

Minutes of the Utility Line Undergrounding Study Committee
Of the City of Cherry Hills Village, Colorado
Held on Thursday, November 6, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.
At the Village Center

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present at the meeting were the following Utility Line Undergrounding Study Committee Members: Earl Hoellen, Paul Stewart and David Wyman.

Present at the meeting were the following City Council Advisors: Mayor Pro Tem Russell Stewart and Councilor Alex Brown.

Present at the meeting were the following staff members: Troy Carmann, City Engineer; Marcus McAskin, Assistant City Attorney; and Emily Kropf, Special Projects Coordinator.

Absent were Committee Members Andy Love, John Love, Dan Lynch and Susan Maguire.

AGENDA ITEMS

Draft Interim Report Discussion

Councilor Brown stated that the City's ballot initiative to use a fiber optic infrastructure and provide internet with or without a public or private sector partner was approved by voters following Tuesday's election. He added that he would like to ask the Colorado Municipal League to host a meeting for several communities that passed similar initiatives.

Assistant City Attorney McAskin agreed.

City Engineer Carmann said that staff has been working on providing an estimate for the number of homes and secondary poles that receive power directly from arterial facilities. He continued that there are approximately 32 homes and 66 secondary poles that have service lines connected to or receive power from arterial facilities. The data from Happy Canyon Road is still being collected, which will increase the estimate. He added that the cost to convert a service lines ranges from \$10,000 to \$15,000. The cost to convert a secondary pole ranges from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Councilor Brown suggested removing the budget item for a fiber optic network conceptual design from the next steps portion of the interim report. He stated that funding for technical expertise should be included instead.

Assistant City Attorney McAskin said the Committee will need to establish prioritization of roadways for the installation of a fiber optic network.

Councilor Brown asked what the status of the Xcel study for E. Quincy Avenue is.

Special Projects Coordinator Kropf responded that staff had met with Xcel and were told that the study should be finalized in January 2015. She added that Xcel had expressed interest in coordinating construction with other utility providers.

Mayor Pro Tem Stewart asked if anything else should be included in the next steps portion of the report.

Councilor Brown recommended adding continuing to refine the preliminary financial analysis. He also suggested including investigating broadband partnerships.

Mayor Pro Tem Stewart stated that tracking Denver's negotiations with Xcel and the Greenwood Village lawsuit should also be added.

Committee Member Wyman suggested including continued communication with Xcel to establish a construction schedule.

Councilor Brown stated that Xcel agreed to let the City install its own conduit. He stated that the interim report can be presented to City Council on November 18th or December 9th.

Mayor Pro Tem Stewart suggested having Committee Member Hoellen present the report.

Committee Member Hoellen agreed.

Councilor Brown asked Special Projects Coordinator to check the agenda for the November 18th meeting. He added that resident Jim Crowe had contacted him and offered to provide assistance regarding the fiber optic network. He has extensive experience with telecommunications. Councilor Brown added that he would like to contact resident Jim Tarpey to see if he would be interested in becoming an official Committee member, as well.

The Committee agreed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.