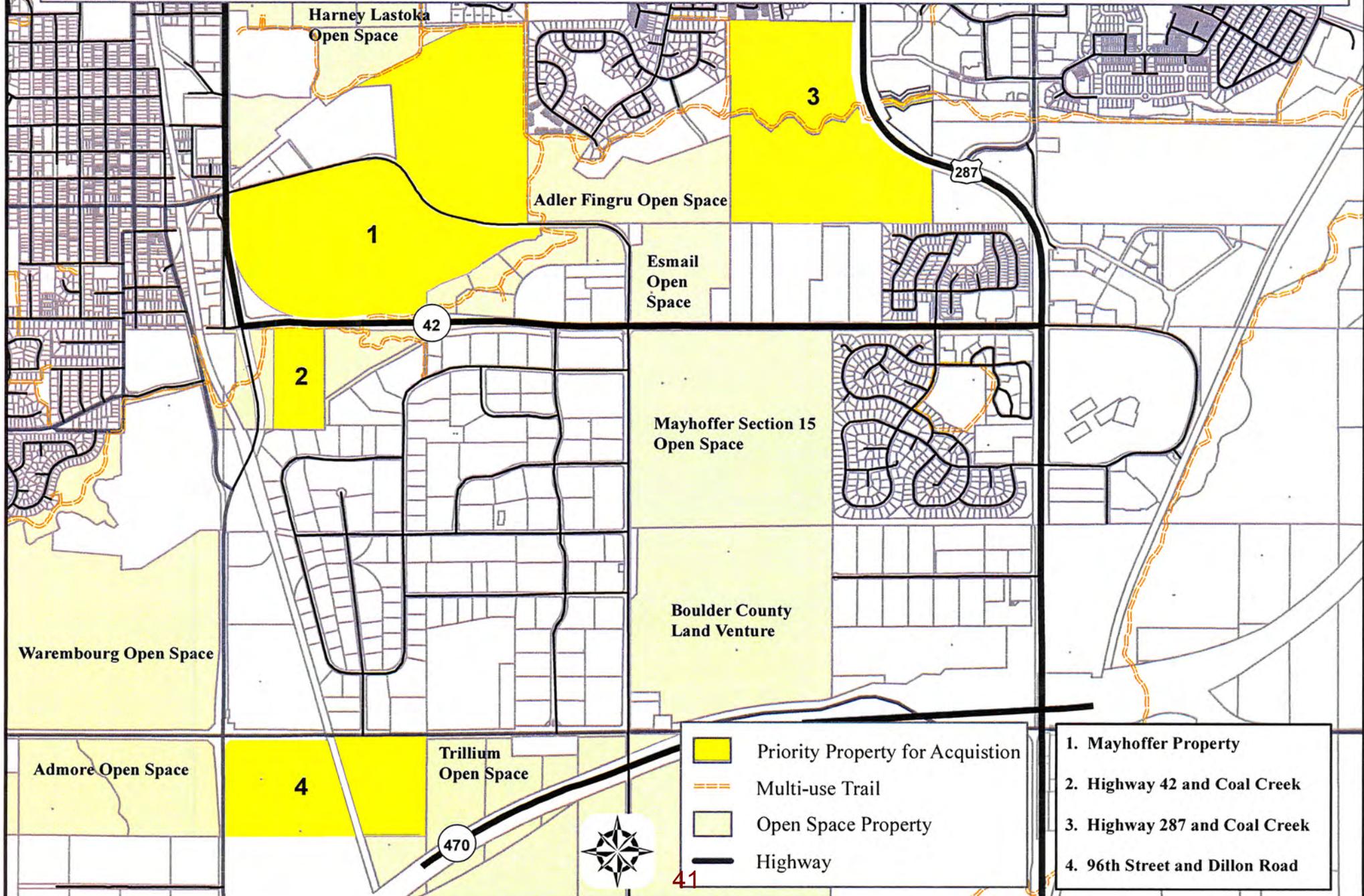
CITY OF LOUISVILLE PROPERTY & TRAIL REQUESTS FOR 2015

Property Request

Reviewed and approved by the City of Louisville Open Space Advisory Board and the City Council.

