

Draft Minutes

Denver Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

October 11, 2017

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:33pm by President Leslie Twarogowski.

Board Members Present: Noel Copeland, Wende Reoch, Frank Rowe, David Richter, Shane Wright, Leslie Twarogowski, Jack Paterson, Jay Rust, Dora Aragon, Thad Jacobs, Laura Cary, Ben Wilking,

Absent: Felipe Vieyra, Brande Michael, Fran Coleman, Florence Navarro, Marla Rodriguez

Committee Reports

Frank/City Park Golf Course Redesign: The committee was recently presented with the clubhouse plans followed by over course layout. It appears the existing entrance will be moved which may have an impact on overall traffic with the nearby Zoo, but the intent was to accommodate nearby neighbor concerns for the 26th Ave. entrance.

David/Peds&Trails: The input from the community presentations conducted in Aug & Sept is still be incorporated. Task Force activity will be wrapping up soon this fall.

Outdoor Downtown Master Plan: The plan has been completed and a ceremony was held by the Mayor at Civic Center Park to acknowledge the work and key elements of it. Shoemaker Plaza at Confluence Park will be officially opened this Saturday. Leslie added that the art of Ai Weiwei, "Zodiac Heads" has been installed at the Greek Theatre and will remain for one year.

Leslie/Overland Music Festival: She along with David will represent PRAB on the oversight committee which is being set up by the Office of Special Events.

Jack: On October 2nd, City Council officially approved the renaming of Northside to Carpio-Sanguinette Park.

Shane/Peds&Trails: Discussions have been held to address improvements to the mountain bike loop trail at Ruby Hill Park.

Public Comment

Ean Tafoya: He is a member of the Ruby Generation which does outreach for free music projects and venues. They are advocating for better access to Red Rocks in the form of public transportation in consideration for both the distances from town, existing parking, and overall safety concerns from concert goers.

Executive Directors Report (Happy Haynes, with Fred Weiss, Christine Adams, Laura Morales)

Happy reiterated the ribbon cutting at Shoemaker Plaza and the excitement over completion of the project. She indicated two upcoming public meetings; the Cabinet in the Community at Wings Over the Rockies (and urged PRAB members to participate) and the Bear Valley Tree Planting. Also the Rec Dept is sponsoring a crafts program at Cook Park on the 21st. Additionally Rec is putting on a Haunted House Oct 21-28th at the St Charles Rec Ctr. Two public meetings will occur in November: South Platt Ecosystem Restoration at Harvard Gulch on Nov 1st and the final meeting of the Cherry Creek Area Greenway at Halcyon Hotel on the 9th. Happy indicated that the conclusion of the first season of the Levitt Pavilion programs has largely been a success with a few improvements being formulated mostly associated with noise complaints from surrounding neighbors. Public Works is stepping up to provide discounted re-paving of the lower road and parking lot. Lastly Happy mentioned she has no updates on the court actions/hearing regards both the City Park Project and the 420 Rally. Fred presented a short overview of the status of the internal effort to redraft an Athletic Permit Policy Review. A few issues have come up which require more discussion; while it was originally thought it would be implemented for Jan 2017 permits it now looks more like it won't be completed before the spring/summer permitting season. Happy added that the determination of which parks are considered athletic priority continues to evolve and that it has caused some special considerations for (four) parks which local communities wanted permitting for other programs (not necessarily athletic permitted events). David thanked the Dept for their work in addressing community programming at Huston Lake Park last summer. The overall process will provide opportunities to alter/adjust which parks are designated; and alluded to the evolution of the Rest and Recovery period at specific parks as a similar process. Thad asked about cooperative agreements (e.g., DPR-DPS) and used also used Northfield as an example; Happy replied that, no, such agreements are each unique and specific. Thad expressed interest in assisting. Jay inquired whether lessons learned from the Botanic Garden concerts were being considered at Ruby Hill (Levitt). He also noted that city council is engaged in tweaking the proposed GO budget with the Mayor; Happy replied that is a matter between them and not something DPR is involved in at this point. Fred also acknowledged that process. Shane requested an update to the new rec center management at Globeville. Happy indicated that this process of selecting a new service provider isn't new or unique and cited example at College View.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the September PRAB meeting were reviewed. Motion was made to accept, seconded, and passed, with abstentions from Wende, Thad, Dora, and David.

Presentations

Partnership Policy Briefing with Fred Weiss and Christine Adams

The objective of this review is to cleanup and ensure equity between the multitude of organizations and entities doing business with DPR. Many arrangements to date have been informal; not all have formal agreements and/or real partnerships. As such, there are both concerns for operational issues and liabilities. Christine's focus as overall project management has been to standardize the process and formalize guidelines; merely a contract isn't sufficient to ensure equity (drafts were presented). Leslie

asked if marketing materials for gift giving/park donations were being addressed. Happy relied that product hasn't matured yet but they're working on it. While Christine stated that the application will launch on the website in November, testing will be on going for about another year. Shane commented there is great potential in these partnerships. Off subject, Happy indicated the formal dedication date of Carpio-Sanguinette Park is under consideration.

Other Items

Marcus presented results of those interested in executive committee roles for the next term. Leslie and David expressed interest in continuing their current roles and Marla expressed interest in the VP position. Jay moved to accept all of those by acclamation, Thad seconded, and unanimous board approval was expressed.

Board Announcements

The Denver Mountain Park Foundation has an event on Oct 19th.

Happy: The Carla Madison Rec Center opening is scheduled for Dec 18th.

Shane: The GOCO Initiative 25th anniversary was celebrated last week.

Jay: "Word on the street" is favorable for GO bond passage this fall.

Adjournment

Leslie adjourned the meeting at 6:50pm.