



TOPS Working Committee Meeting
Virtual Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 5, 2021

Members Present: Bob Falcone, Blaze Panariso, Nancy Hobbs, Ingrid Richter, Bob Shafer, Paula Krantz, Hank Scarangella, Michael Merrifield, Stephanie Surch

Alternates Present: Wendy Thomas

Alternates Absent: Jeff Davis

Parks Board Liaisons Present: Carol Beckman, Greg Thornton, Jason Rupinski

Staff Present: Britt Haley, Kurt Schroeder, Karen Palus, Kim King, Anna White, David Deitemeyer, Emily Duncan, Scott Abbott, Gillian Rossi

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TOPS Working Committee Chair Bob Falcone brought the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m.

Agenda Preview

Committee Chair Bob Falcone announced the agenda for the meeting.

Announcements

Britt Haley, TOPS Program Manager, made the following announcements:

- There will be two rounds of Bio Blitz's this summer. There will be a scientist-only Bio Blitz at Corral Bluffs on June 5th and 6th. There will be a public Bio Blitz at Stratton Open Space on August 27th, 28th, and 29th. Britt thanked Gillian Rossi, Park Ranger Supervisor, and rangers Stephanie Fields and Haley Noneman for all of their help coordinating.
- There will be a site visit on May 19th, from 3 to 5 p.m.
- The Pikeview Frontage Phase II acquisition has been completed.

David Deitemeyer, Senior Landscape Architect, gave a brief presentation of the wayfinding implementation, in both completed properties and those still in progress. David received many compliments from the Committee on how nice the signage looked.

Karen Palus, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director gave the following updates:

- The groundbreaking for Panorama Park will be on Saturday, May 8 at 12:30 p.m.
- The Trust for Public Land is conducting their second round of polling concerning a TOPS extension and increase. Polling should be back in early May.

Committee Vice Chair Nancy Hobbs invited the Committee and the public to an outdoor meet-up taking place at the new Kinship Landing Hotel that evening from 6 to 8 p.m. She stated the

event could also be found on Facebook, where you can register to attend.

Approval of Minutes – April 7, 2021

Motion: To approve the minutes of the April 7, 2021 TOPS Working Committee meeting.
1st – Paula Krantz, 2nd – Nancy Hobbs, Approved, Unanimously

Citizen Discussion

Susan Davies, Executive Director for the Trails and Open Space Coalition (TOSC), thanked staff and partners for another successful Crew Leader Training. She informed the Committee of two upcoming events that TOSC would be hosting: the first event will be Saturday, May 8th and her staff will be at six different parks encouraging park users to clean up after their dogs in exchange for a chance to win a gift card; the second event will be an online public forum about eBikes on Tuesday, May 11th. Scott Abbott, Regional Parks Supervisor, will be in attendance to discuss the upcoming eBike Pilot Program along with other presenters.

Cory Sutela, Executive Director for Medicine Wheel Trail Advocates, thanked staff for a successful workday in Red Rock Canyon Open Space. He mentioned a trail that is identified in the Red Rock Canyon Open Space Master Plan and said his group is eager to move forward with construction. He sent a proposal for the trail to Britt, which she will be reviewing. Additionally, Cory thanked Committee member Paula Krantz for her volunteer work with the recent Motorless Morning in Garden of the Gods. Finally, Cory said fundraising efforts are continuing for the Cresta Open Space pump track.

Presentation Items

2022 Capital Improvement Project Recommendations (Presented by Kelly Rajab, Analyst II, and Britt Haley, TOPS Program Manager)

Kelly Rajab, Analyst II, and Britt Haley, TOPS Program Manager, presented the Committee with the 2022 Capital Improvement Project Recommendations. This presentation included the TOPS Proposed 2022 CIP budget; the January 2021 Revenue Report; informing the budget process; the TOPS Fund Summary 2020 Estimated Fund Balance; TOPS Fund future revenue 2022 through 2025; preliminary 2022 revenue; TOPS Maintenance and Administration; the TOPS Trails category; upcoming trail projects; the TOPS Parks Category; upcoming parks projects; the TOPS Open Space Category; upcoming open space projects; Stewardship Program education; Stewardship Program rangers; Stewardship Program land management; Stewardship Program resource management; Stewardship funding history; and finally, Stewardship Funding percent of Open Space revenue.

[Link to PowerPoint presentation here](#)

Blodgett and Pikeview Open Spaces Master Planning Discussion (Presented by Britt Haley, TOPS Program Manager, Gillian Rossi, Park Ranger Supervisor, and David Deitemeyer, Senior Landscape Architect)

Britt Haley, TOPS Program Manager, Gillian Rossi, Park Ranger Supervisor, and David Deitemeyer, Senior Landscape Architect, presented the Committee with the Blodgett and Pikeview Open Spaces Master Planning discussion. This presentation included an overview of the Blodgett Open Space; a recommended interim use plan; a parking concept plan; the Pikeview Frontage Phase I; the Pikeview Frontage Phase II; interim management goals; significant concerns; and finally, next steps.

[Link to PowerPoint presentation here](#)

Rustic Hills Project Updates (Presented by Emily Duncan, Trails Development Coordinator, and David Deitemeyer, Senior Landscape Architect)

Emily Duncan, Trails Development Coordinator, and David Deitemeyer, Senior Landscape Architect, presented the Committee with the Rustic Hills Project Updates. This presentation included a trail map with the project site; the Rock Island Pond 1 project; a map of the trails in the Rock Island Open Space; and finally, new implemented wayfinding signage in the Rock Island Open Space.

[Link to PowerPoint presentation here](#)

President's Parks Sustainability Commission Update (Presented by Britt Haley, TOPS Program Manager)

Britt Haley, TOPS Program Manager, gave an update on the President's Parks Sustainability Commission. She mentioned again that Committee Chair Bob Falcone and Committee member Hank Scarangella are serving as TOPS Working Committee representatives on this Commission. There are 28 members total on the Commission. In the first meeting, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services leadership presented an overview of needs in parks. The second meeting covered work that had been done by the Trust for Public Land. Britt anticipated the Commission having some timing issues as we approach the November ballot. Britt will continue to provide updates as she has them.

Citizen Discussion

There was no further citizen discussion at this time.

Motion to adjourn

1st – Nancy Hobbs, 2nd – Paula Krantz, Approved, Unanimously