



AGENDA

Parks, Foundations and Quality of Life Policy Committee

Thursday, September 25, 2025, 8:30 a.m.

VIRTUAL MEETING

Council Member Ruben Medina, Chair
Council Member Crystal Murillo, Vice Chair
Council Member Alison Coombs, Member

Dial In Number: 1-720-388-8447

Access Code: 847 873 962#

Council Goal: Create a superior quality of life for residents, making the city a desirable place to live and visit.

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Pages

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Approval of Minutes**

3. **Announcements**

4. **Agenda Items**

4.a **Neighborhood Park Name Recommendation at S. Ider and E. Smoky Hill
(Resolution)**

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA,
COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S
APPROVAL OF NAMING A NEIGHBORHOOD PARK IN WHEATLANDS
"SKYWATCH PARK"

Staff Source: Nicole Ankeney, Manager of PROS Planning, Design and
Construction / Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney

Estimated time: 5 mins

4.b **2026 PROS Budget Update**

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Tom Tully, Manager of Business Services

Tom Tully, Manager of Business Services/Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney

10min/5min

5. **Miscellaneous Matters for Consideration**
6. **Topics for Next Month's Meeting**
7. **Adjournment**



CITY OF AURORA

Council Agenda Commentary

Item Title: 7-24-2025 PFQL Minutes for Approval
Item Initiator: Lauren Morales, Management Assistant
Staff Source/Legal Source: Lauren Morales, Management Assistant / Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney
Outside Speaker: N/A
Council Goal: 2012: 4.0--Create a superior quality of life for residents making the city a desirable place to live and work

COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

Study Session: N/A

Regular Meeting: N/A

2nd Regular Meeting (if applicable): N/A

Item requires a Public Hearing: ☐ Yes ☒ No

ITEM DETAILS *(Click in highlighted area below bullet point list to enter applicable information.)*

- Waiver of reconsideration requested, and if so, why
- Sponsor name
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- Outside speaker name and organization
- Estimated time: (For Study Session items only indicate combined time needed for presentation and discussion)

7-24-2025 PFQL Minutes for Approval

ACTIONS(S) PROPOSED *(Check all appropriate actions)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Approve Item with Waiver of Reconsideration
<i>Reason for waiver is described in the Item Details field above.</i> | |

PREVIOUS ACTIONS OR REVIEWS:

Policy Committee Name: N/A

Policy Committee Date: N/A

Action Taken/Follow-up: *(Check all that apply)*

☐ Recommends Approval

☐ Does Not Recommend Approval

☐ Forwarded Without Recommendation

☐ Minutes Not Available

☐ Minutes Attached

HISTORY *(Dates reviewed by City council, Policy Committees, Boards and Commissions, or Staff. Summarize pertinent comments. ATTACH MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS, POLICY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.)*

N/A

ITEM SUMMARY *(Brief description of item, discussion, key points, recommendations, etc.)*

Minutes for approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

Select all that apply. (If no fiscal impact, click that box and skip to "Questions for Council")

☐ Revenue Impact

☐ Budgeted Expenditure Impact

☐ Non-Budgeted Expenditure Impact

☐ Workload Impact

☒ No Fiscal Impact

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QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL

Do the committee members approve the minutes from the 7-24-2025 PFQL meeting?

LEGAL COMMENTS

The minutes of Committees shall be utilized by Council Members to determine whether further review by the City Council as a whole is warranted. (City of Aurora, Colorado -Rules of Order and Procedure, D(5)). (TJoyce)

Parks, Foundations, and Quality of Life (PFQL) Meeting
July 24, 2025

Members Present: Council Member Ruben Medina, Chair; Council Member Crystal Murillo, Vice Chair, Council Member Alison Coombs, Member

Others Present: B. Green, N. Ankeney, W. Levine, S. Brainard, L. Morales. T. Joyce, L. Perry, W. Stieger, A. Camacho, T. Tully, D. Wickman, B. Hogan, A. Valles Morales, J. McGibney, T. Bryant, B. Mendoza Ortega

1. CALL TO ORDER

Council Member (CM) Medina welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.a. Minutes for Approval

The May 22, 2025 minutes were approved.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brian Green, PROS Director, introduced Ted Bryant, the new Manager of Marketing and Communications.

