



Colorado State Parks Board

MINUTES

Thursday, April 13, 2006
 Golden Gate State Park
 92 Crawford Gulch Road
 Golden, CO 80403

Board Work Session: 1:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Friday, April 14, 2006
 Golden Gate State Park

Board Work Session: 9:00 AM – 10:15 AM
 Board Meeting: 10:15 AM – 11:30 AM

Thursday, April 13th

1:30 PM – 5:00 PM BOARD WORK SESSION

- Site Visits
- Dan Weber

Friday, April 14th

9:00 AM – 10:15 AM BOARD WORK SESSION

- Director's Update
- Field Operations Update – Regions – Water – Natural Areas
- Staffing - Office Space
- Legislative Update
- Budget Update
- Regional Trails Coordinators' Report
- Front Range Trails Update
- Board Reports
- Upcoming Events
- Lyle Laverty
- Larry Kramer
- Larry Kramer
- Gary Thorson
- Elling Myklebust
- Nancy Scalise
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10:15 AM

PARKS BOARD MEETING

- (A) – Agenda Amendments, if necessary
- (A) – Approval of March, 2006 Parks Board Mtg Minutes

PUBLIC COMMENT

Special Guests – Foundation For Colorado State Parks

- Joe Shoemaker, Chairman/Treasurer
- Jeff Shoemaker, Vice Chairman/Secretary

10:30 AM

AGENDA:

- (A) – Fee Adjustment
- (A) – State Trails Grants

CONSENT AGENDA:

- (A) – Cherry Creek State Park – In-Lake Treatment
- (A) – Cherry Creek State Park – Sanitary Sewer Line Easement
- (A) – Colorado Natural Areas Program – Option to purchase land

- Richard Storm
- Richard Storm
- Larry Kramer/ David Giger
- Larry Kramer/ Rob Billebeck

11:30 AM

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(A) = Action Items (I) = Information Items

**** APPROVAL OF "ITEMS REFERRED FOR DIRECTOR'S ACTION" BY THE PARKS BOARD IS BASED ON WRITTEN MATERIAL. NO DISCUSSION WILL OCCUR UNLESS THERE ARE QUESTIONS FROM THE PARKS BOARD OR FROM THE PUBLIC.**

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ATTENDANCE

Parks Board Members:

Dr. Tom Ready, Chair
Tom Glass
Antonette DeLauro

Division Staff:

Lyle Lavery, Director
Larry Kramer, Deputy Director
Gary Thorson, Deputy Director
Richard Storm, Chief of Law Enforcement
Elling Myklebust, Chief Financial Officer
Kurt Mill, Rocky Mountain Region Manager
Dave Giger, High Plains Region Manager
Kristi Quintana, High Plains Region Assistant Manager
Heather Dugan, SE Region Assistant Manager
Dan Weber, Golden Gate State Park Manager
Bob Toll, Cherry Creek State Park Assistant Manager
Linda Foster, Assistant to the Director's Office

Guests:

Vern Adam, Aurora Water Dept.
Bill Ruzzo, CCBWQA
Bob Brooks, CCBWQA
Todd Brophy, Cherry Creek State Park Marina
Bob McGregor, AMEC

MEETING MINUTES

AGENDA AMENDMENTS - None

ADOPTION OF BOARD MINUTES

Adoption of April, 2006 Parks Board Meeting Minutes.

Moved: Tom Glass
Seconded: Antonette DeLauro
Vote: Unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

- Discussion outlining Cherry Creek State Park In-Lake Treatment aeration project:
 - Vern Adam, Aurora Water Dept.
 - Bill Ruzzo, CCBWQA
 - Todd Brophy, Cherry Creek State Park Marina
 - Bob McGregor, Design Engineer - AMEC

ACTION ITEMS

Fee Adjustment

- Richard Storm

PURPOSE: To amend Parks Board regulation numbers 700, 701, 703, 704, 705, 706, and 708.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: On February 9, 2006, an information item was presented to the Parks Board detailing the proposed regulation additions, deletions and amendments. Regulation changes proposed for regulation numbers 100, 103, 106, and 305 were adopted as proposed at the March 3rd board meeting. Regulation changes proposed for regulation numbers 700, 701, 703, 704, 705, 706, and 708 were tabled.

DISCUSSION AND SUMMARY: Refer to the Basis and Purpose Statements that are associated with the proposed regulation changes.

DIVISION RECOMMENDATION: Approve as proposed by the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation.

SUGGESTED MOTION: I move that the Board of Parks and Outdoor Recreation adopt the regulation changes proposed for regulation numbers 700, 701, 703, 704, 705, 706, and 708 as proposed by the Division, along with the associated Basis and Purpose Statements.

Moved: Tom Glass
Seconded: Antonette DeLauro
Vote: Unanimous

State Trails Grants

- Richard Storm

PURPOSE: To request approval of the 2006 Recreation State Trail Grants as recommended by the State Trails Committee.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The State Trails Program, a statewide program within Colorado State Parks, awards grants for trail related projects on a yearly basis. Local, county, and state governments, federal agencies, recreation districts, non-profit organizations with management responsibilities over public lands are eligible.

The Trails Grant Selection Process:

The State Trails Committee is responsible for the trail grants process and makes recommendations to Great Outdoors Colorado and the Parks Boards concerning grant funding.

Trail grant applications are sent out by e-mail, ground mail and posted on the Internet. The grants program is publicized through newsletters, the state website, and e-mail information networks. Technical assistance for grant preparation is provided to potential applicants. The deadline for Recreational Trails applications is November 1st and the Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) application is December 1st.

