

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Parks, Trails & Recreation Commission
City of Cherry Hills Village, Colorado
Thursday, May 12, 2016
at the Village Center

Commission members in attendance: Robert Eber, John Kokish, Joshua DiCarlo, Nina Itin, Liesje Johnson, Sarah Kozlowski, Councilor Mike Gallager. Employees present: Ryan Berninzoni, Parks, Trails and Recreation Administrator, Pamela Broyles, Administrative Assistant.

Absent: Rob Ganger

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Robert Eber called the Parks, Trails and Recreation Commission (PTRC) meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 11, 2016 MINUTES

Mr. John Kokish moved to approve the April 14, 2016 minutes as presented. Ms. Liesje Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

There was no audience participation.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW PTRC MEMBER SARAH KOZLOWSKI

Chair Eber welcomed new Commission member Sarah Kozlowski on behalf of the PTRC. Ms. Kozlowski shared that she is excited to join the Commission and to be a voice for moms with young children throughout the John Meade Park planning process.

SUBCOMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS

a. Summary Sheet

Trail Enhancement Update

Chair Eber encouraged Commission members to utilize the new interactive website that the City recently launched to report wildlife sightings around the Village. The City is collecting data to complete a report on what wildlife resides in the Village.

Special Events Update

Ms. Johnson reported that the Special Events Committee recently met and confirmed that the dates for the City's Farmers Markets will be July 31st and August 28th. The Cherry Hills Land Preserve will hold their annual Farmers Market on September 18th. The groups are coordinating efforts and Ms. Johnson encouraged the Commission to contact any potential produce vendors or artisans who would like to have a booth at any of the markets. Residents can also donate any overage of produce they grow to the City and nonprofit groups will sell the produce as a fundraiser for organizations such as 4H, boy scouts, etc.

The annual outdoor movie night is scheduled for August 20th, the annual car show is scheduled for September 11th and the Holiday Tree Lighting event is scheduled for December 9th.

Communication/Crier Article

All of the special events will be featured in the upcoming Village Crier.

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JOHN MEADE PARK AND ALAN HUTTO MEMORIAL COMMONS PROJECT

Chair Eber reviewed items that were discussed at the meeting with Mundus Bishop Consultants to plan John Meade Park. He shared that the Mayor's vision is to think big when designing the Park. The project has a limited budget, but the Commission is encouraged to include all of their design ideas. Chair Eber also encouraged Commission members to make a checklist of specifications for a public restroom. Mundus Bishop is working on a competition with architectural students to solicit design ideas for the restroom. The checklist can include items such as energy efficiency, wash station, baby changing station, number of stalls, etc.

The Commission reviewed three design plans and discussed the pros and cons of each plan. There was consensus on a natural setting and enhancing the wetlands and ponds with fishing peers and boardwalks for families to interact. Chair Eber stressed the importance of educating the community on a "wetland restoration" that is needed to improve the quality of the wetlands and maintain and attract wildlife species.

The Commission discussed the Alan Hutto Commons area and design concepts for the performance area. Each plan includes a gathering area and potential viewing areas where overlooks can be added along the trail.

Councilor Gallagher added that it is important to get input from the maintenance staff as the planning process progresses.

Chair Eber reminded Commission members that the first public meeting is scheduled for May 24th at the Joint Public Safety Facility and stressed the importance of the Commission's attendance at the meeting.

PTRC CHAIR REPORT

Chair Eber reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) recently met to discuss the proposed zoning change for the Quincy Farm property. There was discussion at the P&Z meeting about the lack of parking and the need to create a mechanism where more parking will be available. A draft of the ordinance will now go before City Council for final approval. Chair Eber encouraged the Commission to review the draft ordinance that will go before Council. Mr. Berninzoni will keep the Commission updated on the ordinance.

Chair Eber reported on the recent meeting held by the High Line Canal Conservancy. He stressed that the High Line Canal is a main feature of the Village and it is important for the Commission and residents to get involved and show their support.

Nina Itin is Chair of the High Line Canal Conservancy group and she discussed the purpose of the group to preserve the Canal as less water continues and will continue to run through the Canal. The group is in the process of creating a massive master planning of the Canal in a joint effort with other communities.

REPORTS

Maintenance Log Report

Mr. Berninzoni reported that the Parks crew is busy with spring and summer operations. He reported that the City is aware of the dandelion problem in the City and staff will address the issue mechanically with mowers versus spraying all of the areas.

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City Council Report

Councilor Gallagher reported that the John Meade Park kickoff meeting with Mundus Bishop was successful and positive. He encouraged the Commission to remain positive throughout the process and to keep the ideas of the Community in mind.

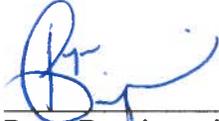
Councilor Gallagher also reported that City Council is working on a plan to move the Public Works facility to a new location.

ADJOURNMENT

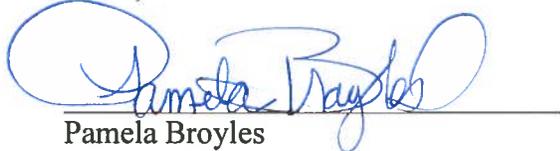
The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.



Robert Eber
Chairman



Ryan Berninzoni
Parks, Trails and Recreation Administrator



Pamela Broyles
Administrative Clerk