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

Directors present
Jay April, Norma Brambila, Jolon Clark, Noel Copeland, Mary Ewing, Anne Green, Khadija Haynes, Florence Navarro, Mary McCoin, Marcus Pachner, Keith Pryor, Leslie Twarogowski, Darrel Watson, Shane Wright.

Directors absent
J.T. Allen, James Coleman

Approval of Minutes
At 5:35 p.m., a quorum was established and on motion duly made (Watson), seconded (Navarro), and carried, the minutes of the meeting of June 13th, were approved as submitted.

Public Comments
No general comments.

Manager’s Report
Due to packed agenda, Dannemiller provided a short update on four items (refer to handout) – 1) Tours for DPRAP members scheduled for Saturdays in fall and winter; 2) Ranger enforcement of Rules and Regulations; 3) Master Plan status for Downtown parks and public spaces; 4) Status of new policies – POFA, Communications and Designations.

Dannemiller reminded the Board of the upcoming July 27 final public outreach meeting for Ruby Hill Park.

OTHER ITEMS

Bob Finch – Natural Areas/Open Space Update
Finch requested Board involvement and participation in the forming of a Work Group to serve as the Weed Advisory Committee and provide a forum for natural resources management issues. A noxious weed advisory committee is a requirement under state law. Staff suggests five PRAB members participate. These PRAB members volunteered: Jay April, Anne Green, Keith Pryor, Jason Robinson, Bernie Sharp, and Shane Wright.

Angela Casias – ACTION ITEM - Two New Park Names –
A public hearing was held regarding the re-naming of Lincoln Park and a new park in the Westwood community. ACTION ITEMS: 2 New park names
PUBLIC HEARING – Renaming Lincoln Park to La Alma Lincoln Park

1) Judy Montero – District 9. Voiced strong support and spearheaded name change. - La Alma is one of most culturally diverse historic part of city. Mariposa Redevelopment project has been recognized across nation. 10th and Osage light rail stop.new pool with artwork at rec center, senior center, and more amenities. Lots of high value art named for La Alma. Park was named la Alma during the Chicano civil rights movement.

Pryor asked Casias about the regulations concerning renaming neighborhood versus community park. Casias responded Lincoln park is designated as Neighborhood Park only 300 signatures required (500 sigs are required for community park)

2) Amanda Sandoval – Said the name came from maintenance shack La Alma. Met with community stakeholders -RNO, businesses, and west high school. Obtained 394 sigs. RNO believes the name change will unify neighborhood. The Bridge project also supports change.


4) Dr. Ramon del Castillo - Dept Chair, Chicano studies dept.- Metro State University- has developed many relationships in neighborhood. Recommends legalizing name change so cultural contributions are recognized and respected. Rebuilding community initiative recognized need for permanency for community contributions. El or La is irrelevant given use of Spanglish. Mexican Spanish different from Castilian.

5) Esquiel Lovato - Alma means unity of all kinds of native tribes. Alma is spiritual which is feminine. Says name change recognizes spirit of community. Mariposa - butterfly is symbol of change.

6) Adrian H. Molina - Feels like name change is important for youth in community. Recommends the name change because it respects how people identify their neighborhood.

7) Sheila Perez - Denver health, rec. therapy - family originally lived on Kalamanth st and calls area home. Area is an area with indigenous roots and multi-generational.

8) Patricia Ramirez - Denver inner city parish- read letter in support.

9) Eddie Omijo - Director, His Side gang rescue - has been working with kids and families in west Denver. Block parties and other activities for youth. Name change officially gives them own place to belong.

10) Matt Brady- 30 year resident in support of name change. Recommends signage at rec center.

11) Marie Bernal - supports name change. Says La Alma name is anthropological lay correct. Nurturing quality of neighborhood culture. Symbolizes core strength and faith.

Cuatro Vientos/Four Winds - 3800 W. Alameda Ave. Will break ground in August.

2013. Concept began five years ago - first new park in 30 years. Largest population of native Americans in the area. Over 440 signatures in support of new park for the community.

1) Adriana Magana- read letter from Councilman Paul Lopez- District 3 – who said the name represents indigenous philosophy and honors future generations. He also noted the amazing amount of community participation and that Parks & Rec. had received an award for their community outreach and involvement process.

