Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. by Mary McCoin, secretary.

Directors present
J.T. Allen, Norma Brambila, Jolon Clark, James Coleman, Noel Copeland, Brian Elms, Mary Ewing, Khadija Haynes, Mary McCoin, Marcus Pachner, Keith Pryor, Jason Robinson, Bernie Sharp, Leslie Twarogowski, Darrell Watson, Shane Wright.

Directors absent
Anne Green, Florence Navarro

Approval of Minutes
At 5:34 p.m., a quorum was established and on motion duly made (Pachner), seconded (Pryor), and carried, the minutes of the November meeting, were approved as submitted.
Abstentions: Watson.

Public Comments
No general comments.

Manager’s Report
Dannemiller commended and thanked two departing PRAB members (Watson and Coleman) for their service. Darrell Watson (Ortega’s At-Large appointee) served on the Board for seven years and three were as Board President. James Coleman (Herndon, District 11 appointee) served on the Board for three years.

Dannemiller presented PRAB members with poinsettias and a Denver Mountain Parks coffee-table book provided by the Denver Mountain Parks Foundation’s, Bart Berger.

Agenda Items
1) Montbello Open space project- Gordon R. (Parks staff) and Stacie Gilmore of Environmental Learning for Kids (ELK) presented on project (Refer to slides hand-out). As way of introduction, Dannemiller said Parks proactively consulted with ethics board to make sure there were no problems with Stacie Gilmore's involvement due to Scott's role as Deputy Manager.

The community driven project has funding through the Rocky Mountain arsenal settlement which resulted in large Foundation grants $10 million Foundation funds and $17 million Restoration funds. The Property is 5.5 acres south of Rocky Mtn Arsenal and it is located in the heart of the Montbello community.

Gilmore said the Project partnership raised money to acquire site, improve it and maintain it long
term. The project will restore short-grass prairie and add a perimeter walking trail. Representing the Partnership with Trust for Public Land, Justin Spring said the Trust is a real estate partner and believes the project is a tremendously valuable effort.

Comments: Watson thanked Stacie for addressing board saying he appreciated the added clarity and well-developed rationale for project.
Clark acknowledged the positive impact of ELK work on children and the community. Wright commended Denver parks for supporting this project and others like it. Twagorowski asked what other partnerships exist similar to this proposed project? Dannemiller responded: Levitt Pavilion at Ruby Hill, Valverde Park, Harvard Gulch Park

2) Buffalo Bill Museum & Grave Revitalization and Expansion
Fabby Hillyard presented the Philanthropic Business Plan summary for the project which is to be a centerpiece for education about Buffalo Bill’s role in developing the West and a world-class Buffalo Bill western heritage and events center. Hillyard provided a brief history and discussed fundraising efforts with a project timeline. Hillyard said the property has been benignly ignored since the 1970s when the museum portion was built.

First step in plan to to revitalize and expand the site was a governance assessment. It was concluded a public private partnership is the best way to proceed. Each year apx 400k people go to Lookout Mountain to visit BB grave. Philanthropic business plan determined a gap exists between current operations and a successful international site.

Questions:
Twarogowski asked whether there were concerns from other tourist attractions in area about cannibalization of those entities? Hillyard said no, the other venues see the museum expansion bringing more visitors to area.
Pryor asked how traffic, gridlock and bicyclists issues be addressed in the plans? Hillyard said that the values informing the work of the planners, architects and other involved parties reflect those concerns.
Pachner commended this great example of private-public partnerships. Said he was also glad to see full outreach plan.

Other Board Issues
Pryor said he received a letter from a concerned senior group about the 20th St. gym/rec center renovation. Dannemiller said outreach occurred a number of years ago and was not aware of the group’s concerns. Pryor said he would provide the Mgr. a copy of the letter. Pryor recommends implementing the new Communication policy in this situation. Jason Robinson asked what is happening with boxing program at 20th St.? Dannemiller said the issue had been resolved.

Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:20 pm

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