

Minutes of the Parks, Trails & Recreation Commission
City of Cherry Hills Village, Colorado
Thursday, April 9, 2009
at the Village Center

Commission members in attendance: Theresa Gilpatrick, Ann Gallagher, Bill Callison, Jane Soderberg, Heidi Schmidt Hammell, Jim Fairbairn. Employees present: Ryan Berninzoni, Jay Goldie, Bill Bauer and Pamela Broyles.

Call to Order

Ms. Theresa Gilpatrick called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Approval of February 12, 2009 Minutes

Ms. Ann Gallagher moved to approve the February 12, 2009 minutes. Ms. Heidi Schmidt Hammell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Audience Participation

No audience participation

Subcommittee Discussions

Parks, Trails and Recreation Enhancement

Petition for Vacation (to vacate a portion of East Union Avenue and relocate a trail easement on the property located at 4750 South Dahlia Street)

Mr. Jay Goldie reported that Mr. and Mrs. F. Steven and Abigail Mooney of 4750 South Dahlia Street are requesting the approval of a petition for vacation to vacate a portion of East Union Avenue and relocate a trail easement 15 feet to their property line. Mr. Goldie reviewed the process for Vacation of Public Right-Of-Way from the City Code with the PTR Commission.

Mr. Goldie stated that this meeting is a public meeting and not a public hearing. The PTR Commission will not make any legislative findings at this meeting and are asked to make a recommendation only to Planning and Zoning and City Council regarding the Mooney's vacation petition.

Mr. Steven Mooney
802 E. Stanford Avenue
Owner of 4750 South Dahlia
Cherry Hills Village, CO

Mr. Mooney shared several graphics with the PTR Commission showing plans for the property. Mr. and Mrs. Mooney plan to build a new home at 4750 South Dahlia Street. Mr. Mooney presented his request in two phases.

Phase I - Relocation of the Walking Trail

Mr. Mooney presented a drawing that shows the current walking trail 15 feet inside of his property line. The petition to the City is to move the trail 15 feet to the edge of his property line. Mr. Mooney stated that he would pay for construction costs and the cost to move the fence.

Phase II - Abandon Right-Of-Way on Union Street

Mr. Mooney is also asking the City to abandon the Union Street right-of-way. The Mooney's would like to acquire these two pieces of land and include them with their property. If approved, they would like to move the walking path so they have access to the 15 foot strip of land, which is now landlocked.

Mr. Mooney is proposing to pay the City the same amount per square foot as he paid for the property at a sum of just over \$200,000.00.

Attorney John Woodward
2 Inverness Drive East
Englewood, CO

Mr. Woodward reported that the trail was plotted in 2001 and Fairfax was abandoned in 2002. When Fairfax was abandoned one half of the right-of-way went to the property owners on the east and one half went to Merle Chambers on the West, which is the reason that this portion of the property falls outside of the property line.

Mr. Woodward reported that his client is concerned about liability, lack of control of the property and maintenance of the property. They are also concerned about losing the trail from a lack of use. Mr. Woodward referred to the drawings to show Commission members what the Mooney's are proposing.

Mr. Woodward reported that he believes a lot of the opposition to the proposal is the fear of subdivision. He assured Commission members that the Mooney's have no plans to subdivide; however, the proposal does not add enough additional square footage to create more lots even if that was an option.

Mr. Woodward assured Commission members that they are willing to work with neighbors and they are willing to separate the issues into pieces that might be acceptable. He asked that Commission members review the proposal and before making a decision, separate the issues into what they think makes sense and what they think might not.

Mr. Woodward stated that he knows Cherry Hills Village has a long standing policy of promoting open space. Based on that he asked that all Commission members visit the site and he referred to a diagram that shows the piece of land as a deeply sloped and brushy area. Mr. Woodward stated that it is his understanding that the City has the responsibility to maintain the site, but currently there is no plan or budget in place for this maintenance. He stated that if you could take this parcel and turn it into something that added to what you already have then maybe it would make sense, but he asked if it would be better to take the proposed \$200,000.00 and acquire something that attaches to a park, or use the money to improve something that you already have.

