

JEFF BRAUER - CPRE, RLA

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- *Certified Parks and Recreation Executive and Licensed Landscape Architect with extensive knowledge of Park Planning and Construction, Recreation Programming, Organizational Management, Facility Maintenance and Operations, Business Communication, Human Resources, and Budget.*
- *Focused on community values with proven skill and experience to lead, coach and direct the work of staff within a service organization.*
- *Demonstrated ability to achieve organizational excellence that aligns with the Agency vision and exceeds standards of the profession.*
- *Strong commitment to establish and maintain public-private partnerships.*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

TOWN OF CASTLE ROCK, COLORADO

Interim Director, Parks and Recreation
Assistant Director Parks and Recreation

JULY 2015 - PRESENT
NOVEMBER 2006– PRESENT

- Responsible for a combined budget of \$18M from six division funds including the Community Center Fund (\$6.3M), the General Fund Parks Department (\$4.3M), the Conservation Trust Fund (\$1M), the Parks and Recreation Capital Fund (\$3.5M) and the Golf Fund (\$3.2M).
- Plan, direct, and manage the activities and operations of the Parks and Recreation Department including Park Planning and Construction, Parks Maintenance and Operations, Recreation, Open Space, Trails, Streetscapes, Aquatics, Athletics, Youth, Special Interest, and Golf.
- Responsible for strategic planning, resource management, volunteerism, environmental stewardship, recreation program development, professional development and agency recognition.
- Responsible for the overall financial performance of the 88,000 square foot Community Recreation Center, including one indoor lap pool, one leisure pool and two outdoor seasonal pools, gymnasium, fitness and youth education. The Community Center Fund consists of 10 full time employees and numerous part time and seasonal staff with a 2015 budget of over \$5 million.
- Responsible for the overall financial performance of the 64,000 square foot Miller Activity Complex, including one leisure/lap pool, trampolines, indoor turf, indoor playground, party rooms, golf simulator and batting cages.
- Responsible for the management and development of 352 acres of developed parkland, 2,778 acres of open space, 10 lane miles of medians and 73 miles of trails.
- Make decisions related to staffing, performance evaluations, salary increases and training.
- Coordinate activities and function as a liaison between Parks and Recreation and outside agencies.
- Provide highly responsible and complex support to the Town Manager in support of strategic initiatives.
- Represent the Town in the Development Services Enterprise to ensure proper execution of Town values, implementation of the Town Comprehensive Plan, and compliance with the Municipal Code.
- Implement overall vision, goals and policies consistent with the values of the organization.

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- Responsible for the preparation of the Annual Budget and 5-Year Capital Plans.

MAJOR PROJECTS / ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 2012 National NRPA/AAPR Gold Medal Winner – Town of Castle Rock Parks and Recreation Department - Class IV Population 25,000- 50,000
- 2008 National NRPA/AAPR Gold Medal Finalist – Town of Castle Rock Parks and Recreation Department - Class IV Population 25,000 – 50,000
- Two time finalist and recipient of the 2012 National Gold Medal for excellence in long range planning, resource management, volunteerism, environmental stewardship, program development, professional development and agency recognition.
- Currently recommended for National Accreditation through the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) for compliance with the 144 standards, demonstrating independent evaluation against established benchmarks for effective and efficient operations.
- Project Executive for the design and construction of the 270-acre Philip S. Miller Park and Miller Activity Complex development including a 64,000 square foot complex with lap pool, leisure pool, indoor turf, trampolines, batting cages, adventure playground, splash pad, pavilions, millhouse, zip lines and athletic fields. Phase 2 currently under construction. Budget \$28 Million.
- Project Executive for the 2015-2017 Parks and Recreation Department Strategic Plan.
- Project Executive for the Community Recreational Facilities Master Plan and Financial Feasibility Study - 2011.
- Project Executive for the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan completed in 2006 and 2015
- Staff liaison for the Town of Castle Rock 2020 Comprehensive Plan completed and adopted by Town Council.
- Staff liaison for the 2030 Vision Plan Update.
- Project Manager for the Castle Rock Recreation Center Natatorium Renovation and Expansion in 2006 recognized by Construction Communications as one of the top projects in Colorado - \$6.3 million.
- Staff representative for the Development Review Team determining policy direction for Residential and Commercial Development in the Town of Castle Rock.
- Successfully negotiated with United States Department of the Interior and United States Fish and Wildlife Service to establish a multi-jurisdictional Habitat Conservation Plan in compliance with the Endangered Species Act, the first ever approved and implemented in Colorado.
- Initiation and establishment of Operation Castle Bloom with Downtown Merchants and Downtown Development Authority
- Establishment of POST Partners programs for volunteers, evolving from an Adopt-a-Park Program and partnering with the Municipal Court system for community service for juvenile offenders.
- Establishment of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Douglas County School District to maximize indoor facility utilization for community benefit and to cost share on mutual projects through school/park site development resulting in Clear Sky Elementary and Bison Park and Sage Canyon Elementary and Wrangler Park.
- Founding Member of the Governors Committee for establishment of the Colorado Front Range Trail.
- Project Executive for the design and construction of Gemstone Park, Wrangler Park, Matney Park, Bison Park, Rhyolite Regional Park, Festival Park, Castle North Park, Metzler Ranch Park, and Paintbrush Park.
- Project Manager for the construction of Red Hawk Ridge Golf Course Clubhouse. Budget \$1.8M.
- Project Manager for Metzler Ranch Community Park sports complex, including four ball fields, two in line hockey courts, concession and maintenance building and skate park.
- Participated in the Town Facility Master Plan and financial analysis.
- Development of Ridgeline Open Space and Trails, which resulted in the host site for the Colorado High School Mountain Bike Championships and the Ridgeline Rampage Mountain Bike Race.

