

Meeting Minutes

Date: July 11, 2012

Time: 6:00 - 8:00pm

Recorded by: Amber Hernandez

Project: Parker Jordan Centennial Open Space- 27-Acre Community Planning Meeting

In Attendance:

Norm Sheldon – President Parker Jordan Metropolitan District
Mike Cornelson – Vice President Parker Jordan Metropolitan District
Susan Brown – Valerian
Amber Hernandez – CU Denver, Graduate Student
Hunter White – CU Denver, Graduate Student
Jeff Howell – City of Centennial Planning Department
Josh Duncan – J3 Engineering
Kevin Pettway – Resident
Laura Swain – Resident
David Sica – Resident
Suzana Skrabo – Resident

Absent:

Karen Hamilton – Centennial Open Space Advisory Board
Bobbie Sheffield – Former Arapahoe County OSTAB
Rob Burdine – Arapahoe County Open Spaces Staff

Introduction :

- Review of project opportunities and constraints.
- Review of potential proposed uses and facilities.
- Review of Parker Jordan Centennial Open Space amenities, (East of 27- acre parcel)
- Review of Cherry Creek Valley Eco Park development.
- Review of precedence photographs.

Topic: Open Space Access

Comments: Residents were concerned about traffic resulting from proposed parking lot. "We don't want to look at cars", Laura-resident. She suggested using the Bronco's Parkway Trailhead or having several smaller entrances in order to minimize congestion. There were also concerns regarding privacy and increased vehicular traffic within the community. Improving the trail from the street to the park was fine. Additional entrances may or may not be needed by the interior residents of the site. A large sign posted at the entrance off Nichols to the park one week before the next meeting was



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suggested so that there will be more participants including those that are not adjacent to the open space.

Topic: Proposed Uses and Amenities

Comments: Residents were concerned with the environmental impact of development. "There are not many places that have nothing", "everything is amenity driven", Kevin - resident. He suggested minimizing impact by limiting amenities and allowing the space to encourage passive recreation.

Topic: Users

Comments: Primary users include youth, adults, and their pets. Residents indicated that the soft trails created by users do get high use.

Topic: Open Space Continuity (crusher fine paths and furniture)

Comments: Discussion regarding the use of crusher fine pathway systems to minimize environmental impact and increase continuity between 27-acre parcel and the larger open space system. Residents were all in agreement that pathway system needs to be used to prevent site degradation. Additionally, any amenities installed need to have minimal impact on the environment, while reflecting natural surroundings. Cohesive design of the entire Parker Jordan Centennial Open Space is preferable to both the city of Centennial and the residents. Similar use of materials. Augment the uses on the east side of the trail. A picnic area on the west side of the creek overlooking the creek was suggested. A bench situated amongst the trees on the northwest side of the site if the division of wildlife can be convinced that there won't be additional disturbance to the habitat. A request to have all the barbed wire removed was voiced.

Meeting Conclusion:

There is a survey being e-mailed to each person on the committee to hand out to neighbors that can be mailed, faxed, or e-mailed for more input into the 27-acre design process.

Next community meeting set for Wednesday, August 1, 2012 6:00 pm
Place: Laredo cul-de-sac, bad weather: Kevin Pettway residence
16253 E Otero Ave
Englewood, CO 80112

