

## Draft Minutes

### Denver Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

April 12, 2017

#### Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:34pm by Leslie Twarogowski

Board Members Present: Noel Copeland, Frank Rowe, Wende Reoch, David Richter, Marla Rodriguez, Leslie Twarogowski, Jason Robinson, Jack Paterson, Ben Wilking, Thad Jacobs

Absent: Jay Rust, Bev Cox, Dora Aragon, Marcus Pachner, Fran Coleman, Florence Navarro, Brande Michou, Shane Wright

#### Approval of Meeting Minutes, March 2017

Jason Robinson was added to the list of Attendees. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes with this change; Leslie and Thad abstained.

#### Public Comments

David Ehrlich/Theatre District Representative: Spoke of the importance of the tree canopy in urban environment. His group and Konstantin Dimopoulos have partnered to form "blue trees" as a visual message to the community.

Brad Cameron/INC park committee: Reports that INC adopted a resolution sent to the City to encourage the acquisition of the Park Hill Golf Course property. Pointed out the history between current ownership (Clayton Early Learning) and the City. Property is currently zoned as open space. Frank asked what Clayton wants; it is thought that they just want to cover the current operating needs.

Bart Berger/Chairman of the Mountain Park Foundation: Presented a proposal from HistoriCorps which wants to partner with DPR to restore and operate several structures with the Mountain Park system (CCC in particular) which could cover up to \$1.5M of restoration work. This is another example of how park system assets can be expanded to uses beyond current operations.

Helene Orr/self: Resident adjacent to Overland Golf course. Pointed out that the March 14<sup>th</sup> community meeting regarding the uses of the golf course for a music festival was an overwhelming negative response from the local residents.

Kira Ladia/self. Resident of the Baker neighborhood. Didn't know who to address this concept to so she wanted to start with the Advisory Board, but she is wondering how to get electric charging stations installed in recreation areas.

#### Committee Reports

Leslie: 39<sup>th</sup> Ave Open Channel and Greenway. The design committee met at the final working group meeting (Ben also attended). Community feedback has been good. RFP's will be released in August.

Frank/City Park Golf Course Redesign. Currently in the confidential phase of contractor evaluation. Happy added that she met today with the group and that RFP's will be selected by the end of May.

David/Pedestrians and Trails Task Force. At the meeting on 3/17 the citywide existing conditions report was reviewed.

#### Executive Director's Report (Happy Haynes also w/ Scott Gilmore, Gordon Robertson, Fred Weiss, Laura Morales)

Happy spoke to the GAMEPLAN public meetings held last month. Many PRAB members attended and almost all commented that it was well conducted. The Task Force met as well last month. The Athletic Policy Update (and as affects events policy) has been initiated and will include public input. The Beer Garden proposal at Skyline Park is moving forward and should be in operation this summer. Happy went through some of the metrics and responses obtained from the online survey (about 1500 replies) recently concluded as to public reaction to the proposal for a 3day music festival at Overland Golf Course. Commitment guidelines have emerged in response to concerns in four main categories: Golf Course, Impact to Neighborhoods, Benefits for surrounding community and GC, Other Concerns.

#### Presentations

Thad assisted in presenting an update and status of the Recycled Water Project with input from Scott Gilmore. Noel inquired about expansion of monitoring activities in western areas of the city (Scott: due to the nature of how water flows across the city, it isn't possible to reach all areas). Marla and David asked for details on the sodium blocker and fertilizer processes; Scott indicated too early to tell in all areas as to the effectiveness unilaterally though he indicated Cheesman Park seems to be responding positively.

#### Naming Policy

Leslie presented a draft of a revised policy. Discussion among board members and Happy revealed there isn't yet a consensus on a draft. The comments received to date have gone through legal review.

#### GO Bond and DPR

Gordon presented an overview of the Mayor's priorities for GO bond funds and DPR's internal analysis of funding needs and infrastructure concerns. Happy spoke to the largest portion of DPR needs in deferred maintenance and irrigation projects which are not always as visible to the public as any specific program, park, or facility. Leslie is on the committee to review DPR priorities and asked board members to review those affecting their districts.

### Other Board Announcements

Two recent board member appointees were welcomed and given an opportunity to introduce themselves: Marla Rodriguez and Felipe Vieyva. The newest board member (Brandé Michou) was not present.

Leslie adjourned the meeting at 7:51pm.