4. AGENDA ITEMS

4.a. Concessionaire Agreement for the Korean War Memorial at General's Park

Summary of Issue:

Nicole Ankeney, Manager of PROS Planning, Design and Construction, presented the Concessionaire Agreement for the Korean War Memorial at Generals Park. She stated that staff have been working with the UN Heritage for the Korean War for going on 10 years, and the Korean War Memorial is a community led project. She commented they are able to apply for an Adams County Open Space Grant this year. She explained that the Concessionaire Agreement is a standard agreement to outline roles and responsibilities. She played a video for the Committee on the Korean War Memorial that was narrated by Becky Hogan. The memorial is located on the northwest corner of Quinten St and Colfax Ave and will be a community led initiative honoring veterans and paying tribute to those who served in the Korean War. It offers reflection and remembrance with 16 storyboards, national monuments, a seating area, and Korean gardens. It will include drought resistant native plants, solar powered lighting, and will seamlessly integrate into Generals Park. B. Hogan expressed that accessibility is a core principle of the project and it features smooth pathways and has ADA compliant seating and gathering spaces, and sustainability is at the heart of the project. She said the design incorporates Colorado's native plants and trees and recycled materials and the project is supported by an extensive network of stakeholders. She stated that the project is shovel ready and they can commence construction in the third quarter of 2025, with a planned completion of the third quarter of 2026. She expressed that by supporting this project, they will invest our community's history, well-being, and shared future. N. Ankeney asked the Committee to support the resolution for the Concessionaire Agreement with UN Heritage for Korean War for the Korean War Memorial at General's Park.

Committee Discussion:

CM Coombs expressed that she was in support of the project.

CM Murillo commended the group for pushing forward and supported the project.

CM Medina also approved the resolution for the Korean War Memorial.

Outcome:

The Committee supported moving the item to Study Session.

Follow-up Action:

The item will move forward to Study Session.

4.b. Resolution for an IGA Allowing Moorhead Rec Center as a Vote Center Facility

Summary of Issue:

Wynter Stieger, Recreation Manager, presented on the resolution for an IGA allowing Moorhead Rec Center as a vote center facility. He explained that Moorhead has been the voting center of Adams County since they have remodeled, but they are being asked for an official IGA to continue that.

Committee Discussion:

CM Coombs commented that it is important to have vote access throughout the city to make sure all their communities can get to a place easily to vote, so she supported continuing to have Moorhead serve in that capacity.

CM Murillo and CM Medina agreed and supported moving this forward

Outcome:

The Committee supported moving the item to Study Session.

Follow-up Action:

The item will move forward to Study Session.

4.c Aurora Emerald Ash Borer Management

Summary of Issue:

Adrian Camacho, Manager of Open Space and Forestry, discussed Aurora Emerald Ash Borer Management and asked for this item to be on the agenda for the next Study Session. He stated that the Forestry Department and Colorado State Forest Service have confirmed an EAB specimen from Aurora, and Denver also confirmed a sighting near downtown. He said they are expecting this insect will eventually kill almost all ash trees in the city, as the mortality rate is 99%, no matter the size. He shared that the Forestry Department has been working on this issue since 2015 by replacing ash trees in their public canopy and only a small amount of trees will be treated. He talked about the signs of EAB infestation, which include a thinning canopy, epicormic growth, and suckering from roots. He also discussed the timeline of EAB, which starts by showing a few symptoms, then the trees become brittle and start breaking, and then the cost of removal increases. He noted that it takes about 1 to 4 years for most trees to die from initial infection and with mortality in 6 to 8 years. He went over Aurora's EAB strategy, which is to educate, replace, and then treat, and listed some resources that they are drawing from that they are handing out to the public and posting on the website.

Committee Discussion:

CM Coombs expressed that she heard from constituents that the ash trees in some cases are the main large shade trees that people have around their homes. She asked what their approach would be on educating people of the impacts if they keep the trees and they are infested and why it is important to replace them and/or treat them.

A. Camacho answered that right now they are working on a survey of treatment costs from private licensed arborist companies and they have a good handle on the retail cost for removal. For example, a 24-inch in diameter shade ash tree treatment would cost about \$300 every two years, and removal would cost \$2000 to \$3000; however, if they wait, that cost could go up to \$10,000 or more, because as the tree dies with EAB it gets more brittle and requires equipment like a crane or lift to work on it. He stated that they are telling people that they need to make a decision on these. He added that treatment is also not a guarantee, but replace them is a guarantee.

CM Coombs asked if the resources page has the information about the impacts of the disease on safety and other hazards or if there is somewhere else they can find that.

A. Camacho responded that he and T. Bryant can work on that and come up with some compelling content around that topic, but it is well known in the literature out there.

B. Green added that was good feedback. He said they have done a good job of providing content on what it is, how it progresses, and the best options, but they could add more around what the impacts may be. He expressed that the main point was even if there is an established tree that someone is not ready to remove right now, it may be best to start planning for that removal, as it is likely that it will need to be removed in the next 6 to 7 years.

A. Camacho voiced there was nothing stopping people from planting a tree in advance of planning for their tree to be replaced at some point so when the time comes for the ash tree to be removed, they will already have a fully established new tree to take its place. He noted that the city follows a similar strategy.

CM Murillo expressed that a lot of questions that she has heard are on code enforcement, tree removal, if they have a city tree, and impacts on power lines. She asked how people can know if they have an ash tree and then figure out if it is city owned or privately owned. She noted that she tried to look on the website, but the map was not working.

A. Camacho answered that T. Bryant covered how to know if you have an ash tree in a social media post and there was a short slide deck they could also put on their information page the two quick ways to identify that.

