

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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Minutes of the Parks, Trails & Recreation Commission  
City of Cherry Hills Village, Colorado  
Thursday, October 20, 2016  
at the Village Center

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

Absent: Liesje Johnson

**STUDY SESSION – 6:00 P.M.**

Chair Robert Eber called the study session to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Berninzoni reviewed the 2017 projects and priorities for the Commission.

**Priority #1 - John Meade Park and Alan Hutto Memorial Commons**

The project is currently on hold while City Council addresses the location of the Public Works facility and City Hall. The planning of John Meade Park and Alan Hutto remains a priority as City Council will make a decision in the near future. The project includes floodplain studies, construction documents and final design. The Parks, Trails and Recreation Commission (PTRC) will either move forward with the original plan or modify the plan if Public Works remains at its current location. The Commission will resume meetings with Mundus Bishop Consulting early next year. Funding for the project will be carried over into 2017. City staff will also pursue grant funding for the project in 2017.

**Priority #2 – Quincy Farm**

Quincy Farm is a 17.5 acre property that the City is working to establish a short and long term management plan.

The Commission expressed concern that the planning of John Meade Park is premature as decisions still need to be made about Public Works and City Hall. Valuable time has been spent on John Meade Park and the Commission questioned whether their focus should be on Quincy Farm. The Commission is concerned that the Park is not publicly vetted and there is more excitement in the Community for Quincy Farm.

Chair Eber agreed that Quincy Farm is one of the City's most significant open spaces and is an important priority for the Commission, but he reminded the Commission that City Council established the Quincy Farm Committee to work on the management plan. He stated that the Parks, Trails and Recreation Commission (PTRC) plays an important role in Quincy Farm and they need to coordinate efforts with the Quincy Farm Committee. It is listed as a second priority only because the Quincy Farm Committee is focusing their efforts on the short term needs.

Mr. Berninzoni stated that the direction from City Council for several years has been to design John Meade Park and the performance area. He pointed out that the Commission's priorities can shift as things change, but the Commission should continue to focus their efforts on planning the Park. Mr. Berninzoni will schedule a tour of Quincy Farm sometime in November.

Commissioner Kozlowski suggested that community events should be added to the projects and priorities list for 2017.

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### **PTRC MEETING 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 SEPTEMBER 15, 2016 MINUTES**

Commissioner Sarah Kozlowski moved to approve the September 15, 2016 minutes as presented. Commissioner Fred Wolfe seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

There was no audience participation.

### **SUBCOMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS**

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

##### Trail Enhancement Update

Commissioner Wolfe reported that he is working on a proposal to establish an easement on the west side of Monroe Street. The packet of information will be presented to the homeowner to explain why the trail easement is so important for the community. Commissioner Wolfe pointed out that the vegetation on the property screens off the trail so the homeowner will not see any activity. The easement is an important link to the trail system.

Commissioner Wolfe requested that additional trash cans be added at key trail intersections to reduce the amount of trash that is discarded along City trails.

##### High Line Canal Update – Nina Itin

Commissioner Itin reported that the High Line Canal Conservancy Group is wrapping up a series of public meetings in advance of the master planning phase to create a vision for the future of the High Line Canal. She reported that the consensus along the entire Canal is to preserve a natural environment that attracts wildlife and reflects nature. The next step for planners is to put together a master plan.

##### Special Events Update

Chair Eber announced the next community event is Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> and is entitled “Winter Celebration.” The event will incorporate a food drive activity with a food donation station. The scope of the event has been broadened to attract all interests and faiths. Chair Eber encouraged Commission members to attend.

### **JOHN MEADE PARK AND ALAN HUTTO MEMORIAL COMMONS UPDATE**

Chair Eber reported that City Council has scheduled a public meeting for Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at St. Mary’s Academy. Future plans for John Meade Park, the Public Works facility and City Hall will be discussed at the meeting. Chair Eber asked Commission members to attend the meeting and to participate in discussions on the value of open space and John Meade Park.

### **PTRC CHAIR REPORT**

Chair Eber encouraged the Commission to continue thinking about priorities for the Commission.

Chair Eber reported that the newest art piece in the City is a Culligan sculpture entitled “Rubric #6” that is located on the northeast section of the Joint Public Safety Facility. The item is currently on loan, but the piece can be purchased below market value at this time. The Art Commission would like to acquire the piece and has asked the PTRC to voice feedback on whether it is something City Council should act on as a purchase item.

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Commission members were given two binders with information on Quincy Farm. Chair Eber asked the Commission to review the documents to become familiar with the property.

### REPORTS

#### City Council Report

Councilor Gallagher thanked Commissioner Wolfe for his enthusiasm in joining the PTRC. Councilor Gallagher reiterated the importance of the public meeting on November 1<sup>st</sup> as City Council determines the future of John Meade Park and how to address the aging Public Works facility and City Hall. Council is looking at funding options and various combinations that will be shared by the City Manager at the meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to be transparent to the Community regarding money that needs to be spent.

Councilor Gallagher reported that there are groups within the Community that are pursuing the same goals, but are not communicating. The High Line Canal Conservancy, Quincy Farm Committee and Cherry Hills Land Preserve are active groups that the Commission could coordinate with so everyone is working together to achieve the same goals.

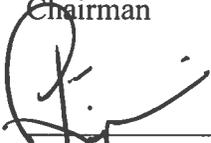
Commissioner DiCarlo shared his concern that open space in the Village is disappearing and now is the time to purchase before it is too late. He agreed with being more actively involved with groups to gain support for the purchase of open space.

### ADJOURNMENT

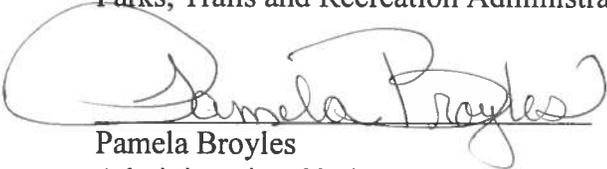
The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. The next PTRC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 10, 2016.



Robert Eber  
Chairman



Ryan Berninzoni  
Parks, Trails and Recreation Administrator



Pamela Broyles  
Administrative Clerk