Subcommittee Recommendations:

The State Trails Committee uses a subcommittee structure to oversee and organize the grant selection process. Three standing subcommittees are appointed for the purpose of making grant funding recommendations to the Trails Committee: the Recreational Trails, the OHV and the Snowmobile Grant Subcommittees.

The Recreation Trails Grant Subcommittee reviews *Non-Profit Small, Non-Profit Large, Federal Small, Federal Large, State, County, and Local Small, State, County, and Local Mid, State, County, and Local Large, Planning, Special Projects, and Equipment Trail Grants* and consists of seven members from the Trails Committee, a representative from Great Outdoors Colorado, and four Regional Trail Coordinators. Scoring on the grants is the combination of scores from the Recreation Trails Grant Subcommittee and approximately 45 outside reviewers. Outside reviewers represent all aspects of trail recreation including enthusiasts, conservation groups, and parks professionals.

The OHV Grant Subcommittee is made up of the OHV representative from the Trails Committee and nine members from organized OHV groups. Program and regional staff provide direct input to the committee. The OHV Subcommittee held open meetings to interview the applicant and score the grant applications. Public input was accepted at the OHV subcommittee meeting and was evaluated as part of the grant selection process.

The Recreation Trails Grant and OHV Grant Subcommittees make recommendations to the State Trails Committee concerning which grants should be funded based on the ranking process, overall project score and public input.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife coordinated a review of potential resource impacts of the projects submitted. All concerns were passed on to project sponsors and appropriate land managers. A summarized list of concerns was forwarded to staff. All land managers must provide documentation that any required environmental review be completed before funding is authorized.

Project descriptions were posted on the website and public comment on the projects was solicited widely, all public comment was evaluated as part of the grant selection process.

The lists of applications considered by each subcommittee are attached.

Type of Grant	Total Applications	Total \$ Requested
Recreational Trail Grants		
Equipment	6	\$218,200.00
Planning Grants	9	\$175,415.00
Special Projects	5	\$100,000.00
Non-Profit Small	3	\$44,450.00
Non-Profit Large	6	\$747,600.00
Federal Small	5	\$66,200.00
Federal Large	12	\$1,062,520.00
State, County, Local Small	5	\$176,150.00
State, County, Local Mid	10	\$1,117,500.00
State, County, Local Large	8	\$1,539,800.00
Total Recreational Trail Grants	69	\$5,247,835.00
OHV Grants	39	\$1,916,250.00

Based on the grant scores, the attached funding list was developed for each grant category. On February 27, 2006 the State Trails Committee met and took formal action, approving the priority lists submitted by staff and the subcommittees. The Great Outdoors Colorado Board will review all GOCO funded trail grants at their March 3rd and March 24th meeting. The Parks Board and GOCO Board approval is required before funding can be distributed to the grantees.

Funding

For the 2006 Trails Grant cycle we anticipate \$3,356,825 for trail grants from the following funding sources.

Source of Funding	Dollars Awarded
GOCO: Local Government Funds	\$ 700,000.00
GOCO: State Parks	\$ 504,500.00
Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)	\$ 353,408.00
Federal Recreational Trails Program-Diversified & Non-Motorized	\$ 200,417.00
Federal Recreation Trails Program - Motorized	\$ 90,000.00
Off Highway Vehicle Fund	\$1,508,500.00

DISCUSSION AND SUMMARY: For this year, 69 Recreational and 39 Off-Highway Vehicle eligible applications were received for a total grant request of \$7,164,085.00. The projects were scored by outside reviewers, grant subcommittees, regional staff, and GOCO staff.

Using direction from the Trails Program's Strategic Plan, the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) and staff, the Trails Committee recommends priority funding of:

Type of Grants	Number of Grants	Proposed Funding
Recreational Trail Grants		
Non-Profit Small	3	\$44,450.00
Non-Profit Large	4	\$334,125.00
Federal Small	3	\$40,550.00
Federal Large	4	\$230,400.00
State, County, Local Small	2	\$58,000.00
State, County, Local Mid	4	\$433,000.00
State, County, Local Large	2	\$350,000.00
Planning Grants	4	\$68,000.00
Special Projects	4	\$ 70,000.00
Equipment	3	\$129,800.00
Total Recreational Trail Grants	33	\$1,758,325.00
OHV Grants	33	\$1,598,500.00
TOTAL		\$3,356,825.00

The priority funding lists contain the recommended awards for each grant category.

DIVISION RECOMMENDATION: Staff and the State Trails Committee have provided the attached funding lists for future approval of Recreational Trails and OHV 2006 grants and that minor adjustments of project funding levels be permitted at the discretion of the Director.

SUGGESTED MOTION: I move that the Board of Parks and Outdoor Recreation approve the 2006 State Trails Grants awards and that minor adjustments of project funding levels be permitted at the discretion of the Director.

Moved: Antonette DeLauro
Seconded: Tom Glass
Vote: Unanimous

CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION ITEMS

- Larry Kramer

Larry Kramer presented the Action Items for the Consent Agenda, reviewing each item and fielding questions with members of the Board.

- 1) **Cherry Creek State Park – In-Lake Treatment**
- 2) **Cherry Creek State Park – Sanitary Sewer Line Easement**
- 3) **Colorado Natural Areas Program – Option to purchase land**

MOTION: "I move the Board of Parks and Outdoor Recreation approve the February Consent Agenda."

Moved: Antonette DeLauro
Seconded: Tom Glass
Vote: Unanimous

MEETING ADJOURNED

Dr. Ready, Chair

Antonette DeLauro, Secretary