Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 5:34 by President Keith Pryor, presiding and Mary McCoin, secretary.

Present
All Advisory Board members were present.

Approval of Minutes
There being a quorum present, on motion duly made (Florence Navarro), seconded (Leslie Twarogowski) and carried, the November meeting minutes were approved as submitted. Bernie Sharp abstained.

JT Allen reminded the Board he was recusing himself from the action item portion of the meeting but would remain present to respond to questions.

Agenda Items
RE: De-designation of Natural Area

Mayor Hancock spoke briefly regarding the de-designation of the Hentzell Park Natural Area (clarified to be the Hamden Heights Open Space, 9 acres of which were proposed for de-designation and a 2.5 acre parking lot that is not part of the designated natural area). The mayor cited his record of adding 300 acres of park land to inventory and that he was committed to adding park land where it was needed. The mayor said an elementary school and early childhood education center were needed in the area per the SE Denver community, and a one-stop shop victim assistance Domestic Violence center is needed at the proposed downtown location (DPS owned building at 1330 Fox St.) because of proximity to the court house. The mayor commented the land exchange was a cost-effective deal for Denver, and a good transaction for all and that he attended the meeting to personally ask for Board support of the request.

The Board agreed to hear from all those present that signed up to speak during the Public Comment section of the meeting although the Public Hearing on the matter was held at the November meeting.

30 individuals signed up to speak regarding the proposed de-designation of the natural area: Susan Baird (Opposed), Victoria McVicker (For), Kathleen Wells (Opposed), Nancy Olson (For), Jay Rust (Opposed), Roger Rosenthal (For), Nancy Stocker (Opposed), Councilwoman Lehman (For), Daniel Rifkin (Opposed), Maggie Morrissey (For), Marc Daniels (Opposed), Kendra Black (For), Polly Reetz (Opposed), Margaret Abrams (For), Katie Fisher (Opposed), Donna Reed (Opposed), Randy Ackerman (Opposed), Dave Felice (Opposed), Bob Connally (Opposed), Bob Stocker (Opposed),
Dora Lee Larson, (For), Jim Burg (Opposed), Gerry Todd (Opposed), Joe Halpern
(Opposed), Jeannie Kaplan (Opposed), Taylor Jones (Opposed), Julie Coppock
(Opposed), Kristin Tourangean (Opposed), Bibi Alexander (Opposed), Meg Shaump
(Opposed)

**Action Item**
Vote regarding Hentzell Park Natural Area (clarified as Hamden Heights Open Space) De-
designation

**Moved and Seconded**
A roll-call motion was made (Mary Ewing), seconded (Bernie Sharp) and carried by
11-6 that the Advisory Board reaffirm the Hentzell (Hamden Heights) Natural Area
designation as put forth by the Board in 2007, and recommends to the Parks
Manager to not de-designate the land. Vote roll-call: Dan Smink (Aye), Anne Green
(Aye), Noel Copeland (Aye), James Coleman (No), Darrell Watson (Aye), Ronald Picasso
(Aye), Mary Ewing (Aye), Jason Robinson (No), Mary McCoin (No), Keith Pryor (Aye),
Leslie Twarogowski (No), Florence Navarro (Aye), Jay April (Aye), Bernie Sharp (Aye),
Marcus Pachner (No), Jolon Clark (No), Shane Wright (Aye)

**Board Discussion**
Each Advisory Board member provided brief comments regarding the motion.

**Manager's Report**
Lauri Dannemiller reported on three items: 1) Great Outdoors Colorado announced grants that
include an environmental education center ($350,000 grant) on 5.5 acres of land in the Montbello
neighborhood; 2) New fleet of mowers for Denver Golf will reduce fuel consumption and
pollution; 3) Homeless shelter Winter Overflow Operation Location will be open from
November 2012 through April 30, 2013. It will operate as an overnight sleeping shelter only
between 7:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. There is a 30-day facility rotation schedule in place for the Rec.
Centers: MLK, Highland, Barnum, and Eisenhower. Other sites are TBD. (Refer to hand-out for
specifics)

**Announcements/Other Items**
Pryor recommended Advisory Board members consider how each can engage more with the
community and participate in Board retreat and community engagement activities i.e., attending
neighborhood association meetings, district park events and activities and talking with Parks and
Rec. staff at local parks.

**Adjournment**
The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed Upon Approval at Next Month Mtg),
(Recording) Secretary, Mary McCoin