

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Parks, Trails & Recreation Commission
City of Cherry Hills Village, Colorado
Thursday, May 12, 2011
at the Village Center

Commission members in attendance: Jane Soderberg, Ann Gallagher, Katy Brown, Jeff Ferrell, Councilmember Klasina VanderWerf. Employees present: Ryan Berninzoni, Parks, Trails and Recreation Administrator, Bill Bauer, Parks Crew Chief and Pamela Broyles, Administrative Assistant.

Absent: William Callison, James Fairbairn, Karen Barsch

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Jane Soderberg called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 10, 2011 MINUTES

Ms. Katy Brown moved to approve the March 10, 2011 minutes with the amended City Council Report. Ms. Ann Gallagher seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

There was no audience participation.

THANK YOU CELEBRATION FOR ANN GALLAGHER

Ms. Soderberg presented Ms. Gallagher with a Certificate of Recognition for her dedication and service to the Parks, Trails and Recreation Commission.

Ms. Soderberg shared that Ann Gallagher has served with distinction, commitment and enthusiasm on the Parks, Trails and Recreation Commission since 2006. She has enhanced the parks and trails of Cherry Hills Village by participating in numerous trail dedications, subdivision land dedications and gave great counsel and input over the years on park issues. Ann has helped develop the Trail Enhancement Master list and Special Events. She has helped to communicate projects to the community via the Crier, her role as a schoolteacher at Cherry Hills Village Elementary School and the development of the Village Center sign. She has given cheerful, helpful and insightful participation to this body and we will miss Ann greatly. We welcome Ann's input anytime in the future.

SUBCOMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS**a. Summary Sheet****Trail Enhancement Update**

Mr. Ferrell provided an update on the Stanford Avenue proposal. Mr. Ferrell reported that he along with Ryan Berninzoni and Jim Fairbairn met on March 29, 2011 with the McQuaid family and they gave their verbal approval to grant an easement through the vacated right-of-way on Stanford Avenue. They then they met with Dr. Katz and although he seemed in favor of granting an easement earlier he said he had been thinking about it and he is concerned about future marketability of his property should he decide to sell in 5-10 years. Mr. Ferrell also made contact with the Barnard family on the Downing side, but they have been traveling a lot this winter and he has not heard back from them. Mr. Ferrell suggested that if approval is given from the Barnard family there is still a chance to use half of the vacated right of way on Stanford Avenue as a trail. Mr. Ferrell indicated that he will continue to pursue contact with the Barnard family if the Commission chooses to move forward with the project.

The commission discussed the options and decided to proceed with talks and pursue an easement on half of the old Stanford Avenue.

Mr. Ferrell noted that the Parks Department will add bollards and could offer to grade that section of Stanford Avenue and clean up the debris as a benefit to the homeowners.

Ms. Gallagher noted that an incentive is that the property will look a lot nicer if it is maintained by the City.

Special Events Update

Ms. Brown reported that the Summer Roundup is coming together and is scheduled for June 11th. The Special Events Committee is planning the summer movie night for August and the car show in October.

Website and Signage

There was nothing to report on this subject.

Communications/Crier Article - Ann Gallagher

Ms. Gallagher reported that she did write a trail article for the Crier to be in the next issue.

General Updates

There was nothing to report on this subject.

b. Parks, Trails and Recreation Enhancement

Ms. Brown asked if City Council will reconsider the portable restroom issue and if the Commission needs to do anything further.

Mr. Berninzoni responded that the Mayor will address the issue in the future.

REPORTS

Update of GOCO/Youth Corps Grant

Mr. Berninzoni reported that he applied for a grant that involves the Colorado Youth Corps. The Youth Corps is an organization that provides kids from ages 16-26 to get hands on experience doing a number of different projects. The goal of the grant is to assist municipalities, government agencies and small entities with maintenance. Staff agreed that redoing the split rail fence along the bridle trails would be a great project for the grant. The grant would include using the Youth Corps for two weeks to replace approximately 10 miles of fence in the City. The City will pay for the cost of all materials and tools and will provide a Parks staff member to oversee the project. The proposed grant is for \$54,000.00. Mr. Berninzoni reported that the City has over 25 miles of bridle paths and 60-70% of the split rail fence is in need of repair. Mr. Berninzoni indicated that the decision to award the grant will be made some time around the end of June.

Ms. Soderberg asked that since the Parks Commission will not be using all of their budgeted money can the City allocate some of those funds so the Parks Department can move forward with the GPS system and intern this year.

Mr. Berninzoni stated that he has discussed the issue with City Staff and he is awaiting a response.

City Council Report

Councilmember VanderWerf indicated that she is very excited about the Youth Corps Grant. She reported that City Council created a new Art Commission. The Art Commission will consist of 3-5 members who will follow the guidelines that were developed for the new Commission. She noted that there are several artists in the City and she believes a number of people will come forward with possible art donations.

Councilmember VanderWerf also reported that the architects have been selected for the Public Safety Building and the first of three public meetings has been scheduled.

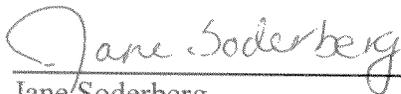
Councilmember VanderWerf informed the Commission that the Denver Water Board did pursue criminal charges against the property owner who chopped the trees down along the High Line Canal on Denver Water's property. She also informed the Commission that a resident has contacted City Council to complain about horse manure on the City's paved trails and streets. Councilmember VanderWerf suggested sitting down with members of the horse community to reach a mutual understanding before the issue escalates.

Ms. Soderberg suggested talking with Lucinda Greene who is a good contact for the equestrian community.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

The next scheduled PTRC meeting is June 9, 2011.



Jane Soderberg
Committee Chairperson



Ryan Berninzoni
Parks, Trails and Recreation Administrator



Pamela Broyles
Administrative Clerk