TOPS Working Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 4, 2015

Members Present: Lee Milner, PJ Anderson, Jason Alwine, Jim Rees, Leslie Thomas, Jeff Mohrmann, Becky Wegner
Members Absent: Joe Lavorini, Kirk Samelson
Alternates Present: Cathy Grossman, Sarah Musick
Citizens Advisory Committee Members Present: Scot Hume, John Maynard
Citizens Advisory Committee Members Absent: Jackie Hilaire
Staff Present: Karen Palus, Chris Lieber, Julie Lafitte, Kurt Schroeder

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Jim Rees brought the meeting to order at 7:34am.

Agenda Preview
There were no changes to the agenda as presented.

Announcements
Chris Lieber:

- The pre-bid meeting for Venezia will take place at 10:00am today
- FEMA flood repair projects will continue on trails, possible temporary closures on 400 locations of various lengths; no exact schedule, hope to be finished by end of April
- Ute Valley Master Plan will come before Parks Board for approval on Mar. 12
- Legacy Loop grant application due today—pedestrian underpasses, Fontanero trailhead/parking, other projects
- Bell Helmet grant application due this week—trail building in Ute Valley Park in partnership with IMBA and Medicine Wheel

Approval of Minutes
Motion – to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2015 meeting.

- Jason Alwine/Jeff Mohrmann Approved – Unanimous

Citizen Discussion
Bill Koerner (TOSC):

- Manitou Springs City Council has voted to write a letter of support for portions of the Ring the Peak trail near their city reservoir.
- Q: Status of Creekside project in America the Beautiful Park? A: Soils management plan has been submitted to CDPHE; waiting for approval.
- Q: Status of south end of Legacy Loop? A: PR&CS continues to work on those connections.

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Colin Shukie:

- Q: How much influence does the Committee have on completing trail gaps, particularly on the Cottonwood Trail? A: Chris explained that Parks is planning to make a pedestrian underpass in conjunction with Public Works repairs to drainage on Academy Blvd scheduled for 2017, and mentioned that Parks always looks for opportunities to partner when possible in order to use limited funds more efficiently.

Action Item

Chris Lieber presented an overview of the proposed land acquisition from the Union Pacific Railroad for the Rock Island Trail, including terms and timeline for the acquisition.

Motion: to approve the acquisition of approximately 7.022 acres from the Union Pacific Railroad for development of the Rock Island Trail and Legacy Loop

- Lee Milner/Leslie Thomas Approved – Unanimous

Citizen Discussion

Bill Koerner (TOSC) and several committee members offered their congratulations to Chris and the department.

Closed Executive Session*

*To discuss land acquisition and sensitive negotiations

Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss land acquisition and sensitive negotiations

- PJ Anderson/Jeff Mohrmann Approved – Unanimous

The Working Committee entered a Closed Executive Session at 8:31am and finished at 9:25am. There being no further the business, the Working Committee adjourned at 9:25am.

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