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Minutes of the  
Parks, Trails & Recreation Commission of the  
City of Cherry Hills Village, Colorado  
Held on Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

### **PARKS, TRAILS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

Chair Stephanie Dahl called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Chair Stephanie Dahl, Vice-Chair Tory Leviton, Commissioners Robert Eber, Kate Murphy, Fred Wolfe and Chelsea Scott. Also present were Emily Black, Parks and Recreation Coordinator, Jeff Roberts, Parks Operations Supervisor and Pamela Broyles, Administrative Assistant.

Absent: Commissioner Aron Grodinsky

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The PTRC conducted the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

There was no audience participation.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Robert Eber moved, seconded by Commissioner Fred Wolfe to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of Minutes – January 13, 2022

The motion passed unanimously.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. Trail Renaming: Next Phase

Commissioner Wolfe reported that all of the rules signs for the trails have been created and Parks Supervisor Jeff Roberts gave him permission to install the signs himself. He pointed out a minor change to the Cherry Trail that goes from Woodie Hollow Park to the Glenmoor Trail based on liability concerns the City has with continuing the Trail across University Boulevard. He said the proposed solution is to consider the small trail from Woodie Hollow Park to University Boulevard and Quincy Avenue as a separate trail. The proposed trail name for this short trail is the Academy Trail. Mr. Wolfe described several small trail segments in the Village that don't go anywhere. He said the Village has asked that names be attached to these trails as well in the event someone needs help, they can state what particular trail they are on so the Police can find them. He stated that all trails should be fully signed with the name by the end of 2022.

Commissioner Wolfe also noted that he started a column in the Village Crier each month called "On the Trail." He said the column will discuss issues with trails, parks and open space and the goal is to increase visibility of the Village Trails.

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Commissioner Eber referred to the names being assigned to the trails and proposed that the Commission be involved with coming up with some interesting names for the trails that depict some of the history.

Coordinator Black informed the Commission that she plans to budget for new trail maps in 2023 to include all of the updates.

Commissioner Wolfe brought up that he would like to see a couple of the bridle trails be plowed in the wintertime so more people can use the trails in winter. He said he will write an article for the Crier in the future on this subject.

Co-Chair Leviton discussed the possibility of an overpass or tunnel to safely cross University Boulevard.

Coordinator Black responded that the City did a feasibility study with CDOT years ago to see if it was possible to put an underpass or an overpass across University. She explained that due to major water lines running alongside and under University Boulevard they determined the cost to do an underpass would be prohibitive. She said the cost for an overpass was also expensive and there was not a lot of support to put an overpass over University in the Village. She noted that midblock crosswalks on State Highways are typically not used by CDOT.

Commissioner Eber brought up that this issue came up before the Citizens Advisory Task Force meeting for the Master Plan. He said there have been a lot of comments and emphasis on connectivity of Village trails as part of the new Plan and a fix may be implemented in the future.

Co-Chair Leviton brought up the idea of putting a wildlife overpass crossing that could be used for trail connectivity.

Commissioner Eber reiterated his concern that areas in the east and west portion of the Village are void of any trails that are not on-street trails. He would like the Commission to work on getting additional trails in these areas and to formally recognize on-street trails as pedestrian trails for safety reasons.

Co-Chair Leviton suggested adding "Wildlife Crossing" signs in the Village as a way to get people to slow down.

Commissioner Wolfe pointed out that the developers in the northeast section of the Village were not required to set aside trail easements so there are no trails in those areas.

The Commission discussed trails in the Charlou area that are not marked or recognized in the trail system.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was nothing to report.

### **REPORTS**

#### a. Chair Report

Chair Dahl had nothing to report.

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### b. Commissioners

Commissioner Murphy requested that the dog poop bags along the trails be biodegradable.

Parks Supervisor Roberts confirmed that the bags that are currently being used are biodegradable.

Commissioner Eber reported that the next Citizen's Advisory Task Force meeting is scheduled for March 9<sup>th</sup>. He emphasized the importance of the Commission staying involved with open space and Quincy Farm. He also brought up the E-bike discussion that City Council will be having at their meeting on February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Coordinator Black clarified that City Council is not re-evaluating E-bikes policy at this meeting and the discussion will be staff and the Police Chief providing an update to Council on enforcement issues.