Mr. Woodward reported that he served on the Greenwood Village Parks Commission in the past and understands the purpose of accruing a recreational experience and access for all citizens, but he does not feel that either of these parcels is serving to do that right now. He noted that Staff's report states that the City should hold onto these parcels because when subdivision occurs, the City can apply the 7.5 to 10 percent land dedication requirement. Mr. Woodward cautioned that nobody knows when and if that would happen and to consider whether it would do the public good.

Mr. Woodward stated that Mr. and Mrs. Mooney want to be good neighbors. They understand that neighbors don't want a trail near their property and they are willing to communicate that concern.

Mr. Jeff Welborn
4901 South Fairfax Street
Cherry Hills Village, CO

Mr. Welborn reported that he has been before City Council to request that they formally adopt a policy to never sell City land and never move a trail. He is concerned that without this policy the exceptions are going to define where we are rather than the ruling.

Mr. Welborn is concerned about moving the trail for the following reasons:

1. This will establish a difficult legal precedent. The more we do it the less we are able to say "no" the next time because pretty soon someone will be able to say we are acting arbitrarily.
2. Regardless of what these tracts look like in the photographs they are what the Master Plan calls "Open Areas." They are vegetated with native grasses and are being used by the natural environment and by those who live in the area who enjoy one less area that can never be developed.

Mr. Welborn pointed out that Greenwood Village and Cherry Hills Village are very different and the history of this community is a commitment to low density.

Mr. Welborn voiced concern that this issue got past City Council and was brought before the PTR Commission. He reported that the location of this trail was a very heart wrenching experience while he was Mayor and it is a wound with a scar. He stated that emotions were high, but they were able to come up with a plan that was a little more acceptable than unacceptable, and all of a sudden we are ripping open a wound and dumping salt into it. He stated that we are faced with a new neighbor that we are happy to have in the neighborhood, but we are now dealing with this again.

Mr. Welborn said he hopes the Commission will look at each case individually. He said that the Greenblatt family was the hardest hit and had to give up the most during the previous negotiations. He believes that if the Greenblatt family has concerns then it shouldn't be done.

Mr. Welborn reported that he is authorized to speak on behalf of neighbors on South Fairfax Street and they suggested a compromise that would allow the trail on the east to be moved 15 feet to allow the Mooney's the crescent shaped parcel. In return, neighbors on Fairfax would ask for a commitment that they would never seek vehicle access on Fairfax. He stated that the Commission should consider the suggestion only if the Greenblatt's are in support of it.

Mr. Callison stated that it appears to him that the 15 foot strip is completely incoherent and happened as a historical mistake. He asked Mr. Welborn why the 15 foot strip is a significant issue in his view and why the crescent is important.

Mr. Welborn reported that the crescent is important to him because of the precedential value. He is concerned because the deal back in 2001 was a package deal that was decided as a group, and the group did what they had to do to find something that was the least unacceptable to the two parties who were most directly affected.

Mr. Callison asked if the dangling 15 feet located outside of the trail was on the table at that point in time.

Mr. Welborn answered that he wasn't privy to the legal analysis, but in his memory Merle Chambers was trying to stay as far away from the neighbors as she could to insulate them.

Ms. Schmidt Hammell asked Mr. Welborn if he recalled a promise made to the neighbors that trees would be planted in order to create a natural buffer and if so, whose responsibility was it and was there anything in writing.

Mr. Welborn said he does not recall if there was anything in writing.

Phill Greenblatt
2 Cantitoe Way
Cherry Hills Village, CO

Mr. Greenblatt reported that this subject was a hard fought battle because of the invasion of privacy to his pool and barn and several security concerns. He referred to a photo to point out how close the trail is to his barn in the petitioner's proposal, but added that it has to be walked to see how invasive it really is.

