

Minutes of the Parks, Trails & Recreation Commission
City of Cherry Hills Village, Colorado
September 11, 2008
at the Village Center

Study Session

Commission members in attendance: Theresa Gilpatrick, Heidi Schmidt Hammell, Ann Gallagher, Nancy McGrath, Jim Fairbairn, Councilmember Klasina VanderWerf (alternate).
City staff members present: Ryan Berninzoni, Parks, Trails and Recreation Administrator, Jay Goldie, Director of Public Works, Pamela Broyles, Administrative Assistant.

Ms. Soderberg arrived at 5:55 p.m.

A Study Session was held at 5:30 p.m. to discuss lot subdivisions and the possible increase of cash in lieu from 7.5% to 10%.

Call to Order

Ms. Theresa Gilpatrick called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Approval of August 21, 2008 Minutes

Ms. Soderberg moved to approve the August 21, 2008 minutes. Ms. Nancy McGrath seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Audience Participation

Ms. Debbie Welles
4950 Sanford Circle West
Cherry Hills Village, CO 80113

Ms. Welles provided the PTR Commission with a report on the Highline Canal maintenance. Ms. Welles will give a presentation at the next PTR Commission meeting and wanted members to have a chance to review the document in advance.

Mr. Jim Muhm Trail Report

There was nothing to report on this subject

Subcommittee Discussions

Parks, Trails and Recreation Enhancement

Update on Mansfield Trail Possibilities

Mr. Berninzoni provided PTR Commission members with a revised image of the proposed Mansfield Trail. He reported that the total cost to complete the Mansfield Trail would not exceed \$125,000, and the project can still be added to the 2009 budget under capital projects.

Ms. Schmidt Hammell discussed the option of placing the Mansfield Trail on the south side of the street to provide a safer trail for pedestrians and horses.

Mr. Goldie reported that if the trail is placed on the south side of the street, utilities would need to be relocated and several driveways would be disrupted. Although this is an option it would be significantly more expensive.

Ms. Schmidt Hammell asked staff if it is necessary to keep the gutters along Mansfield Avenue or could that space be used for a bridle trail or plantings. Ms. Schmidt Hammell suggested that if the gutters could be removed the transition on and off the street would be safer.

Ms. McGrath asked if the proposed 5 foot trail is wide enough for bikes and pedestrians.

Mr. Goldie responded that a 5 foot trail meets ADA standards and is still wide enough for plows to get through.

Ms. Schmidt Hammell reported that on behalf of the horse community, a planting strip of trees along the trail could be a safety concern as it leaves horses no where to go if they become spooked.

Mr. Berninzoni reported that City Council suggested planting trees for traffic calming.

Mr. Fairbairn reported that he likes the idea of narrowing the paved trail for pedestrians if possible, and provide a 7 foot unpaved trail for horses on the north side of Mansfield Avenue. He would also like to eliminate placing a curb along the trail.

Ms. Soderberg reported she would also like to see the paved trail narrowed because of concerns for the homeowners that have property along Mansfield Avenue.

Mr. Goldie reported that if the PTR Commission chooses to move forward with the Mansfield Trail they will need to budget for the project and submit a plan to City Council. It is important that the plan be specific so the City does not have the same issues they faced on the Dahlia Street project.

Ms. Gilpatrick reported she would like to see a low maintenance planting strip along the Mansfield Trail if space allows.

Commission members discussed the option of a dry land trail for horses. A bollard with an equestrian sign could be positioned to distinguish the horse path from the walking path. Members felt that a dry land trail and the elimination of a curb along the trail would make it more appealing to neighbors.

Mr. Berninzoni confirmed that Commission members agree with a dry land horse trail that excludes a curb along the trail, and if space allows, create a planting strip with low foliage and a few trees mixed in.

Mr. Goldie stressed the importance of getting residents on the north side of Mansfield Avenue on board with the idea of a new trail. He reported that the City will develop a new set of plans based on the suggestions made at this meeting. He suggested that once the plans are complete, Commission members should approach neighbors individually with the plans to get their views.