CM Murillo suggested sending that out to council members as well. She inquired about if they are working with realtors to share this information, as that is an important thing for a new homeowner to know. She asked if there was a middle ground to help educate the realtors so they can be transparent with potential homeowners.

A. Camacho responded that he had not given that a lot of thought, but they do need to do that. He shared that he also does open space management, and the Open Space Outreach Committee has been doing that by going out to realtor organizations and realtors to let them know about open space, so this would be good to add to that.

CM Murillo asked if there were legal obligations for realtors to disclose that information if they have knowledge of it.

B. Green answered there would have to be a regulation passed requiring them to do that, as there was nothing right now that he knew of that requires them to say what kind of trees are on a property. He noted that the arborist community is good at informing people about this, and he personally knows of tree companies coming to doors to tell people that they have an ash tree and probably want to get rid of it.

A. Camacho added that the arborist community is very well educated on this and they have a lot of incentive to talk about it, as treatment is one of the most profitable line items that they sell.

L. Perry stated that as part of a larger and broader communications plan and outreach that PROS will do on this matter, they can build that in and make sure that their developers and homebuilders have these resources on hand to get to the disclosure matter and discuss options with them so people are informed about this issue, particularly when purchasing a new home.

CM Murillo did not see a need to add another regulation or requirement if they are approaching it from every other angle. She emphasized that the link they put in was super helpful and had a lot of great information. She commented that she would welcome them coming to her town hall to present on this as well.

B. Green responded that they would love to do that, as the more accurate and factual information they can get out there the better.

Outcome:

The Committee supported moving the item to Study Session.

Follow-up Action:

The item will move forward to Study Session.

5. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

No miscellaneous matters for consideration.

6. TOPICS FOR NEXT MONTH'S MEETING

- Update on budget cuts and issues expected at the Budget Workshop.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned.

Approved:

Ruben Medina
Committee Chair

Date



CITY OF AURORA

Council Agenda Commentary

Item Title: Neighborhood Park Name Recommendation at S. Ider and E. Smoky Hill (Resolution)
Item Initiator: Abigail Scheuermann, Planner I – Parks, Recreation and Open Space
Staff Source/Legal Source: Chad Giron, PROS Planning Supervisor / Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney
Outside Speaker: N/A
Strategic Outcome: Healthy: Connecting natural and built environments with multimodal networks, ensuring access to parks and recreation, and preserving sustainable water supplies.

COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

Study Session: 10/6/2025

Regular Meeting: 10/20/2025

2nd Regular Meeting (if applicable): N/A

Item requires a Public Hearing: ☐ Yes ☒ No

ITEM DETAILS *(Click in highlighted area below bullet point list to enter applicable information.)*

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S APPROVAL OF NAMING A NEIGHBORHOOD PARK IN WHEATLANDS "SKYWATCH PARK"

Staff Source: Nicole Ankeney, Manager of PROS Planning, Design and Construction / Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney

Estimated time: 5 mins

ACTIONS(S) PROPOSED *(Check all appropriate actions)*

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Policy Committee Date: N/A

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09/03/2025 – Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB): Staff presented a proposed park name for the neighborhood park at the northeast corner of S. Ider Street and E. Smoky Hill immediately after the Board approved the master plan for the park. The Board unanimously approved forwarding the proposed name Skywatch Park to the City Manager's Office for City Council's consideration. (Draft minutes attached.)

ITEM SUMMARY *(Brief description of item, discussion, key points, recommendations, etc.)*

A neighborhood park, identified unofficially as Unnamed Park or Dome Park within the Wheatlands subdivision, will be built, owned and maintained by Parks, Recreation and Open Space. Resolution No. R93-37 sets forth the policy and procedure for naming city-owned parks. A park name may be submitted by a city board or commission, through the City Manager's Office to City Council for approval.

PROS coordinated internally regarding potential names and presented a short list of options to members of the public as part of the park master planning process. This short list included the names Skywatch Park, Echo Point Park, and Azul Park. PROS received feedback from members of the public in the form of an online survey question, allowing respondents to select their preferred park name or provide a write in suggestion. The majority of respondents preferred the name Skywatch Park. Based on staff discussion and research as well as feedback from members of the public, the name Skywatch Park was presented to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for consideration. Skywatch is a subtle reference the FAA radar dome located in the center of the park. The name also alludes to the parks high elevation, and sweeping mountain views.

FISCAL IMPACT

Select all that apply. (If no fiscal impact, click that box and skip to "Questions for Council")

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WORKLOAD IMPACT

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N/A

QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL

Does City Council wish to approve the resolution establishing Skywatch Park as the name for the neighborhood park located at S. Ider and E. Smoky Hill advancing the item to a regular meeting?

