

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Parks, Trails & Recreation Commission
City of Cherry Hills Village, Colorado
Thursday, June 9, 2011
at the Village Center

Commission members in attendance: Jane Soderberg, Bill Callison, Jeff Ferrell, Jim Fairbairn, Karen Barsch, Bill Lucas, Councilmember Klasina VanderWerf. Employees present: Ryan Berninzoni, Parks, Trails and Recreation Administrator, Bill Bauer, Parks Crew Chief and Pamela Broyles, Administrative Assistant.

Absent: Katy Brown

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Jane Soderberg called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 12, 2011 MINUTES

Ms. Karen Barsch moved to approve the May 12, 2011 minutes with the approved changes to Ms. Soderberg and Mr. Ferrell's report. Mr. Jeff Ferrell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Stephanie Bluher
Cherry Hills Land Preserve

Ms. Bluher introduced the "Cherry Hills Village Barn Tour", an upcoming free event in the Village. The event will take place on Sunday, September 18, 2011 from noon-4 P.M. The event will be a self guided tour of four of the Village's most treasured barns. Additionally, each of the barns will host a special theme ranging from organic gardening and composting, to Village history, flower arranging, and equestrian and conservation related topics.

The Cherry Hills Land Preserve will also hold a fundraiser and cocktail party to kick off the event on Saturday, September 17, 2011 at 4 Mockingbird Lane. The event will feature music, food, wine tasting, a live art auction and the first screening of the recently produced *Quincy Farms: A gift of Land - the Cat Anderson Story*. The fundraiser is a benefit for the Cherry Hills Land Preserve and tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door. More information can be found on the Cherry Hills Land Preserve's website at www.chvlp.com.

Ms. Bluher encouraged the PTRC to get involved and asked the City for assistance with promoting the event and dealing with parking issues. She would also like to distribute free trail maps at the event.

Ms. Soderberg suggested that the Special Events Committee meet and discuss ways to assist the Land Preserve with promoting this event.

WELCOME MR. WILLIAM B. LUCAS TO THE PTRC

Ms. Soderberg welcomed Mr. Lucas as the new PTRC Commission member.

Mr. Lucas shared that he lives in Devonshire Heights and he was previously involved with the City of Denver Parks and Recreation initiative and served on the 16th Street Mall Redevelopment Committee. He believes the City's trails are a great amenity and he has utilized the High Line Canal for over 30 years. He is excited to be on the Commission to learn and to contribute to the community.

SUBCOMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS

a. Summary Sheet

Trail Enhancement Update

Mr. Ferrell reported that on May 17th he talked with homeowner Ms. Barnard regarding the Stanford Avenue Trail and she informed him that they met with a realtor and decided against granting an easement for a trail since the house is so close to the property line and they might consider selling in the upcoming years. Mr. Ferrell stated that he did discuss the limited proposal with her, which includes a simple grading and removable bollards. Ms. Barnard said she would think about it and get back to him if anything changes.

Mr. Ferrell asked if we should pursue getting the easement from the McQuaid's, since they are the only property owner at this point willing to grant an easement.

The Commission discussed how to proceed with the Stanford Avenue Trail and decided to pursue the easement from the one property owner and possibly other homeowners will change their minds in the future.

The Commission agreed to have a plan drawn up with a sketch of the Stanford Avenue Trail with bollards and grading added to present to the homeowners to make sure there is no opposition to moving forward with the limited proposal.

Mr. Berninzoni stated that if the homeowners are in agreement and there is no opposition then the next step would be to get a survey.

Mr. Fairbairn reported that he spoke with Ryan Berninzoni about the low water crossing at the bottom of Radcliff and they agreed to send a letter to the two property owners to see what kind of response they get.

Special Events Update

Ms. Soderberg reported that the Summer Roundup had to be canceled because of the equine virus that is spreading in areas across the state.

Ms. Soderberg stated that the auto show plans are still moving forward for the fall and the summer Movie Night is scheduled for August 27th.

Website and Signage

There was nothing to report on this subject.

Communications/Crier Article

Ms. Soderberg encouraged Mr. Callison or Mr. Lucas to consider being the communications liaison for the Commission now that Ms. Gallagher is no longer on the Commission.

General Updates

Mr. Fairbairn reported that he spoke with the Mayor and members of City Council regarding a program that he would like to propose to allow well behaved dogs to walk off leash in certain areas of the trails and parks. He explained that the program would require certification where the dogs would be under full voice and sight control and would not be allowed to approach bikers, horses, people or wildlife and the dogs could not run at large. Mr. Fairbairn suggested that it would not be a good idea for dogs to be off leash in certain parts of the City like the High Line Canal or the paved streets. He would like the Commission to start thinking about it and move forward with a proposal to Council ASAP.

