

# **Commerce City Park Ranger Program Update**

**City Council Business Meeting  
March 21, 2022**



# Commerce City Park Ranger Program

## **Presentation Purpose:**

- Overview of the history of the program
- Tasks completed to date
- Meet your Park Rangers
- Overview of program goals
- Overview of 2023 program changes
- Questions



# History

## Presented to City Council July 12, 2021

- Partnership with Adams County Open Space (ACOS)
- Plan to have ACOS hire 1 Park Ranger dedicated to Commerce City parks, trails and open spaces
  - ACOS to hire, supervise, provide oversight

## Tasks to Be Completed as Reported on 7/12/21

- IGA with Adams County Open Space (ACOS)
- Formalize PRG Rules and Regulations
- Create Fee Schedule
- Work with ACOS on hiring process
- Update Ordinances, as needed



# History Continued

- Fall 2021 - Parks, Recreation and Golf establishes expanded Park Ranger program with assistance from ACOS as directed by City Council
- Adams County – Hire two (2) Park Rangers dedicated to Commerce City through IGA
- Commerce City, PRG – Hire two (2) Park Rangers
- Four (4) rangers onboard January, 2022
  - Train together with Adams County Open Space and city departments/divisions (PW, CE, PD, PRG)
- Cooperation with ACOS provides for sustainable Park Ranger program in Commerce City



# Current Status

- IGA Completed
- Formal adoption of Park Property Rules and Regulations
- Ordinances updates in progress
- Web page for rules published [www.c3gov.com/parkrules](http://www.c3gov.com/parkrules)
- Hiring process established/completed
- 4 rangers currently in training
- Web page for park rangers <https://recreation.c3gov.com/parks-trails/park-rangers>
- Internal processes in development



# Meet the Rangers

## (Commerce City Rangers)

- Rachel Holland



Hadiel Renteria



# Meet the Rangers

(Adams County Rangers Serving Commerce City)

- Matthew Bonano



Richard Lamb



# Park Ranger Program Goals

- Educate parks and trails users
- Provide environmental education and outreach
- Encourage resource protection
- Promote outreach of volunteerism
- Increase visitor safety through enforcement of [park property ordinances, rules and regulations](#)
- Create outdoor stewards to our parks and trails





# Future Plan - Park Ranger Program

- Patrol Commerce City parks, trails and open spaces to start upon completion of training (2022 Q2)
- Submit 2023 budget request for park ranger supervisor position, as discussed in budget retreat August 2021
- Move two (2) Adams County park rangers to Commerce City (2023 Q1)
- Implementation of established park ranger program in Commerce City
- Continue partnership with Adams County



# Questions

