



City of Greenwood Village

Minutes – Final

Parks, Trails, and Recreation Commission

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Tuesday, December 9, 2025

6:00 PM

10001 E Costilla Ave
Mt Elbert

STUDY SESSION - 6:00 PM

A. Land Acquisition Recommendation Discussion (2025-371)

At a recent meeting, City Council reaffirmed its commitment to acquiring open space. Director Suzanne Moore reviewed the Land Acquisition Policy with the Commission, which outlines criteria for property acquisition, including preventing new development, preserving open space, reducing density, providing potential for park use (though not necessarily as a developed park), preventing traffic growth on major arterial roadways, and preserving historic structures. While not explicitly listed in the policy, the City has also actively purchased parcels to create buffers between residential and commercial properties. The Parks, Trails, and Recreation Commission Bylaws were also reviewed in relation to Open Space recommendations. The bylaws state that the Commission is to recommend annual priorities to the City Council, with reference to the Greenwood Village Capital Improvement Program (CIP), for the design, development, acquisition, operation, and maintenance of recreation areas, natural spaces, and facilities.

Director Suzanne Moore also shared the online Arapahoe Map as a resource. The GIS map displays all parcels in the area, and the information icon lets users view individual parcel details, including ownership. The City's Village Maps were also noted as a valuable reference, providing access to the City's trail system and all parks. The maps illustrate how parks are interconnected and identify dead-end trails. Director Suzanne Moore noted that identifying suitable parcels can be challenging, as not all residents support a trail behind their homes, particularly where none currently exist.

Discussed creating a list of properties to monitor for potential future sale. Commissioner Michael O'Shaughnessy asked whether water rights would be included in this policy. Director Moore responded that the allocation of any funds would be at the discretion of City Council. Commissioner Ann Gail requested additional information about the Greenbelt Master Plan developed in the 1970s, which she read about in the newsletter. Director Suzanne Moore noted that the plan is no longer applicable because conditions have changed significantly over time and that the City Council now relies on the Comprehensive Plan. She also noted that the City is landlocked, that many original

properties have changed ownership, and fewer acquisition opportunities remain, requiring a more strategic approach to identifying suitable parcels.

Commissioner Ann Gail asked how much funding is currently available in the Open Space Fund. Director Suzanne Moore did not have the exact number and whether the \$500,000 annual contribution began immediately in 2002. The City has also used the funds to purchase properties, including a Belleview parcel for a parking lot serving the High Line Canal, the Brody Property near Running Fox Park, and Terrace Towers. Commissioner Michael O'Shaughnessy asked if GIS could be used to map priority or "wish list" areas. Director Moore noted that the City has an in-house GIS staff member and that mapping could proceed once specific parcels are identified.

The Regular Meeting Will Follow the Study Session Meeting

REGULAR MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Parks, Trails and Recreation Commission of the City of Greenwood Village met in regular session in the Mt. Elbert room at the Greenwood Village maintenance building, 10001 E Costilla Avenue, Greenwood Village, County of Arapahoe, State of Colorado, at 6:43 p.m., following a Study Session in which the Commissioners discussed Land Acquisition Policy.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Andrea Howland (remote), Jim Sidinger, Jean Greos, Lisa Piantanida (6:51 p.m.), Allen Adinoff, Michael O'Shaughnessy, Ann Gail (remote), Kate Schlauch, David Banks

Absent: 0 -

Presiding: 1- Jean Greos

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approve draft Minutes of May 27, 2025 (2025-372)

A motion was made by Chair Jean Greos, seconded by Commissioner Allen Adinoff, to approve the May 27, 2025, Parks, Trails, and Recreation Commission minutes with the changes discussed. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Yes: 8 - Andrea Howland, Jim Sidinger, Jean Greos, Allen Adinoff, Michael O'Shaughnessy, Ann Gail, Kate Schlauch, David Banks

No: 0 - None

Recused: 0 - None

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Larry Fullerton attended the session but had no comment.

5. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

6. PROJECT UPDATES

Director Suzanne Moore provided an update on several projects.

Majorie Perry Preserve Well Project: *The next phase of this project includes the construction of a well house and distribution center. The project has gone out to bid, and a contract has been awarded to Integrated Site Services. Construction is planned to begin in January 2026. The scope includes the pump house, a distribution system extending to the pond to augment water levels, and an irrigation drip system along the High Line Canal for 250 existing trees. The irrigation system will extend from the Bellevue parking lot to the Orchard Road parking lot, covering approximately 2.5 miles. The project is anticipated to be completed by late spring or early summer, weather permitting. The weather vane design has not yet been selected. Commissioner Allen Adinoff asked whether the electrical box could be relocated as requested. Director Suzanne Moore responded that it was moved to a less visible location on the east side.*

High Line Canal West Side: *City Council approved the 2026 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to continue funding irrigation improvements along the western portion of the High Line Canal. A small water tap currently exists at the west end of Orchard Road and will be extended east to Green Oaks Drive. From Green Oaks Drive to University Boulevard, a cost analysis will be conducted to determine whether a booster pump can be added to deliver water from the well or whether the City should purchase a potable water tap. Commissioner Jim Sidinger asked why potable water would be required if the water was intended for tree irrigation. Director Suzanne Moore explained that potable water is not required for irrigation; however, it is currently the only available option in that area. Chair Jean Greos asked whether there are plans to plant additional trees along the High Line Canal now that the initial 250 trees have been planted. Director Suzanne Moore stated that there are no plans to add new trees in 2026; however, as part of the 2027 budget discussion, she will propose a strategy to plant additional trees along the canal, consistent with the City's standard urban tree-planting practices.*

Greenwood Pines Irrigation Replacement Project: Had its bid opening last week. The lowest bidder is currently undergoing vetting. Construction is anticipated to begin in early 2026 and be completed by the end of spring, weather permitting.

