

Parks and Public Landscaping Advisory Board

Amended Agenda

**Thursday, May 2, 2019
Louisville City Services
739 S. 104th St.
7:00 PM**

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Staff Updates
5. Board Updates
6. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda
7. Noxious weed pilot project discussion
8. Kickoff Meeting with Colorado Designsapes and Design Concepts as Part of the Median Landscape Renovations, Capital Improvement Project (CIP)
9. Update from the Subdivision Entry Landscape Improvements Subcommittee on the Related Capital Improvement Project and Discussion
10. Agenda Items for Next Meeting
11. Adjourn

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Minutes

Thursday March 7, 2019

Louisville City Services

739 S. 104th St.

7:00 PM

1. **Roll Call:** PPLAB members present: Shelly Alm, Dave Clabots, Diana Gutowski, Mark Newland, Laurie Harford, and Ellen Toon. Staff Liaison: Dean Johnson, Director of Parks & Rec: Nathan Mosley, City Council Liaison: Susan Loo, and City Councilmember: Ashley Stolzmann.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Unanimously approved
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Unanimously approved
4. **Staff Updates:**
 - A. Next month's meeting will be a joint meeting with the Open Space Advisory Board. Items that could be presented and/or discussed will be the Transportation Master Plan, development review, park, open space, and wayfinding signs, and dog park siting.
5. **Board Updates:**
 - A. New Trash Company coming in the fall: Republic. The base price will include any size compost bin in addition to any size recycling bin. There will be 2 curbside branch pick-ups, curbside leaf pick-up, and quarterly large pickup. One Saturday a year will be community clean-up day with 5 free large items picked up per household.
6. **Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda:** None
7. **Park Naming Contest and Park Sign Design Discussion:**
 - A. Contest will run mid-April through mid-May.

- B. Discussion regarding design concepts for signage, cohesion with existing signs, location of signs. PPLAB unanimously agreed to move forward with the new design concept. Discussion will continue in joint meeting with OSAB.
8. **Continued Discussion on the Subdivision Entry Landscape Improvements Capital Improvement Project.**
- A. Ownership of entry properties, maintenance responsibility, missing adjacent property right-of-way code, and design standards were all potential issues that were discussed. Moving forward, the Subcommittee will begin working on a draft landscape improvement approach to then be discussed at the May or June PPLAB meeting.
9. **Discussion on Ash Tree Mitigation as Part of the Median Landscape Renovation Capital Improvement Project**
- A. Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) found in Boulder in 2013. EAB is responsible for the demise of ash trees in the United States.
 - B. Existing ash trees in medians are primarily on the following boulevards: McCaslin, Via Appia, and Dillon. Discussed ash tree mitigation as part of the median landscape improvement project. Items that were considered were: aesthetics, project opportunities, realistic outcomes, effects on related landscape renovations, level of mitigation, and time frame.
 - C. PPLAB did not make a specific recommendation at this meeting. Members will review and consider best processes moving forward.
10. **Agenda Items for Next Meeting:** Proposed Joint Meeting with the Open Space Advisory Board.
- A. PPLAB decided unanimously to hold next month's meeting as a joint meeting with OSAB on April 10th.
11. **Adjourn:** 9:30 PM

VI. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda

From: Lisa Witter
To: Dean Johnson
Sent: Friday 4/19/2019, 2:49 PM MDT
Subject: Mowing Around the Rec Center

Hi Dean,

Please pass along this email to the comments on the Parks Advisory Board meeting.

In an effort to help encourage small wildlife and help feed the many hawks around the Rec Center, I'm asking that you don't mow the grass on the sloped sides of the field on the east side of the Arboretum, behind the Rec Center. If there are other places you could leave the grass to grow this summer, that would be great too. Five, or so, years ago the grass was left to grow all around this open space and it was great for the small animals and birds, even the bees benefit from the extra flowering plants. Thanks for your consideration.

Lisa Witter

To: Parks and Public Landscaping Advisory Board (PPLAB)
From: Allan Gill, PLA, Parks Project Manager
Date: May 2, 2019
Subject: Kickoff Meeting with Colorado Designscales and Design Concepts as Part of the Median Landscape Renovations, Capital Improvement Project (CIP)

Purpose:

The purpose of this agenda item is to introduce the design-build team to the board, to review and discuss ideas and provide general direction for the design-build team regarding the various corridors moving forward. Initial discussion regarding the emerald ash borer (EAB) and ash tree mitigation and irrigation will also be part of this discussion.

