**DRAFT MINUTES**  
**OF THE OPEN MEETING OF THE**  
**DENVER PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
**February 13th, 2014**

**Call to Order**  
The meeting was called to order at 5:35p.m. by Leslie Twarogowski, president.

**Directors present**  

**Directors absent**  
Sean Bradley

**Approval of Minutes**  
At 5:40 p.m., a quorum was established and on motion duly made (Elms), seconded (Clark), and carried, the minutes of the January meeting, were approved as submitted.  
*Abstentions: Sharp*

**Public Comments**  
There were no public comments to open the meeting.

**Manager’s Report.**  
1) Dannemiller recognized new PRAB members District 9-Andrew Doll, District 10-Sarah Hall, District 11-Sean Bradley, At-Large, Jack Paterson.

2) Naming proposal -New Freedom Park,13th and Xenia (Twarogowski said she was involved in soliciting signatures and gave notice she will recuse herself from recommendation vote)  
Clark asked how many parks are unnamed. Gilmore said less than 10.

3) City loop update - Stakeholder group includes 40-50 representatives from RNOs. Pryor asked about maintenance issues. Dannemiller said she will forward info on. Pryor also asked about gates and the timeframe for moving to ballards for bicycle movement through parks. Gilmore said there is no budget but staff recognizes the problem and is looking at circulation and traffic issues. Wash Park is an example where neighborhood groups helped make recommendations.

Dannemiller also advised of upcoming public meeting re: Central Denver Recreation Center Wed., March 5th at East High School at 6:30 p.m.

**Agenda Items**  
**Designations-Scott Gilmore, Deputy Mgr.** – Gilmore recognized Jay Rust and others for input on the Parks Designation plan. 78% of park land is now designated as of Jan 2014. Third round of designations will bring percentage to 81%. Wright asked whether land all the way to Sheridan
had been designated. Gilmore said it has all been designated. Gilmore will post designation list on web site. Proposed until approved and designated by City Council.

Clark asked about possibility of expanding Rec centers if Parks doesn't own land. Dannemiller said Parks is fully committed to pursuing designation of all land owned by Parks. Pryor asked about status of parks along Platte River. Gilmore said Parks will designate all land available to designate.

Green asked how parks are treated re: maintenance. Dannemiller said maintenance is dictated by status as regional or neighborhood park.

Robinson asked about a parcel of land on Speer St. next to Auraria where he’d seen a for sale sign. Dannemiller said the sale has been cancelled.

**ULI/LiveWell Westwood Study**-Gordon Robertson, Director, park planning introduced Rachel Cleese to discuss the ULI Westwood study. (See presentation)

$1 million Colorado Health Foundation grant to Westwood community for purpose of planning how to increase healthier lifestyles (increasing physical activity through use of park space, safer walkways, etc). Green space in Westwood is only 10% of standard of 10 acres of green space per 1,000 people. Montbello and Westwood parks don't have Recreation Centers.

Guest speaker Maria Brambila expressed support of new Recreation center in Westwood saying she wants a place where she can to learn to swim, take physical fitness classes and do other activities, etc.. Dannemiller provided a historical perspective saying Denver's original boundary did not include Westwood. It was annexed later (after it was built and said Parks understands it should be an area of emphasis.

Haynes asked how ULI got involved. Staff replied the Colorado Health Foundation paid for their consulting services.

**Central Denver Recreation Center Update**- A Q&A was presented covering in more detail plans for public engagement for the new community Rec Center and how it will be financed. (Info is available on web site and hand-out)

**New Fees Echo Lake & Golf** -Dannemiller (see handouts) said PRAB board will vote in March meeting. Haynes asked for budget and use of new dollars. Dannemiller said she could attend the Golf board meeting.

**Other Board Questions/Comments:**

Wright asked about peculiarities of Weir Gulch and Bike Boulevard.

G. Robertson said Weir Gulch improvements are underway all the way to Sun Valley.

Public works project-Knox court to Mississippi for Bike Boulevard. Pryor asked about standards for how park waterways are shored-up- i.e. concrete versus stone.

Robertson said need to armor and lack of budget have necessitated use of concrete vs. stone but stone is used in many places. Robertson said they are re-doing design principles and will consider recommendations.

Gilmore - Recycling programs in parks starting at Wash Park and Cheesman. (These parks generate over 10% of trash.) Wright encouraged adding composting later and working with Denver Zoo and their Waste2energy program. Staff agreed they were exploring this.
Brian Elms reported he is now representing PRAB on Downtown Parks Master plan committee. Additional volunteers may be needed.

Haynes pointed out the Parks website needs to be updated.

Navarro invited people to attend the next public meeting on SEAP (Special events permitting) Pryor advised on Little Boxcar Park public meeting (Broadway across from Triangle park); New playground installation at Sonny Lawson park on Friday.

Adjournment
The PRAB regular meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:05 p.m. PRAB business meeting followed to discuss orientation and administrative issues.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary McCoin (Secretary)