

INSPIRATION COMMON AREA COMMITTEE
MINUTES

April 18, 2023 | 5:30 P.M. Via Zoom

Attendees: Mark Berkstresser, Ralph Charlip, Robert Ellixson, Charles Goretsky, Theresa LeGare, Maurice Smith, Tom Norton. Public Alliance: Justin Janca, Sarah Warner. Members of the public: None.

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. The agenda was approved with the addition of an item to discuss the Rockinghorse median proposal. Minutes from the March 21, 2023 meeting were approved.

Community Comment & Discussion:

- No members of the public were in attendance.
- Teresa LeGare and Mark Berkstresser gave updates on the NAC (Neighborhood Activity Center) development.
- Mr. Norton talked about the bike tool station at the new NAC by the dog park.
- Ms. LeGare raised concerns about the lack of security at the dog park.

Common Area Update provided by Justin Janca (Public Alliance)

Current services from BrightView include:

- Ongoing spring cleanup, including pruning and general landscape bed cleanup
- Turf mite spray and turf fertilizer
- Pre- and post-emergent weed control sprayed on soft surface trails
- Wasp gall treatment on oak trees (injected below ground)
- Ash borer spray and Pine beetle (IPS beetle) spray
- Mulching at various locations: Vistas landscaping beds, entrance beds on Gartrell and Rockinghorse and Gartrell and Inspiration, Gartrell areas, tree rings. Mulch is staged at Inspiration Club, they will work on these areas until mulch runs out.
- Irrigation repair and inspection prior to activation.

Special Projects:

- Filing 8 Bailey Circle terraseeding was applied and check dams were installed. Management staff ordered and installed native seeding signage.
- Rockinghorse Parkway turf conversion to cobble was completed.
- Biloxi Court mulch and native conversion was completed.
- E. Bailey Place turf conversion to cobble was completed.

Other items:

- Large Property Variance Application was submitted and approved. New stickers for the Variance program notices are being shipped.
- Irrigation management planning is in process.
- Four new irrigation controllers were installed in Filing 14 and 17 to upgrade to district standards.
- Front Range Recreation will fill the pool prior to May 1st to avoid the surcharge on that amount of water.
- Management had the water service turned on for the pool area and will de-winterize bathroom fixtures.
- Edging was repaired or replaced by PA staff in multiple areas.
- Graffiti incidents in the tunnel were painted over by PA staff and/or Aaron Curtiss.

- Tunnel tagged with sidewalk chalk was washed off by staff.
- Maintenance on the Gator utility vehicle is in process.
- Hinges on pool gates were replaced/adjusted.
- Dead deer on the roadway reported to the city for removal.
- Additional dog station was installed at the dog park.

Mrs. LeGare offered extra touch-up paint for the tunnel graffiti issue. Mr. Norton commented that watering restrictions pose a problem for new plantings.

New Business

Soft trail map proposal

- Two proposals were provided, North Pole Design & Julie Witmer, they provide different platforms but similar pricing. Justin Janca stated that the original request was for pedestal maps with details on vegetation. The pricing is per map location.
- Mr. Berkstresser stated that Julie Witmer provided the map type we are looking for. Mr. Charlip wants a cost comparison for maps and hardware and full pricing for installation. Mr. Berkstresser asked to reduce the number of maps in the soft surface area, the committee members discussed locations.
- Mr. Janca will get a location map and pricing for pedestal installation once locations are decided.

Connection trail in eastern open space

- This work would be done by volunteers from an Eagle Scout troop. Mr. Charlip would like to receive a scope of work in writing from the scouts. Mr. Berkstresser will follow up with Mr. Curtiss.

Voles

- Ms. Warner reported resident requests for treatment of voles. Ms. Warner noted that the District is not able to trap, bait, or poison, and most companies do not relocate. The committee agreed not to provide vole abatement services.

Handrail on long steps down from Pathfinder Park

- Ms. LeGare asked which side the handrail would be installed on, Robert Ellixson wants both sides to have a railing. Mrs. LeGare uses it for bike riding so would like to keep one side open. Mr. Charlip would like to see railing on both sides. Mr. Janca will obtain a proposal.

Pocket Park at E. Eads and S. Buchanan

- Same discussion as the Pathfinder Park handrail. Mr. Ellixson asked about the reservation system for NACs. The reservation system is already on the website.

Rockinghorse and Inspiration landscaping proposal

- Discussion about pruning of current vegetation. Mr. Ellixson talked about rabbit brush being too mature for the area, Ms. Warner agreed it is the wrong choice for the landscaping bed. Removal can be included in the 2024 budget, with pruning in 2023.

Irrigation update

- Mr. Berkstresser requested that Public Alliance map the turf dormancy areas. Mr. Janca will provide more details after inspection. Ms. LeGare and Mr. Goretsky gave an irrigation update.

Review status of CAC efforts

Committee Charter Revisions

- Mr. Charlip suggested hiring somebody such as a partnering with a university to do the work. He will create a statement of work to be reviewed by Ms. LeGare.

CAC Study or Assessment

- Mr. Norton asked about sand volleyball court usage.
- Ms. Warner asked for direction on covering with a tarp and sandbags and how to proceed prior to pool opening. The committee decided that staff can tarp the volleyball court until the committee or Board decides on the future of the volleyball court.
- Discussion was held regarding possible new locations away from the pool area.
- Maurice Smith suggested conducting an online survey for the new location. Four potential locations were decided on for further research.

Review status of Public Alliance efforts

Flowers at monument locations

- Perennials are being considered for the monument locations next year instead of annual flowers.
- Staff will hand water the annuals five days per week to avoid vendor supplemental watering costs.
- The committee agreed to defer additional plantings until more is known about water restrictions.

Retaining wall inspections

- Ms. Warner reported that she met with the vendor onsite and will create a map with retaining walls numbered to facilitate the inspections. Once complete, the vendor will begin.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Next meeting will be held on May 16th 2023.