LEGAL COMMENTS

All development and redevelopment that includes residential uses shall dedicate land on-site for neighborhood park purposes. (UDO § 146-2.4.4.G.8.a.iv.). Name requests can be recommended by a City board or commission for City-owned parks, public properties, and public facilities and shall be submitted through the Office of the City Manager to Council for approval. City Council, after a public hearing, may approve naming a City-owned park, public property or public facility following the naming of procedure prescribed in Resolution R93-37. Council may approve the name of a park by resolution. (City Charter, art. V, § 5-1). (TJoyce).

Neighborhood Park Name Recommendation

At S. Ider and E. Smoky Hill



Parks, Foundations and Quality of Life

September 25, 2025

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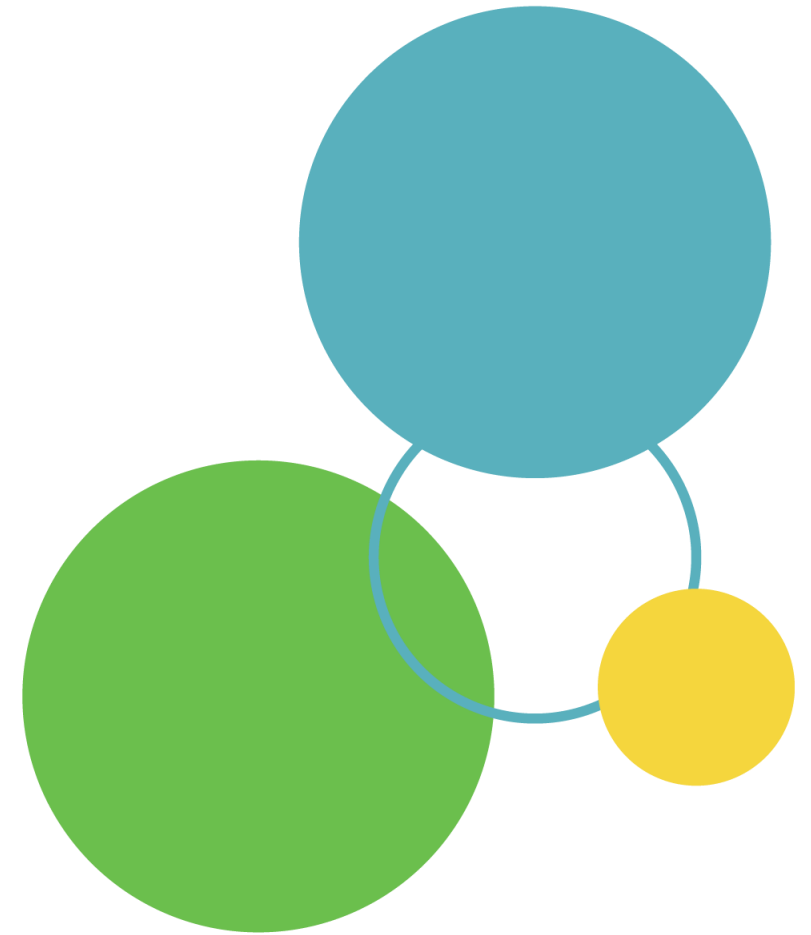
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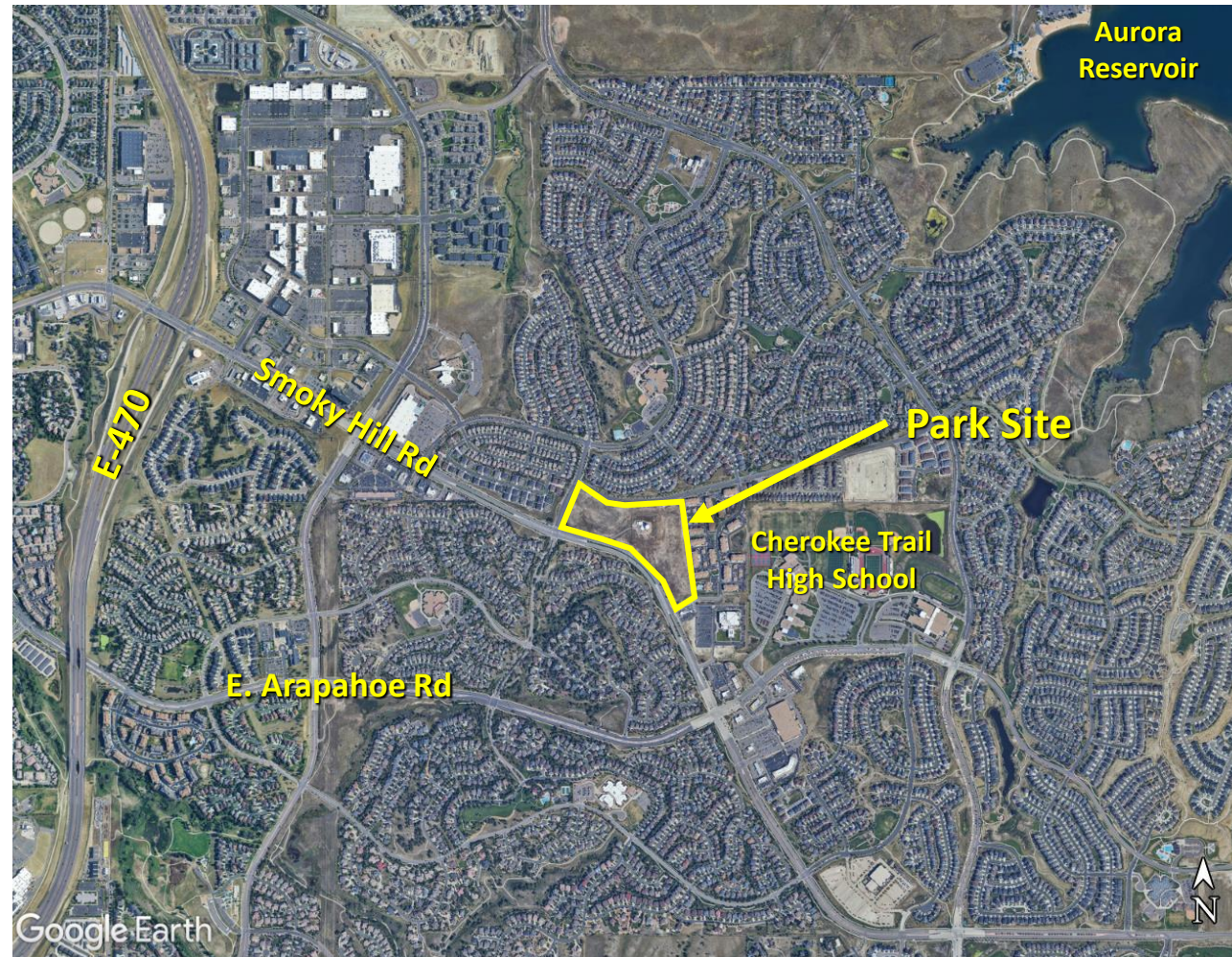
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Abigail Scheuermann, Planner

