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## Street names chosen for Cottonwood Hills development

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Historic maps show the old Santa Fe Trail that carried covered wagons west across Kansas and the old Chisholm Trail that took cattle north to Abilene both bypassed Reno County. The proposed final plat for the Cottonwood Hills development east of Hutchinson contains a Santa Fe Trail and Chisholm Trail too, only they meet.

The master planned golf community taking shape north and east of East 4th and Buhler Road is not progressing on the timeline initially envisioned. The grand opening of the golf course was supposed to have happened this spring. But the final plat is moving toward adoption.

The preliminary plat gained approval March 2, and the Joint Subdivision Committee will consider the final plat April 6. If OK'd, it will advance to the Reno County Commission for final action, probably in April.

Part of the platting process entailed proposing street names in the residential-commercial-golf community.

"We came up with the names," said Cottonwood Hills president Lane Neville, by thinking of terms that fit into a "historical Kansas" theme.

Cottonwood Hills Parkway would be the main road, but other roads would include: Kanza Way, Frontier Street, Trailblazer Way, Chaparral Lane, Tall Grass Trail and Prairie Desert Drive.

Neville said they also tried to avoid names that could cause confusion with existing streets. In a few cases, said Hutchinson city planner Michele Wilbur, proposed Cottonwood Hills names were changed because they sounded too similar to other named streets.

Following final plat approval, the developer will be able to start selling residential lots.

Development will be carried out in phases, with lots in the center of the project, as well as the larger equestrian lots in the southeast quarter, available in the first phase.

Some residential lots on the northern and western boundaries will be developed later.

"Yeah, we're busy, got a lot of stuff going on," Neville said this week.

Stacks of pipe are on site for crews creating a golf course drainage system. After piping is installed, there will be a final shaping of the landscape before sod and seed are planted, Neville said.

Nick Faldo, the professional golfer and golf course designer, is slated to inspect the course again before plantings start.

Cottonwood Hills will be responsible for paving and maintaining the development's streets.

Reno County Commissioners agreed to finance improvements to 4th and Buhler roads. It will be up to commissioners to decide if construction occurs in 2005 or 2006, Public Works Director Dean Chesnut said.

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