Mr. Greenblatt stated that they went through a lot of effort in 2000-2001 to strike a deal that they were not completely happy with, but they have come to accept. He feels there is a public trust and there is something wrong if a deal gets altered after it was made.

Mr. Callison asked Mr. Greenblatt if he cares about the 15 feet located on the east.

Mr. Greenblatt stated that mathematically it will bring the trail closer. He stated it was part of a handshake deal that a buffer would be provided for the Crapo family and his family, but after the separation from South Suburban it never happened.

Mr. Callison asked Mr. Greenblatt if he cared about the crescent shaped parcel.

Mr. Greenblatt stated that he does not care about the parcel because Mr. Mooney is the only one with access.

Carolynne White
410 17th Street
Denver, CO

Ms. White stated that she is the legal representative for Phill Greenblatt on this matter and they have sent a letter for the record about why this is not appropriate. Ms. White stated that it is easy to see how this proposal would benefit Mr. Mooney and to understand why it would be important to square off his property line; however, all of the information that he has provided thus far is not in the public's interest and Staff's report also recommends that vacation is not in the public's interest.

Ms. White stated that the negative impact on the Greenblatt's is obvious as the proposal moves the trail and the people 30 feet closer to their house, pool and barn. It would be a direct negative impact visually and add more noise and security issues.

Ms. White stated that there is a legal issue that she does not have enough information to know the answer to yet, but she raises the question that if this moves forward does the City own the Union Avenue vacation and would they be able to sell it to the Mooney's based on the City code. She stated that until that determination is made it is not appropriate for the City to move forward.

Mr. Steven Mooney
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Mr. Mooney made a point of clarification that Mooney Enterprises is a business entity between him and his wife and there is no relationship to the proposed property.

Mr. Mooney addressed the statement about the proposal not benefiting anyone else. He stated that a clear benefit to the City is \$200,000.00 that does not go directly into the pockets of local residents, but it goes to the City.

In response to the concerns about loss of open area Mr. Mooney stated that it doesn't change and that it is still open space that is inside one fence as opposed to another fence.

Mr. Callison asked Mr. Mooney why he cared whether the rectangular portion in his proposal belongs to the City or doesn't.

Mr. Mooney responded that the land is being wasted and is not being used for anything. If he acquires the property it will at least be used as part of a horse pasture. He added that it is a small addition to their property that now looks like a piece of abandoned land just sitting there and that is why they made the proposal.

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2 Inverness Drive East
Englewood, CO

Mr. Woodward closed by stating if the Mooney's are not able to move the trail to the east they will look at fencing this section off.

Mr. Woodward reported that they are certainly willing to talk with Mr. Greenblatt on a compromise and to discuss any concerns with neighbors.

Ms. Lin Merage
4800 South Fairfax Street
Cherry Hills Village, CO

Ms. Merage reported that she spoke briefly with Mr. Mooney who informed her that he has plans to build a new barn and fencing. She stated that her family has planted and created a beautiful pathway on their property that provides privacy. She is concerned that by moving the fence line the trail would be closer to her property. Her family spends a lot of time sitting in this area and they do not want the trail closer. Ms. Merage stated that it puts them right in the middle of a security concern and she would ask that Mr. Mooney take advantage of the beautiful 19 acres that he has and allow the neighbors their privacy.

Mr. Fairbairn asked Ms. Merage if she is opposed to moving the trail.

Ms. Merage responded that she is opposed and would like to keep it where it is.

Ms. Gilpatrick thanked everyone for coming and speaking at the meeting.

Ms. Heidi Schmidt Hammell
PTR Commission Member

Ms. Schmidt Hammell reported that she has read over all of the material and would like some time to review the information before making a comment.

