

# Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services



PR&CS Administration  
1401 Recreation Way  
Colorado Springs, CO 80905

## Agenda

### Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

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**Thursday, November 12, 2015**

**7:30 am**

**Palmer Room**

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#### Call to Order

#### Citizen Discussion

Time for any individual to bring before the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board any matter of interest they wish to discuss that is not elsewhere on the agenda. Comments are restricted to three (3) minutes; you will hear an alarm when your time is up. Please contact PR&CS staff no later than the last Wednesday of the month prior if you wish to place a longer presentation on the agenda.

#### Approval of Minutes- October 8, 2015

Minutes are posted no later than 5:00pm on the Tuesday before the meeting at:

<http://parks.coloradosprings.gov/explore-play/get-involved/boards-committees/parks-and-recreation-advisory-board>

#### Ceremonial Items (10:00 am – Time Certain)

- Greenway Collaborative
- Calendar Reveal Awards

Tilah Larson  
Tilah Larson

#### Action Items

1. Buffalo Soldier War Memorial at Memorial Park
2. Appointment of TOPS Working Committee Member – Sarah Blakeslee

Chris Lieber  
Chris Lieber

#### Presentations

3. Downtown Master Plan Process
4. Bike Share Program Update
5. Bancroft Park Improvements – Old Colorado City
6. 2015 Indy Give

Susan Edmondson  
Anthony Pratt  
Dave Van Ness  
Jody Derington

#### Staff Reports

7. Larry Ochs Sports Complex Master Plan Process
8. 2016 Capital Improvement Program Budget Update

Chris Lieber  
Chris Lieber

#### Board Business

- Committee Reports/General Comments

#### Adjournment



**COLORADO SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**  
**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

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**Date:** November 12, 2015  
**Item Number:** Action Item- Item # 1  
**Item Name:** Buffalo Soldiers Memorial at Memorial Park

**SUMMARY:**

The Memorial Park Master Plan identifies specific areas for the development of future memorials within Memorial Park. The City of Colorado Springs Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Department has received a request from the Buffalo Soldier Community Memorial Committee to erect a memorial at Memorial Park within the Ring of Honor to remember the Buffalo Soldiers, the black soldiers who helped settle the west from 1867-1900s.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Buffalo Soldier Committee has refined their design and selected a site location at Memorial Park, within the Ring of Honor for their Memorial – specifically plot 26. The memorial will include a narrative about the history of the Buffalo Soldiers, a map of Colorado showing important locations, the Medal of Honor names and units, logos of the Infantry Regiments, and a time capsule. The proposed memorial will include the text and graphics cast into bronze plaques. The Buffalo Soldier Committee will be responsible for all costs associated with creating and erecting the memorial.

The Buffalo Soldier Memorial Committee is requesting approval to secure the location for the memorial within Memorial Park and approval of the proposed memorial design.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The Buffalo Soldier Committee will be responsible for all costs associated with creating and erecting the memorial. The memorial will be constructed with methods and materials that will minimize maintenance requirements over time. The City Parks Department will be responsible for maintaining the Memorial.

**BOARD AND COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:**

N/A

**STAKEHOLDER PROCESS:**

N/A

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of the proposed Buffalo Soldier Memorial as presented.

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

A motion approving of the proposed Buffalo Soldier Memorial within Memorial Park as presented.

**PARTIES NOTIFIED OF THIS MEETING:**

Willie Breazell and Dennis Moore, Buffalo Soldier Committee

Buffalo Soldiers  
Community Memorial  
Committee



9<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment

Buffalo Soldiers Community Memorial Project  
730 N. Nevada Avenue  
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80905



10<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment

November 1, 2015

Park, Recreation Board  
1401 Recreation Way  
Colorado Springs, CO 80905

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The members of the Buffalo Soldiers Community Memorial Committee of Colorado Springs, CO, is proposing a monument dedicated to the Buffalo Soldiers, the Black soldiers who helped settle the west from the 1867-1900s. We are asking for plot 26 which is adjacent to the Marine Memorial at the War Memorial located in Memorial Park.

The Community Memorial is honoring those soldiers who help tame the west, but are largely unknown in American history via our public education materials.

The goal of the Buffalo Soldiers Community Memorial Committee is to educate the community regarding the vital role played by the Buffalo Soldiers in western history, but especially in Colorado.