1. **Mayhoffer Property.** The Mayhoffer Property is approximately 200 acres in size and is designated as 'Rural Preservation' in the Super IGA and agricultural 'Lands of National Importance' in the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan. The Louisville Open Space Advisory Board has ranked this property as Louisville's number one open space priority. Benefits of acquiring this property include: protection of the Coal Creek riparian corridor, buffering between Louisville and Lafayette and preservation of agricultural use. This acquisition is also a priority for Lafayette (Area C and D).
2. **Highway 42 and Coal Creek.** This area is approximately 18 acres in size and is located south of Highway 42 between two existing Louisville Open Space properties. The property is also adjacent to the regional Coal Creek trail, is within the Coal Creek riparian corridor and was designated as a 'Significant Riparian Corridor' in the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan. Benefits of acquiring this property include: protection of the Coal Creek riparian corridor and creation of a larger contiguous 47 acre open space property.
3. **Highway 287 and Coal Creek.** This property is located west of Highway 287 with a parcel both north and south of Coal Creek. Acquisition of both parcels is recommended with an understanding that the parcels may not become available at the same time. In the past, Lafayette has listed this property as their number one priority (Area B). Benefits of acquiring this property include: protection of the Coal Creek riparian corridor, enhancement of the regional trail experience, buffering between developments, and protections of the view-shed from Highway 287.
4. **96th Street and Dillon Road.** This area is approximately 76 acres in size and is located south of Dillon road between the jointly owned Admor and Trillium Open Space properties. This parcel was designated as agricultural "Lands of National Importance" in the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan. Additionally, this is the last parcel needed to complete the buffer zone between Louisville and Broomfield.