Mr. Jim Fairbairn
PTR Commission Member

Mr. Fairbairn reported that back in 2001 Ms. Chambers made a very generous gift to Cherry Hills Village and thought long and hard about the location of the gift and thought about the privacy of all her neighbors. He stated there was a lot of hard work and he does not see why the Commission is revisiting moving the trail today. He said he understands Mr. Mooney's goals, but after all the work in the past, and Ms. Chambers saying that this is where she chose to give her gift, he believes the trail should stay where it is.

Ms. Jane Soderberg
PTR Commission Member

Ms. Soderberg reported that she agrees with Mr. Fairbairn. She stated she was a part of the original process and it was a long hard battle that she hates to revisit. She stated that when you buy a property you can't just think that it is all going to turn around after the fact.

Ms. Theresa Gilpatrick
PTR Commission Member

Ms. Gilpatrick reported that she does not see a benefit to the City to either vacate the trail or give up the crescent on the High Line. Ms. Gilpatrick reported that she walks the trail a lot and she walked it again this morning to confirm her personal opinion, which she made clear is only her personal opinion. She said she does not see the need to reopen the issue again as it would make for bad neighbors and bad feelings. Ms. Gilpatrick also felt that Ms. White's comment about legal ownership made it uncomfortable for the PTR Commission to make a recommendation until those questions are answered.

Mr. Bill Callison
PTR Commission Member

Mr. Callison first addressed the Union right-of-way and stated he believes it should stay the way it is.

He reported he senses no loss to the City and no real gain to Mr. Mooney regarding the isolated crescent shaped portion. He stated that he puts value on parcels of land that are coherent that don't leave little strips and ribbons, and if the parcel has been maintained and will continue to be maintained by the homeowner he believes that a vacation of that portion is not problematic. Mr. Callison stated he did not hear from anyone who really had a problem with vacating this portion.

Mr. Callison stated that the trickiest decision for him is the 15 foot trail movement. He reviewed the minutes and still does not understand the theory of that strip and looks at it as a dangling 15 feet that is severed away from the main parcel piece. He believes it makes no sense, and although moving the trail 15 feet places it closer to the eastern corner of Mr. Greenblatt's barn, it does not strike him that it causes significant harm. His reaction based on the information he has received so far is to move the trail. He stated that it gets rid of something that makes little sense, mainly an unusable, meaningless 15 foot strip that would have to be maintained by somebody and is located away from the dominant portion of the property. Mr. Callison stated that he wishes things could have been worked out, but if the PTR Commission needs to make a recommendation this is where he stands right now.

Ms. Ann Gallagher
PTR Commission Member

Ms. Gallagher thanked the participants for their input and legal background. She agrees that it is important to keep open space and believes it could turn into a difficult legal precedent. Mr. Gallagher stated that although the money would be a benefit to the City of Cherry Hills Village, sometimes you can't put a price on some of the things and reasons that residents live here. She stated that the community needs to think about their kids and grandkids and whoever else will live here. Ms. Gallagher stated that if we start vacating things and moving things around then it moves away from the purpose of the Blue Ribbon Panel and she believes the PTR Commission needs to adhere to the vision.

MR. FAIRBAIRN MOVED THAT THE PARKS, TRAILS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MAKE THE RECOMMENDATION TO DENY THE TRAIL VACATION PETITION AND THE UNION AVENUE RIGHT-OF-WAY PETITION BASED ON THE LACK OF BENEFIT TO THE CITY AND DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE PARKS, TRAILS AND RECREATION COMMISSIONERS AND THE NEIGHBORS. MS. JANE SODERBERG SECONDED THE MOTION AND THE MOTION PASSED WITH FIVE COMMISSIONERS IN FAVOR AND ONE OPPOSED.

Summary Sheet Review

Ms. Gilpatrick reported that at the previous meeting in February, Commission members selected items they wanted to work on and were asked to come back to this meeting with definitive plans regarding a timeline and course of action.