Recreation and Events Subcommittee

Community Garden

Ms. Gilpatrick proposed the idea of a community garden across the street from the Village Center as a good way to bring the community together. Ms. Gilpatrick asked for the City's thoughts on the idea.

Mr. Berninzoni reported that it is a great idea, but the location will be difficult to get approved since it is the same location as the new Village Center. If the Commission moves forward with the idea staff would prefer designating another site.

Mr. Goldie reported he would like to see if there is community interest since most community gardens are in apartment complexes.

Commission members discussed options and how the community garden would be structured.

Mr. Fairbairn reported he did some research on community gardens and he would like to offer the idea in the Village Crier with a phone number to call if people are interested.

The PTR Commission is planning a Holiday Tree Lighting party for Friday, December 12th. Mr. Berninzoni will look into the possibility of having fire pits. Hot cocoa, coffee and refreshments will be provided.

Communications/PR

There was nothing to report on this subject

Trails Expansion Committee

Mr. Berninzoni reported that he is waiting for a call back from CDOT on the proposed pedestrian crossing at University Boulevard. CDOT did say that the chances of a crossing at this location are about 50/50 right now. Mr. Berninzoni will give a report to the Commission once more information is available.

Mr. Goldie reported that CDOT will probably ask the City for a study before making a determination.

Councilmember VanderWerf reported that City Council is interested in finding a safe way for school children to cross University Boulevard at St. Mary's Academy.

Reports

Design update on Woodie Hollow Shelter

Mr. Berninzoni provided members with four separate bids on a 20 x 20 octagon shelter for Woodie Hollow Park.

Commission members viewed pictures and pricing and discussed options for roofing, pillars, stonework and flooring.

Mr. Berninzoni reported the PTR Commission budgeted \$60,000.00 for a new Woodie Hollow shelter and the proposed shelter is approximately \$40,000.00.

PTR Commission members agree on the following options:

- Octagon shape shelter (20' x 20')
- Wood pillars with partial stone
- Stamped concrete completed in-house by staff
- Metal roof (color eastern green)

Mr. Berninzoni will email Commission members with two final drawings so they can submit their votes via email.

Bellevue Underpass at Woodie Hollow

Mr. Berninzoni contacted the City of Greenwood Village regarding the status of the Bellevue underpass at Woodie Hollow and they reported that the completion of the underpass is still on their radar. Greenwood Village will consider budgeting for this project in 2009, but construction would probably not start until 2010.

Councilmember VanderWerf pointed out that the Bellevue underpass project is part of a GOCO grant and Greenwood Village will receive matched monies for doing the project. She believes the project needs to be completed by 2010 to receive the GOCO money.

Maintenance Log Update

Mr. Berninzoni reported that staff is starting to wrap up summer projects including final mowing.

Mr. Berninzoni reported he is still working on pricing for the new trail bollards and will provide bids at the next PTR Commission meeting.

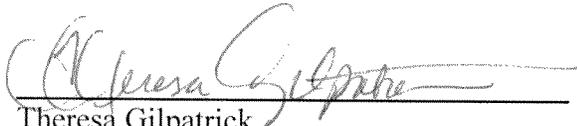
City Council Report

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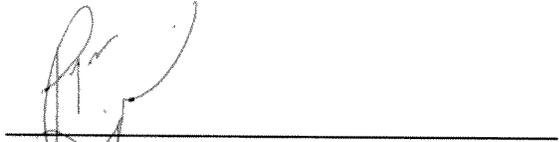
Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 11, 2008

Adjournment

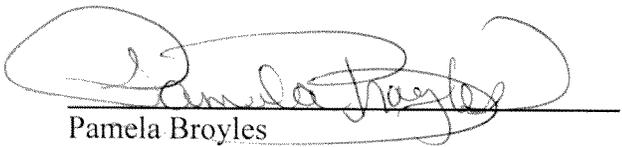
The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



Theresa Gilpatrick
Committee Chair



Ryan Berninzoni
Interim PTR Administrator



Pamela Broyles
Administrative Clerk