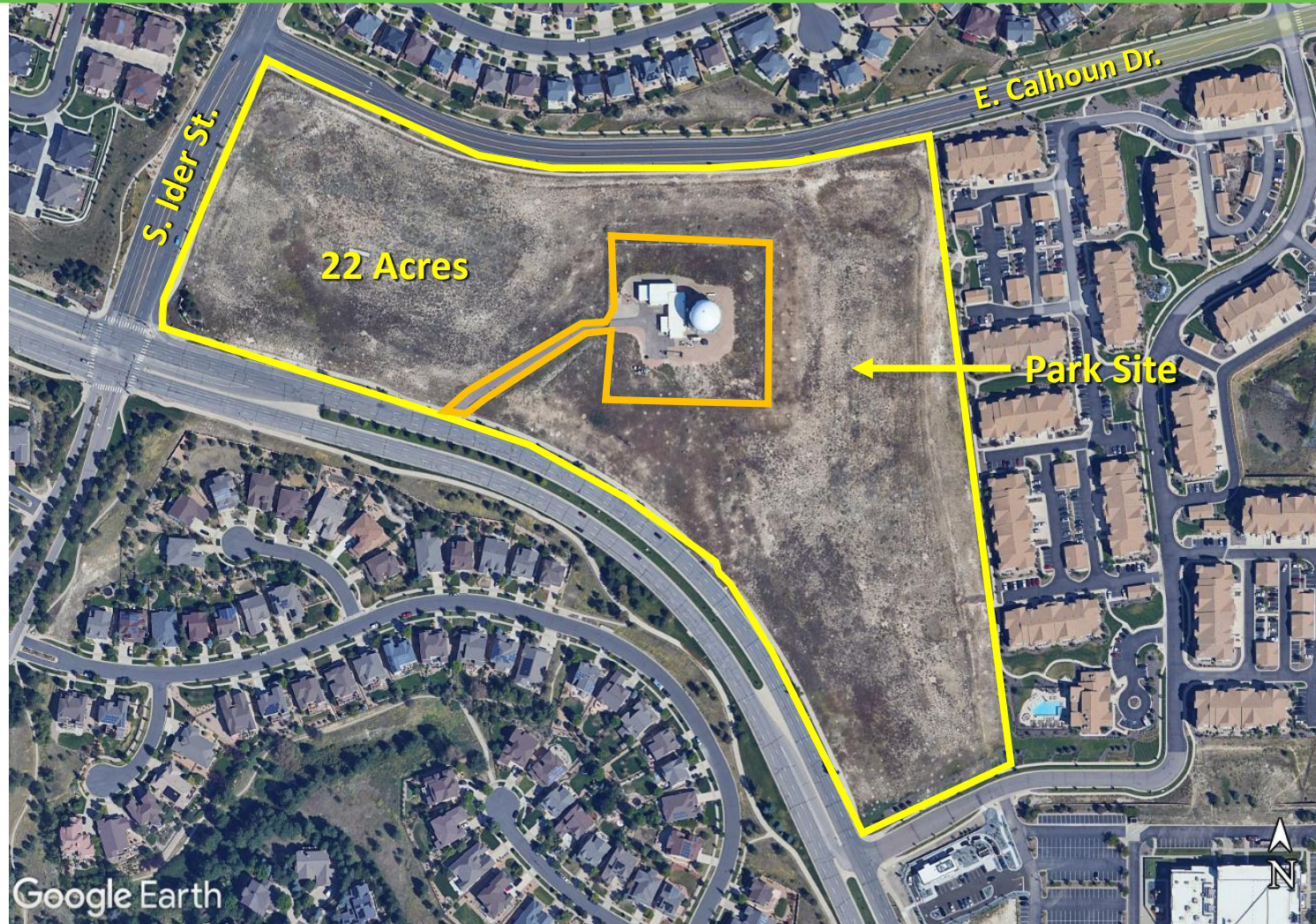
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Unnamed Neighborhood Park Master Plan: Context Map



