

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

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Minutes of the Parks, Trails & Recreation Commission  
City of Cherry Hills Village, Colorado  
Thursday, June 14, 2012  
at the Village Center

Commission members in attendance: Jane Soderberg, Katy Brown, Bill Lucas, Jim Fairbairn. Employees present: Ryan Berninzoni, Parks, Trails and Recreation Administrator, Bill Bauer, Parks Crew Chief, Pamela Broyles, Administrative Assistant.

Absent: Jeff Ferrell, Karen Barsch, Jeff Welborn, Councilor Harriet LaMair

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Jane Soderberg called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF THE MAY 10, 2012 MINUTES**

Ms. Katy Brown moved to approve the May 10, 2012 minutes. Mr. Jim Fairbairn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Sam Kauffman  
1424 E. Stanford Avenue  
Cherry Hills Village, CO

Mr. Kauffman stated that he is here on behalf of neighbors and fellow residents to present a petition regarding the restoration of East Stanford Avenue. The petition signatures were acquired by going door to door and via the internet. Mr. Kauffman reported that 36 residents of Cherry Hills Village logged on the internet and signed the petition and an additional 54 petitioners signed a cordless version of the petition. He stated that since 1954 the public has enjoyed access along the roadway of East Stanford Avenue, which was vacated by the trustees of Cherry Hills Village between South Lafayette and South Downing Streets. He said kids, equestrians and neighbors have all enjoyed this space and although change is inevitable, this walkway is a part of a legacy of this Community. He said third and fourth generations are still enjoying what makes Cherry Hills Village special to its residents, but he is concerned that the simple, pleasant and seemingly uncomplicated part of the Village life may be coming to an end. He reported that one of the abiding properties was sold in the past few years and the nearly three acre parcel was subdivided into 2 lots. The owner of the lot that remains abutting the walkway has erected a fence, which has reduced the area by about 25% and greatly diminished the atmosphere that has been part of the area and the surrounding neighborhood for nearly 58 years. This petition is a plea to restore the East Stanford Avenue walkway to what it has been for more than half a century by removing the newly erected fence at 4525 South Lafayette Street to the boundary as it existed before. The petition also requests that Cherry Hills Village restore the east end of that walkway and secure it for the benefit of all residents. He indicated that all petitioners are in favor of the restoration to what has been for nearly 60 years.

Ms. Soderberg addressed Mr. Kauffman's concerns and reported that the Parks and Trails Commission has spent several years trying to get easements from the abutting neighbors since the City does not own the property. The road was vacated and the homeowner owns to the center of the property line. Ms. Soderberg pointed out that the Commission was able to get one property owner to provide an easement. The Commission did investigate the fence that was added and the owner has the legal right to put the fence up.

Mr. Fairbairn added that the Commission has communicated with all of the property owners over the past two years to try and obtain an easement through this area and the Commission is still actively working on it.

Mr. Kauffman asked the Commission to research any legal action that the City could take.

Ms. Soderberg said that currently the Commission is trying to work with the property owners to obtain a positive outcome.

### **SUBCOMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS**

#### **a. Summary Sheet**

##### Trail Enhancement Update

There was nothing to report on this subject.

##### Special Events Update

Ms. Brown reported that she forwarded a copy of the registration form to Commission members for the upcoming car show scheduled for September 30, 2012. She asked that members distribute the form to any interested parties.

##### Website and Signage

There was nothing to report on this subject.

##### Communications/Crier Article

Mr. Lucas submitted articles to the Crier on the upcoming special events.

##### General Updates

There was nothing to report on this subject.

#### **b. Parks, Trails and Recreation Enhancement**

There was nothing to report on this subject.

### **REPORTS**

#### **a. Parks Division Maintenance Log**

There was nothing to report on this subject.

#### **b. City Council Report**

There was nothing to report on this subject.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m. The next scheduled PTRC meeting is July 12, 2012.



Jane Soderberg  
Committee Chairperson



Ryan Berninzoni  
Parks, Trails and Recreation Administrator



Pamela Broyles  
Administrative Clerk