

Draft Minutes  
Denver Parks and Recreation Advisory Board  
April 11, 2018

#### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 by PRAB President Leslie Twargowski

Board Members Present: Noel Copeland, Frank Rowe, Wende Roche, Leslie Twarogowski, Jack Paterson, Brande Micheau, Thad Jacobs, Florence Navarro, Marla Rodriguez, Ben Wilking, Laura Cary, Fran Coleman, Shane Wright.

Absent: Marcus Pachner, Felipe Vieyra, David Richter, Jay Rust

#### Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the March meeting were distributed. Thad made a motion to accept the draft; Laura seconded the motion. Minutes are approved with the addition that new member Tasha Mitchell was present at the meeting.

#### Committee Reports

Laura – “Peds and Trails” committee changed name to Mobility Committee

Frank– City Park Redesign Open house Carla Madison Rec Center on April 25

Shane – Mountain Parks – continued discussion about planter boxes at Red Rocks and that DCPA is leading this and thus PRAB needs to keep advocating for their original purpose

Jack – Platte to Park Hill

Site tour of drainage in Globeville; Globeville park will complete in 2020. May 15, \_\_\_\_\_ will be the naming ceremony

#### Executive Director’s Report (Happy Haynes)

Olympic Exploratory Committee has been meeting to decide whether to put in a bid for the Winter 2026 or 2030 games. Concluded all public meetings and working on report to the Mayor and the Governor who are final decision makers about whether to proceed with a bid. One DPR ??? facility included – Civic Center Park for medal ceremony.

Working with Botanic Gardens to update cooperative agreement that governs relationship with city. The Gardens are located on city land. In the next 2 months Happy will bring PRAB the draft agreement It will go to City Council after PRAB.

#### My Denver Prime

Happy reported that “My Denver Prime” has generated 4,500 new memberships, 2,500 brand new memberships. That was the purpose of the project to get new people involved. This program has seen success beyond expectations.

#### Transition Centers

Happy reported the status of the three transition centers:

Globeville – new partner selected -

College View – Fall 2018 RFP for new partner

Johnson Center – up coming

Proposal to name a feature at the Downtown Children’s Playground for Carol Ann and Paul Rothman. PRAB need to make a recommendation next month. There will be community comment on this topic next month.

Fred Weiss will go to INC meeting. Changed location to Washington Street Community Center April 17 at 6pm

Presentations:

#### Peds & Trails

Mark Tabor provided an 30,000 foot overview and update on Peds & Trails. Peds & Trails is part of the DenverMoves. Currently in draft form, Peds & Trails, when finalized, will be an implementation plan to connect existing trails with transit, schools, shopping etc. Improvements to existing trails and creation of new trails. Mark provided a map of the city with highlights of where projects are planned. That link to that map will be sent to all PRAB members. Parks & Rec is still taking public input and has a survey. All PRAB members are encouraged to take the survey. The ground work for this plan was developed by a task force that included PRAB member David Richter.

#### Alcohol Policy

Fred Weiss provided an update on the work Parks & Rec is doing to update the departments alcohol policy. Her provided a handout of the timeline and reviewed a handout of the proposed revisions. The stated objective is to simplify the policy, make it consistent across all parks and facilities and to take into account any expected changes in state law. Fred addressed the following three areas:

(1) Consumption - The proposed revisions aim to clarify that the department will follow state law (something they have always done). The only additional restrictions would be governed by anything currently in the department's rules and regulations.

(2) Permits - The proposed revision removes any restrictions and makes consistent the types of alcohol that can be served. It also treats all parks the same and allows any permit holder to obtain a liquor license. This applies to public and private events. Under the new policy first amendment event will not be allowed to serve alcohol at athletic activities, with the exception of tournaments, Parks & Rec will not be allowed to serve alcohol. An important note - applications for permits must meet all the qualifications that the department requires as part of the permitting process. Another note - liquor licenses are granted by the City's department of Excise and Licenses.

(3) Buildings - The current policy prohibits alcohol in Parks & Rec buildings with some exceptions. The proposed revision would add several additional buildings to the list of exceptions. It also would add a provision that would allow sale or service of alcohol at recreation and senior centers during the time they are closed to the public but restrict sales during the hours they are open.

#### Bylaws

Leslie reviewed proposed changes to the PRAB bylaws. Several suggestions to strike information came up, including taking out details on the days of the week and the time that PRAB meets and removal of The Park People from the list of entities in the mission statement. Also, it is unclear as to whether the

mission statement discussed is the most current version. Research will be done in this area and the bylaws will be revisited at an upcoming meeting.

#### Other discussion

The idea to possibly hold PRAB meetings at location outside the Webb building were discussed. Florence provided an overview of PRAB's history with out of downtown meetings. Pros and cons were discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.