2) Reyna Zarate Cruz - 13 year resident. Was part of naming process. Said the park will be the only park in Westwood. Park will help us increase healthy activity and fitness.
3) Gloria Guzman - The park and its name is necessary for the children and families that live in area. Speaking on behalf of all Latinos that live in neighborhood. Need support for children's future.

4) Jesus Orrantia - office of Paul Lopes - two youth resident leaders. Recommendation letter from Executive Director of Revision international, Eric Kornacki

5) Marin Contreras - Westwood has never had a Spanish name so she's excited about that. Norma Brambila also vital to new Westwood park origin.


7) Family with young children - Wanted to be recognized as being in support of the new park.

**BOARD ACTION- Name change for Lincoln Park to La Alma:**
Haynes moved to change name officially from Lincoln Park to La Alma Lincoln Park.
Seconded: Twarogowski.
Motion passes.

Haynes said she was honored to have such great leadership from community here to school the board on the cultural and historical significance of neighborhood and name. Navarro, April and Pryor all commended speakers and congratulated them.

**BOARD ACTION- Name for New Park:** Cuatro Vientos/Four Winds (Westwood and Barnum)
Motion: Norma Brambila.
Seconded: Pachner.
Motion passes. Twarogowski abstains.

Ms Brambila was commended for her efforts in getting the new park project underway. Pachner - Very impressed with the public hearing and the language used to communicate importance. Pryor - Thankful to have Native American participation in process and commends all for their work.

*The Public hearing remains open.*

**Dody Erickson - RESOURCE ALLOCATION AND PRIORITIES PLAN (RAPP)**
The Board requested to have comments and questions only versus replaying original presentation. Pryor - commented re: desire not to see target percentages of cost recovery in each tier. Dannemiller: Cost-recovery will include many ways -- sponsorships, etc. Said that the MyDenver Card cost recovery is through direct allocation of 2a measure to cover costs of free rec centers for youth. Parks will attempt to recover all direct operating costs. Will try to be aligned with pyramid philosophy. Dannemiller Parks is now using an asset and tracking database McCoin – How will Dept. ensure consistency and objectivity in implementation of tool? Watson - Is another city dept implementing RAPP? Dannemiller: not yet. Navarro - How do we objectively deal with equity issues and measure? Are we adding more subjective type work for example in defining definitions or terms such as premiere? Sponsorship opportunities are good start.
Dannemiller: Prior to RAPP, the Dept did not know which services were achieving cost recovery and did not have consistent rationale for fees etc.
Haynes asked how actual fees compare with surrounding cities. Erickson said fees have been lower than others. Haynes would like a fee comparison between surrounding munis as a handout. Weiss- Fees will be proposed based on RAPP tool and presented to board and City Council.
Pryor - How do you see this change relating to Game Plan? Dannemiller- Game plan is visioning document. RAPP is simply a financial management tool.
Haynes- Acknowledges tremendous amount of work on RAPP by staff. Erickson recognizes all the staff hard work and says they recognize the benefits RAPP provides to managing their divisions.
Copeland – Asked why a Tier 5 adult individual benefit such as softball team is viewed as requiring 175% as the cost recovery target?
Twarogowski- How easy is it to change fees for various activities?
Dannemiller – PRAB may recommend changes any time to City Council.
April - Applauds good, hard work of staff that worked on tool.

Motion: Clark moved the Board approve the RAPP tool as presented.
Seconded - Twarogowski
Board Discussion- Pachner appreciates guiding principles and thinks it makes a lot of sense.
Abstentions: Navarro
Motion passes.

Park Designations – Scott Gilmore
Gilmore reviewed designations completed in spring, and list of proposed designations for fall.
All natural areas will be designated as park land officially. Refer to handout. The Dept. goal is to have 90% of park land designated by 2015.
Board Questions: map cuts off some of land-why? Gilmore - Either urban drainage or owned by DIA. Not owned by Parks Dept. Pryor - Can map of designated parks be added to website?
Dannemiller - There will be a map overlay on GIS site for Denver land. Reiterated goal-to finalize designations ASAP

Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary McCoin

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