Mr. Fairbairn reported that he is working on a trail connection from Franklin Street to High Street. He is working with Ryan Berninzoni and talking with neighbors to get more information. He is also working on a budget for tree planting and assisting with selection and recommendations on where to plant the trees. Mr. Fairbairn reported that planting new trees is a priority and although the trail connection is also a top priority it will take longer to get accomplished.

Ms. Gilpatrick asked Mr. Fairbairn if he would be interested in looking into the possibility of planting the trees that were promised to the Greenblatt family based on the earlier discussion.

Mr. Fairbairn stated the idea should be explored and the City should honor the handshake deal.

Ms. Schmidt Hammell reported that she did not complete a formal prioritized outline because she realized that her term is up this year and she does not anticipate being on the PTR Commission. She reported that she would like to continue to work as a liaison and participate on future plans with the Mansfield trail. She also reported that she has taken several photos that she will put on a CD and give to the City for future reference.

Mr. Callison reported that he will focus on current inventory and understanding what the City has in terms of trees. He would also like the City to pursue the GPS locator system to offer knowledge of resources and diversity. He would like to see groves of trees planted instead of one tree here or there. Mr. Callison also reported that he loves what the City has done with the new shelter in Woodie Hollow Park. He stated that the park attracts all day use and he would like to create more strategic thinking about that stretch of land as a low key priority.

Ms. Gallagher reported that she would also like to work towards getting the funds to purchase the new GPS system for tree inventory. She will also continue to establish contacts with schools regarding recycling. Ms. Gallagher would like to see something in the new design of the Village Center that encourages a City wide effort to make recycling more widely advertised and possibly add permanent drop locations.

Ms. Soderberg reported that she has been working on the Earth Week event. She has also been working on a program to assist municipalities with a green policy and she will continue to work with City Clerk Melissa Formby on the new Website.

Ms. Gilpatrick reported that she will focus on developing the long term trail development committee as a priority. Her goal is to have a five year game plan written up by June 2009. Ms. Gilpatrick reported that she will continue to work on the Greenwood trail connection.

Mr. Berninzoni reported that Greenwood Village is ready to start moving on the trail project.

Mansfield Trail Discussion

Mr. Berninzoni provided two exhibits on the Mansfield Trail based on input from the public meetings. He stated that Exhibit B was agreed upon as a possible plan to move forward.

Ms. Schmidt Hammell asked if the curbs along Mansfield would remain in the same location.

Mr. Berninzoni reported that the curbs will remain in the same location due to a time crunch with the 2009 Street Project that is starting next week. The street project was previously approved by City Council and cannot be delayed at this point.

Mr. Berninzoni recommended phasing the Mansfield trail project by starting with painted white stripes in Phase I and adding a crusher fine trail in Phase II.

Mr. Callison reported that he agrees with this idea because when residents came to the public meeting it was his take that there was no desire for a trail whatsoever, but a lot of desire for slower traffic.

Mr. Fairbairn reported that his take was that the neighbors do want a narrow trail, which runs the length of Mansfield Avenue and he recommends moving forward with a crusher fine trail on the north side of Mansfield Avenue. Mr. Fairbairn stated that he likes the country feel of a crusher fine trail with native grasses.

Ms. Schmidt Hammell reported that she is strongly opposed to an asphalt trail because it is not desired by neighbors and is not practical. She stated that she likes the idea of a crusher fine trail, but she is also ok with painting the stripes and phasing in a trail. She reported that she was hoping to move the curb one foot toward the center to leave room for the trail so it would not impede on the landscaping of current property owners. She added that she approves of the winding feature to enable plantings and to quiet the street. She is concerned that a 6 foot trail is too wide and will cut into the landscaping on some of the properties. She agrees with moving forward with a trail, but recommends narrowing the trail.

Mr. Berninzoni stated that the trail could be narrowed to 5 feet.

Ms. Soderberg reported that she is for a trail on the north side, but she agrees that it should be narrowed. Ms. Soderberg suggested that the PTR Commission needs to present the Mansfield trail idea to City Council so they know that the Commission has gone through a process and has a plan.

