

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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Minutes of the  
Parks, Trails & Recreation Commission of the  
City of City of Cherry Hills Village, Colorado  
Held on Thursday, May 10, 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, Liesje Johnson, Fred Wolfe, Peter Sutherland and Councilor Gallagher were present. Also present were Emily Black, Parks and Recreation Coordinator, Jeff Roberts, Parks Operation Supervisor and Pamela Broyles, Administrative Assistant.

### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION PERIOD**

There was no audience participation.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

1. Approval of Minutes as amended – April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018

The motion passed unanimously.

### **ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

None

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **a. Trail Passport Program**

Ms. Black shared a sample of the trail passport bags that will be given to kids participating in the Trail Passport Program from May 12<sup>th</sup> through October 1<sup>st</sup>. The Parks staff built six trail registers that will be installed in various areas around the City. There are two kickoff events scheduled at Three Pond Park; Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Ms. Black mentioned that efforts will continue through the summer to get items for the grand prize.

Chair Eber encouraged Commission members to attend one of the kickoff events.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **a. Art Installation in City Park**

Ms. Black expressed that the purpose of this agenda item is to give the PTRC an opportunity to discuss the art proposal from the Cherry Hills Art Commission and make comments before voting at the special PTRC meeting scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup>. The Art Commission is recommending that the City install the *Big Bronze Walking Eye Flower* sculpture by James Surls on a two-year loan to be installed on the northwest corner of

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University Boulevard and Quincy Avenue. The expenditure for this project will be \$15,000 from the Art Commission's budget.

The Commission discussed its role in approving art in parks and open spaces.

Ms. Black noted that the Commission's recommendation helps City Council make a better decision. She also acknowledged that the Art Commission looked at several art pieces and they were mindful of striking a balance between contemporary art and representational art.

The Commission's recommendation from the May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting will go to City Council and the art sculpture will be discussed at Council's June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **REPORTS**

#### **a. PTRC Chair Report**

Chair Eber attended a meeting on the City's proposed zoning code update. He said there will not be a lot of changes to the current code, but the goal is to make it more workable for staff and contractors.

Chair Eber mentioned that the Commission may be asked to consider a walking trail along the north side of Mansfield Avenue. The trail would be a crusher fines trail off of the road in the City's right-of-way.

Chair Eber reported that the Cherry Hills Land Preserve held a fundraiser that included a speaker from Colorado Open Lands. The speaker discussed the importance of the preservation of open lands. The purpose was to help people understand how conservation easements work and their requirements.

Chair Eber asked the Commission to reach out and encourage people to submit an application to serve on the Parks and Trails Commission.

#### **b. Commission Members Report**

There was nothing to report.

#### **c. City Council Report**

Councilor Gallagher stressed the importance of the Parks, Trails and Recreation Commission. City Council relies on the Commission's recommendations and it is important for the Commission to speak up and be vocal. He encouraged the Commission to use their voice and give reasons to support their decisions.

Councilor Gallagher reported that City Council recently held a retreat and there was discussion on reviewing the City's Master Plan in 2019. The Commission will be asked to define the idea of open space and interpret the definition of semi-rural. The term can be argued in many ways and it needs to be better defined. The Commission will be asked to consider what semi-rural means in terms of transportation, art, utilities, etc. The PTRC will lead the way in this study.

City Council will start holding study sessions prior to City Council meetings. Councilor Gallagher expressed the benefits for Council members to have more time to discuss important issues and not feel rushed to make a decision.

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Councilor Gallagher reminded the Commission that the Spring Cleanup event and ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Public Works Facility is scheduled for Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.

**d. Staff Report**

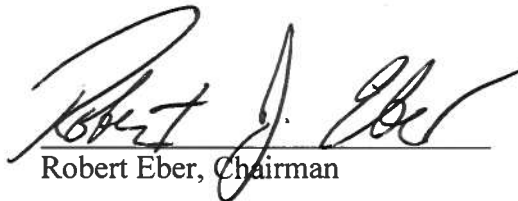
**(i) John Meade Park**

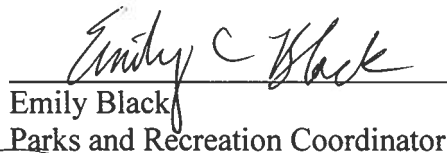
Ms. Black reported that the Engineer for the John Meade Park project made some slight grading changes to the Park. As a result, one of the pathways behind the wetlands was raised between 6 to 10 inches. The John Meade Park plans will go before City Council on Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.

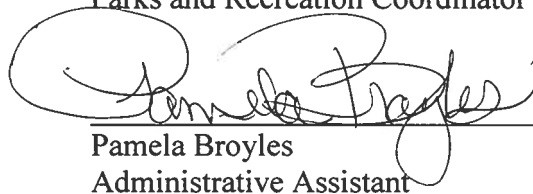
Ms. Black encouraged Commission members to reach out to anyone who might be interested in a seasonal parks job at the City. The job description is posted on the City's website.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

  
Robert Eber, Chairman

  
Emily Black  
Parks and Recreation Coordinator

  
Pamela Broyles  
Administrative Assistant