

## Draft Minutes

### Denver Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

February 11, 2016

#### Call To Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by President Leslie Twarogowski

Board Members Present: Jack Paterson, Florence Navarro, Dwayne Matthews, Fran Coleman, Frank Rowe, Jay Rust, JT Allen, Noel Copeland, Shane Wright, Thad Jacobs, David Richter, Leslie Twarogowski, Jason Robinson, Shane Wright, Brian Elms, Dora Aragon

Absent: Marcus Pachner, CL Harmer, Liz Drogin, Eric Clayman

#### Approval of Minutes

The January minutes were not approved. Approval is now necessary for Nov & Dec 2015, and Jan 2016. Hard copies of Nov-Jan were not presented.

#### Public Comments

Katie Fisher, INC P&R Rep

Katie expressed dissatisfaction that the PRAB agenda was not posted on the website in advance. This provides no visibility to the public as to what is being discussed or voted on.

#### Executive Directors Report

Happy Haynes presenting. Note: Copies of the PRAB retreat workshop of Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> Summary were distributed.

GAMEPLAN: An advisory group will be formed within a month or so regarding the update for GamePlan. She noted the unique nature and perspectives involved from the cooperative groups to be represented.

2 Basins Project: Due to the need for inclusion of numerous citizen inputs ranging from the 39<sup>th</sup> Ave canal to the potential impact at City Park Golf Course, a decision on the preferred alternative for this project is being postponed until April. Happy expressed the desire to limit land purchases necessary in one alternative as well as the impact to the golf course in the other. She indicated that additional tours about town and RNO meetings are being scheduled; see the DPR website for details.

Leslie asked about when DPR will come back to PRAB for approval; Happy indicated it could be as early as March. David asked whether this delay would impact funding considerations which originally drove the timeline for a preferred alternative; Happy replied that in the short term, it will not.

Globeville Landing Park: Input has been received on park design. The primary concern which needs resolution is drainage and land forms affecting flow which will impact the landscape. Another committee meeting is scheduled for March.

#### Other Items

PRAB Retreat Followup: Results of the January retreat were summarized and issued to board members. Thad gathered Board members priority topics input info and a summary of this was distributed at the meeting.

Much discussion ensued regarding how best to utilize board members' particular interests and consolidate them into a framework which specifies PRAB priorities. It became apparent that the PRAB goal to provide DPR with budgetary priorities within the framework of GamePlan needs to be both a fluid and dynamic exchange of ideas and dialogue between individual board members and DPR staff as well as the Board as an entity, and in advising DPR at the 'Fred Weiss' level. While there is time in the current budget review cycle for formal dialogue, to resolve issues and provide PRAB advice there needs to be both individual and Board discussions. Happy suggested PRAB members begin by reviewing the current DPR budget on the website, and that DPR will provide budget goals as a springboard to stimulate PRAB-specific interests. Leslie suggested that a Planning and Budget member, or Fred himself, attend an upcoming meeting.

#### General Board Announcements

Fran mentioned that several Councilmen have been offered a tour of the water recycling facility over the next few weeks.

Jay reported that round seven of the parks designation process is near completion.

Florence asked about maintenance cleanup at Civic Center park following the Broncos rally and parade last Monday. Happy reported on the cleanup effort.

Katie Fisher commented on the need for playing fields city-wide in lieu of the immortal conflict and balance between general park use and recreational users.

#### Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:04pm.