

**Cottonwood Heights City**  
**MINUTES OF THE PARKS, TRAILS, AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE**  
**September 28, 2022**  
**2277 E Bengal Blvd., Room 124, Cottonwood Heights, UT**

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**Present:** Melissa Fields; Erin Davis; Ben Hill, Executive Director, Cottonwood Heights Parks and Recreation Service Area (CHPRSA); Chris Owens; Ronna Cohen; Larry Alserda; Matt Dominesey; Sarah Ricketts; Aline Longstaff; Paula McFarland and Jenn Shah

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

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**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 and Vice Chair, the Committee Secretary called the meeting to order and welcomed committee members, management, and staff. New committee member Aline Longstaff introduced herself to the committee.

**City staff / CHPRSA Update / Council**

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

- Mountview Pollinator Garden – Phase 1A of the garden has been planted using the donated Upland Habitat kits. Mr. Johnson will get more information on what was planted, and where, for future signage and for planning next phases.
- Ft Union Bike Lanes and Sidewalks – Grant money is available to purchase and construct (1) a bike line from 17<sup>th</sup> East to Brookhill Drive and (2) a sidewalk on the west side of 17<sup>th</sup> East from Ft Union going southward. The sidewalk on 17<sup>th</sup> is to create a safe street for kids to walk to school. There are 5 property owners on Ft Union that will be involved, including the fire station.
- Mid-Valley Active Transportation Plan – Midvale, Taylorsville, Holladay, Millcreek, and Cottonwood Heights are creating a join master transportation plan that will serve as a backbone to connect bike lanes between the cities. Next week, the plan will be presented to the respective City Councils before going out for public comment. The plan will hopefully be approved by November 1 and will be used for development planning and construction when funding is available.
- Doverhill Drive – Ivory homes is still working on a site re-design.
- There are a lot of new grants available this year from the Wasatch Front Regional Council. Cottonwood Heights will apply for grants for:
  - Ft Union Protected Cycle Track – will add a 10-ft bike trail on Ft Union Blvd. from Union Park Avenue to 13<sup>th</sup> East

- Bengal Blvd to Ft. Union on Highland Drive – will connect to the existing bike lane on Bengal between 23<sup>rd</sup> East and Highland Drive
- East Ft Union – will add a bike lane between 30<sup>th</sup> East and the Big Cottonwood Canyon Park and Ride
- There has been a staffing change and Andrew Hulka, Senior City Planner, has left for a new position. His position has been filled by Samantha DeSeelhorst and they will hire a new person to take her position.
- BCC Trail – wayfinding signage is almost complete and awaiting approval from Holladay since some of the signs will be placed in their city. A 3-month extension was granted for the trail improvements and striping.
- Bonneville Shoreline Trail – no movement on this. There are still a couple of property owners who will not cooperate. The city could lose the funding if no progress is made.
- Deaf Smith Canyon – there is private property in this canyon, and someone wants to build a home on one of the lots. A Geotech study is being conducted to determine if the lots are buildable.
- Mr. Johnson will bring a project list to the next committee meeting. Committee Member Jenn Shah will provide an older project list and will update it and add some verbiage to describe each project. Mr. Johnson suggested that committee members review the CH PTOS Master Plan to help identify future committee projects.

**CHPRSA Update – Ben Hill, CHPRSA Executive Director**

- Antczak Park – The tennis courts should be completed in the next week or two. There will be a 6-foot barrier between the courts and the grass to keep water off the courts. They will landscape once the courts have been completed. The CHPRSA will add funding for a capital project to add the walking path into next year’s budget.
- Tourism, Recreation, Culture & Convention (TRCC) Funding - The CHPRSA presentation went well, and they will know within the next two weeks whether the project will be recommended for funding.
- McIntire Park – Work on the new walking path has been postponed until January.
- Ferguson Park – The park is nearing completion and will be ready by spring. Donated items will either be installed soon, or have already been installed.

**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 August 24, 2022, meeting were discussed and several edits made. Committee Member Chris Owens moved to approve the revised minutes. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Larry Alserda and the motion was unanimously carried by the committee.
- Committee Member Ronna Cohen reported that the Park Volunteer program had been stalled due to the unavailability of the volunteers. Ms. Cohen will revisit this program in the spring.

**Public Comment**

There were no members of the public in attendance.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Committee Member Paula McFarland moved to adjourn, which was seconded by Committee Member Larry Alserda and unanimously carried by the committee. The meeting was adjourned.

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Michael Johnson

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