

## Pottery Lab Working Group Summary

A Pottery Lab Working Group (PLWG), comprised of 12 members (community, staff and PRAB), was established in February of 2012 to make consensus recommendations to the Parks and Recreation Department on ways to ensure the sustainability of the pottery program. The working group explored issues on two options: 1) keeping the Pottery Lab as a city program; and 2) moving the Pottery Lab outside the city organization to a nonprofit organization, public/private partnership, or other entity. Subcommittees of the PLWG were formed to research the topics of programming, finance and space variables and to begin the analyses identified in the 2011 Pottery Program Management Assessment.

Eleven PLWG meetings and multiple subcommittee meetings were held throughout 2012, with the final meeting occurring on September 24, 2012, and members of the PLWG reached consensus and presented recommendations to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) on October 22, 2012.

Recommendations included that the City of Boulder should explore a public-private partnership option and issue a Request for Information (RFI) to determine whether there are interested and qualified entities to manage the Pottery Lab.

Recommendations for the Future of the Pottery Lab Program were discussed with City Council as a Matter from the City Manager on January 22, 2013.

PRAB and City Council supported the recommendations for the future of the Pottery Lab, including issuing a RFI in 2013.

The Pottery Lab Working Group's Recommendations for the Management and Operations of the Pottery Lab, Explanation of Matrix of Options for Management and Operations of the Pottery Lab, and Matrix of Options for Management and Operations of the Pottery Lab can be found on the department's website, [www.boulderparks-rec.org](http://www.boulderparks-rec.org).