

**PARKWAYS LANDSCAPE CONVERSION ACTION PLAN  
WORKSHOP MINUTES**

5:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Boardroom

**Directors:**    **J. Worley**  
                  **V. Starkey**  
                  **A. Dreher**  
                  **R. Anderson**  
                  **M. Dickerson**  
                  **C. Schierholz \***  
                  **N. Smith**

**\*Absent**

**Staff:** T. Nolan, C. Ward, S. Stanley, D. Ambrose, K. Standen, B. White, S. Eppers, T. Rose, C. Mitchell

Others: Two Highlands Ranch residents

Dirk Ambrose gave a comprehensive presentation on the Parkway Landscape Conversion Action Plan. Topics covered were:

- Recap of Parkway Landscape Conversion Action Plan
- Rising Maintenance and Water Costs
- Statewide trends, expectations and laws
- The difference between alternative and native
- Proposed demonstration site
- Recommended next steps
- Questions and comments

*(See addendum: Parkway Landscape Conversion Action Plan dated June 19, 2019)*

The Board directed staff to:

- Get cost estimates to convert three problem areas:
  1. The south facing hill on University near Highlands Ranch High School for the recommended alternative grasses.
  2. The south facing hill on Plaza near the AMC Theater for the recommended native grasses.
  3. The north side of Highlands Ranch Parkway between Venneford Ranch Road and Windsor Way for the recommended native grasses.
- Report on the feasibility of converting blue grass in areas where fencing is scheduled to be replaced.
- Report on public information campaign and public feedback.
- Track savings.

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An update was given on the status of the University and Dad Clark median. Dirk reported that we will not finish the new landscaping on the north tip of the large median on University until the county completes road improvement in the area in 2024. In the interim, staff is working to eliminate the weeds on the north tip of the median and reestablish grass to improve the appearance. Staff will request funding from the Board in July for improvements to landscape on the parkway in this area which will include the areas along both sides of University in the vicinity of the large median. Work on these parkway corridor improvements is slated to begin in August.