PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Public Hearing on Aurora Reservoir Parks and Water Master Plan Amendment
for Southeast Recreation Center
Wednesday, June 10, 2020 – 5:00 p.m.
WebEx Meeting
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Shannon Crouthers, Chair; Nick Kinney, Danielle Lammon, Bobbie McClure, Vice Chair; Steve Sundberg, Mike Ely, Rick Eriksen, Angela Zbikowski, Martin Tessmer.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Brooke Bell, Director of Parks, Recreation and Open Space; Joe Sack, Manager of Recreation; Tracy Young, Manager of Parks Planning, Design & Construction; Kendall Koca, Project Manager; Council Member Francoise Bergan (Ward VI); members of the public, Melvin Wardlow, Recording Secretary.

OTHERS ABSENT: None.

I. CALL TO ORDER: By Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Chair, Shannon Crouthers at 5:00 p.m.

II. INTRODUCTIONS: None

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA: The Agenda for the June 10, 2020 meeting was approved after a motion was made by Member Lammon and seconded by Member Ely.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING: Aurora Reservoir Parks and Water Master Plan Amendment for the Southeast Recreation Center.
   - Tracy Young, Manager of Parks Planning, Design & Construction, provided a slideshow presentation on the plans for the new Southeast Recreation Center. Presentation materials included a description of the public process, site history and features, site plan, floor plan and architectural renderings.
   - Chair Crouthers opened the public hearing. 58 were in attendance.

Questions from the Public:
   a. How tall is the tallest point of the building? 48 feet tall at the highest point which is the roof of canyon where it extends up. The permissible height in the area is 50 feet.
   b. What is the predicted date of completion? Opening of the new recreation center is scheduled to take place in 2023.
   c. Will the recreation center be open to the public or just Aurora residents? Open to general public.
   d. When do you expect to break ground on the project? Construction is scheduled to begin at the end of 2020.
   e. What are the plans to build additional roads in Section 17 and is there a map available to show what that might look like? A proposed vehicular connection has long been conceptually included in the Aurora Reservoir Master Plan. There is no funding for a road at this time so it has not been designed yet.

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f. Is there an environmental restoration plan? Yes, any areas that are disturbed during construction will be restored to the native plant material.

g. Is there a concern with YMCA opening a mile away in 2021? No, there will be services offered by Southeast Recreation Center that are slightly different and there will be something for everyone.

h. Will the fee structure offer considerations for lesser fees for nearby communities? The fee structure has not been determined as of yet but will be consistent with what the other Aurora recreation centers offer.

i. Is there a possibility to move the recreation center closer to Harvest Road to allow room for a field house? The location of the recreation center has been finalized after a thorough evaluation. There is no funding at this time for a field house.

j. Will this site allow for future outdoor use only? This is a 600 acre site that will have many opportunities in the future to provide outdoor uses that aren’t currently funded at this time.

k. Will there be a roof top patio? There will be a patio that is off the community room which takes advantage of views to the west.

l. Is there a pedestrian bike path planned from Tollgate Crossing that connects directly to the Aurora Reservoir similar to Beacon Point and South Shore communities? There are trails shown in the existing Master Plan that connect the neighborhoods on the west side to the reservoir, however they are not part of this project.

**BOARD ACTION ITEMS** - Chair Crouthers requested a motion be made by board members to vote on the approval of the Amendment of the Aurora Reservoir Parks and Water Master Plan to include plans to build Southeast Recreation Center. Member Lammon made first motion to approve and Member Eriksen seconded the motion. The motion was voted on by all board members and approved unanimously.

VII. **ADJOURNMENT**: Chair Crouthers made a motion to adjourn and Member Ely seconded. The motion passed at 7:09 p.m.

Shannon Crouthers,  
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Chair

Suzie Jaquith, Recording Secretary

ADOPTED August 5, 2020

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