Draft Minutes
Denver Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
December 10, 2015

Call To Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by President Leslie Twarogowski

Board Members Present: Marcus Pachner, Jack Paterson, Brian Elms, CL Harmer, Dwayne Matthews, Eric Clayman, Fran Coleman, Frank Rowe, Jay Rust, JT Allen, Liz Drogin, Noel Copeland, Shane Wright, Thad Jacobs, David Richter, Leslie Twarogowski, Jason Robinson, Florence Navarro

Absent: Norma Brambilia

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the November 12th meeting were not available and will be reviewed and presented for approval at the next meeting on January 14, 2016.

Public Comments

No advice or comments was received.

Executive Directors Report

Scott Gilmore in attendance; no report was available.

Announcements

Leslie Twarogowski presented a proposal by DPR to include an Orientation to the annual Board Retreat which is held early each year. Dates proposed are: Jan 23, 30th, or Feb 6th of 2016 from about 9-1pm. She requests each board member to reply asap as to their own date preference. Additionally, it was proposed to invite each Board Member’s appointment authority to the event as well.

Presentation: Outdoor Downtown, by Mark Bernstein, DPR

A slide presentation was presented with an accompanying extensive package distributed to the Board. Outdoor Downtown is a significant portion of the Mayor’s Urban Core Initiative along with projects for the 16th Street Mall and the Performing Arts Complex. The overall goal is to enliven the existing Parks and foster access and activation of public spaces throughout the eight districts encompassing the urban core: “to make downtown’s parks and public spaces memorable places that are a daily part of our urban lifestyle.”
While a plethora of data was presented from various polls and surveys to support the overall goals, a number of Board Members questioned some of the assumption, and statistical validity of the presentation. Much of the data is soft in that interpretations are required to specifically develop public space to achieve the right balance of uses, recognizing the real estate economics of the urban core. Noel pointed out that despite poor data for a full-sized rec field, it seems that one is being seriously considered. Mark indicated that as draft recommendations are incorporated and adjusted, the third and last public meeting is scheduled for Jan 26, 2016; the Board may expect to review the draft again Feb-Mar timeframe; leading to a final plan proposal being submitted to City Council in Spring 2016.

**Presentation:** Interagency Agreement DPR-Denver Water, by Scott Gilmore

A summary of this proposal was presented to the Board in September, but since that time DPR has moved forward to sign this Agreement and implement Phase 1. Scott used a power point presentation to update the Board on the details of the Agreement. Projects affected are: Wellshire Golf Course, Harvard Gulch, Denver Water Aquifer, Parks Central Control, Recycled Water Conversions, and general Parks Water Management Planning. Jay asked whether human health concerns have been studied in addressing the use of recycled water in the system. Scott indicated that Board Members from the parks most impacted by this project (City, Cheesman, Wash) would be included in further discussions and development. This will occur in January 2016.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.