Carson Park Restroom and Pavilion: A contractor has been awarded for the restroom portion. Restroom construction is scheduled for 2026, with the pavilion planned for 2027. The Art and Humanities Council has issued a call for artists, open through the end of February, to propose a public art installation for the corridor extending from the restroom and pavilion to the parking lot.

Westlands Water Feature: This renovation includes replacing the pumps and electrical systems. The feature was originally constructed with the park in 2000 and, at 25 years old, is no longer reliable. Demolition is currently underway, with the goal of reopening by Memorial Day.

Westlands Playgrounds: The next phase of the Westlands Playground project will replace both the toddler (ages 2–5) and youth (ages 2–12) playgrounds. A public input meeting is planned for the spring. Participation can be challenging. During the Tommy Davis Playground project public input was successfully gathered during the Fishing Derby event. Staff suggested holding a public input opportunity during the Easter Egg Hunt; however, this event primarily attracts younger children, and two public input meetings may be necessary to capture broader community feedback. Public input and design are planned for 2026, with playground replacement anticipated during the winter of 2026–2027.

Progress Connection: The dead end of Progress has been connected to the trail system from Monaco Park. The area has been regraded and reseeded. Director Suzanne Moore stated that staff will continue to monitor the area in the spring to determine if additional reseeding is needed.

Yosemite Trail Drainage: Drain inlets have been installed along the trail north of the stables and are functioning effectively.

Arapahoe Station Pickleball Courts: The project continues to move forward with three funding partners. City Council requests the removal of the existing underutilized parking lot and the construction of a new, smaller parking lot dedicated to four pickleball courts, with the remaining area restored to native grasses. The parking lot was due for repaving at an estimated cost of \$1.2 million, prompting us to explore alternative improvements within a similar budget. Director Suzanne Moore presented the project to Denver South (SPIMD), which has expanded eligibility to include parks and trails; their board will contribute \$600,000. An additional \$600,000 grant application will be submitted to Arapahoe County Open Space in April, with funds anticipated in August if approved, and the City would contribute \$650,000. The project is currently in design and is anticipated to be constructed toward the end of 2027. The site will require a new special-use permit due to its mixed-use zoning, with approvals from Planning and Zoning and the City Council. Restroom needs were discussed by the commissioners. A usage counter is in place at the Caley Gardens portable restroom, and higher usage may support a future permanent restroom off Fair Avenue, where a water tap exists. Chair Jean Greos suggested including a dog park near the pickleball courts.

Director Suzanne Moore noted that the Progress Connection, Yosemite Trail Drainage, and Arapahoe Station Pickleball Courts projects all originated from this committee and encouraged commissioners to remain attentive to additional improvement opportunities.

Village Greens Pump Track: The project has been under review by the Army Corps of Engineers for two years and is grant-funded, requiring an extension request. A geotechnical report was completed, and dam safety approval was obtained in the summer. Construction is now planned to begin in April and should take about a month to complete.

Bellevue East Trail: To improve the trail from Dayton and Bellevue that leads to the State Park. At the public meeting, the Village on the Lake neighborhood opposed the project, citing that the location was not a valid State Park entry. The project was further reviewed by the Army Corps of Engineers and the State Park Service, which confirmed that the location is neither a desired nor an approved access point and has since closed the entry. The existing gate is for maintenance access only and not for pedestrian use. A wide sidewalk exists on the south side of Bellevue, with an official crosswalk at Geneva that provides an approved trail connection to the State Park. Although the trail has historically existed, based on these findings, we will remove the Bellevue East trail, install landscaping, and remove the crosswalks on the north and east sides of the Dayton and Bellevue intersection. Vice Chair Jim Sidingier noted the proposed changes would improve pedestrian safety, citing concerns previously raised by Commissioner Lisa Piantanida.

Commissioner Allen Adinoff inquired about the earlier request to stock fish in ponds other than Tommy Davis. He suggested stocking bluegill for several years to allow the population to become established, followed by bass to establish viable bass ponds.

Commissioner Michael O'Shaughnessy provided an update on the Orchard Hills Stables. A video camera system is being installed, as recommended by the Fire Marshal. A small section of paneling will be installed along the path to create a goat observation area. Director Suzanne Moore added that the shade structure is complete, and all interior updates within the stable are complete.

7. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice Chair Jim Sidingier, seconded by Commissioner David Banks; to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Yes: 9 - Andrea Howland, Jim Sidingier, Jean Greos, Lisa Piantanida, Allen Adinoff, Michael O'Shaughnessy, Ann Gail, Kate Schlauch, David Banks

No: 0 - None

Recused: 0 - None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM.

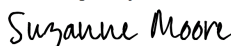
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Attest: Suzanne Moore, Director