

Cottonwood Heights City
MINUTES OF THE PARKS, TRAILS, AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
August 24, 2022
2277 E Bengal Blvd., Room 124, Cottonwood Heights, UT

Present: Melissa Fields; Erin Davis; Ben Hill, Executive Director, Cottonwood Heights Parks and Recreation Service Area (CHPRSA); Chris Owens; Ronna Cohen; Bruce Jorgensen; Larry Alserda; Matt Dominesey; Greg Hilbig; Michael Menssen; and Jenn Shah

Management & Staff: Mike Johnson, CH City Community & Economic Development Director

Summary and Key Actions

- Mike Johnson will send out a list of major projects for the committee to review and consider supporting.
 - Committee member Bruce Jorgensen will add a few minor edits to the newly approved committee goals.
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Welcome

In the absence of the Committee Chair, the Committee Vice Chair called the meeting to order and welcomed committee members, management, and staff.

City staff / CHPRSA Update / Council

Staff Update - Mike Johnson, CH City Community & Economic Development Director,

- Thank you to the PTOS Committee members who helped with Butlerville Days. Thanks to Committee Member Ronna Cohen for organizing the historic walks as well as others.
- The park portion of Ferguson Park is almost done. It's looking great and is scheduled to be completed in October. The parking lot is funded separately with federal funding through UDOT. Bids will be accepted in the winter and full completion is scheduled for next summer.
- BCC Trail – wayfinding is almost complete. The city will rebuild a portion of the trail down by the Cottonwood Corporate Center and add wayfinding signage by the end of December. Examples of new signage were shown and discussed in the meeting.
- Mountview Pollinator Garden – CH City was granted eight Upland Habitat kits from state funding. Each kit has around 12 different species of pollinator plants and covers 300 SF of land. The kits are expected in September and consultants will direct location of initial phase 1 plantings.
- The CH Business Association is hosting a block party at City Hall tomorrow evening, and all are invited.

CHPRSA Update – Ben Hill, CHPRSA Executive Director

- Ferguson Park – The CHPRSA received the full amount of Parks and Recreation Foundation donation money to help complete the park. They are little light on general donations. Mr. Hill is looking for ways to improve in the future.
- Charity Golf Tournament – The tournament was held yesterday at Mountain Dell golf course and was very successful.

- Antczak Park – Two concrete slabs have been laid for the tennis courts. Fencing is in process. Electrical panel has been upgraded for future LED lighting. The two south courts will remain two tennis courts. The two north courts will become four pickleball courts. Nets may be added in the future, but for now, people will bring their own nets. The south courts will be ADA accessible. They are still working out the walking path design and will add a buffer zone and replace damaged grass. Park donations will be considered in the spring.
- Tourism, Recreation, Culture & Convention (TRCC) Funding - The CHPRSA applied to upgrade (by priority) the Bywater, Antczak, and Mill Hollow playgrounds in 2023. The CHPRSA has been slotted for a short presentation at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, September 16th. Ben will give an update at the next meeting.
- Lights for pickleball courts at Butler Park are currently on hold due to the cost. The CHPRSA will attempt to problem solve next spring.
- Bark in the Park is scheduled for September 17th. The splash pad will close the following day.
- BHS is building a shot-put sand court on the west side of Butler Park. It will double as a volleyball court that will be open to the public.

City Council Update – Doug Peterson, CH City Council Member

Council Member Doug Peterson was unable to attend the meeting.

Committee Chair Update

- The draft minutes from the June 22, 2022, meeting were discussed. Mr. Menssen moved to approve the minutes and the motion was unanimously carried by the committee, with one abstention.
- Committee Member Bruce Jorgensen had previously submitted his suggested goals to Committee Chair, Greg Reid, and Committee Secretary, Paula McFarland. The goals are broad and are based on what is in the city code for the committee. After discussion, Mr. Menssen moved to approve the new goals with a few suggested edits. The motion was unanimously carried by the committee. The unedited approved goals are as follows:
 1. Enhance and expand existing Parks Trails and Open Space
 2. Explore and Develop new Parks Trails and Open Space opportunities.
 3. Propose Parks Trails and Open Space public awareness programs.
- Priority projects were presented by Mike Johnson to help the committee focus on projects they want to support. Mr. Jorgensen had previously mapped out the area down by the Old Mill and proposed the committee consider supporting this project. He suggested that trees be planted, as well as paving around the retention pond and improving the spillway. It was agreed that Mr. Johnson would provide the highest priority projects from the Master Plan and the committee will review and propose projects, including projected costs, to the City Council. Mr. Jorgensen also pointed to the city ordinance regarding trees and parking strips. He proposed that the city manage the parking strips and that the city council approve annual funding for trees to be planted, since they are owned by the city. A few other projects to be considered are the Bonneville Shoreline Trail, Deaf Smith Canyon, and a partnership with Holladay City for an I-215 corridor trail. UDOT is on board to do a feasibility study for the trail. Ms. Cohen suggested that a long-term goal should be for the city to gain control of Crestwood Park. Mr. Johnson advised that the committee submit projects to the city council when funding is required, or grants need to be chased.
- Committee Member Erin Davis suggested that Cottonwood Heights host a volunteer day like Canyon Rim Cares days. Mr. Johnson will send out a project list.

- Committee Member Melissa Fields attended a trails forum for the Wasatch Cache National Forest ranger district. They are in the process of working on a trails master plan. This fall they will host listening sessions with the public. Ms. Fields will keep the committee updated. Salt Lake County will also be putting forward a Phase 1 master plan for the Butterfield and Yellow Fork open spaces.

Public Comment

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Michael Johnson

Date

Greg Reid

Date