

## **Parks and Recreation Policies Draft – June 10, 2010**

### **Bear Creek Neighborhood Plan Update**

#### **Parks and Recreation Portion of Neighborhood Vision Statement**

*Residents, employees and visitors alike enjoy parks in the neighborhood that offer a balance of active and passive recreation opportunities. Natural park areas are walkable, educational, and designed to minimize environmental disturbance. Park visitors arrive by a number of travel modes, and most times there is sufficient parking to accommodate those arriving by car.*

#### **Draft Parks and Recreation Preamble**

The Bear Creek neighborhood is lined with community and resource parks on its eastern edge, including popular Perrigo Park. In the future, there will be better connections from the Avondale corridor to these parks as the Bear and Evans Creek Greenway is completed. Connections to parks on Education Hill and Downtown will also be maintained, providing opportunities for recreation and also alternative commute options. High priorities of the neighborhood include building awareness about the natural resources in the area and creating an indoor gathering place.

#### **Draft Policies**

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1	Continue to plan for a balance of active and passive recreation opportunities in the neighborhood.
2	Include educational components in park and recreation facilities, especially regarding the Bear and Evans Creek valley ecosystem. Consider interactive educational components like demonstration plantings.
3	Maintain a sense of openness in the Bear and Evans Creek valley.
4	Look for opportunities to locate a publicly- or privately-owned indoor gathering place, such as a community hall or café. Such a place might also serve as a library book drop or include meeting rooms.

These policies are proposed to be in the *Transportation and Circulation* portion of the neighborhood plan:

8	Complete the regional trail system in the neighborhood in order to provide multi-modal transportation access to parks and throughout the neighborhood
9	Strive to provide sufficient parking to accommodate guests at community parks in the neighborhood, like Perrigo Park. Balance parking provision with habitat and open space protection.