We have contacted Wilhelm Monument Company of Colorado Springs, CO, to produce and install the monument. Consulting with Mr. Dick Wilhelm, our committee is taking action to approve a final design and will authorize the expenditure of funds necessary for the project.

Our vision is to have this project completed prior to the national Buffalo Soldiers Day, July 28, 2016. This day marks the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the congressional authorization of the first of six Negro Regular Army regiments.

Your consideration and approval of this project will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Willie H. Brezell, Sr. CW03, USA, Ret.  
Captain, USAR, 719 310-5853  
brezell1@comcast.net



24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment



25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment

### **Buffalo Soldiers Community Memorial Physical Description**

The committee is proposing this memorial be constructed of granite and placed on a colored textured concrete pad.

The memorial has two pieces:

The top piece is 7' long by 5' tall, and has a width of 10 inches.

The base piece is 8 feet long and 10" tall, and has a depth of 16 inches. Wilhelm Monument Company proposes the base to inset into the concrete to provide stability, and that the table is pinned to the base.

The sides of the memorial will be adorned as indicated below:

- Buffalo Soldiers historical overview (abbreviate as necessary)
- Names and rank of Buffalo Soldiers Medal of Honor Winners (included)
- Map of Colorado Forts with significant cities and Buffalo Soldiers events.
- Names and rank/position of Buffalo Soldiers Community Memorial Committee city dedication statement
- The four Buffalo Soldiers regiments crest (logos) will be prominently displayed
- Fifty year polystyrene time capsule vault measuring 9 x 9 x 14.5 inches installed in front of the monument, approximately 12-18 inches below ground with a suitable brick covering.

The granite is a tasteful and durable dark red. The pad is planned at approximately 12' by 9' with a matching entry walkway.

Wilhelm Monument Company (WMC), 806 S. Hancock Ave, Colorado Springs, CO, 719-633-0459, is the memorial provider. WMC has placed many of the existing memorials in Memorial Park.

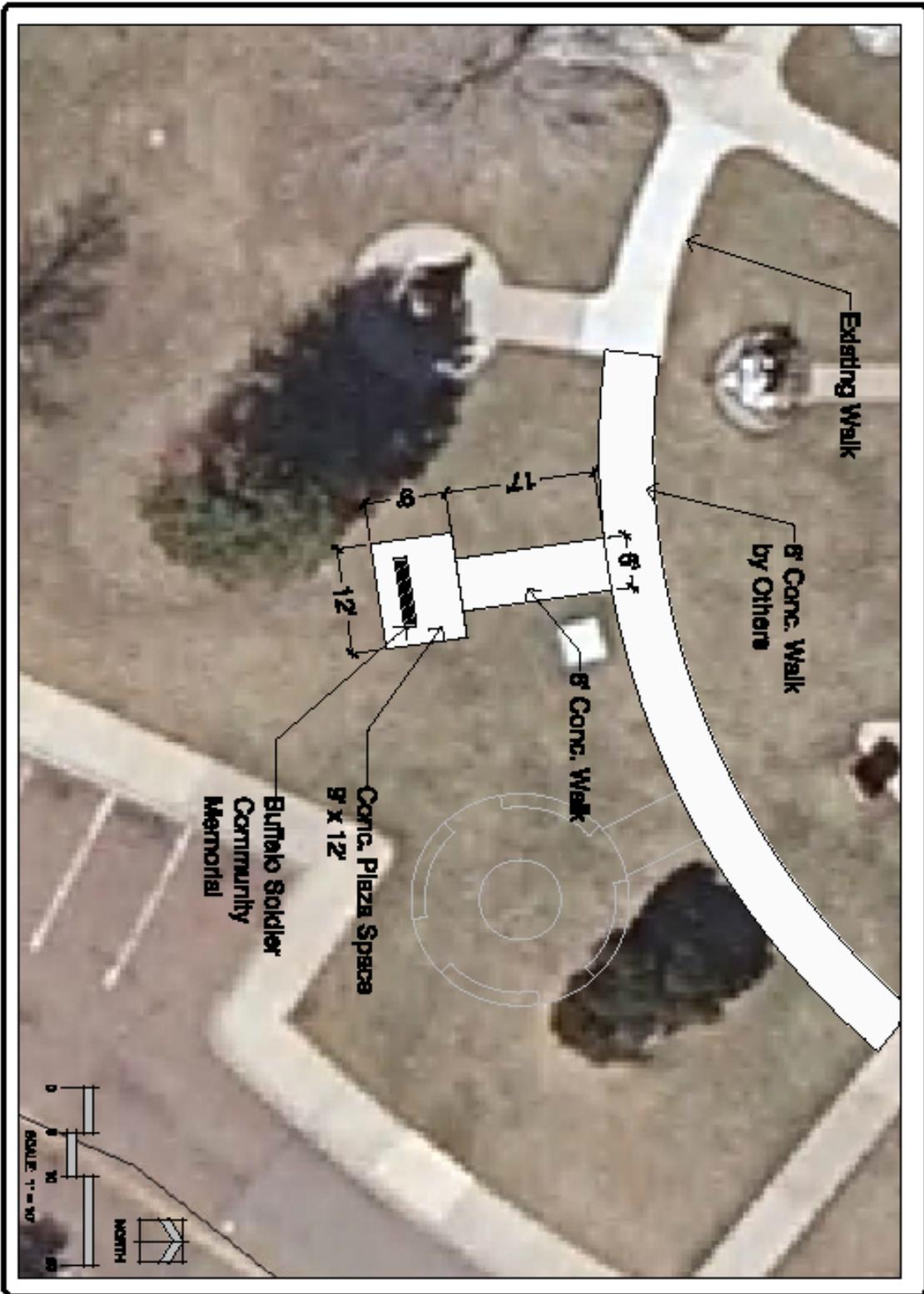
The concrete supplier is Ideal Concrete, 7980 Industry Rd, Colorado Springs, CO, 719 574-4224. They are recent providers of the pads for various other military memorials within the park. Here are a few examples: Forward Air Controllers and the example enclosed in Old Colorado City Historical Society in Bancroft Park.