Unnamed Neighborhood Park Master Plan: Context Map



- Unofficially called Dome Park or Radar Park due to the FAA Long Range Navigational Radar Dome
- FAA reviewed the conceptual master plan and provided a conditional approval

Unnamed Neighborhood Park Master Plan: Master Plan



Master Plan:

- ✓ Approved by the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board 9/3/25
- 22 Acres Total
- Dog Park – 2 areas
- Shade Shelters with Picnic Tables
- Mountain Bike Skills Trail
- Pickleball Courts (2)
- Small Open Lawn Area
- On-street Parking along E. Calhoun Dr. (~ 55 spots)
- Walking Paths (concrete and crusher fines)
- Large Open Lawn Area
- Basketball Court
- Playground Area
- Shade Shelters with Picnic Tables
- Beginner Bicycle Pump Track
- Parking Area (~ 30 spots)
- Native Landscaping

PARK NAMING POLICY



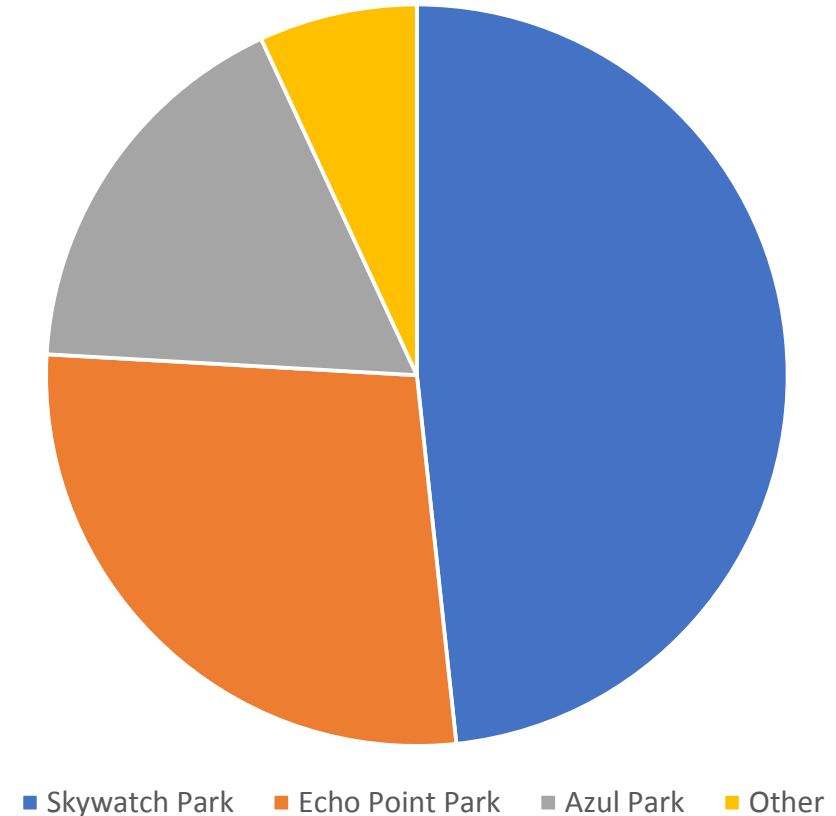
- The City Naming Policy (Resolution R93-37) outlines the procedures regarding the naming of city-owned parks.
- Geographic Markers vs. People or Places
 - ☐ Facilities proposed to be named after individuals or places need approval from the Historic Commission, in addition to full Council approval.
 - ☒ Facilities proposed to be named after geographical markers do not require Historic Commission approval before being submitted to Policy Committee and Council.
- A name can be submitted by the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, through the City Manager's Office to City Council for approval.

