

Cottonwood Heights City
MINUTES OF THE PARKS, TRAILS, AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
April 27, 2022
In-person Meeting

Present: Jennifer Shah; Greg Reid; Bruce Jorgensen; Matt Dominesey; Greg Hilbig; Melissa Fields; Michael Menssen; Paula McFarland; Ben Hill (CHPRSA); Chris Owens; Ronna Cohen and Larry Alserda

Management & Staff: Mike Johnson and Councilmember Doug Peterson

Public: Alex Spencer and Michael Cianelli

Summary and Key Actions

- Mike Johnson to send out the proposed wayfinding signage for Big Cottonwood Canyon Trail (BCCT) and the committee is to provide feedback on preferred designs within the next two weeks.
 - Committee members are to think about additional uses of the PTOS committee budget funds and provide their ideas at the next committee meeting.
 - Committee members are to update the spreadsheet on the PTOS shared Google drive with their questions for Mayor Weichers by May 9th.
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Welcome

Mr. Greg Reid, committee chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed Committee members, management, and staff.

City staff / Public Comment / Council / Service Area Update

Mike Johnson, CH City Community & Economic Development Director, reported on the following:

- Hammock posts for Golden Hills Park have been staked and are ready for hammock posts, which haven't yet arrived. They are expected very soon.
- BCCT – There is a project underway to repair damaged sections of the BCCT; add wayfinding signage and mileage markers; and move the signs at Knudsen Park and the BCC Park and Ride to make them more visible. Blue Line Design completed preliminary designs for the new signage. Mike will send them out to the committee for review and comments. The committee suggested that (1) mileage markers should mark distance in both directions (from Knudsen Park to the BCC Park & Ride and vice versa) and (2) a QR code be added to the signs. Mike requested feedback within the next couple of weeks since the project needs to be completed by the end of the year.
- The CH City Council passed a water conservation ordinance. The new ordinance will apply to new development.

- Dover Church Hill Property – Prior designs have been thrown out due to the number of earthquake faults found by trenching. They are still working on a redesign.
- A PTOS Committee shared mailbox has been set up. The new address is ptos@ch.utah.gov.
- Mike shared a mock-up of the plaques that will be placed on donated items for Ferguson Park.

Public Comment

Public comments were taken next since the comments were directly related to Ben Hill's updates and due to time constraints of the public attendees.

Alex Spencer and Michael Cianelli are representatives of an organization called the Antczak Park Community Foundation LLC - a group of five homeowners whose properties border Antczak Park. Mr. Spencer and Mr. Cianelli presented concerns about the park redesign. Major concerns were inadequate funding for park improvements and increased traffic and noise from the new lighted pickleball courts. The organization's priorities/preferences for phase 1 are (1) complete the walking trail around the park, (2) retain the current tennis courts and dual striping them for pickleball, and (3) a new all-abilities playground. Alternatives would be for the new pickleball courts to replace either the sand volleyball or unused baseball diamonds.

CHPRSA Update – Ben Hill, CHPRSA Executive Director

- Park donation program – There are only 3 dog waste stations left to be covered by donations. In total \$12,000 in funds have been received.
- Antczak Park – A memorial bench named for Don Antczak will be purchased by the CH Foundation and placed in the park. Funding for the park upgrades is from both a 2019 tax increase and 2020 capital project funding from ARPA and there are currently not enough funds to complete the whole project at once. Focus groups were held prior to the final design. The tennis courts need to be replaced regardless of any further design changes and four tennis courts are more costly than having two tennis courts/three pickleball courts in the current design. The CHPRSA needs to get some bids to see how much the upgrades will cost. The CHPRSA is looking for additional ARPA funds to add lights to the MJP pickleball courts in Butler Park to alleviate traffic concerns at Antczak.
- Tourism, Recreation, Culture & Convention (TRCC) funds are being used for the BCCT wayfinding signs. The CHPRSA is trying to get additional TRCC funding to upgrade the Mill Hollow, Antczak, and Bywater playgrounds in 2023.
- May 21, 2022, will be national "Kids in the Park" day. There will be fun activities for kids and the CHPRSA will soft open the Mountview splash pad for this event.

City Council Update – Doug Peterson, CH City Council Member

Council Member Doug Peterson had to leave for a prior commitment and was unavailable for an update.

Committee Chair Update

- Draft minutes from the March 23, 2022, were discussed and approved with minor changes.
- PTOS committee goals were reviewed and approved with minor changes.
- The committee brainstormed ideas for using the \$3,000 PTOS committee budget prior to June 30, 2022. Ideas included (1) honorariums for guest nature park speakers; (2) walking tour maps; (3) waterwise landscaping and/or drowning prevention programs; (4) educational signs, seeds, or other items for the pollinator garden; (5) supplies for the park stewardship program, (6) Butlerville Days, and (7) additional hammock posts. Mr. Johnson will check with VODA to see if they could add the signs to their contact.

There isn't enough city budget to complete the entire garden this year, but there may be some state funds available. Committee member Melissa Fields moved to use \$1,500 for the remaining dog waste stations at Ferguson Park. The motion was seconded and carried by majority vote, with one opposed.

- CH city is looking at ways to implement the Utah drought emergency declaration. Mr. Hill said the splash pad is currently scheduled to operate on a reduced schedule from 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.
- Lyse Durrant, Assistant CHPRSA Director, was recognized for her efforts on the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA).
- A few questions have been added on the Google Drive list for Mayor Weichers. The committee needs to add any other questions by May 9, 2022.
- Newsletter article ideas are also on Google Docs. A few topics have been added.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Reid adjourned the meeting.

Michael Johnson

Date

Greg Reid

Date

Message to Mayor Weichers



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Paula this is Bruce Jorgensen on the PTOS Committee.

These are a few of the ideas about Cottonwood Heights improvements we talked about in the meeting.

1. Address the UDOT Facility on 30th East. This is an industrial type facility sitting in the middle of a high end residential, commercial and retail zone without being visually screened and appears to have a open area north of the facility for storage or expansion I feel that based on what UDOT spent on I-15 reconstruction landscaping, I-215 landscaping and Legacy Highway plus the restrictions placed on the gravel pit development that we should pursue the mitigation of this community eyesore.
2. There is not an aesthetically pleasing street in the city. The streetscape is hap-hazard at best. I would propose the city take control of all the park strips which we own and create a streetscape plan for the city as well as investigating planted islands such as St George Blvd in St George, Utah, or 700 East at Liberty Park or Wasatch Blvd Bonneville Golf Course.
3. I use the walking path along Big Cottonwood Creek quite often and I am amazed at how the Old Mill is visually treated. I think the building should be treated with some historic respect relative to how it presented from the road. The large paved area to the north of the building is under-utilized and is potential green space and trail head parking.

These are some a few of the observations of a retired Landscape Architect who has lived hear for 37 years.

I would be happy to discuss any item further if requested.

Thanks Paula

Bruce Jorgensen