



Park, Recreation & Golf Advisory Committee Annual Update

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City Council Study Session - April 26, 2021

PRG Advisory Committee Purpose

- The PRG Advisory Committee serves as a voice of the public and
- Advises the City on issues related to the planning, construction, regulation, maintenance, repair, and operation of City owned and/or controlled parks, golf and recreation amenities and facilities, open spaces, programs and services.

PRG Advisory Committee

The PRG Advisory Committee consists of thirteen (13) members; and two (2) co-chairs from the membership:

- Clark Berggren
- Mary Hogan Chan
- DeLilah Collins
- Alejandro Garcia
- Jose Guardiola, City Council member
- Josh Houde
- Craig Hurst, City Council member
- Justin Maillet, Co-Chair
- Shawn McDowell
- Kendall Ryerson
- Adam Venanzi
- Bret Walker, Co-Chair
- Paul Welanders

Why members joined PRG Advisory

- Understand the different needs for parks, recreation and golf programs and services in the northern and southern neighborhoods of Commerce City. Determine how we can effectively bring neighborhoods together, bridge gaps and provide balance.
- Involvement in senior programs for the active seniors in our community; would like to see more active programming including outdoor activities, outdoor pickle ball courts and outdoor tennis courts in our neighborhoods.
- Keep neighborhoods to the east and west of Hwy 85 (Henderson area) involved.
- Connectivity of trails, paths, and bike lanes to all city amenities.

Why members joined PRG Advisory

- Promote the benefits of parks, recreation, and golf. PRG committee can help put Commerce City on the map as a leader in parks, recreation, and golf.
- Get PRG committee members involved in special events throughout the city.
- It's our civic duty to serve our community; opportunity to provide feedback and make recommendations as a citizen.
- Learn and understand how a city operates and specifically the park, recreation & golf department.

2020 Highlights

- Challenging year with COVID conducted virtual meetings; maintained ongoing communication with city staff.
- Smart Approach to Cost Recovery – service sustainability model update
- 2021 CIPP review and input to include Fronterra safety lighting
- ACOS and GOCO grant application support letters
- Veterans Memorial Park grand reopening celebration

2021 Highlights

- Comprehensive Plan – Commerce City 2045 (Issues & Opportunities Brainstorming Session)
- 2022 CIPP review and input to include disc golf, Bison Ridge park (pickleball courts, inclusive play structure, picnic shelters)
- Welcomed three (3) new committee members
- Plan to work collaboratively with other Boards & Commissions on fundraising events
- Plan city tour for committee Fall 2021
- PRG Master Plan Update – sets direction for the future



2021 Highlight – Committee Purpose Update

- Drafted a resolution modifying the PRG Advisory Committee to update the purpose provisions and include:
 - Advocate for park, recreation and golf programs and services that support: health and wellness essential to improve individual and community-level health; equitable access for all people; and conservation providing critical green spaces that connect people to the outdoors and are beneficial to our environment.
- Resolution to be presented at an upcoming City Council business meeting

2021 Highlight – Facility Naming

- April 20, 2021 review of request to consider renaming of Buffalo Run Golf Course in accordance with Council Policy #7 procedure for naming of facilities.
- The Parks, Recreation and Golf Advisory Committee members believe it is important to honor and remember both Detective Curt Holland and Francesca Dominguez. The committee would not recommend changing the name of a facility (Buffalo Run). The committee believes it is important to involve members of the individual families as well as the Commerce City Police Department in determining and when moving forward with recommendations to honor these individuals.

Questions