Coordinator Black noted that the Citizens Advisory Task Force Open House meeting scheduled for Monday March 7<sup>th</sup> is in conjunction with a second survey that will be offered online. She also reported that the term "Semi-Rural" is being removed from the Master Plan mission statement and will be replaced with terms such as serene and natural environment.

Commissioner Eber stated that he has been approached by citizens who are concerned about managing the grasses in open space areas with the expected shortage of water. He said he has received several comments asking if the grasses can be longer to prevent erosion and to return open space areas to natural prairie grass.

Commissioner Wolfe reported that he is working with City Council and Planning Manager Paul Workman to make the appropriate language amendments to the City's Code to prevent the removal of trees such as what occurred on the lot at Franklin and Quincy. He said the new language he hoped for is to prevent any tree from being cut down except within 30 days of construction.

Commissioner Eber wanted to clarify that the City Code allows an individual homeowner to cut down a tree without replacing it because homeowners have the right to landscape their properties as they choose. He said the replacement tree policy only applies to a rebuild or extensive renovation. He said he believes that plantings and trees in the City's right-of-way are within the jurisdiction of PTRC.

### c. Staff Report

Coordinator Black reported that the City is looking for a volunteer from the Commission who will join members from other boards and commissions to participate in a congestion study for Highway 285. She said the Village will do the study in conjunction with the City of Englewood, City of Sheridan, City of Denver, CDOT and RTD to look at reducing congestion and traffic issues.

Chair Dahl volunteered to participate in the study as the representative for PTRC. Chelsea Scott volunteered to be the alternate.

### i. Quincy Farm

Coordinator Black reported that the City held its first Quincy Farm team meeting with the Cherry Hills Land Preserve. She said they discussed upcoming events for the Farm and programming that the Land Preserve has planned. She informed the Commission that

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some of the maintenance planned for the Farm this year is to treat the algae in the pond, spray for weeds and spray for beetles to preserve the trees.

Commissioner Scott asked what the status is of opening Quincy Farm to the public.

Ms. Black responded that the City is hopeful about the MOU that the City has with the Land Preserve. She stated that the difficulty with access is that it is entirely up to Colorado Open Lands who is the easement holder. She said the Land Preserve and the City will be working with Colorado Open Lands over the summer to determine what public access can look like.

### ii. E-bikes Study Session at City Council

Coordinator Black reported that on Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, she and Chief Tovrea will give an update to City Council about E-bikes and changes in other jurisdictions. She said speeding issues on trails will also be discussed.

Ms. Black reported that Chief Tovrea's retirement celebration will be held during the City Council meeting on Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.

### iii. John Meade Park – Permanent Sculpture

Ms. Black reported that the Cherry Hills Art Commission will start planning for a permanent sculpture to be placed in John Meade Park this year. She specified that the process of selecting the sculpture will be done in coordination with PTRC.

Commissioner Murphy asked if there was any discussion or interest in putting Pickleball Courts in John Meade Park.

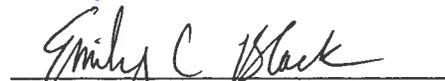
Ms. Black responded that based on the original Master Plan that was developed with the Community, active facilities were not something the broader community was interested in putting in the Park when it was designed. She said the results from the current Master Plan survey are similar and people are not in favor of active park facilities.

## ADJOURNMENT

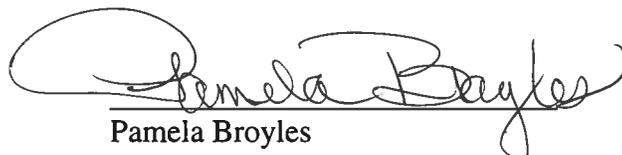
The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 10th at 5:30 p.m.



Chair Stephanie Dahl



Emily Black  
Parks and Recreation Coordinator



Pamela Broyles  
Administrative Assistant