



# Parks, Recreation & Golf Advisory Committee Annual Update

City Council Study Session

04/28/2025

# PRG Advisory Committee Purpose

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The PRG Advisory Committee 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 Membership

The PRG Advisory Committee consists of thirteen (13) members; with two (2) serving as co-chairs. Current membership:

- DeLilah Collins, Co-Chair
- Charles Dukes, City Council member
- Octavio “Oz” Flores
- Bob Grandinetti
- Josh Houde
- Desiree Martinelli, Co-Chair
- Shawn McDowell
- Rocky Teter, City Council member
- Paul Welander
- Karl Zimmermann

# Why Members Joined PRG Advisory Committee

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Councilmember Dukes: As a father of three, I want to take my kids to community events and enhance our experiences while also giving back to the city.

Member Grandinetti: I joined to give back to the community of Commerce City and to learn about its development plans for the next 10+ years.

Member Martinelli: I wanted to give back to my community while learning about ongoing projects, offering solutions where I can, and helping the city.

Member McDowell: TRAILS!! TRAILS!! TRAILS!! Just kidding; I really want to thoughtfully consider how to improve our trail systems.

Councilmember Teter: My goal is to connect all the trails, make them safer, and facilitate connections through the subdivisions in the city.

Member Welander: After serving three years, taking a year off, and now being in my second term, I became involved to understand what is happening in our community. My connection to the open space restoration project and passion for disc golf and tree preservation drives me to contribute.

Member Zimmermann: I want to give a voice to people who feel they are not being heard. I knew I would encounter perspectives that I don't share and processes that I don't normally follow, so selfishly I knew the experience would also be good for my personal growth.

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# Committee Highlights from the Past Year

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Held 9 meetings, covering a wide variety of topics including:

- PRG Master Plan
  - Budget
  - CALU Park Naming
  - Active Adult & Inclusion Programming
  - Bison Ridge Active Adult Room
  - Summer Shindig
  - CIP Updates
  - Brochure Update
  - Golf Programs
  - Private Golf Carts
  - Buffalo Run Clubhouse
  - Trees
  - Future Buckley Community Park
- Participated in a Park Tour
  - Participated in program and services and reported back to advisory members and staff
  - Volunteered at several events including but not limited to, Music in the Parks
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# Recent Committee Recommendations

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Council recently asked the PRG Advisory Committee to discuss and make recommendations on the following:

- Whether to become a Commission
- What to name the Commission
- Whether to create a separate Golf Advisory Committee

The PRG Advisory Committee discussed at their April 15 meeting and will be recommending the following to City Council:

- Recommend becoming a Commission
- Recommend the name: Parks, Recreation & Golf Commission
- Not recommend creating a separate Golf Advisory Committee at this time

# Photos of Committee Supported Events 1

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Monaco Park Reopening



Music in the Park



# Photos of Committee Supported Events 2

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Run with the Buffalo



# Photos of Committee Supported Events 3

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Wild for Life Triathlon



Fall Fest



# Photos of Committee Supported Events 4

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Fourth Fest



MiniCon



# Discussion