

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Parks & Trails Commission
City of Cherry Hills Village, Colorado
January 11, 2007
at the Village Center

Call to Order

Ms. Theresa Gilpatrick called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Roll Call of Members

The following Commissioners were present: Ann Gallagher, Jane Soderberg, Theresa Gilpatrick, Harriet LaMair, Heidi Schmidt Hammell, Phyllis Hayutin

The following City staff members were present: Paul Burkholder - Parks & Trails Administrator and Sarah Henderson - Administrative Clerk.

Commissioner Bill Callison was absent.

Approval of Minutes

The November 9th meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Audience Participation

There was no audience participation, since Mr. Leede was the only person present other than the Commissioners and city staff.

Michael Leede – Trail Dedication/Cash in lieu payment

Michael Leede
76 Falcon Hills Drive, Highlands Ranch, CO 80126

Mr. Leede owns a 5 acre parcel at Quincy and Franklin that is sub-dividable. Mr. Leede says that per the city's requirements, he needs to give 7-1/2 percent of the land or the value of the land or a combination of both. He said that he understands that the Parks & Trails Commission might like to have a trail on the west side to connect to Humboldt. He proposed a 10 foot wide trail; however, he stated he understands the Commission would like to have a wider trail.

Ms. Hayutin stated that a 16 foot trail is desirable since it allows two horses to pass one another safely.

Ms. Soderberg asked Mr. Burkholder if the 7-1/2 percent could be a combination of trail and open space. Mr. Burkholder confirmed that was possible. Ms. Soderberg stated that land would be more desirable than money.

Ms. Hayutin inquired if Mr. Leede would be open to a pocket park at the beginning of the trail. Mr. Leede said he would be open to that idea and also to the idea of having a wider trail.

A discussion ensued regarding the easements that are on the property (i.e. gas, electrical, sewer, and water) and the restrictions regarding planting trees and shrubs on the easements, especially with regards to the 30 foot exclusive use easement to Denver Water. Mr. Leede stated he would speak with his landscaper to see what would be possible for the location of the trail and plants, considering the easement restrictions.

Ms. Gilpatrick stated she was thrilled at the possibility of a new trail opportunity and told Mr. Leede that she appreciated his flexibility.

Mr. Leede stated that some neighbors will probably protest this trail proposal, but he would like to proceed to the next step.

Ms. LaMair suggested that Mr. Leede consider moving his fence back along Quincy, similar to what Kent Denver did, and that would provide more open space. Mr. Leede stated he would look into that possibility.

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Ms. Gilpatrick made a motion stating that the Parks & Trails Commission is unanimously favorable to Mr. Leede's proposal of a trail and cash in lieu with a possible 16 feet wide trail by 630 foot long trail with a pocket park and seating area with the understanding that conflicts need to be avoided with Denver Water easements.

All were in favor of the motion.

Vote: 6/0/0

Reports**GIFT FUND**

Ms. LaMair stated that the Mayor initially thought the Gift Fund brochure was cursory and not detailed enough. However, after she explained to the Mayor about the plan to have more information on-line, then he understood the reasoning for the briefness of the brochure. Ms. LaMair said the Mayor stated he thought the costs should be less specific, especially the price for a memorial bench.

Ms. LaMair had to leave at this point.

A discussion ensued regarding the gift fund items that should be listed in the brochure. Ms. Gilpatrick said the Gift Fund would be discussed again during the February Parks & Trails meeting.

TRAIL SNOW REMOVAL POLICY

Ms. Gilpatrick expressed her thanks to the City workers for their Herculean efforts in removing the snow.

Mr. Burkholder explained the process and procedures the City uses regarding snow removal.

CITY TRAILS MAP

Mr. Burkholder displayed the final version of the new city trails map and stated that it is now ready to be printed. He explained that it will be able to fold into a small pocket size. Ms. Gilpatrick thanked Mr. Burkholder for his effort in designing the new trail map.

MR. JERRY MASTERS OPEN LETTER TO THE COMMISSION

Ms. Hayutin expressed her concerns with the city's lack of resources with keeping up with the existing trails and that Mr. Masters proposal would cause more problems. A discussion ensued regarding the environmental impact, in addition to the maintenance issue. The Commissioners stated they appreciated Mr. Masters interest and input and they requested that Mr. Burkholder respond to Mr. Masters.

TRAIL SIGNAGE

Mr. Burkholder explained that the city logo issue will be brought up at the next City Council meeting. Mr. Burkholder stated that he plans to start working on the trails signage issue again, but it had been delayed due to all the recent snowstorms.

ADDITIONAL ITEM

Mr. Burkholder stated that he had included in the Commissioner's packets information regarding America Arbor Care proposal. Mr. Burkholder said that we do not have an idea of the number, types, and health of trees that are in the City. Mr. Burkholder said that he would like the Commissioners to recommend to the City Council that funds be released so that American Arbor Care can conduct a canvas of the City's trees. Mr. Burkholder stated that the study should cost somewhere around \$12,000 to \$15,000.

Ms. Gilpatrick made a motion to recommend that the City move forward with the open space/urban forestry inventory.

All were in favor of the motion.

Vote: 6/0/0

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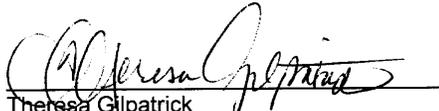
CITY COUNCIL – NEXT MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 16TH

Ms. Gilpatrick stated the next City Council meeting is January 16th and that the next Parks & Trails meeting is at 7:00pm on February 8th. The Commissioners agreed to have a work study session that will start at 6:00pm on February 8th.

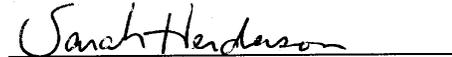
Mr. Burkholder passed out an e-mail copy of the feasibility study regarding the Quincy/University underpass and overpass options. The study recommends a bridge at University and Quincy and a footpath with a light at University, south of St. Mary's High School. Ms. Gilpatrick requested that an agenda item regarding this issue be put on the next meeting's agenda.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04PM


Theresa Gilpatrick
Committee Chair


Paul Burkholder
PTR Administrator


Sarah Henderson
Administrative Clerk