

**City of Westminster City Council Study Session
May 17, 2004**

Mayor Moss called the Study Session to order at 6:40 PM. All Council was in attendance.

City Staff in attendance included City Manager Brent McFall, Assistant City Manager Steve Smithers, City Attorney Marty McCullough, Management Analyst Emily Moon, City Engineer Dave Downing, Environmental Services Coordinator Rachel Harlow-Schalk, Landscape Architect II Becky Eades, Director of Parks, Recreation & Libraries Bill Walenczak, Park Services Manager Rich Dahl, Planner III Terri Hamilton, Water Resources Analyst Stu Feinglass, Water Resources and Treatment Manager Mike Happe, Planning Manager Dave Shinneman and Administrative Secretary Melissa Salazar.

The guests in attendance were Rob Larimer and Mikkel Kelly of the *Westminster Window*, Danny Tomlinson and Bob Ferm of Tomlinson & Associates, Dean Pearson of Architerra Group, WJ Penniston, Parks and Recreation Board, Jerilynn J. Martinez of Home Builders Association and University of Denver students Robert Scott, Cory McCullough, Daniel Easton, Anthony Merkle and Adrienne Thoma.

Lobbyist Update

Brent McFall introduced City's Lobbyists Danny Tomlinson and Bob Ferm to provide an update on 2004 State Legislative issues.

Skatepark Plan Overview

Bill Walenczak introduced Dean Pearson from Architerra Group and WJ Penniston, newly appointed to the Parks and Recreation Board for a brief overview of the project.

The City Park Master Plan originally proposed building a skateboard facility at City Park. However, when Van's decided to build a new indoor facility at the Westminster Promenade, Staff recommended delaying the construction of a new skatepark to avoid competing with Van's, which provided tax revenue to the City. Van's now has closed its doors and has gone out of business. This action has created an even greater demand for a public skateboard park in Westminster.

Through a series of three public workshops and the participation of approximately 20 skaters, a master plan was developed for the building of this project. The skatepark will be constructed primarily of concrete with steel edging. Due to the difficult nature of this work, contractors will be pre-qualified and the project will be bid out following the City's purchasing ordinance.

City Council directed Staff to proceed with bidding the project out.

Revised Landscape Regulations

Brent McFall introduced and commended City Staff for the collaboration and involvement with this project. The City of Westminster adopted comprehensive Landscape Regulations in 1997. The revised Landscape Regulations as proposed reflect significant modifications in the area of water conservation, a revised format for posting on the City's web site, as well as additions and amendments to the Regulations regarding various aspects of landscape design, which are used by City Staff in the review and evaluation of landscape plans.

City Council concurred with the revised Landscape Regulations and directed Staff to bring this item back for adoption in June.

Mayor Moss adjourned the Study Session at 8:54 PM to enter into Executive Session to discuss Land Negotiations, Middle School Agreements an additional land negotiation and a Personnel matter.