Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 5:34p.m. by President Leslie Twarogowski.

Directors present
Norma Brambila, Jolon Clark, Andrew Doll, Brian Elms, Anne Green, Mary McCoin, Marcus Pachner, Jack Paterson, Bernie Sharp, Ean Tafoya, Leslie Twarogowski, Shane Wright.

Directors absent
Sean Bradley, Sarah Hall, Khadija Haynes, Florence Navarro, Jason Robinson.

Approval of Minutes
At 5:34p.m., a quorum was established and on motion duly made (Sharp), seconded (Green), and carried, the minutes of the July meeting, were approved with corrections (Jack Paterson attended April, May, July and this was not noted in minutes. Ean Tafoya’s name was misspelled and item regarding restroom repairs omitted.) Abstentions: Allen, Wright.

Public Comments
1. Cindy Johnstone. FANS president- supports actions taken over summer by Parks staff regarding alcohol policy and drop-in permitting for volleyball.
2. Dave Matthews - West Wash park- have had numerous meetings and input from neighbors and West Wash Park neighbors endorse the Parks emergency policy around limiting drop-in volleyball on the weekend. (Refer to letters endorsing). Says negative behavior greatly reduced.
3. Charlotte Winzenburg – also appreciates the action Parks staff took over the summer.

Manager’s Report
Dannemiller discussed four items: 1) Paco Sanchez Park & Re-Imagine Play – Having met with Council and community members, Parks is moving forward on plans to establish the innovative activity and playground area first planned for City Park to Paco Sanchez park in District three; 2) City Parks Alliance Tour – Park professionals from other cities spent 2.5 days touring projects in Denver area. Dannemiller said there was overwhelming positive feedback; 3) Central Denver Recreation Center – architect was selected and project is now in contract approval stage. Community meeting in Sept/Oct. to discuss final program elements; 4) Upcoming public meetings—Cuatro Vientos opening on 9/6 and 10th & Osceola playground project 9/16.

Elms and Twarogowski asked about Chive concert event. Dannemiller said the group is providing extra security staff and rangers, and has parking agreements with museum and zoo from 4pm on. Elms would like to see more park concerts similar to use of Botanic Garden parks. Twarogowski suggested promoting Levitt pavilion at Ruby Hill for concerts. Dannemiller said RH is required to host 50 free events per year and has limited open dates.

Agenda Items

1) Budget White Paper – Twarogowski led Board discussion about draft recommendations to mayor’s office. Tafoya would like to see recommendation re: maintenance of water fountains, and increased access to mountain parks, Paterson said CW Ortega would like to see budget recommendations including parking lot maintenance, more staff support for PRAB, and ability of Denver employees to use rec centers free of charge since the Webb bldg wellness center isn't accessible on weekends.Allen suggested that budget reflect need to cover replacement costs vis-a -is the level of dedicated targeted funding. Pachner expressed concern about language on impact to surrounding parks. Green said she agreed with others and supports ongoing stakeholder group.
McCoin appreciated marketing/communications called out, saying her District feedback is that there is a need for more content pushed out as well regarding community meetings, policy changes etc. Dannemiller said Holly Batchelder was recently hired as social media liaison to assist in this area. Wright- would like to see equity issues addressed in white paper. Doll - supports stressing use of environmentally sound practices and increasing access to and awareness of mountain park resources. Brambila-echoes comments of other board members. Clark- thanked board members for time spent on the committee. Said funding can come from many sources, so doesn't want to seem to fixated on dedicated funding streams. Suggests that verbiage in white paper not be worded to appear to be slanted against special events. Elms said he can't vote on the white paper or speak to finances. He suggested Board be aware of risk involved with dedicated funding streams. Copeland said he thought there should be a funding steam that comes from outside the city budget so it isn't in competition with other city needs. Would like to make point around capital needs and also wants a reference to the Game Plan and the need to update the Plan. Tafoya agreed with the need to update the Game Plan and include reference to it in the paper. Twarogowski moved to approve the white paper with the above additions/clarifications. Pachner moved. Tafoya seconded. Elms abstained. **Budget White Paper is recommended to be sent to Mayor’s office with clarifications.**

2) **Update on Rocky Mountain Arsenal Wildlife Refuge** - David Lucas and Bernardo Garza- Presented a comprehensive Conservation Plan Process. (Refer to Powerpoint presentation.) 61st and Pena. 1/4 mile from trans. stop to access. US Fish and Wildlife management - Hunting, fishing, photography, interpretation, environmental education (no ATVs, drones) Will add visitor welcome. Clark-Is entire site fenced? Yes, with 8' fencing. Alignment of larger barriers to keep bison in refuge area. Clark- ideas on name change? US fish & Wildlife would like to keep arsenal in name. Dec-Jan to complete fencing. 7 square miles of pristine prairie land.

3) **DIA Open Space** - Scott Gilmore Parks & Rec and DIA have interagency agreement to have Parks manage the open space area (manage noxious weeds, maintain trails, fencing, deter dumping, etc.) The property is adjacent to Pena blvd. and Rocky Mtn Arsenal -56th st. south border-at Buckley road. 671 acres - avg 50-70 bald eagles hunt in area every winter. Open space is tied into the trail system along 56th st. Designed to allow more public walking access. Possibility of bison grazing in prairie area. Dannemiller gave accolades to Gilmore for all the work he did to make this project to happen. Tafoya asked about signage and airport transportation access for 2016. Gilmore said making full use of transportation spots to encourage visits to the open space and the Arsenal. Light rail on opposite side of Pena, but there will be access below Pena bridge. Pedestrians and bike trails.

**Adjournment**
Twarogowski adjourned at 7:10p.m.