Louisville Parcel Requests 2015

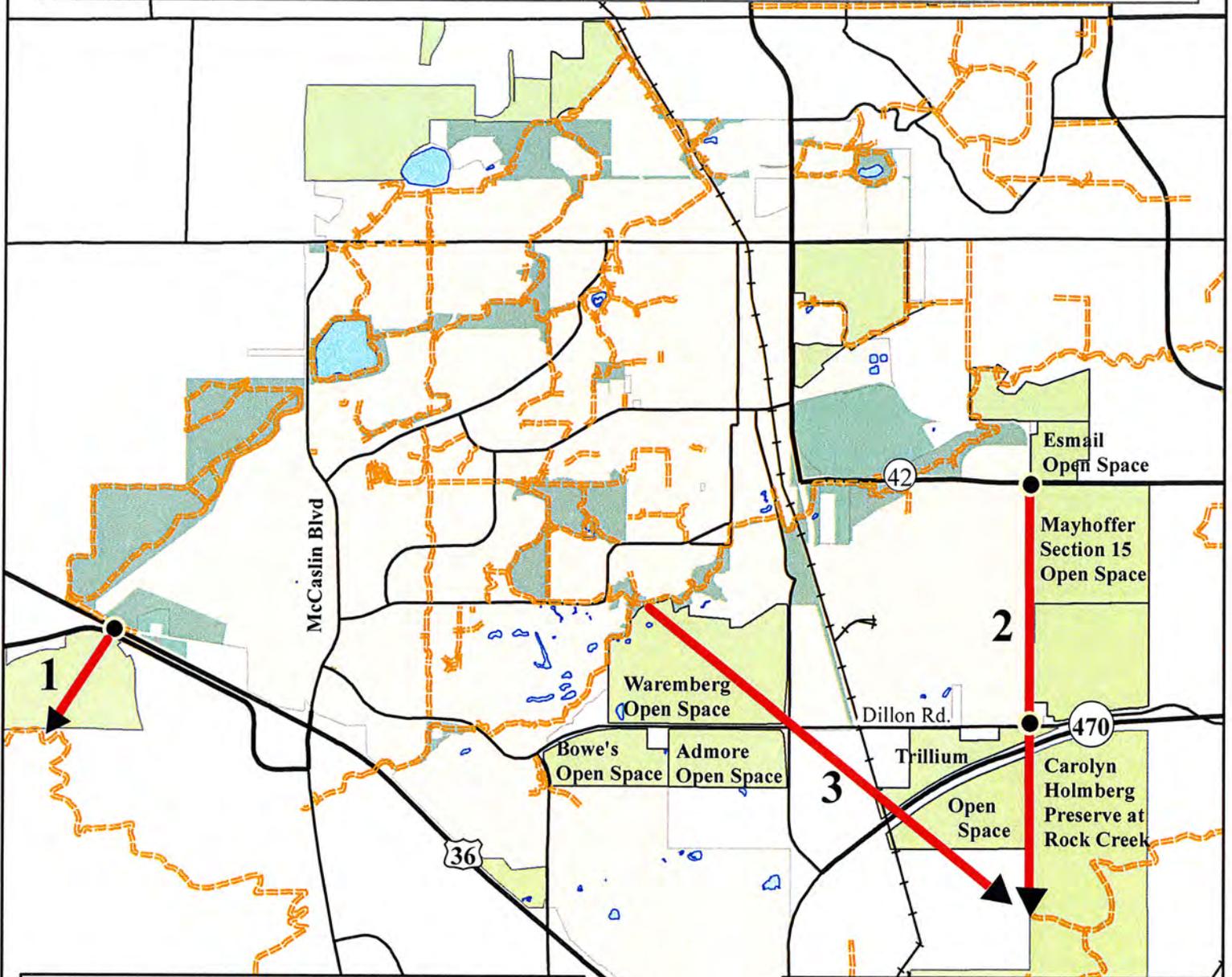


Trail Request

Reviewed and approved by the City of Louisville Open Space Advisory Board and the City Council.

1. **Overlook Underpass Trail- Connecting Davidson Mesa to the Mayhoffer-Singletree Trail:** An underpass is proposed at this location with construction completion expected in 2015. The proposed underpass would enable citizen's safe access across Highway 36 which would make a connection possible from the Davidson Mesa trail system to the Mayhoffer-Singletree trail. This connection would allow citizens to access the Cowdrey Draw, Marshall-Mesa, Community Ditch and Doudy Draw trails along with other City of Boulder trails in the Foothills.
2. **104th Street Trail- Connecting Coal Creek Trail with Rock Creek Trail and the Carolyn Holmberg Preserve at Rock Creek Farm:** The total trail length would be approximately two miles. This trail would connect the regional Coal Creek trail to the Carolyn Holmberg Preserve at Rock Creek Farm, the regional Rock Creek trail and the Sterns Lake trailhead.
3. **Warembourg Trail- Connecting Coal Creek Trail with Rock Creek Trail and the Carolyn Holmberg Preserve at Rock Creek Farm:** This trail would provide a second connection between the regional Coal Creek and Rock Creek trails. This segment would be a more direct connection for Louisville residents as it departs from a more central location within the community. This connection would also provide a nice loop experience by connecting into the proposed 104th Street trail. Although this concept is identified as a conceptual trail corridor in the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan additional discussions is needed to determine trail alignment in regards to agricultural areas and privately owned parcels. This Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan has this recorded as a conceptual trail corridor.

Louisville Trail Requests 2015



This map is for planning purposes only. Trail alignments are conceptual and do not reflect final positions.

-  Crossing Recommendations
-  Priority Trail Recommendations
-  Multi-use Trails
-  City Owned Open Space Properties
-  Jointly Owned Open Space Properties
-  City Limits

- Priority Trail Requests:**
- #1 Overlook Underpass Trail Connecting Davidson Mesa to the Mayhoffer-Singletree Trail
 - #2 104th Street Trail Connecting Coal Creek Trail with Rock Creek Trail and the Carolyn Holmberg Preserve at Rock Creek Farm
 - #3 Warembourg Trail Connecting Coal Creek Trail with Rock Creek Trail and the Carolyn Holmberg Preserve at Rock Creek Farm



Trail and Property Symbols



New Seasonal Ranger/Ambassador



Ranger/Ambassador Update

RANGER TOM KNOWS THE RULES!

DOGS must keep their OWNERS on a LEASH at all times.

Except at:
 Davidson Mesa:
 Dog-Off-Leash Area
 Community Park:
 Dog Park




RANGER TOM KNOWS THE RULES!

NO FIREWORKS!



**NO SPARKLERS!
NO FIRES!!**



RANGER PROGRAMS

MEET RANGER TOM

SAT. JULY 18
 10 am to 11 am
 BROOKS ROOM,
 LOUISVILLE REC CENTER,
 900 WEST VIA APPIA

HIKING LOUISVILLE OPEN SPACE

SAT. AUGUST 1
 10 am to 11 am
 BROOKS ROOM,
 LOUISVILLE REC CENTER,
 900 WEST VIA APPIA




Natural Resource Management

Russian thistle removal by IWM allows remnant big bluestem to flourish!

