TOPS Working Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 8, 2015

Members Present: Lee Milner, Leslie Thomas, Becky Wegner, Jason Alwine, Cathy Grossman, Sarah Musick, Nancy Hobbs, and Joe Lavorini
Members Absent: Jeff Mohrmann
Alternate Members Present: Jim Klever
Citizens Advisory Committee Members Present: Jackie Hilaire, Scot Hume
Citizens Advisory Committee Member Absent: John Maynard
Staff Present: PR&CS—Kim King, Karen Palus, Chris Lieber, Anna White, Kurt Schroeder, Kelly Rajab.

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Leslie Thomas brought the meeting to order at 7:33am.

Agenda Preview
There were no changes to the agenda as presented

Announcements
Chris Lieber—

- The Legacy Loop Project continues to build momentum. The City was awarded a $1 million grant from Great Outdoors Colorado
- A survey was recently completed by the Budget Office, offering citizens the opportunity to weigh in on budget priorities
- Chris also gave an update about the Cottonwood Creek Underpass Project at Academy Blvd. Staff has requested advancement of PPRTA funding for 2016. It is strategic that the PPRTA funding for the Cottonwood Trail (via Parks) and funding for the Academy Bridge Widening Project (via Public Works) coincide in 2016 for design and 2017 for construction.

Approval of Minutes
Motion – to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2015 meeting.

- Jason Alwine/Lee Milner Approved – Unanimous

Citizen Discussion
Bill Koerner (TOSC)

- Discussed the Starlight Spectacular as a success
- Gave out info sheet about Governor Hickenlooper's "Colorado Beautiful" proposition

Presentation Items

- Chris Lieber presented the 2016 CIP Budget for approval and suggestions from TOPS before taking it to Parks Board, then City Council.

Action Items

- 2016 CIP Budget:
- Chris Lieber presented the 2016 CIP Budget. (See attached presentation slides).
  - Comments and questions to follow were first from the committee, then the public
  - TOSC presented a written resolution supporting the budget with modifications
  - Lee Milner made a motion to remove $100,000 for stewardship/education from the budget and reduce the stewardship/land management line item by $100,000 (allotted to hire a full-time ranger) – but to keep $25,000 for seasonal rangers and $50,000 for their equipment/vehicles
  - Nancy Hobbs seconded the motion
  - Joe Lavorini requested an amendment to the motion, to vote separately on the Stewardship/Natural Resource Management line item, due to a potential conflict of interest.
  - The amendment to the motion was accepted.
  - The motion passed 7-1
  - Joe Lavorini recused himself from the meeting
  - Motion – to approve the stewardship/Natural Resource Management line item in the amount of $279,000
    a. Lee Milner/Becky Wegner Approved - Unanimous

Citizen Discussion

- There was no further citizen discussion.

Closed Session

- Motion to move to closed session
  - Leslie Thomas/ Jason Alwine

Adjournment

There being no further business, the committee adjourned the meeting at 10:45.