

**A
RESOLUTION
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE
ESTABLISHING A "BLUE RIBBON PANEL" FOR
PARKS, TRAILS, RECREATION, HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND OPEN SPACE**

WHEREAS, the 1993 Cherry Hills Village Master Plan promotes the retention of the community's rural character and aesthetic qualities; and

WHEREAS, at the November 2002 election, voters approved Ballot Issue 2A that authorized the City Council to collect a property tax for parks and recreation purposes upon exclusion of the City from the South Suburban Park and Recreation District; and

WHEREAS, citizen support for the City's exclusion from the South Suburban Park and Recreation District has been motivated by a desire to secure more open space, parks, and trails within the City, to obtain more recreational opportunities, to achieve a better quality of trail maintenance, and to potentially reduce the amount of the resident's property tax mill levy, and

WHEREAS, the rural character that citizens of the Village highly value and view as contributing to their quality of life is changing; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cherry Hills Village is at a crossroads with limited, but valuable, opportunities to shape future parks, trails, recreation, open space and historic landmarks available within the Village for current citizens and future generations, and

WHEREAS, the Cherry Hills Village Parks & Trails Committee has advocated that the City Council establish a "Blue Ribbon Panel" for the purpose of making strategic recommendations to the City Council to secure open space, trail, park and recreation opportunities, and

WHEREAS, the Blue Ribbon Panel may identify opportunities, funding options, organizational structures and ordinance changes that support said strategic recommendations, and

WHEREAS, the Blue Ribbon Panel will be comprised of citizens who are representative of various City interests and who have related expertise or experience,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Cherry Hills Village, Colorado, that:

Section 1. The City Council hereby creates and establishes a "Blue Ribbon Panel." The Blue Ribbon Panel shall serve as an advisory body to the City Council

Section 2. The Blue Ribbon Panel shall be staffed and shall conduct business as follows.

- A. All members shall be appointed by the City Council,
- B. The Blue Ribbon Panel shall be comprised of not more than 20 members. Members shall be residents of the City of Cherry Hills Village provided however, that City Council may appoint up to 4 non-residents to the panel,
- C. The City Council shall appoint the Panel Chairperson who shall preside over meetings of the Panel and be the Panel's liaison to the City Council,
- D. The City Council shall endeavor to appoint persons to the Blue Ribbon Panel with experience in the areas of open space preservation, land valuation, architecture, landscape architecture, real estate, urban wildlife, finance, law, and public and private schools. In addition, the City Council will endeavor to appoint one or more citizens involved with the Ballot Issue 2A, representatives from the Parks and Trails Committee, the members of the Planning and Zoning Commission and elected officials of the City Council.
- E. All members of the Blue Ribbon Panel shall serve without compensation. No reimbursement for any cost or expense shall be made to the Panel member unless such cost or expense is approved by the City Manager or the City Council in writing prior to expenditure.
- F. The Blue Ribbon Panel shall conduct its meetings in accordance with the Colorado Open Meetings Act, C.R.S. §§24-6-401 et seq.

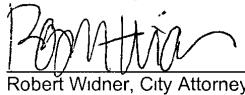
Section 3. The Blue Ribbon Panel shall:

- A. Analyze whether public parks, trails, and open space in the City of Cherry Hills Village are adequately protected in perpetuity
- B. Obtain citizen input on matters involving parks, trails, historic preservation, open space, and recreation opportunities through focus groups and written communication.

- C. Receive support and assistance from the City in the form of meeting space and the services of a one-half time equivalent administrative City employee until the earlier of the discharge of the Panel's responsibilities or 12 months from the enactment of this resolution.
- D. Complete a cost analysis of the resources required to implement the recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Panel and offer possible strategies to achieve the Panel's recommendations.
- E. Report regularly to the City Council either in person or by written communication concerning the progress of the Blue Ribbon Panel
- F. Endeavor to present a final report to the City Council within 12 months from the time of initial appointment of the panel and, in all events, the committee shall cease all work authorized by this Resolution upon the expiration of 16 months from the date of the initial appointment of the panel. The report will include: (1) a detailed description of the Panel's recommendations including a relative ranking or prioritization of the recommendations; (2) a proposed time line for implementation of each of the Panel's recommendations, recognizing the uncertainty of the City's receipt of tax revenues resulting from the City's exclusion from the South Suburban Park and Recreation District and Ballot Issue 2A; (3) identification of specific sources of potential funding including non-tax based resources, recognizing the potential for reduction in the amount of the property tax mill levy; and (4) recommendations concerning the future scope, composition, and staffing of the Parks and Trails Committee including suggestions regarding how the Committee can best serve the goals of the City in the future.

Introduced, passed and adopted at the regular meeting of City Council this 20 day of January 2004, by a vote of 5 Yes and 1 No


Douglas Scott, Mayor


Robert Widner, City Attorney

ATTEST.


Jennifer Pettinger, City Clerk