

Draft Minutes

Denver Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

August 9, 2017

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:39pm by President Leslie Twarogowski.

Board Members Present: Noel Copeland, Wende Reoch, Frank Rowe, David Richter, Shane Wright, Leslie Twarogowski, Florence Navarro, Fran Coleman, Jack Paterson, Jay Rust, Dora Aragon, Marla Rodriguez, Thad Jacobs Brande Michaeu, Laura Cary

Absent: Marcus Pachner, Jason Robinson, Felipe Vieyra, Ben Wilking

Special Announcement

Leslie introduced the newest board member, Laura Cary, who takes over for Bev Cox and represents District 6. (At the end of the meeting she was given the opportunity to provide background and her goals.)

Approval of Meeting Minutes, June 2017

Minor revisions to the July minutes were made, and were then approved with abstentions from Laura, Fran, and Dora.

Committee Reports

Frank/City Park Golf Course Redesign. Finalists have been commissioned for work; Saunders Construction and Icon Design Studios. Johnson Nathan Strohe was also selected for the clubhouse redesign. City Council delayed decision for one week to allow changes to the design layout. A full driving range (all clubs) will be enabled, a centralized First Tee facility, improved sidewalk for pedestrian flow, and the preservation of trees accommodated. Shane asked for clarification on through-course sidewalk construction; Scott G. indicated the intent is to improve the existing path.

Dora/Athletic Permitting Policy. Overall the stakeholders agreed on policy changes and fee increase, discussed at the series of meetings. Suggestions were taken by DPR staff with regards to historical priority. She still doesn't understand why only one year was suggested, but there were various scenarios discussed.

It also appears that the biggest violators of the current policy our-are internal such as DPS and DPR, which will be addressed.

A draft of policy changes will be presented at the September PRAB meeting, and a public hearing will occur in October.

Leslie/39th Ave. Greenway Project. She indicated both components of the project will be awarded under one contract.

David/Outdoor Downtown MP. The plan ~~has been~~will go through LUTI committee ~~but has been postponed several times from City Council review.~~in October.

David/Peds&Trails. About 6 community meetings are scheduled from late Aug through mid-Sept.

David/Overland Music Festival. City Council approved the contract several weeks ago. The promoter's next hurdles will be the approval of numerous plans with various city departments during the next 6 months. A small group on the Mayor's Community Committee will travel with city personnel to the Outside Lands Festival in San Francisco this weekend to observe firsthand how that festival responds and addresses community concerns in real time.

Florence/GAMEPLAN. Goals are being finalized tomorrow and then discussion will move into developing action items to implement goals.

Shane/Red Rocks. He described the current effort to connect JeffCo Open Space with Denver Mountain Parks and the participation of the Colorado Mountain Bikers Association.

Jay/Designations. The next ~~R~~round (11) of designations includes 9-12 parcels to be clarified. Scott provided a short overview of the whole process for new board members. Shane asked about details of several parcels.

Leslie/GO Bond. City Council approved the DPR additions, second reading is next Monday. Some worthy projects on earlier priority lists are still not funded; not too late to lobby your council person for those projects which are important to your district.

Public Comments None.

Executive Directors Report (Scott Gilmore with Laura Morales)

The Levitt Pavilion opened on July 20th and about 30 free events are scheduled through the end of this season. The art piece dedication is soon. Ruby Hill roads need updating to accommodate the increased activities from the bike park, Levitt, and other rec installations at the top of the hill. Heron Pond Master Plan is moving forward. Heller Open Space and Northside Park will be affected only as the ~~policy plan~~ is developed. The steering committee met yesterday and a draft plan is due in November. Public survey results are available online.

Facility upgrades are underway at CCC Barracks 1 and HistoriCorps is expected to occupy the building in April 2018. Fran asked if those individuals who have contributed to piecing together the history of the Camp could be commemorated at Red Rocks. Paco Sanchez Phase One was dedicated on July 27th (Ph 2&3 are funded in the GO Bond proposal). Scott reiterated DPR effort to revitalize existing parks. He also cited the Globeville Rec Center repurposing as a "hub of the community" which will need an RFP to determine who can manage it going forward. The DPR video which was developed for Greater &

Greener Minneapolis was shown. Leslie attended and said the conference was very educational and noted that there are common concerns throughout many parks but that all in all she felt Denver measures pretty well. There will be plenty of opportunities for volunteer projects in Denver when Denver hosts the event in 2019. Florence felt the video captures the soul of the city and why we're here.

Jay asked about the status of Loretta Heights. Wende inquired about the transition rec center concept and Scott cited the Montebello, College View, and Globeville facilities currently operating with outside organizations managing them. Shane stated he is not in favor of outsourced programming and advocates increased spending for DPR managed programs.

Presentations

PRAB White Paper

Wende presented the draft and a lengthy discussion ensued; a number of changes were discussed until consensus was reached. A motion was made and seconded and it passed with unanimous approval.

Other Board Announcements

Frank announced the South by SouthEast program scheduled in district 4 on August 19th. Wende offered thanks to the Forestry program for their tree maintenance. Florence offered thanks to DPR for work at the Ashland Rec Center. Scott reminded everyone of Denver Days and the next Cabinet in the Community program on Aug 25th at Johnson&Wales.

Adjournment

Leslie adjourned the meeting at 7:34pm.