

# **Parker Jordan Centennial Open Space**

## **Community Planning Meeting: August 1st, 2012 6:00pm**

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### **In Attendance:**

Susan - Valerian

Amber Hernandez- CU Denver, Graduate Student

Hunter White- CU Denver, Graduate Student

Kevin- Resident (Adjacent to Open Space)

Dave and Sue Sica- Resident (South Creek Interior)

Erin and Clint Ator- Resident (Adjacent to Open Space)

Sarah Craig- Resident (Adjacent to Open Space)

Amy Welch- Resident (Adjacent to Open Space)

Peter and Nora Daniels-Resident (Adjacent to Open Space)

Joan Mallon- (South Creek Interior)

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### **Introduction:**

Project Briefing

- Review of 27-Acre boundaries and adjacency's
  - Review of the grant and location within the City of Centennial and within the Parker Jordan Metropolitan District.
  - Review of project goals,
    - i. Collaboratively plan with the community the development of the Open Space To enhance health of the environment within the park
    - ii. To encourage community activity and exercise.
    - iii. To enhance security with increased use
    - iv. The 27-acre site is a part of the Parker Jordan Centennial Open Space and is therefore open to all of the public
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### **Board Presentation**

- Board 1:** Disk-Golf course  
Multi-use programmable fields  
"Tot Lot"/ Playground  
Fitness trail
- Board 2:** Open Space Fitness Park
- Board 3:** Organic, free flowing pathway  
Parking lot with vehicular access (Nichols Ave.)  
(2) Pedestrian entrances  
Overlook by river  
Park shelter
- Board 4:** (4) Concepts  
Optional Amenities: River Overlook on River  
River Valley Overlook  
Passive Recreation: Various pathway arrangements

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## **Discussion:**

### Topic: Vandalism

Comments: Residents were informed that vandalism has been noted in adjacent park and the residents were asked to report any suspicious behavior to the sheriff.

### Topic: Park Access

Comments: (Plan 3 depicted additional Open Space access points. Two pedestrian access points on north end of site and one vehicular access point which would lead to a parking lot on south end.) With regard to the addition of 2 pedestrian access points a majority of the residents believed the park already has adequate access. Additionally, a majority of the residents present at the meeting did not agree with putting in a parking lot. "More than likely people are walking to the park. They don't need car access". -Peter. Erin agreed, "A lot of people walk to the park, I see them everyday". Kevin "There is a level of NIMBYISM (Not In My Back Yard), I mean I don't want a parking lot either but that's why we are here to compromise".

### Topic: Pathways

Comments: (Several of the concepts included additional pathways, linking South Creek neighborhood to regional pathway system.) There was a discussion regarding the ability of pathway systems to reduce the environmental impact and protect the natural environment by encouraging users to stay on the designated path. Nora- "But why do we need more paths there is already trail that goes through. We don't need a path 50 feet from another path." Several residents were also concerned that because their private back yards back up to the Open Space, putting pathways to close to their yards would create privacy issues. Residents were again informed that the Open Space is a public space and therefore open to everybody. Residents expressed a desire to improve the entrance pathway off of Nichols with trees. Additional areas for shade were mentioned as well.

### Topic: Restoration

Comments: All residents in attendance at the meeting agreed that restoring the site and improving maintenance of the park is something they would like to see happen. "Kevin- "I think we can all agree that we would like to see the park restored. Nobody will contest that."

### Topic: Leaving the Open Space alone

Comments: someone asked how many of the people in the room lived in homes adjacent to the Open Space. Everyone but two people raised their hands. The two people who did not live adjacent to the Open Space expressed that they would like to have some additional amenities included in the Open Space plan. A picnic shelter, benches, and a Frisbee golf course were suggested in writing. A e mail was received by Valerian that Susan mentioned requesting more exercise stations within the Parker Jordan Centennial Open Space.

Susan brought a newspaper article and Kevin shared some research of his about new park planning (both are attached).

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**Meeting Conclusion:**

Residents were encouraged to pass out questionnaires to their neighbors within the community and invite them to the next meeting. Signs will be posted again to inform Open Space users about the upcoming planning meeting. Questionnaires will be handed out at the Grand Opening of the Parker Jordan Centennial Open Space on Saturday. Kevin encouraged the residents to attend the Parker Jordan Metropolitan District meetings as he has found them to be very interesting.

Community meeting set for Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 6:00 pm

Tentative Place: Tagawa's Gardens, location subject to change. Announcements will be sent out prior to next meeting confirming the location.