Background:

The majority of medians within the City were developed and landscaped 20 to 30 years ago. Renovations are recommended due to, outdated irrigation systems, plant material replacement needs, and in many cases, the concept or landscape theme is not consistent throughout the same boulevard. The following boulevards with medians on them will make up the design-build team's scope:

- Cherry Street
- Dillon Road
- Via Appia
- McCaslin Boulevard
- South Boulder Road
- Additional medians identified by PPLAB and staff as needing renovation are listed below and will be part of the project.
 - Summit View Drive and Hwy. 42, 1 small median
 - Dillon Road and South 88th Street, 1 long median

Prior to acquiring funding for median renovations, the City worked with a consultant to develop preferred options for the medians. As part of that effort, the consultant prepared possible plant palettes, design aesthetics, gateway and identity features, ground plane treatments and conducted a visual preference study all of which will be shared with the design-build team moving forward.

In review of the final report staff and PPLAB ultimately choose to work with current designs and enhancing and repairing the medians as needed rather than following the preferred options prepared by the consultant. Some of the factors that staff and PPLAB took into consideration when comparing concepts were costs, maintenance practices, herbicide use, tree replacement, visibility among other issues.

Next Steps:

Allow the design-build team to begin working on the project, formalize a project schedule, develop initial concepts for review and discussion during a 30% design review meeting with PPLAB in conjunction with a public open house to gather input from the board and the public.



The medians are located in the street corridors shown on the image above.

Please note the following:

- The Hwy. 42 corridor is shown; however, there are no medians currently in place. It is referenced for future development.
- PPLAB has requested the median at Summit View Drive and Hwy. 42 also be included, there is one relatively small median at this location.
- Staff has requested the median at Dillon Road and South 88th Street be included. This median starts at the intersection of Dillon Road and South 88th Street and continues south along South 88th Street. There is one median at it is very long.

To: Parks and Public Landscaping Advisory Board (PPLAB)
From: Dean Johnson, Parks Superintendent
Date: 4/23/19
Subject: Update from the Subdivision Entry Landscape Improvements Subcommittee on the related Capital Improvement Project (CIP) and Discussion

Purpose:

The purpose of this agenda item is to continue the discussion on advancing the process for the Subdivision Entry Landscape CIP.

Background:

During April, the Subcommittee met twice and discussed possible options for moving the CIP forward along with related issues.

At the May PPLAB meeting, the Subcommittee members will report out to PPLAB on findings and possible recommendations. Discussion from PPLAB will follow.

Next Steps:

Depending on the outcome from the May meeting, the Subcommittee may continue to meet as needed or PPLAB could move forward with a selected recommendation. As part of the recommendation, an update to City Council seeking approval prior to proceeding could occur.

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TENTATIVE* Board Items Calendar

(updated April 24, 2019)

June 6, 2019	July 11, 2019	August 1, 2019
<p>Action Items:</p> <p>Updates/Discussion from the Department:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Median Renovation CIP • Subdivision Landscape CIP • Park Sign Name Discussion • Key Performance Indicators Update <p>Updates/Discussion from the Board:</p>	<p>Action Items:</p> <p>Updates/Discussion from the Department:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Median Renovation CIP • Subdivision Landscape CIP <p>Updates/Discussion from the Board:</p>	<p>Action Items:</p> <p>Updates/Discussion from the Department:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development Review Process, Presented by Planning Department • Park Sign CIP <p>Updates/Discussion from the Board:</p>
September 5, 2019	October 3, 2019	November 7, 2019
<p>Action Items:</p> <p>Updates/Discussion from the Department:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sundance Park Master Plan Open House <p>Update/Discussion from the Board:</p>	<p>Action Items:</p> <p>Updates/Discussion from the Department:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible Joint Meeting with OSAB <p>Update/Discussion from the Board:</p>	<p>Action Items:</p> <p>Update/Discussion from the Department:</p> <p>Update/Discussion from the Board:</p>

*All items are subject to change.