Ms. Gilpatrick stated that the PTR Commission should make a recommendation to City Council in two phases. Phase I would recommend that once the street project is complete the City will paint white stripes on the north and south side of Mansfield Avenue to get people comfortable with a trail on the north side. Phase II would implement a 5 foot crusher fine trail on the north side with some natural plantings and get the concept of a trail on the table for City Council so they know there are future plans.

Mr. Fairbairn stated that he does not understand why the Commission wants to wait to add the crusher fine trail on the north side. He stated that the trail will not require moving a curb or laying asphalt. He recommended that the City dig the trail out a little and add a base of crusher fine and be done with it.

Ms. Gallagher asked if the Commission has considered the neighbors that will be affected if a trail is added, or if there is enough space in the easement that the trail would not impact their landscaping.

Ms. Schmidt Hammell stated that she has seen where the City has ended a trail with nice landscaping and the Commission could consider stopping the trail before it reaches the neighbors that would be most affected.

Mr. Callison warned that although the City has an easement there are neighbors who have landscaping and trees planted that are going to be upset with a trail.

Mr. Berninzoni reported that the trail concept started with the PTR Commission proposing a trail on the north side of Mansfield Avenue. The Commission brought people in who were completely opposed to a trail, but they became comfortable with the idea of adding stripes on the north and south side of the street. He stated that adding a crusher fine trail on the north, a paved trail on the south side and a stripe on the north side that can also be used as a trail may not be acceptable to City Council. He stated that the Commission could consider adding the stripes to get neighbors comfortable with a trail on the north side and then in a couple of years get rid of the on street trail and add a permanent crusher fine trail on the north side.

Ms. Schmidt Hammell stated that she believes there are a couple of City Council members that are in favor of the on street trail and a crusher fine trail.

Ms. Gilpatrick stated that she still comes back to the reality that the Commission needs to work with the City's 2009 street project and with neighbors. She stated that painting the stripes would give neighbors the opportunity to live with what could be and to work with budgetary issues. She said she would love to have the trail right now, but with the asphalt work and budgetary issues the Commission needs to be realistic. She recommends that the project be presented in phases to get everyone comfortable with a north side trail.

Ms. Schmidt Hammell stated that her concern is that after being a Commission member and hearing input from neighbors, she would hate to see future consideration of the trail concept changed like putting in a paved trail.

Mr. Berninzoni stated that the City can paint the stripes ASAP, but the trail will require a cost analysis and may face some opposition. He stated that if neighbors decide that the stripes on the street work perfectly the Commission won't need to do anything else.

Mr. Fairbairn reported that the stripes won't help the horses and he does not see a benefit to the City in having on street trails. He believes that a trail is needed where people can ride and walk off of the street.

Mr. Berninzoni stated that he will support the Commission's decision.

Ms. Schmidt Hammell suggested making one proposal that includes the crusher fine trail, but stated that it will be implemented in two phases.

MS. GILPATRICK MOVED THAT THE PARKS, TRAILS AND RECREATION COMMISSION RECOMMEND TO CITY COUNCIL THAT THE MANSFIELD TRAIL BE IMPLEMENTED IN TWO PHASES. PHASE ONE WOULD INCLUDE AN ON STREET TRAIL CONSISTING OF A WHITE STRIPE AND PHASE TWO WOULD INCLUDE A FIVE FOOT WIDE CRUSHER FINE TRAIL THAT IS BUILT OFF OF THE STREET ON THE NORTH SIDE OF MANSFIELD AVENUE TO BE APPROVED IN 2011 FOR THE 2012 BUDGET YEAR.

Mr. Callison suggested that the Commission should recommend the on street trail now and request that money be set aside to do the work that needs to be done for the crusher fine trail with the idea that it will be implemented at some point in time after the work is done.