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- Community Center Fund achieved one of the highest cost recovery rates in Colorado.

TOWN OF CASTLE ROCK, COLORADO Planning and Construction Manager

JUNE 2004– NOVEMBER 2006

- Perform professional and technical work overseeing park planning, construction, trails and open space.
- Develop design and construction schedules and coordinate consultants.
- Prepare Board of County Commissioners and Park Commission presentations.
- Manage public input and customer service responses.
- Prepare RFP's and IFB's, conduct interviews and award design contracts.
- Review and revise contract drawings and specifications.
- Provide highly responsible and complex administrative support to the Director.
- Conduct field evaluations and approve change orders. Monitor compliance with plans, contracts, standards and schedules.
- Provide staff management, performance reviews, and staff meetings.
- Member of the subdivision development review process
- Provide statistical information for establishment and justification of impact fee fund.

TOWN OF CASTLE ROCK Project Manager Project Administrator

**JANUARY 2004 – JUNE 2004
MARCH 2000 – JANUARY 2004**

EL PASO COUNTY PARKS, COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO Planning Supervisor

MARCH 1995 – MARCH 2000

- Responsible for the acquisition, design and development for a comprehensive system of regional park properties covering a service area of 2,500 square miles and a population approaching 500,000. Facilities include Penrose Equestrian Center, Bear Creek and Fountain Creek Nature Centers and the New Santa Fe Trail to serve the citizens of El Paso County.
- Coordinate activities between the Parks Department and outside agencies.
- Plan and manage all aspects of capital development for the department from budgeting to completion. Supervise and direct the efforts of parks, trails and open space staff.
- Develop a system of regional trails to serve the community, including the successful negotiation with the United States Air Force Academy to design and construct the New Santa Fe Trail across their Base property.
- Coordinate with the County Planning Department to perform subdivision review activities including land dedication standards and establishing developer fees.
- Lead the public input process for projects and provide information and recommendation to the Director of Parks, Parks Board, and Board of County Commissioners.
- Designed water well and water conveyance systems in coordination with State Engineers Office and the Department of Water Resources.
- Research and write technical reports and grant applications including successful Land and Water Conservation Fund, Fishing is Fun, Great Outdoors Colorado, and State Trails Fund grants.
- Renovation of Bear Creek Regional Park including equestrian, boarding and maintenance facilities, athletic fields, pavilions, nature center, playgrounds, tennis center, archery range and Vita Course and trails.
- Project Manager for the design and construction of Fountain Creek Nature Center.

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- Project Manager for the design and construction of Bear Creek Nature Center, including site planning, construction, interpretive display and programming.
- Project Manager for the design and construction of Fountain Creek Regional Park including fishing piers, fish cleaning station, composting restroom, trails, sports complex, and nature center.
- Participated in the establishment of water rights and augmentation plan for Fountain Creek Regional Park.

