

Minutes of the Parks, Trails & Recreation Commission
City of Cherry Hills Village, Colorado
Thursday, June 12, 2014
at the Village Center

Commission members in attendance: Bill Lucas, Colleen Dougherty, Robert Eber, Joshua DiCarlo, Nina Itin and Rob Ganger. Employees present: Ryan Berninzoni, Parks, Trails and Recreation Administrator, Pamela Broyles, Administrative Assistant.

Absent: Mike Gallagher, Councilor Katy Brown

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bill Lucas called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW PTRC COMMISSIONERS

Chair Lucas and the Commission welcomed new Commission members Rob Ganger and Nina Itin to the Parks, Trails and Recreation Commission.

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 8, 2014 MINUTES

Ms. Colleen Dougherty moved to approve the May 8, 2014 minutes as amended. Mr. Joshua DiCarlo seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

There was no audience participation.

SUBCOMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS

a. Summary Sheet

Trail Enhancement Update

Radcliff Low Water Crossing

Mr. Berninzoni reported that he mailed a letter to Mr. Saterdal to initiate discussion on a possible easement. Mr. Saterdal was receptive to the idea, but wants to make sure his neighbor has interest as well. Mr. Gallagher will attempt to make contact with the neighbor.

The Commission discussed the on-street trail on Tenaya Lane and agreed that no action will be taken at this time to pursue an easement.

Mr. DiCarlo addressed a small piece of land that the City owns in the Covington neighborhood where Jackson Street dead-ends at the High Line Canal. Mr. DiCarlo suggested that this would be an ideal place for a bridge crossing from the Highline Canal to the Covington neighborhood. He stated that the homeowner who owns the adjacent parcels was interested in acquiring this property from the City at one point. Mr. DiCarlo pointed out that the additional land could put the homeowner's parcel over 5 acres and would allow the homeowner to subdivide the property into two 2.5 acre lots.

The Commission discussed the exorbitant cost to install a bridge and whether it would be feasible. If the bridge is cost prohibitive the City could consider selling the property. The City owns approximately 1.4 acres, but the land is not contiguous and is split into several small pieces.

The Commission agreed that members will walk the area to become more familiar with this piece of land and its location. Mr. DiCarlo will email an electronic map of the area for Commission members to review.

Special Events Update

Ms. Dougherty reported that the dates have been established for all of the special events. The outdoor movie night is scheduled for August 23rd, the car show is scheduled for September 14th and the holiday tree lighting event is scheduled for December 12th. Ms. Dougherty spoke with resident Mr. Santangelo who is interested in showing his vehicles and would like to sponsor the event, but he is out of town on September 14th and the date would need to change. Ms. Dougherty would like to confirm which dates Mr. Diecidue is available before changing the date. The Committee will also consider other sponsorships, but the goal is to keep the car show a community event and not a commercial event.

Mr. Berninzoni reported that "Despicable Me 2" is the movie choice for the outdoor movie night.

Open Space Report

Ms. Dougherty updated the new Commission members on the open space working group that Mayor Tisdale is putting together.

Mr. Lucas discussed the Cherry Hills Village Land Preserve's involvement in identifying land that may be available for purchase. The Parks, Trails and Recreation Commission (PTRC) is considering whether open space falls within the charter of the PTRC.

Mr. Eber reported that the Commission has discussed whether a working group needs to be formed and the Commission agreed that open space falls within the PTRC's mandate to determine how to use open space.

Communications/Crier Article

There was nothing to report on this issue.

b. Parks, Trails and Recreation Enhancement

There was nothing to report on this subject.

QUINCY FARM VISIONING COMMITTEE (QFVC) UPDATE

Mr. Lucas reported that the QFVC will tentatively present a draft of the Quincy Farm vision report at the July 2014 meeting.

PTRC REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL – CHAIR BILL LUCAS

Mr. Lucas encouraged Commission members to attend City Council meetings when they can. City Council meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

REPORTS**a. Discussion on PTRC Retreat**

Mr. Lucas reported that the City has funds available to hire a consultant to organize the retreat. He presented an updated draft of agenda items for the retreat with additional comments from Commission members. The Commission agreed it is a great idea and suggested having the retreat as an annual event.

Mr. DiCarlo suggested that the White Paper that was created by previous PTRC members should be included. The document provides a framework of what the PTRC's objective is.

Mr. Berninzoni will forward a copy of the White Paper to all Commission members.

Mr. Lucas suggested that the document could also be used for revisions to the master plan that will take place in 2015.

b. Upcoming PTRC Projects

Mr. Lucas announced that the City was awarded a \$35,000 grant from Arapahoe County Open Space for the planning of John Meade Park. Mr. Berninzoni is working on a Request for Proposal (RFP) to hire a consultant to help plan the future of John Meade Park. Mr. Lucas also informed the new members about the Alan Hutto Memorial that was dedicated to the City by the Hutto family with a mandate to build an amphitheater within two years.

Mr. Lucas reviewed the goals and objectives of the Commission. He suggested that Commission members attend at least one special event and periodic City Council meetings so they can get to know the Council members. He also asked the new Commission members to think about a subcommittee that they would like to participate in. He encouraged all Commission members to write articles for the Crier if they have ideas or stories they would like to share.

Mr. Lucas reported that he would like to continue as Chairman of the PTRC. The Commission will need to elect a new vice-chairman and he encouraged anyone who is interested to contact him. The chairman and vice chair will be elected at the July 2014 PTRC meeting.

c. Highline Canal Tree Cutting

Mr. Lucas reviewed the PTRC's discussion on the concern with the 150 foot span of trees that was cut along the Highline Canal. Mr. Lucas spoke to Denver Water who reported that the trees they removed were Russian Olives. Mr. Lucas reported to Denver Water that the trees were not Russian Olives and pictures on Google Maps shows the variety of species of trees involved.

Mr. Berninzoni reported that he spoke with the Regional Superintendent of Maintenance at Denver Water who agreed to notify the City before any trees are cut down on the Highline Canal in the future.

Mr. Lucas discussed the position of the Highline Canal Working Group and their involvement with this issue. The Commission agreed that there needs to be a relationship established with Denver Water with more effective communication. The PTRC needs to be proactive in knowing the protocol for cutting down trees at the request of a resident and how to prevent this incident from happening in the future.

d. Parks Division Maintenance Log

There was nothing to report on this subject.

e. City Council Report

There was nothing to report on this subject.

New Business

Mr. DiCarlo asked about the status of the sensor lights that were going to be installed at the Quincy Avenue Highline Canal crossing. Mr. DiCarlo stressed how dangerous the situation is for pedestrians and he believes a stop sign is necessary.

Mr. Berninzoni responded that there was not enough power at the location to install the sensor lights. He is still working with Councilor Alex Brown to resolve the issue and find a permanent solution.

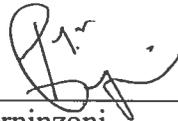
Mr. Ganger also reported that parents and students turning right onto Quincy Avenue from Kent Denver School are not looking to their right when entering the street and he has witnessed pedestrians on the trail come close to getting hit by vehicles.

ADJOURNMENT

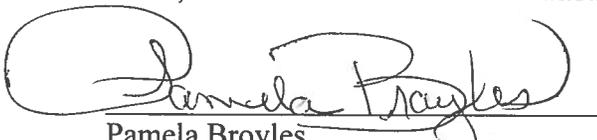
There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.
The next scheduled PTRC meeting is July 10, 2014.



Bill Lucas
Committee Chair



Ryan Berninzoni
Parks, Trails and Recreation Administrator



Pamela Broyles
Administrative Clerk