Ms. Schmidt Hammell recommended adding that the crusher fine trail would be a concept within the proposal after determining the landscaping issues, the size of the trail and how the trail will wind on the north side. She stated that the proposal also needs to specify that the stripe will be a double white line on the south side increasing the width to 8 feet, and a 6 foot single white line on the north side with the planting of trees, but no curbs.

Mr. Berninzoni confirmed what the Commission is proposing:

1. Adding an 8 foot wide double white stripe on the south side to be used as a bike/paved trail.
2. Adding a 6 foot wide single stripe on the north side to narrow the road that can also be used for parking.
3. Adding a 5 foot wide winding crusher fine trail with natural grasses and trees.

Mr. Berninzoni will look into a possible grant to complete the trail in 2010.

Ms. Gallagher suggested that the proposal should state that moving forward with the trail will depend on the neighbor's feedback.

Mr. Berninzoni emphasized that the ultimate goal is to avoid the problems the City faced with the Dahlia Street project.

Cat Anderson Fund

Ms. Soderberg stated that the Cat Anderson Open Space Fund is essentially an incentive program and the point is to have a dedicated fund to provide incentive for homeowners and others to approach the City. Councilmember LaMair is proposing that the sales tax from automobiles could possibly be used for this fund. The proposal has been presented to City Council but has not been voted on yet.

Ms. Soderberg reported that the initiative is to show that the Village is very serious about open space and needs to provide the same service to open space as to the proposed Village Center. The City needs to have the funds in place to move forward if a large property becomes available and not spend all of the money on a Village Center. Ms. Soderberg reported that there is currently no line item in the budget that is designated for open space and there is no money going into the fund. She is concerned that if a large property does become available the City has no means to acquire it.

Mr. Callison stated that he likes the idea, but asked if there are enough votes to make the argument and if not, does the Commission want to push it.

Ms. Soderberg stated that Commission members are encouraged to attend the City Council meeting if they choose to take a position.

Recreation and Events Subcommittee

Earth Week

Mr. Berninzoni reported on the events that will be happening throughout the week. The City will plant two trees on Arbor Day at John Meade Park.

Communications/PR

Ms. Gallagher reported that she completed an article on the Woodie Hollow Shelter and took some photos. She will follow up on a bench donation that Mr. Berninzoni is working on.

Trails Expansion Committee

Ms. Gilpatrick stated that the Committee will talk after the PTRC adjourns to set a meeting date and time.

Reports**Woodie Hollow Shelter Update**

Mr. Berninzoni presented a poster with pictures of the construction of the shelter from start to finish. Mr. Berninzoni thanked Bill Bauer the Parks Crew Chief for his work on the stamped concrete.

Commission members thanked staff for their work on the shelter. The Commission is very pleased with the project and said it is a major improvement to the park.

Maintenance Log Update

Mr. Berninzoni reported that staff has completed the final tree planting at the Annex and cleanup at Clarkson and Quincy. Staff continues to work on getting the bollards replaced.

City Council Report

There was nothing to report on this subject.

New Business

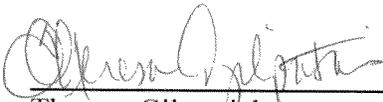
Ms. Gilpatrick reported that she would like to have Michelle Edwardson the Animal Control Officer give a short presentation to the PTR Commission on the coyote issue once City Council approves her plan.

Mr. Berninzoni reported that Ms. Edwardson just proposed her plan to City Council this past Tuesday and he will arrange for her to come and talk to the Commission in May or June.

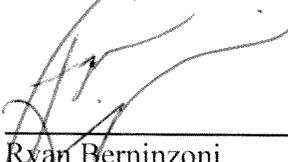
Ms. Gilpatrick asked Pamela Broyles about the status of the Recreation Reimbursement Program. Ms. Broyles will provide Commission members with reimbursement comparisons for future budgeting.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.



Theresa Gilpatrick
Committee Chair



Ryan Berninzoni
PTR Administrator



Pamela Broyles
Administrative Clerk