

Minutes of the Parks, Trails & Recreation Commission
City of Cherry Hills Village, Colorado
Thursday, September 10, 2015
at the Village Center

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

Absent: Colleen Dougherty, Nina Itin

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bill Lucas called the PTRC meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE JULY 9, 2015 MINUTES

Mr. Robert Eber moved to approve the July 9, 2015 minutes as presented. Mr. John Kokish seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

There was no audience participation.

FENCE CODE PRESENTATION – ROB ZUCCARO (Intern Nate Silverstein)

Mr. Silverstein presented the proposed amendments to the City's fencing code to the Parks, Trails and Recreation Commission (PTRC) for review and recommendation to City Council. Amendments are being pursued to address concerns due to construction of a new six foot tall fence along the City's trail system. The proposed amendments are based on feedback from the joint study session on July 9, 2015 between the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) and PTRC. The amended fencing code was presented to the P&Z Commission on August 25, 2015. P&Z's recommended changes have been incorporated into the new proposed fencing code. Amendments include increasing the allowed height of fencing along trails, parks and open spaces and further restricting fencing along the front yard area when constructed along the side property line. The current code does not address these issues.

Mr. Silverstein reviewed the proposed amendments from the August 25th study session and compared them to the proposed changes from the P&Z Commission. Changes include increasing the minimum height along public trails, parks or open spaces to 6 feet and 75% open versus 4 feet and 50% open. Language was also included to preclude chain link fencing around the perimeter. New language for front yard fencing was introduced after P&Z's recommendation that side yard fences in the general area of the front yard should also be restricted in height. Staff established a front façade line as a line perpendicular to the side property lines. Any fence within the front façade line would be designated as a front yard fence and would have to comply with the openness and height restrictions. The newest fencing code proposed by P&Z is as follows:

1. Parallel to public trails, parks, or open spaces:
6 ft. and minimum 75% open.
2. Front yard for the R-1 District:
4 ft. if less than 50% open or
6 ft. if more than 50% open.
3. Front yards for R-2, R-3, R-3A, C-1 and C-2 Districts
4 ft. and minimum 50% open.
4. Front yards for the R-4 and R-5 Districts
No fence allowed in front yard.

The PTRC discussed whether there is a need for front yard fencing with the exception of horse properties and properties along main streets. The concern is that fences are detrimental to the character of the Village and the rural feel of the Community. The current code calls for 6 foot solid fences.

The Commission discussed limiting front yard fences along public trails and specifying the type of fencing that can be installed when it affects the view corridor. An example was wrought iron fences that give an open feel and still provide security to the homeowner.

Mr. Zuccaro presented two scenarios for the PTRC. First, the PTRC could agree with P&Z's proposal with minor adjustments and go before City Council. Second, if PTRC is recommending significant changes then a joint study session between the two commissions could be scheduled to establish a consensus.

The PTRC agreed to move forward with P&Z's recommendation that fences parallel to public trails, parks or open spaces will be a maximum of 6 feet with a minimum 75% open and to further study the front yard fencing recommendations.

Mr. Eber moved, seconded by Mr. Ganger to move forward with Planning and Zoning's recommendation that fences parallel to public trails, parks or open spaces will be a maximum of six feet with a minimum of 75% openness to be presented to City Council and to schedule an additional study session with the Planning and Zoning Commission to study front yard fencing.

The motion carried unanimously.

MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION – ROB ZUCCARO

Mr. Zuccaro presented a draft Implementation Plan for the Cherry Hills Village Master Plan for review and recommendation to the City Council. The Commission reviewed each section of the Master Plan and recommended minor changes that Mr. Zuccaro will incorporate before presenting to City Council.

SUBCOMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS

a. Summary Sheet

Trail Enhancement Update

1. Signs for Highline Canal

Mr. Lucas proposed adding minimal signage on the City's section of the Highline Canal similar to Greenwood Village to establish a hierarchy for horses, pedestrians and bicyclists. The purpose is for the City to be proactive and establish expectations, rules and guidelines as traffic increases along the Highline Canal.

Mr. Ganger recommended that signage be placed at the beginning and end of the trail as opposed to adding signage along the City's section of the Highline Canal.

2. Trail Connection – 4501 South Monroe

A parcel of land recently purchased at 4501 South Monroe could provide a trail connection if the property owner is open to an easement along the west side of their property. The Commission will continue to pursue a contact to discuss an easement.

Mr. Kokish suggested the Commission could pursue permissive use for an extended period of time if the family is opposed to a permanent easement.

Special Events Update

Mr. Berninzoni reported that movie night was a great success. The Cherry Hills Village car show is scheduled for Sunday, September 27th and the Holiday Tree Lighting is scheduled for Friday, December 11th.

Open Space Update

There was nothing to report on this subject.

Communications/Crier Article

Mr. Eber reported that the Village Crier will now be printed monthly. He questioned whether the PTRC would like a presence in the Village Crier every month. The Commission agreed that it is important to have a presence in each issue even if it is a minor article.

b. Parks, Trails and Recreation EnhancementJohn Meade Park and Alan Hutto Memorial Commons

Mr. Lucas reported that the John Meade Park Master Plan was approved by City Council. The next step is to solicit funds and discuss uses for John Meade Park. The floodplain development study can go simultaneously in preparation for the next step.

Mr. Zuccaro reported that the first phase will include an expanded use permit and development plan documents such as, final grading, layout of the park, restroom facility, users of the park and final amphitheater design. The next step would include the FEMA approval process, construction level design documents and work on permits that will be needed. This process is expected to take a full year to accomplish before any construction can start.

Mr. Berninzoni reported that the City will also be pursuing grant opportunities to assist with these projects.

PTRC CHAIR REPORT

The City received a trail inventory grant and a consultant has been hired. The Commission will be updated and involved throughout the process. The study is expected to be complete in March 2016.

The temporary pad and walkway for the Alan Hutto Memorial amphitheater is complete.

REPORTS**a. Parks Division Maintenance Log**

There was nothing to report on this subject.

b. PTRC Parks Fund Budget and Priority list update: October Presentation

Mr. Berninzoni reported that the October 2015 PTRC meeting is an important meeting for the Commission. Mr. Berninzoni will present a draft of the 2016 budget. The Commission will also be asked to work on a priority list for 2016. The City Engineer is preparing a cost estimate for the completion of John Meade Park and the Alan Hutto Amphitheater for the 2016 budget.

b. City Council Report

Councilor Gallagher thanked the Commission for their work on the fence issue. He encouraged the Commission to continue their efforts as this is an important part of the aesthetics of the City.

Councilor Gallagher also reported that City Council is not pursuing the Construction Use Tax at this time due to short notice. City Council continues to work on an Agreement with the City of Englewood to move the Public Works facility.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

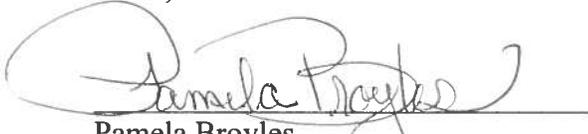
The next scheduled PTRC meeting is October 8, 2015.



Bill Lucas
Chairman



Ryan Bernizoni
Parks, Trails and Recreation Administrator



Pamela Broyles
Administrative Clerk