

Minutes of the Parks, Trails & Recreation Commission
City of Cherry Hills Village, Colorado
Thursday, October 9, 2014
at the Village Center

Commission members in attendance: Robert Eber, Joshua DiCarlo, Mike Gallagher, Rob Ganger, Nina Itin and Councilor Katy Brown. Employees present: Ryan Berninzoni, Parks, Trails and Recreation Administrator, Matt Krebsbach, Parks Crew Chief, Pamela Broyles, Administrative Assistant.

Absent: Bill Lucas, Colleen Dougherty

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Robert Eber called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2014 MINUTES

Mr. Joshua DiCarlo moved to approve the September 11, 2014 minutes as amended. Mr. Mike Gallagher seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

There was no audience participation.

QUINCY FARM VISIONING PRESENTATION

Councilor Katy Brown presented the Quincy Farm Visioning Report. She described the legal context of Quincy Farm as the subject of a life estate where Ms. Catherine Anderson conveyed the farm to the Village in 2007. The land is subject to a conservation easement held by Colorado Open Lands. Ms. Anderson owns the rights to the section of the Highline Canal that runs through the property and has granted an easement to Denver Water.

Councilor Brown reported that the property is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Quincy Farm Visioning Committee's (QFVC) position is that maintaining the historic designation is important and the City should not do anything to jeopardize this listing.

Councilor Brown described the man-made pond as being used for irrigation. The City had an evaluation of the water quality by a water engineer that showed significant water quality issues. The sources of water for the pond are two wells on the property and water from the Highline Canal when available. Only one well is currently in use. The pond is contributing to the historic designation.

The property currently has an operational septic system. The utilities are adequate for current residential use, but will not be sufficient for any envisioned public use of the facility.

Councilor Brown described the property as being zoned R1. R1 only allows residential use so public access and use of the land would be prohibited. The QFVC recommends that the City take immediate action to initiate the creation of a new zoning category to accommodate this property and future properties that the City may possess.

Councilor Brown discussed challenges with funding to sustain the property. The QFVC agreed that the City needs to be prepared with a funding plan for Quincy Farm to maintain the conservation values of the property moving forward.

QFVC is recommending that a governance committee be formed of no more than seven individuals that are willing to commit for the long term to maintain the institutional knowledge and guide the future planning of Quincy Farm.

The City has one year upon possession of the property to establish a management plan on how the City is going to manage Quincy Farm in keeping with the conservation values in the conservation easement. QFVC recommends developing a full cost estimate to manage this property. A master plan needs to be developed specifically for Quincy Farm along with a draft of a property management plan. The QFVC envisions Quincy Farm being the catalyst for the entire park system.

In conclusion, the QFVC strongly believes that Quincy Farm needs to be an ongoing priority for the City and for City Council.

Mr. Rob Ganger moved to approve the Quincy Farm Visioning Report as written and recommend the report be forwarded to City Council. Nina Itin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

SUBCOMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS

a. Summary Sheet

Trail Enhancement Update

Mr. Eber asked for clarification on the section of the Stanford Avenue Trail that has been narrowed.

Mr. Berninzoni reported that Stanford Avenue is a vacated street. He reviewed the history of the Commission's efforts to get an easement from the property owners.

Special Events Update

The Cherry Hills Village car show was held on September 21st and was a well-attended and successful event.

Open Space Update

There was nothing to report on this subject.

Communications/Crier Article

Mr. Eber will write a November article for the Village Crier.

b. Parks, Trails and Recreation Enhancement

Bicycle Rack at Cherry Hills Village City Center

Chair Lucas would like the Commission to approve a \$300 expenditure to install a bike rack in front of the Village Center.

Mr. Mike Gallagher moved to approve the expenditure of \$300 to install a bike rack in front of the Village Center. Nina Itin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PTRC REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL – CHAIR BILL LUCAS

There was nothing to report on this subject.

REPORTS

a. PTRC Retreat

The PTRC retreat will be held October 24th and 25th.

b. Upcoming PTRC Projects – John Meade Park

Mr. Berninzoni reported that THK Associates, Inc. has been chosen as the consultant for John Meade Park.

c. Parks Division Maintenance Log

Mr. Berninzoni reported that Crew Chief Matt Krebsbach has been successful in overseeing improvements to the City's Parks and open space.

d. City Council Report

There was nothing to report on this subject.

Mr. Berninzoni reported that Community Development Director Rob Zuccaro requested that the PTRC make a recommendation if they are in favor of a survey for the master plan.

Mr. Joshua DiCarlo moved to recommend that a City wide survey be conducted for the new master plan. Mr. Rob Ganger seconded the motion. The motion carried with 4 ayes and 1 nay.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Rob Ganger moved to adjourn the PTRC meeting. Ms. Nina Itin seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

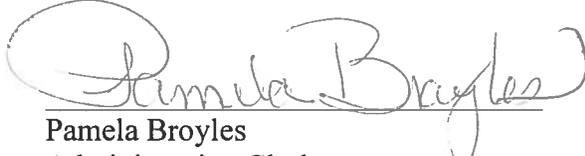
The next scheduled PTRC meeting is November 13, 2014.



Robert Eber
Committee Vice Chair



Ryan Berninzoni
Parks, Trails and Recreation Administrator



Pamela Broyles
Administrative Clerk