Name Selection Process



- PROS staff and consultants analyzed name options that followed City Policy. A short list was presented to the public as part of our most recent park survey.
- “Write-In” Option offered.
- We received 29 responses. The results of the survey are as follows:
 - **Skywatch Park – 48.3% (14)**
 - **Echo Point Park – 27.6% (8)**
 - **Azul Park – 17.2% (5)**
 - **Write In – 6.9% (2)**

Survey Results



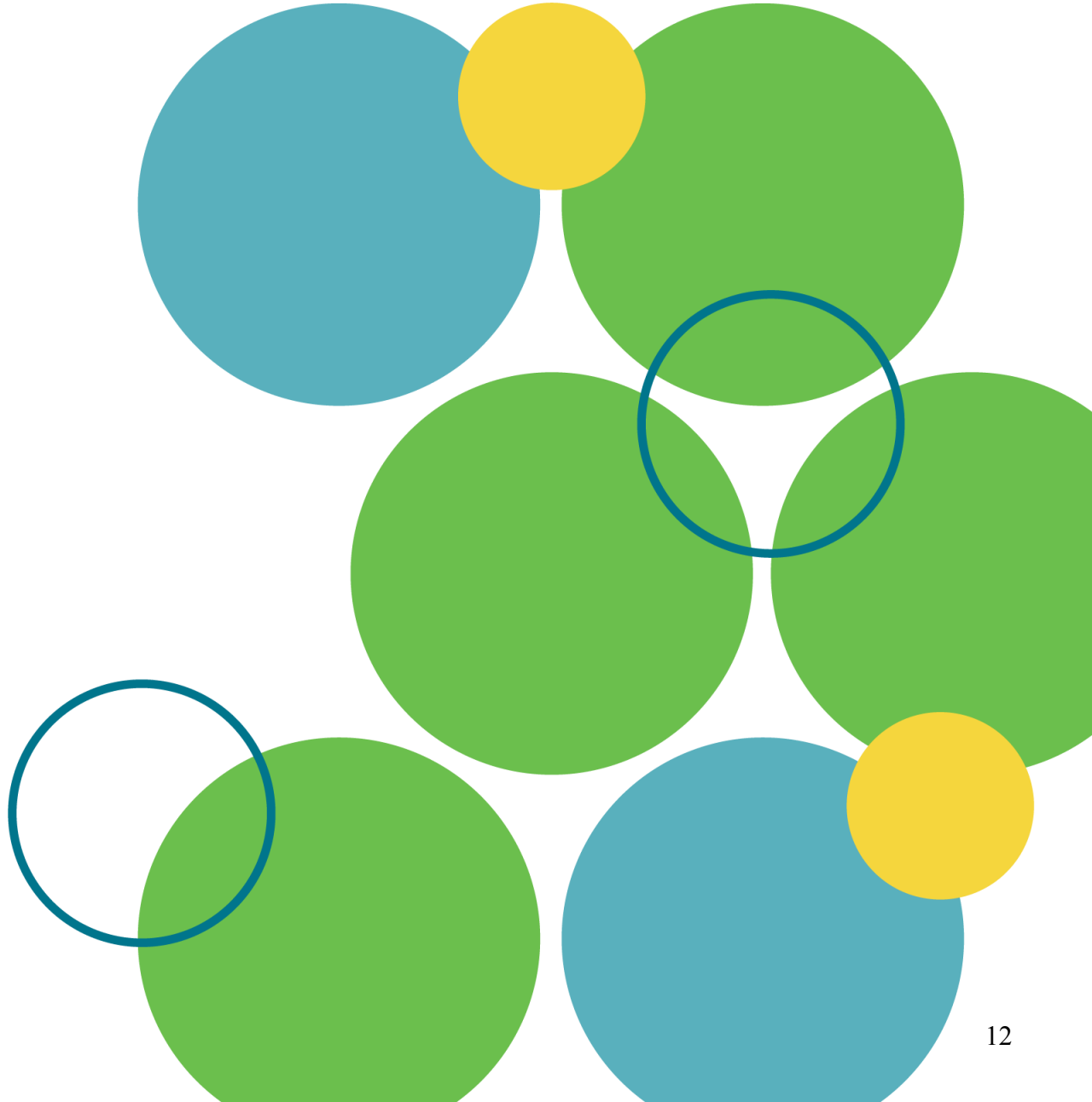
PROPOSED NAME



- The name **Skywatch Park** was selected.
- “Skywatch” is a subtle reference to the FAA Dome in the center of the park. It also alludes to the park's high elevation and sweeping mountain views. At around 6150 Feet, it is one of the highest parks in the PROS system in terms of elevation.
- ☑ 09.03.2025 - Parks and Recreation Advisory Board recommended the name moving forward to City Council for consideration.

QUESTION

Does the policy committee wish to approve the resolution establishing **Skywatch Park** as the name for the neighborhood park located at S. Ider and E. Smoky Hill advancing the item to a study session?