Before



After



Resource Management Update

(Fern Lake Photography, LLC)



Natural Resource Management

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Before



After



Education Update- Completed

- ▶ Who are the Owls (BOCO)
- ▶ Snakes Alive (115)
- ▶ Fishing Frenzy (109)
- ▶ Coyote Management Plan (4)
- ▶ Noxious Weed ID (8)
- ▶ Native Plant ID (10)
- ▶ Wildlife Detective (4)
- ▶ Wildflower of Boulder County (BOCO)
- ▶ Coyotes for Kids (68)
- ▶ Ranger Trail Head Meet & Greet (26)
- ▶ Characteristics of Survival (50)
- ▶ Coal Creek Trail Before & After the Flood (24)
- ▶ Ranger Tom Series (5)



423
participants

Education Programs- Upcoming

- ▶ Owl Extravaganza
 - ▶ October
- ▶ Climate Change Series:
 - ▶ Climate Change 101- October
 - ▶ Climate Change and the Natural Areas of the Front Range- November

Volunteer Update

Completed:

- ▶ Open Space Volunteer Programs
 - ▶ Adopts (12)
 - ▶ Weed Whackers (7)
 - ▶ Burrowing Owls (6)
 - ▶ Raptor Monitors (10)
 - ▶ Photo Points (3)
- ▶ Purge Your Spurge Event (7)
- ▶ Dutch Creek Trail Repair (2)
- ▶ National Trails Day (1)
- ▶ Boy Scouts (24)

Upcoming:

- ▶ Pulling for Colorado
 - ▶ July 11th 9am-11am
- ▶ Weed Pull Event
 - ▶ August
- ▶ Stream Clean Up Event
 - ▶ August



Next Steps

- ▶ Council/OSAB Communication Memo
- ▶ Discussion

**SUBJECT: RECREATION | SENIOR CENTER EXPANSION AND NEW
AQUATIC CENTER REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) AND
PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN**

DATE: AUGUST 11, 2015

PRESENTED BY: JOE STEVENS, PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

SUMMARY:

As presented at the April 14, 2015 City Council work session, Council Members and the public expressed considerable interest in expanding the Recreation and Senior Center and building a new swimming pool. The City's Youth Advisory Board and others are also advocating for a new Aquatic Center. Very preliminary estimates indicate it would cost over \$9 million to renovate and expand the Recreation and Senior Center, and almost \$19 million more to build a standalone Aquatic Center, with the combined cost exceeding \$28 million. To fund either of these projects, it would be necessary to ask voters to approve a levy in order to issue general obligation bonds necessary to fund capital construction and retire the debt. It would also likely be prudent to ask voters for a tax increase to cover any increase in operating costs associated with expanded facilities.

Based on the April work session discussion, staff would like to hear Council Member's perspectives on the following scope for an RFP for design services that includes the following:

- Evaluate the current Recreation and Senior Center and identify strengths, weaknesses and opportunities.
- Develop three conceptual plans with estimated design and construction costs to expand the center. More detailed cost estimates are needed if Council wants to ask voters to approve a bond issue in November 2016.
- Within the Recreation Senior Center Campus, provide three concepts on a standalone aquatic center and/or an addition to the Recreation and Senior Center Complex.
- Evaluate the current Memory Square Swimming Pool and provide the City with recommendations regarding its future and/or repurposing the pool and/or the site within Memory Square Park.
- Provide a range of cost estimates for each concept/proposal.
- Provide an estimated budget (revenues and expenditures for each conceptual plan).
- Provide data on comparable facilities in similar communities.
- Host three (3) open houses and/or charrettes to collect data and obtain comments from the community.

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- Conduct statistically valid survey to determine whether and at what level there is or is not community support and willingness to pay for the construction and on-going operations of an addition to the Center and/or a new aquatic center.
- A Gantt chart identifying key steps in the process.
- Cost should be all inclusive including three public meetings, one study session with City Council, one formal presentation to City Council, one statically valid survey, a program for Memory Square swimming pool, Recreation and Senior Center expansion, revenue/expense estimates, visual representations, and other items and issues that the consultant believes to be valid considerations.
- The City will evaluate and finalists will be selected and invited to continue the process by making a formal presentation to a committee. The best fit will be recommended to City Council authorizing the City to enter into a professional services agreement.

Beyond elements contained within the RFP, staff would appreciate Council's perspective on public involvement including:

- Selection and appointment of a Task Force. Staff recommends a 10-15 person task force be appointed by Council based on a request for and submissions of letters of interest with interested candidates either interviewed by the Mayor and/or Council Members, or the full Council as deemed appropriate by Council.
- Appoint one Council Member to serve on the committee to review RFP's and assist in selecting a consultant.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Very preliminary estimates suggest the cost for a consultant could be approximately \$25,000 in 2015 and \$60,000 in 2016. A budget amendment will be required in 2015 to cover 2015 expenses. Parks and Recreation staff has requested \$60,000 in the Department's operating budget to cover the 2016 expenses.

RECOMMENDATION:

Discussion

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. None