

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the
Parks, Trails & Recreation Commission of the
City of City of Cherry Hills Village, Colorado
Held on Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.
at the Village Center

Chair Robert Eber called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Chair Robert Eber, Commissioners Joshua DiCarlo, Fred Wolfe, Peter Sutherland and Councilor Gallagher were present. Also present were Emily Black, Parks and Recreation Coordinator and Pamela Broyles, Administrative Assistant.

Absent: Commissioner Liesje Johnson, Commissioner Sarah Kozlowski, Commissioner Craig Clark

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION PERIOD

Michael Kim
4245 South Forest Circle
Cherry Hills Village

Mr. Kim addressed the Commission regarding the proposed roundabout at the intersection of Quincy Avenue and Colorado Boulevard. He stated that he is speaking on behalf of his family and several neighbors. He brought the issue to the Parks and Trails Commission to voice his concern for the public safety of bikers, walkers, joggers, horses and elementary and high school students who are using the trail along Quincy Avenue. His concern is that a roundabout will encourage a steady and constant flow of traffic at a high rate of speed. He is particularly concerned that the section of trail from the Highline Canal crossing to Kent Denver School is perilous for residents. He envisions a vehicle accelerating out of the roundabout and head on with people coming down that path. He asserted that a more comprehensive project is required if the roundabout is to be installed. He and his neighbors believe that a tunnel beneath Quincy Avenue should be explored. Mr. Kim also asserted that a roundabout does not fit with the vision of the City's Master Plan to protect the semirural corridors in the community particularly along Quincy and Holly.

The Commission discussed the proposed roundabout and their concerns with safety on the adjacent trail. The Commission feels strongly that traffic mitigation in this area is in the PTRC's scope as it does involve a trail that may be impacted. The Commission would like to make a formal recommendation to City Council on the proposed project.

Ms. Black informed the Commission that City Council has not made any decisions on the roundabout. Council will discuss traffic issues in general including the proposed roundabout at the April 3rd City Council meeting. Ms. Black will look into whether the Commission will have the opportunity to make a recommendation to City Council.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Peter Sutherland moved, seconded by Commissioner Fred Wolfe to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of Minutes – February 8, 2018

The motion passed unanimously.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Trail Passport Program

Ms. Black reported that the Trail Passport Program subcommittee met on February 28th to discuss the event. Kickoff events are scheduled for Saturday, May 12th from 9am to 12pm and Thursday, May 24th from 4pm to 6pm at Three Pond Park. The passports will be handed out at the kickoff events or they can be picked up at City Hall. The idea is to give milestone prizes based on the number of trails completed rather than mileage. There will also be geocache containers filled with stickers at a few of the trailheads so kids can put stickers on their passports.

Commissioner Johnson is communicating with the Cherry Hills Land Preserve on t-shirts for the event.

Ms. Black asked the Commission to get involved by helping with the kickoff events, identifying and mapping out trails, promoting the event through schools and getting prizes donated for the event.

Chair Eber asked if the PTRC will have the opportunity to provide input for the event or will the subcommittee be making the decisions.

Ms. Black responded that decisions will be approved by the PTRC.

The Commission discussed the advantages of naming City trails versus using the current numbering system that is confusing and difficult to navigate. Ms. Black suggested that this would be a great project for the PTRC to add to the projects and priorities list for 2019.

b. PTRC Member Roles

Ms. Black asked Commission members to confirm that the roles assigned to each member at the last PTRC meeting are correct. There were no changes to the roles identified in the memo.

c. John Meade Park Updated Timeline

Ms. Black reported that the 95% construction documents for John Meade Park will be presented at the April 12, 2018 PTRC meeting. The Commission discussed the timeline and phasing for the Public Works Facility, City Hall and John Meade Park projects.

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NEW BUSINESS

There was nothing to report.

REPORTS

a. PTRC Chair Report

Chair Eber reported that he attended the Quincy Farm meeting and they are continuing to work through the prioritization process. The Butterfly Pavilion gave a great presentation on habitat and programming ideas that they might be able to implement at Quincy Farm. It sounds like a great partnership opportunity for the Village.

Ms. Black reported that ongoing projects at the Farm include sewer installation and irrigation installation. The archeological assessment grant work is still going on. Plans for the nature trail will continue and the open house is scheduled for August or September.

Chair Eber shared some history and nostalgia on the City Hall building. Tonight's PTRC meeting is the last meeting that will be held in the current building as the City prepares for construction of a new City Hall.

b. Committee Members Report

There was nothing to report.

c. City Council Report

Chair Eber presented Councilor Gallagher's report.

Construction of the new Kent School building was approved. The construction contract for City Hall was awarded to the lowest bidder, W.E. O'Neil, a national firm with an office in Denver. Staff will move to the old fire station in March.

The Public Works site is nearing completion.

d. Staff Report

(i) Olson Trail Vacation

Ms. Black reported that at the March 20th City Council meeting, Council will have second reading for vacating the bridle path easement between lots 3 and 4 of the Olson Subdivision and will look at accepting the public bridle trail easement.

(ii) Tree Planting Program

Ms. Broyles reported that all trees were sold for the annual 2018 Tree Planting Program that the City offers to residents each year.


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ADJOURNMENT

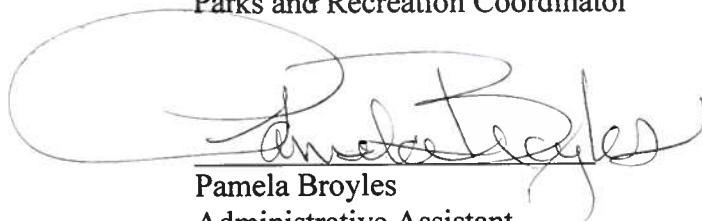
The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.



Robert Eber, Chairman



Emily Black
Parks and Recreation Coordinator



Pamela Broyles
Administrative Assistant