Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 5:34p.m. by President Leslie Twarogowski, president.

Directors present
J.T. Allen, Sean Bradley, Norma Brambila, Jolon Clark, Noel Copeland, Andrew Doll, Brian Elms, Anne Green, Sarah Hall, Mary McCoin, Marcus Pachner, Keith Pryor, Jason Robinson, Bernie Sharp, Leslie Twarogowski, Shane Wright.

Directors absent
Khadija Haynes, Florence Navarro, Jack Paterson.

Approval of Minutes
At 5:34p.m., a quorum was established and on motion duly made (Bradley), seconded (Pachner), and carried, the minutes of the May meeting, were approved. Robinson abstained.

Public Comments
1. Greg Carter - speaking about drop-in permitting also had petition that he said was signed by 2,400 people. He said the park’s passive areas remain empty even though volleyball community has been driven off. Turf management doesn't appear to be a real problem. Nowhere in the regulations is DPR able to implement an emergency policy change. Evan Constan - disappointed about use of drop-in permits and reselling of all available volleyball permits to VOTR. Says drop-in players are being driven to Cheesman and City Park. Would like to see Parks allowing more input from drop-in players.
3. Lukas Harmon - has played volleyball every weekend in the park. Inclusive group very different from Chicago and NY. Limiting # of nets also limits number of people that can meet. Would like to see Denver promoting healthy lifestyle.
4. Dave Matthews - Pres of West Wash Park Neigh. Assoc. is part of group addressing issues at wash park. New regs have been in place for 5 weeks and really appreciates the work done by parks staff, rangers, DPD, and others. Neighbors really appreciate the positive changes. No more alley antics, parking problems appear resolved. Looks forward to the plan evolving.
5. Cindy Johnstone, President of FANS. – Said the public process is very important to FANS. The stakeholder meetings have been ongoing. Enforcement of park regs is critical for not only the meadows but the loop road. Also appreciate the extra work by rangers to enforce and keeping the port-a- let's clean.
6. Tim McHugh - Wash park East Neighborhood Assoc. suggests giving more time for people to become aware that passive spaces are now open.
7. Dominick Ryken - met all of his friends at park. The vb players are a community and family. Has seen park become a ghost town. Pays taxes and wants to enjoy a free park on the weekend. When will all the regs stop?
8. Sam Vang – said he’s an avid vb player and loves the game. Feels rights are violated. Said “We are not rowdy. We respect the park. It's been a place where people gather and meet new friends. We don’t think we should be used as scapegoats. If permit system is going to be utilized, then everyone should have to use it. Targeting one group is unlawful, unconstitutional and violation of our rights.”
9. Brittney Compton - introduced herself as a registered dietician. Says new regs are discouraging physical
activity. Targeting of their group and generalizing to say they are causing problems isn't right.

**Manager’s Report**
Dannemiller provided an update on four items: 1) Sonny Lawson Park grand re-opening - Kudos to John Hayden and Keith Pryor for spearheading the event. Great turnout to celebrate improvements; 2) Washington Park proposed alcohol ban not implemented-Instead increased enforcement, free permits instead of fee-based, but limited to 50 at a time, staff are also identifying an area of the meadow for passive use; 3) Central Denver Recreation Center- Public meeting held on June 2nd-80 people attended, next meeting to discuss the design process; 4) Upcoming public meetings and events - national get outdoors day - Saturday June 14th at City Park at 8:45 a.m., and Washington Park Loop Road Safety Planning Public meeting.

Elms commended park staff and rangers for their handling of drop-in volleyball permitting implementation. Said he received positive feedback from park users. Not all of the available volleyball sites were used when he visited the park.

Pryor offered thanks and commendation to parks staff for partnership on Sonny Lawson opening.

Green said Southmoor Park had an attack on important tree. Core of tree was burnt out by kids. What is Park’s response? Dannemiller said they will attempt to file charges on vandals if known and will attempt to save tree if possible.

Bradley asked where we are on 180 days trial period for policy change (referencing Washington Park alcohol ban and drop-in volleyball)? Dannemiller said we are only 30 days in and that the Department will probably go entire 180 days before bringing any desired permanent policy changes to board.

**Agenda Items**

1) Capital budget/Capital Improvements Program - Gordon Robertson - see presentation.

Pryor- Denver Moves didn't ended up doing a lot for pedestrians. He said he would like to see more of an investment or focus. Dannemiller said they agree. Re: the Cherry creek trail - Pryor would like to see a soft trail added to accommodate other users.

2) Golf and Denver Water MOU - Scott Rethlake – (see hand-out.) A reliable source of water is needed for golf courses. Wellshire has had an unreliable source being wholly dependent on the Highline. Looking for new way of watering the course so the MOU with Denver Water critical. Looking to use city ditch water for irrigation rather than potable water. Pilot program using potable water and aquifer used as storage tank. Denver water would monitor # gallons going in and out. 

Doug Woods, parks director said MOUs in past have served both agencies really well. He said the partnership helps to manage water conservation efforts and results in significant savings.

Pryor- does Denver water only have one line of recycled water? This has higher saline content. How will this impact trees and turf? Staff replied the salinity issue is being studied.

3) Update to Marijuana language in Park Regulations – *Public Hearing and ACTION ITEM*
Bob Finch - need to adopt new language re: to use, display, transfer, distr, etc to mirror same language of city ordinance. Civil citations will incur $150 fine to mirror city code. Dannemiller said DPD will issue same tickets.

**Public comment** section:
Liz o'Sullivan- says it is appropriate for parks to update the language in regs. Pot today is much stronger
than in the past. Thanked Park staff for new rules and hopes enforcement will be effective.

Jordan Dietrich - lives near City park – says people of Denver have repeatedly been against the city issuing tickets for public consumption of MJ. Would like to see it treated as similarly to alcohol as possible.

Pryor said he wants ban on all smoking in all parks (whether tobacco or MJ). Recommends a ban on all smoking so discrimination of users isn't a potentiality.
Elms moved to approve. Hall seconds. All for, no abstentions.
Board voted to approve the language change.

**Board Announcements**
Pryor said he will be leaving the Board and that this is his last meeting. Albus Brooks has appointed Ean Tafoya as his replacement. Pryor said he appreciated Dannemillers’ leadership and trying new approaches. Dannemiller thanked Pryor for his service—his contributions and challenges to staff and the Board. Twarogowski and other Board members also thanked Pryor for his many years of service.

**Adjournment**
Twarogowski adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary McCoin