Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 5:33 by President Keith Pryor, presiding and Mary McCoin, secretary.

Directors present
JT Allen, Jay April, Norma Brambila, Jolon Clark, Noel Copeland, Brian Elms, Mary Ewing, Anne Green, Khadija Haynes, Mary McCoin, Florence Navarro, Keith Pryor, Jason Robinson, Bernie Sharp, Leslie Twarogowski (VP), Shane Wright, Darrel Watson

Directors absent
James Coleman, Marcus Pincher

Approval of Minutes
At 5:34 pm, a quorum was established and on motion duly made (Leslie T.), seconded (JT Allen), and carried, the minutes of the meeting of December 13, 2012 were approved as submitted.

Darrel W. addressed Board saying he believes the Board should send its final vote and recommendation regarding the de-designation of the Hentzell Natural area/Hampden Heights Open Space in writing to the Parks Mgr. Pryor agreed with advisement and assumed responsibility for the written notification.

Public Comments
Representatives from the Mile High Disk Golf Club, Camden Farmer and David Straight, (mhdgc.org) gave a brief presentation on the organization and expressed their goals to host national tournaments in Denver and raise the status of Disc Golf. They want to establish a relationship with Parks & Recreation in order to identify suitable venues and assist in adaptations to park space for games/tournaments.

Katy Fisher from INC thanked the Board members for reviewing emails and letters re: de-designation and for listening to all speakers at the December meeting.

Joe Halpern also thanked the Board for recommending against the de-designation of the Hampden Heights/Hentzell natural space and said he is seeking to amend the City Charter to include natural areas in those land and green space areas that require a public vote before being de-designated. He also said he filed an open records request to review all communications regarding the de-designation.
Manager’s Report
Lauri Dannemiller advised on the Policy projects timeline (see handout), a new web page being created to outline all proposed changes to or new, policies, and the availability of funds to support the education of Advisory Board members through national and state conferences. The Manager has allocated $100 for each board member to attend a conference per year. Board members should review list of regional/national conferences and advise Park staff of interest. Manager will report how budget spent at year end.

Manager also advised of three upcoming public meetings re: South Platte Gateway Trails, Garland Park Playground, and Ruby Hill Phase II. Refer to hand-out or website for dates and locations.

Other Items
Erin Brown reported on Recreation Center membership sales and visits. Due to software change, data may not be apples-to-apples comparison to the prior year. Some data was lost in change and some may be duplicated. For 2012, revenue was up while memberships were down.

Tina Myers provided an update on the Volunteer Program. Value of volunteer hours on projects for park in 2012 was $698,528. Parks engaged 500 Southwest Airlines employee volunteers in 2012 and will utilize 900 Starbucks volunteers May 2nd.

Scott Gilmore presented on the Park System Designation Plan and outlined the park designation considerations/criteria. District 11 will have six park spaces designated in the first round of designations. Round 2 designations are targeted for the second half of the year.

Board Discussion
Keith P. recommends list include natural areas and that all board members review proposed designation list and discuss with Councilman/woman for their district. Mary E. recommends new board members review the previously developed Game Plan.

New board members—two mayoral appointees Brian E. and Khadijah H., and Norma Brambila (Paul Lopez, District 3) introduced themselves and were welcomed to Advisory Board.

Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed Upon Approval at Next Month Mtg),

(Recording) Secretary