Both vendors have and will work closely with the Park Recreation staff to accomplish this unique historical monument in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

## Location

### Memorial Park, Circle of Honor, Buffalo Soldiers Community Memorial

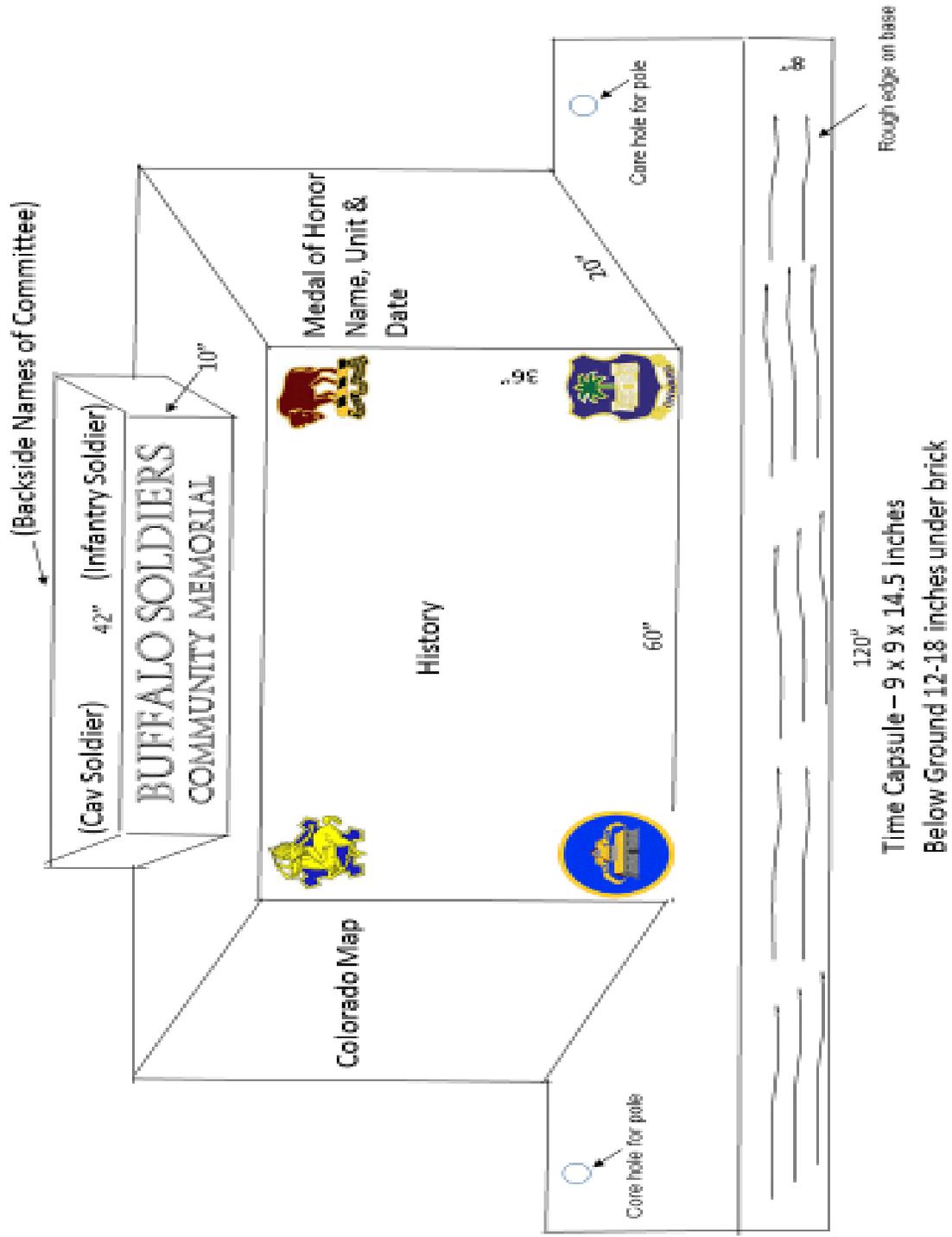




**MEMORIAL PARK  
WAR MEMORIAL  
SITE PLAN**







9<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment



10<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment

### **Buffalo Soldiers Historical Snapshot**

The U.S. Congress authorized the establishment of six, segregated NEGRO REGIMENTS on July 28, 1866. They recognized the military merits of African Americans by creating two cavalry and four infantry regiments. In 1869, Congress enacted a troop reduction; the 38<sup>TH</sup>, 39<sup>TH</sup>, 40<sup>TH</sup> and 41<sup>ST</sup> Infantry Regiments were consolidated into the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiments. Soldiers of the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Cavalry and 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiments were called BUFFALO SOLDIERS by the American Indians. Some say this was because of the tenacity with which they fought, and others say it was because the texture of their hair reminded them of the buffalo.

Buffalo Soldier units were located in Arizona, Colorado, the Dakotas, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah, and Wyoming. Elements of the 10th Cavalry were stationed at Fort Lyons, Colorado, and troops of the 9<sup>th</sup> Cavalry were at Fort Garland, Colorado. The Buffalo Soldiers aided the settlement of the American West. During the period of the Indian Wars, they fought against the Cheyenne, Apache, Kiowa, Ute, Comanche and Sioux. Other duties included patrolling the borders, protecting transportation routes, pursuing outlaws, installing telegraph lines, and delivering the mail longer than the Pony Express. The BUFFALO SOLDIERS Regiments served with distinction and dedication during the Indian Wars, settling of the west and Spanish American War that helped to lead to the integration of the U.S. military by Executive Order No. 9981 on July 26, 1948.