EL PASO COUNTY PARKS, COLORADO SPRINGS, CO
Park Planner II/III

MARCH 1987 – MARCH 1995

JENSEN/BAKER/KRAMER (JBK) ASSOCIATES INC., DENVER, CO

JULY 1984 – MARCH 1987

Landscape Architect

- Responsible for client contact, budget, development and project design.
- Interdisciplinary team of professionals providing landscape architectural, architectural, site planning, irrigation and property management expertise.
- Production of construction drawings and technical specifications for single family residential, multifamily and commercial projects.
- Provided graphic presentations, plans, sketches, models for project promotion and advertisement.
- Produced designs and construction drawings for single family developments including Primrose at Bear Creek, Park Village, Yacht Club, MacArthur Park and multifamily developments Autumn Chase and The Chimneys.

EDUCATION/LICENSURE

- ❖ **Iowa State University, Ames Iowa**
 - Bachelor of Landscape Architecture – 5 year LAAB Certified Program
- ❖ State of Colorado Licensed Landscape Architect #744
- ❖ Certified Park and Recreation Executive – National Parks and Recreation Association
 - Certification #123480
- ❖ Certified Parks and Recreation Professional – National Parks and Recreation Association
 - Certification # 10359214

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

- ❖ Colorado Parks and Recreation Association (CPRA) – Member
 - Director's Section - Member
- ❖ National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) - Member
- ❖ Licensed Landscape Architect- State of Colorado
- ❖ Tri Lakes Center for the Arts – Member Artist
- ❖ Volunteer Coach

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CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS

- ❖ Marathon Leadership Training, Castle Rock, CO
- ❖ Rocky Mountain Revenue Management School – Leadership Track, Estes Park, CO
- ❖ Rocky Mountain Revenue Management School – Senior Management Track, Estes Park, CO
- ❖ Rocky Mountain Revenue Management School – Management Track, Estes Park, CO
- ❖ Building a High Performance Team Culture – Breakthroughs
- ❖ Manager as a Coach – Breakthroughs
- ❖ NRPA Park Planning and Maintenance School – Executive Track - Colorado Springs, CO
- ❖ NRPA Park Planning and Maintenance School – Colorado Springs, CO
- ❖ NRPA National Executive Development School – Santa Fe, NM
- ❖ NRPA Certified Playground Safety Inspector
- ❖ IS700 NIMS Introduction
- ❖ IS100 Introduction to the Incident Command System
- ❖ Erosion Control Supervisor Training
- ❖ Systematic Development of Informed Consent

SELECTED COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS

- ❖ 2015 CAPRA Accreditation pending – Awards announced mid- September 2015
- ❖ 2012 - NRPA American Academy for Parks and Recreation National Gold Medal Winner
- ❖ 2008 - NRPA American Academy for Parks and Recreation National Gold Medal Finalist
- ❖ 2015 – Colorado Lottery Starburst Award – Philip S. Miller Adventure Playground
- ❖ 2010 - Blue Grama Award – Colorado Open Space Alliance
- ❖ 2009 Colorado Lottery Starburst Award – Quarry Mesa
- ❖ 2008 Colorado Lottery Starburst Award – East Plum Creek Trail
- ❖ 2004 - Town of Castle Rock - Rock Star Award
- ❖ Bronze Award for Local Government Collaboration – Denver Regional Council of Governments – Regional Habitat Conservation Plan
- ❖ 2005 - Town of Castle Rock -Town Managers Choice Award – Historic Craig and Gould Infrastructure Project
- ❖ 2014 - Town of Castle Rock – Town Managers Choice Award – Philip S. Miller Park and Activity Complex
- ❖ 2005 - Inducted into the Dubuque, Iowa High School Athletic Hall of Fame
- ❖ 1999 - Colorado Lottery Starburst Merit Award-Design and Construction
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- ❖ 1997 - The Partnership for Community Design Award-Design Excellence
- ❖ 1996 - National Recreation and Park Association-Community Achievement Award – Innovation in Citizen Participation and Community Involvement
- ❖ 1993 - National Association of Counties Achievement Award – El Paso County Parks
- ❖ 1991 - The Partnership for Community Design Award-Design Excellence– El Paso County Parks
- ❖ 1987 -Grand Mame Award-Colorado Builders Award-Design and Construction – Jensen Baker Kramer