



Land Use, Transportation & Infrastructure Committee Summary Minutes

Tuesday, August 30, 2011 10:30 AM City & County Building, Room 391

Members Present: Lehmann, Montero, Robb, Shepherd, Susman

Members Absent: Lopez

Other Council Present: Kniech

Committee Staff: Gretchen Williams

Bill Requests

BR11-0622 Approves the Department of Parks and Recreation 3-year lease of the Camp Rollandet building at 5161 Sheridan to Outward Bound Inc. for \$36,000.

Bob Finch, Parks & Recreation, and Connie Rule, Director, Colorado Outward Bound

Camp Rollandet, near Inspiration Point Park, was constructed by the Camp Fire Girls and used by that organization for many years until it was unable to sustain the required maintenance. The building was acquired by Parks & Recreation with a Great Outdoors Colorado grant several years ago.

The building was used as headquarters for the Natural Areas program and the Park Rangers program for awhile. When those programs were reorganized and staff reassigned, Parks needed a tenant for its building. The Conservation Easement on the property requires some type of educational programming. Parks had been in discussion with Colorado Outward Bound for about three years, exploring ways to coordinate programming, and when the Camp Rollandet building became available, it was a good fit.

Connie Rule, Colorado Outward Bound, said the facility will house the administrative staff as well as program staff. The park and natural area with the network of trails are a good fit for Outward Bound's programming.

Councilwoman Shepherd said she had received an email voicing concern over the selection process of Outward Bound. Apparently there was no request for proposals (RFP) issued.

Fred Weiss, Parks & Recreation, said that Parks & Recreation is not required to issue an RFP, although sometimes it does. The Manager can decide if an RFP process should be used. If the mission of the outside party is similar to Parks & Recreation's mission, there is no need. Examples include The Park People at the Fleming Minion in Platt Park and Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado at Washington Park.

The proposed lease is for a 3-year term. At that point, the relationship will be re-evaluated. Parks could potentially issue an RFP to see what other programs are out there.

Public access to the natural area in the park has been an issue. Bob Finch, Parks & Recreation, said a large fence was constructed around the natural area to protect it while it was established and to protect the wildlife. The gate at the rear of the area has been locked since staff moved out of Camp Rollandet. That gate will be open for public access once Outward Bound is moved into the building and there is a presence on-site.

Councilwoman Kniech said the terrain could cause safety problems and everyone needs to be aware of that. Communications among neighbors, Parks and Outward Bound need to be open. Everyone needs to know that risks go along with access.

Ms. Rule said she will be meeting with the neighborhood organization in

October before the move into the building in November. This safety issue is one of the points she will discuss with the neighbors.

Councilwoman Montero thanked Parks and Outward Bound for forging this partnership and creating experiences for inner city kids. Safety issues are of concern, but it is a wonderful area, more like a Mountain Park than an urban park.

Kathy Maloney Green, Parks & Recreation, said the community room in the building has not been as available to the public as planned, but in November, it will be available to the community.

A motion offered by Councilmember Shepherd, duly seconded by Councilmember Lehmann to file a bill to carried by the following vote:

- AYES: Lehmann, Montero, Robb, Shepherd, Susman(5)
- NAYS: (None)
- ABSENT: Lopez(1)
- ABSTAIN: (None)