24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment



25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment



### Buffalo Soldier Recipients of the Medal of Honor\*

NAME, RANK, AND UNIT	CAMPAIGN OR ACTION
<b>Baker, Edward L., Jr.</b> Sergeant Major, 10th Cavalry	Spanish-American War, 1898
<b>Bell, Dennis</b> Private, H Troop/10th Cavalry	Spanish-American War, 1898
<b>Boyne, Thomas</b> Sergeant, C Troop/9th Cavalry	Victorio Campaign, 1879
<b>Brown, Benjamin</b> Sergeant, C Troop/24th Infantry	Paymaster Escort, 1889
<b>Denny, John</b> Private, C Troop/9th Cavalry	Victorio Campaign, 1879
<b>Factor, Pompey</b> Private, 24th Infantry	Staked Plains Expedition, 1875
<b>Greaves, Clinton</b> Corporal, C Troop/9th Cavalry	Apache Campaign, 1877
<b>Johnson, Henry</b> Private, K Troop/10th Cavalry	Ute Campaign, 1879
<b>Jordan, George</b> Sergeant, K Troop/ 9th Cavalry	Victorio Campaign, 1879
<b>Lee, Fitz</b> Private, M Troop/10th Cavalry	Spanish-American War, 1898
<b>Mays, Isaiah</b> Corporal, B Troop/24th Infantry	Paymaster Escort, 1889
<b>McBryar, William</b> Sergeant, K Troop/10th Cavalry	Apache Campaign, 1890
<b>Payne, Adam</b> Private, 24th Infantry	Comanche Campaign, 1874
<b>Payne, Isaac</b> Trumpeter, 24th Infantry	Staked Plains Expedition, 1875
<b>Shaw, Thomas</b> Sergeant, K Troop/10th Cavalry	Apache Campaign, 1881
<b>Stance, Emanuel</b> Sergeant, F Troop/9th Cavalry	Texas Raid, 1870
<b>Thompkins, William H.</b> Corporal, A Troop/10th Cavalry	Spanish-American War, 1898
<b>Walley, Augustus</b> Sergeant, E Troop/10th Cavalry	Apache Campaign, 1881
<b>Wanton, George H.</b> Private, M Troop/10th Cavalry	Spanish-American War, 1898
<b>Ward, John</b> Sergeant, 24th Infantry	Staked Plains Expedition, 1875
<b>Williams, Moses</b> Sergeant, I Troop/9th Cavalry	Apache Campaign, 1881
<b>Wilson, William O.</b> Corporal, I Troop/9th Cavalry	Pine Ridge Campaign, 1890
<b>Woods, Brent</b> Sergeant, B Troop/9th Cavalry	Apache Campaign, 1881

\*Lists rank, unit, and campaign or action at the time the medal was earned.

## Buffalo Soldiers Community Memorial Committee Members (Granite)

Willie H. Breazell, CWO3, USA, Ret.; Captain, USAR, Chair

Henry Allen, 1SG, USA, Ret., Vice Chair

Elmer James “Jim” Mason, COL, USA, Ret., Vice Chair

Mark Knight, US Marines, Vice Chair, Treasurer

Robert Lee “Bob” Null, COL, USAF, Ret.

June Waller, USA, Vet spouse

Dennis Moore, USAF, Ret., USAF Civil Service Ret.

Dawn Elliott, Social Media

George Payton, CSM, USA, Ret.

John Register, SSG, USA

Mel Elliott, LTC, USA, Ret.

Edgar “Ed” Jones, SP4, USA, former Colorado Senator

James “Jim” Owens, USAF, Ret.

Add: “This Memorial and Time Capsule were dedicated to the city of Colorado Springs, July 28, 2016.

**COLORADO SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

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**Date:** November 12, 2015

**Item Number:** Action Item # 2

**Item Name:** Appointment of TOPS Working Committee Member

**SUMMARY:**

The TOPS Working Committee currently has one vacancy to be filled. In accordance with the Trails, Open Space and Parks (TOPS) Ordinance approved by voters in 1997 and the TOPS Policies and Procedures Manual, adopted in September of 1997, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is responsible for establishing the TOPS Working Committee to: "Work together, in accordance with the TOPS Ordinance, to guide our City in the prudent acquisition, development and preservation of Trails, Parks and Open Space, thereby creating a legacy for future generations in the Pikes Peak Region."

In accordance with the TOPS Ordinance, City Council appoints three Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Members (TOPS Citizen Advisory Board Members) to serve as Liaisons to the TOPS Working Committee. The Liaisons are responsible for conducting an applicant selection process and recommending candidates to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for appointment to the TOPS Working Committee.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:**

N/A

**BACKGROUND:**

An interview panel consisting of two TOPS Citizen Advisory Board Members to the TOPS Working Committee conducted an interview process in May of 2015. As part of this process, the interview team recommended three candidates as TOPS Working Committee Members and two candidates to serve as Alternates. Sarah Blakeslee was recommended as 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate and subsequently approved as 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board in June of 2015.

The TOPS Liaisons recommend 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate, Sarah Blakeslee, to fill the current vacancy on the TOPS Working Committee beginning on November 15, 2015 and expiring on June 24, 2017.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

N/A

**BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:**

N/A

**ALTERNATIVE:**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of appointment of Sarah Blakeslee to the TOPS Working Committee as presented.

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

A motion approving the appointment of Sarah Blakeslee to the TOPS Working Committee as presented.

**Attachments:**

Letters of Interest and Resumes from Recommended Appointees