Ms. Soderberg asked Mr. Fairbairn to draft a written proposal describing the program. She suggested sending it to the Commission members in advance so they have the opportunity to review it. She also encouraged Mr. Fairbairn to talk with Lucinda Greene the PTRC equestrian liaison.

Mr. Callison indicated that he likes the idea, but he is concerned about the residents who are very vocal and opposed to dogs off leash.

Mr. Fairbairn agreed that they would need to address those concerns. He would like to allow only certain parks and trails for the off leash program, but cautioned that if it gets too limited then it starts to turn into a dog park, which he is opposed to and the residents are opposed to. Mr. Fairbairn indicated that he spoke to a lot of people in the horse community who are also in support of the program.

Mr. Berninzoni reported that City Council discussed the portable restroom issue and Mr. Berninzoni will present a report at the June 21, 2011 meeting outlining the information from previous meetings and inform Council of PTRC's re-recommendation for a temporary portable restroom facility at Three Pond Park. City Council will either make a decision at that time or open it up for a public hearing. Mr. Berninzoni will email Commission members to keep them updated.

Ms. Soderberg encouraged Commission members to attend the City Council meeting as staff will not be supporting the PTRC's re-recommendation.

Councilmember VanderWerf stated that City Council is interested in determining if Kent Denver is still an option as a location for a portable restroom.

Mr. Berninzoni responded that the construction on the new cafeteria was a drawback at the time the portable restroom was being considered. Mr. Berninzoni also pointed out that during the survey few people thought that Kent Denver would be a good location.

Ms. Soderberg reported that the City did receive a Planning Gant for the Cat Anderson property and it is possible that the City can add a permanent restroom facility at some point in the future.

b. Parks, Trails and Recreation Enhancement

Kelley McMillan Bench Donation

Mr. Berninzoni reported that Kelley McMillan, a former resident of Cherry Hills Village wishes to donate a bench in recognition of her late mother. The bench would be located at Three Pond Park on the southeast side of the pond near the High Line Canal. Mr. Berninzoni provided a picture of the proposed bench and the proposed wording for the bronze plaque.

MR. BILL CALLISON MOVED TO APPROVE THE BENCH DONATION FROM KELLEY MCMILLAN IN RECOGNITION OF HER MOTHER, AND TO ACCEPT THE \$1,500.00 DONATION TO THE GIFT FUND FOR THIS PURPOSE. MR. JEFF FERRELL SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Trees Across Colorado/CHV Tree Plantings

Mr. Berninzoni reported that he met with Jim Fairbairn regarding the Trees Across Colorado program. The program offers trees 1" to 1 3/4" in diameter, bare root or wrapped in burlap. The trees are offered at a discounted price. Mr. Berninzoni will work with Mr. Fairbairn on a more intensive plan for tree planting in the City. They will present a plan to the Commission with some possible locations and get feedback from the Commission on other suggested locations. The trees are ordered in November and

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December and delivered around April. The City will need to determine how to get adequate water to the trees with limited staff and funding.

Mr. Fairbairn agreed that getting water to the new trees will be crucial for their survival. He indicated that once the trees are established they won't need much water.

Mr. Callison suggested planting the trees in clumps because they look more attractive and it will be easier to water the trees.

REPORTS

Update on Little Dry Creek Study

Mr. Berninzoni reported that the City is not going to contract Bob Searns this year for the Little Dry Creek study. He reported that staff is currently working with Jay Goldie on an informational guide to assist residents around Little Dry Creek with identifying erosion control and what needs to be done, what can be funded and how the City can help

Update on GPS/Tree Inventory

Mr. Berninzoni reported that the City will purchase the hand held GPS device in 2011 and the Parks Department will budget for an intern in 2012.

Mr. Fairbairn stated that he would like to see the Cat Anderson property remain natural without a lot of pruning of the trees. He said he would be happy to consult with the planners to keep the property natural.

Councilmember VanderWerf stated that before anything happens with the Cat Anderson property a management team will be appointed.

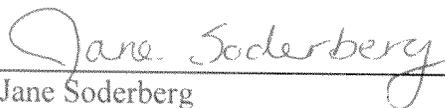
City Council Report

Councilmember VanderWerf announced that the City was granted the Arapahoe County Planning Grant.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

The next scheduled PTRC meeting is July 14, 2011.



Jane Soderberg
Committee Chairperson



Ryan Berninzoni
Parks, Trails and Recreation Administrator



Pamela Broyles
Administrative Clerk