Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by President Keith Pryor, presiding and Mary McCoin, secretary.

Directors present
J.T. Allen, Norma Brambila, Jolon Clark, James Coleman, Noel Copeland, Mary Ewing, Anne Green, Mary McCoin, Florence Navarro, Keith Pryor, Leslie Twarogowski, Darrel Watson, Shane Wright.

Directors absent
Khadija Haynes, Marcus Pachner, Jason Robinson, Bernie Sharp

Approval of Minutes
At 5:35 p.m., a quorum was established and on motion duly made (Watson), seconded (Elms), and carried, the minutes of the September meeting, were approved as submitted. Abstentions: J.T. Allen, Jolon Clark, Florence Navarro.

Public Comments
No general comments.

Manager’s Report
Scott Gilmore gave update for Lauri Dannemiller who is in Houston attending the National Parks Conference. Gilmore provided status on MyDenver Youth Rec Center Access
MyDenver - 31,000 kids participating. There was a decrease in juv crime over summer months. MyDenver also received award from Mayors conference as part of Livable Cities. 150 kids participated in exercise program at Ruby Hill
Wright asked about status of designations? Gilmore said he is working with INC and taking to City Council in Nov. Watson asked about the status of target Rec Centers for homeless shelter overflow? Gilmore replied that Benny of Denver's Road Home is going to provide info on additional shelters to handle load. Goal is NOT to use Rec centers.

Ewing asked Gilmore to comment on Trust for Public Land project - Stacy Gilmore (Scott's wife) the Trust is creating an Environmental Learning Center for kids. Montbello land was purchased last year and is being held by TPL. (Similar model as Platte Farm)

Gilmore reminded Board of the Mountain Parks -100 year celebration - Chief Hosa Mountain Parks on October 15th. Projects - Genese Master Plan and Ropes Course. City planner for mountain parks position approved.
Board then discussed tours of District Parks and visiting parks as self-guided tours rather than attempting to schedule a large group and use Parks staff and resources for tours. McCoin said she would distribute suggested itinerary for Southwest District Tour and ask other District Managers for list of suggested tour stops.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

Platte Farm Open Space – (Refer to Presentation handout)
Councilwoman Judy Montero - District 9 said Globeville Valley Project first came up 8 years ago. City wanted to put property up for sale- had illegal activity -- dumping, racing, etc. Have attempted to preserve and activate land. Ongoing barriers continued to make the issue problematic. But, now there is a clear path for acquiring land. The Globeville neighborhood plan has lots of momentum to proceed. Habitat for Humanity engaged along with neighborhood groups.

Councilwoman Robin Kneitch said the community asked for this designation because the open space is right in their backyard, and described how the land is going to become part of Denver Parks official open space. Current two owners of land are City of Denver and Excel Energy Process is 1) Legal-to get Denver to purchase land from Excel. Also ask Excel to supply electricity. 2) Storm water remediation was necessary anyway. 3) Environmental protection agency to do mitigation work. Will then get separate agreement with Groundwork Denver to do fundraising. The group sees many opportunities for funding.

Groundwork Denver Representative Tangier Barnes said transforming the superfund site into Platte Farm Open Space, a bicycle, pedestrian and family-friendly rec area was a collaborative partnership between Globeville community, City, the Groundwork Denver 501c3 and other entities. The plans include adding a community garden, new riverside trails and a farmers market.

Discussion:
Gilmore said this is exciting partnership and opportunity for city Pryor asked how much will it cost city to purchase from Excel? Kneitch said she hopes Excel will not charge city--so free. Denver would own title. Groundwork Denver will raise funds for park amenities.

Clark (echoed by other PRAB members) commends all involved for creative work on project. Said project was very inspiring. Watson asked Councilwomen if there is a risk for coupling dollars such as with separate fundraising efforts? Kneitch said no, the city will have total control. She said there is already $200k in escrow solely for this project. McCoin asked about significance of calling space—Open, versus Natural Area or official Park space? Gilmore said using Open space terminology because of land location on corridor owned by Excel. Platte Farm Open Space will be dedicated as a park. Gilmore said further that the Parks Dept. is attempting to get parcels designated. Pryor commends all for collaborative effort on project.
**Waste2Energy - Denver Zoo** – Presentation (refer to handout) from Ana Bowie, External Affairs Liaison, Denver Zoo and George Pond, Campus Design and Land Management, Denver Zoo. The Denver Zoo has been working on “poop-to-power” project for almost ten years. Multiple partners involved (CDOEH, Universities, Public Works). Using gasification “clean energy” technology. Will eliminate 90% of landfill waste. The zoo gets 2,000,000 annual visitors. Their ultimate goal to have zero waste by 2025. Next steps: Zoo obtaining permits and will conduct test runs. Questions about potential noise or odors, but Zoo cannot afford either as a nuisance given proximity to animals and visitor experience. Denver Zoo was awarded LEED’s Platinum status. Waste2Energy project makes the Denver Zoo the first and only in country and world to have status.

Questions/comments: Elms stated high praise for the work and process. Said he would love to see the waste2energy process as an exhibit. Wright asked how long before the project pays for itself? Pond responded about 15 years. Wright asked what was the technology’s life expectancy? Pond responded about 25 years. Bowie and Pond invited Board to additional tours. PRAB will recommend on land use at Nov meeting.

**Parks Development Division**-Presentation by Eleni Sarris (Refer to handout) Sarris said the purpose of her area (1 FT, 1 intern?) to leverage the programmatic, volunteer and financial resources available to Parks & Recreation. The Division provides leadership for grant management and fundraising activities not only for Parks, but other city departments as well. Her goal is to institutionalize giving opportunities. Sarris said for example that Tina Meyers leverages about $1million volunteer "dollars" every year.

Sarris’ division created an online donation page- a first for city department which takes most major credit cards. Since the Parks & Rec web site gets about 115,000 hits a month, it is great visibility for sponsors. Clark asked whether donations to parks tax deductible even without a Foundation? Sarris said yes, they are fully tax deductible. Sarris said having a foundation would help us institutionalize giving and help us leverage sponsor or mktg. opportunities. Clark asked whether Div. seeks out corporate sponsorships or if companies come to Parks? Sarris said both circumstances, and that Parks wants to protect their brand through engaging fewer larger sponsors, rather than many little sponsorships. Gilmore said Sarris’ work has really helped the Recreation department and with Fire mitigation efforts.

**Action Item: Board Elections**
Florence and Noel are the Election Committee
Nominations:
President –Leslie Twarogowski
Vice President-Keith Pryor
Secretary- Mary McCoin (returning)

Motion: Elms moved that the proposed slate be approved for 2013-2014 year. Seconded: Wright
Motion carries. No abstentions.
Pryor thanked Mary Ewing for thoughtful questions for Board officers. He will work with Twarogowski to have a smooth transition.

Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary McCoin

(Signed Upon Approval at Next Month Mtg), (Recording) Secretary