Minutes of the August 8, 2013 meeting

Members present: Elms, Watson, Pryor, Twarogowski, Navarro, Sharp, April, Coleman, Copeland, Allen, Robinson, Green

Not present; Haynes, McCoin, Pachner, Ewing, Brambila

5:32 call to order

Minutes accepted, one abstention by JT Allen

Public comment (not on POFA, not on communications policy)

W. Bart Berger 2013 is the centennial of the Denver mountain parks and suggested all visit the Denver mountain parks website and perhaps purchase their new book. Suggests that we consider some representation and recognition for Denver mountain parks on PRAB.

Brad Cameron

Is there a time constraint?

Brad Cameron, 1200 Humboldt
A portion of the Denver parks system has been listed for sale by Denver real estate and he feels it needs to be brought before the public. The map is another parcel opportunity for the parks system to be expanded into the parking lot. Shows the need for park designation process to move forward. Important for these parks and others to be designated.

Manager’s update
Scheduling some tours for parks tours. Details tbd.

Park namings is making its way through council. First reading on August 12.

Re: Brad Cameron. The area he’s speaking of is not a park, not part of a parkway. Parks went to the real estate division and asked them to hold off on the sale.

I wanted to present amended proposal for POFA. A new structure will be presented tonight. We’ll have a month for comments and feedback, then have a vote in September. $300 for 6 months gives you a non-exclusive use of the park. Redefining turf vs. Trail permits. Lottery will be held if more applicants than there are spots. More details of changes are outlined in a handout “POFA – amended proposal: Aug. 2013.” Lauri says that she is available to answer questions about this revision. She says it may not be perfect, moves us towards a fee-based structure. Lauri is confident that it will make it through the council process.

Noels question; ambiguous trail permit how do you manage exclusive use of trails? Lauri – you cannot assume more than 50% of the trail’s use at any time.

Anne Green: how much is the tulip option? Lauri – I don’t have the prices off the top of my head. Anne – you mentioned that it would be required to have no more than 25 per class....
Lauri; for instance, camp gladiator can’t have 50 people on two permits, because other organizations have access to a limited number of permits. However, if there’s no other organization wanting the space, then the organization might have the chance.

Pryor; how many classes per day are you limited to? Will the number of permits to parks be in the policy? No in the procedures, so it can be reevaluated as necessary. For 50%, for livewell, it might be too expensive; sounds like it is still to expensive. Lauri; I talked to livewell, she said that she’s ok with the fee.

Katie of INC; where has this been posted. Lauri on the website. Jeff green offered to email it to Katie.

Jeff Green presented a PECAN updated plan.

Katie Fischer with INC I live in CD 7 near DU. We’re having problems explaining the difference between planned, unplanned, and the different tiers. Planning is when the public shouldn’t be involved, not operational. Maybe we need to rethink some of this language, as the tiers might not explain the tiers helpful.

Ursula Null from Councilwoman Kneich’s office presented notes from Robin. Katie Fisher pointed out inconsistencies between 90 days

Is there a motion for a recommendation to the manager on the policy. April moved to recommend the adoption of the policy. Elms seconded. Watson recommended a friendly amendment that the legal requirements supercede the 30 day requirement within the document. Elms seconded the amendment.

Motion passed with no oppositions, no abstentions. Public hearing closed.

David Marquardt; consider this your six month warning for upcoming projects. Distributed a purple and green handout.

Keith Pryor announced a huge turnout at the Curtis park Denver days party. Lots more events for Denver days coming up in the next few days.

Meeting adjourned at 7:03