RESOLUTION NO. R2025- ____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S APPROVAL OF NAMING A NEIGHBORHOOD PARK IN THE WHEATLANDS DEVELOPMENT AS THE "SKYWATCH PARK"

WHEREAS, the City has Resolution R93-37 pertaining to a City policy for the naming City-owned parks, public properties, and public facilities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 93-07, City-owned parks, public properties, and public facilities can be named for a geographic location or named to commemorate an event or a person; and

WHEREAS, proposed names for a geographic location can be submitted by a person, group, City staff, or a board or commission through the Office of the City Manager to City Council for Council's review and approval; and

WHEREAS, a neighborhood park has been identified in the approved Wheatlands development Master Plan as an "Unnamed Park;" and

WHEREAS, the Unnamed Park in the Wheatlands development will be built, owned, and maintained by the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Department; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board has submitted a request to the City Manager's office that the Wheatlands development's neighborhood park be named "Skywatch Park;" and

WHEREAS, the City Manager's Office is submitting the proposed name "Skywatch Park" for the Wheatlands development's neighborhood park to City Council for their consideration and approval..

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, THAT:

The City Council resolves its approval for naming the Wheatlands development neighborhood park as "Skywatch Park".

RESOLVED AND PASSED this ____ day of _____. 2025.

MIKE COFFMAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

KADEE RODRIGUEZ, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
PETER A. SCHULTE, CITY ATTORNEY

By: Tim Joyce *AK*
TIM JOYCE, Assistant City Attorney



CITY OF AURORA

Council Agenda Commentary

Item Title: 2026 PROS Budget Update
Item Initiator: Tom Tully, Manager of Business Services
Staff Source/Legal Source: Tom Tully, Manager of Business Services/Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney
Outside Speaker: N/A
Strategic Outcome: Well-Managed: High performing organization, committed to great customer service, innovation, continuous improvement, fiscal stewardship, and maintaining critical infrastructure.

COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

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At the July PFQL meeting, CM Coombs requested a presentation on the PROS budget adjustments for 2026.

ITEM SUMMARY *(Brief description of item, discussion, key points, recommendations, etc.)*

An overview of the PROS budget adjustments for 2026.

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BUDGETED EXPENDITURE IMPACT

Provide the budgeted expenditure impact or N/A if no impact. (List Org/Account # and fund. What is the amount of budget to be used? Does this shift existing budget away from existing programs/services? Provide additional detail as necessary.)

NON-BUDGETED EXPENDITURE IMPACT

Provide the non-budgeted expenditure impact or N/A if no impact. (Provide information on non-budgeted costs. Include Personal Services, Supplies and Services, Interfund Charges, and Capital needs. Provide additional detail as necessary.)

WORKLOAD IMPACT

Provide the workload impact or N/A if no impact. (Will more staff be needed or is the change absorbable? If new FTE(s) are needed, provide numbers and types of positions, and a duty summary. Provide additional detail as necessary.)

QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL

Information only.

LEGAL COMMENTS

This item is informational only. No formal Council action is necessary. The City has the powers which are necessary, requisite, or proper for the government and administration of its local and municipal matters. (City Charter, art. I, sec. 1-3) Council shall act by ordinance, resolution, or motion. (City Charter, art. V, sec. 5-1) Council has the authority to do what is deemed necessary and proper to promote the prosperity, improve the order, comfort and convenience of the City and its inhabitants. (City Code sec. 2-32) The City Manager shall be responsible to City Council for the proper administration of all affairs of the City placed in the City Manager's charge and, to that end, shall have the power and duty to make written or verbal reports at any time concerning the affairs of the City. (City Charter, art. VII, sec. 7-4(e)) (TJoyce)



2026 PROS Budget Update

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Manager of
Business Services





2025 Projections

Projected Savings All Funds: \$1.9 million (3.2%)

Recreation Fund Savings: \$1.5 million

- ❖ Beck Rec Center closure
- ❖ Ongoing staffing challenges
- ❖ Temporary pool closures (Southeast, Moorhead, Utah)

Other PROS Funds: \$390,000

- ❖ Citywide recruitment & retention difficulties



2026 Operating Budget

❖ Base Adjustments

- ❖ Compensation adjustments (wages, benefits)
- ❖ Beck Recreation Center closure savings
- ❖ Recreation Fund 10% fee increases (approved at Spring Workshop)

❖ Amendments

- ❖ Move 1.5 FTEs from the General Fund to PDF
- ◀ Continue private security & 4 FTE transfers from General Fund and Designated Revenue Fund (Forestry).
- ◀ Beck Center Closure and General Fund subsidy reduction
- ❖ Freeze second Rec Manager position, cut temp budget
- ❖ Other city-wide adjustments: Furlough days, reduce travel and training budgets



Capital Project Highlights

New/Adjusted Funding

- ❖ \$1.0 million for Meadowood Park (playground)
- ❖ \$1.75 million for Panorama Park (ADA and amenities)
- ❖ \$3.0 million for Golf (equipment, leases, infrastructure)

Deferred or Reallocated

- ❖ Turf Conversions: \$800,000 (reallocated to High Line Canal Trail under Colfax)
- ❖ Parking Lots: \$750,000 (funds shifted to Meadowood)
- ❖ Medians: \$2.25 million (defer 2026 to assist Capital Projects Fund balancing)