

## Draft Minutes

### Denver Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

November 14, 2018

#### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:37pm by President Leslie Twarogowski. A quorum was established.

Board Members Present: Noel Copeland, , Leslie Twarogowski, Jack Paterson, Shane Wright, Marla Rodriguez, Tashmesia Mitchell, Florence Navarro, , Jaime Aguilar, Brande Micheau, Wende Reoch, Felipe Vieyra, Frank Rowe

Absent: Mark Brown, Jay Rust, Fran Coleman

#### Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the Oct 2018 meeting were distributed. Marla moved to accept the draft as presented and Florence seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### General Public Comment

Councilman Jolon Clark: He thanked the PRAB for supporting ballot measure 2A during the November election, and those members who helped with the campaign. Leslie asked about the timing for development of a spending plan; the reply, in a general sense, was that the summer will be sufficient.

Ean Tafoya: He requested that the PRAB minutes be posted on the city's website and accessible.

#### Public Hearing: Recreation Center Code of Conduct

Ean Tafoya: He stated that this policy is a step in the right direction.

Marla reiterated public comments and stated that this provides consistent enforcement and a safe environment. Tash asked how this policy will be posted; John replied it will be on the city website but hard copies also available in all recreation centers.

John Martinez presented the revised draft. Jack asked for a correction in item 8 of the Code, which references alcohol usage in DPR properties but should address facilities; John acknowledged the point. Jack motioned to approve the proposal with changes, Marla seconded, and the motion passed with Florence abstaining.

#### Presentations

Park Designations, Round 11: Scott Gilmore

Scott began with a brief introduction of the department's effort to designate city property since 2013 (about 1,100 acres). Open space in Westerly Creek and Lower Lakewood Gulch amounts to almost 75

acres. Scott indicated that INC has also been involved in this process. He summarized some of the considerations of the process. He used City Park as an example where there is sometimes a need to classify as “partially designated” since an additional strip of adjacent ROW which be included during the golf course re-development. Leslie asked about properties near DIA. David asked how the process pertains to potential new property acquisitions. Jaime asked about possible inclusions from areas within Sun Valley and inquired whether the “round pools” in Lower Lakewood Gulch assist in storm water flow. David asked if additional PRAB members are useful in the process.

#### Executive Directors Report (Happy Haynes)

Happy addressed a recent proposal to the USGS, by a Denver resident, to re-name Mt. Evans. The basis for this proposal came to light in the context of the Colorado legislature formally naming the peak after the former Governor (who was involved in the Sand Creek Massacre 30 years prior). The proposal is to rename the fourteener honoring the Indian tribes slaughtered. Happy thought the concept has merit, though she deferred to historical research and input from appropriate tribal council as well as others to draft an appropriate name. She cited the precedent of the renaming of Mt. McKinley to honor indigenous peoples name for the peak (now named Mt. Denali). There was some discussion of the need for a number of stakeholders (including DPR) participation in the process; Jaime, David, Tash, and Shane expressed support of the process, Jack asked for more information from the research project. The review board will meet again next year.

Happy provided status on the Dog Park Master Plan update. She referenced the 4,000-plus comments received from the survey, outreach efforts, and pop-up parks. (There are about 150,000 dogs in Denver; their voices must be heard?) She provided some considerations which affect planning (e.g., fencing, amenities, manpower (and volunteer) requirements). Lowry and Berkeley are currently the most popular locations. DPR will complete the draft in 2019.

Happy indicated DPR has not had a formal discussion with Superfly regarding Grandoozy. Regarding use of electric motor assist transportation, the City has enacted a temporary (90-day) ruling providing parameters for use of these devices in parks. Further analysis will lead long term policy. DPR is preparing a public statement regarding implementation of ballot measure 2A. Happy indicated insofar as there is no sunset on this measure, the process will be thoughtful and progress in a measured manner – not fast moving. She cited the precedents of the annual capital budget and GO bond processes as examples of how the development of guiding principles and strategies will look, as well as the Gameplan effort. DPR will address PRAB with a framework (HH: “It won’t take a year”) and indicated another group from the city will be involved.

#### Committee Reports

Each board member was asked to indicate which committees they wanted to be a part of, and that each committee appoint a chairperson.

The active committees are:

Recreation and Outreach: Jack, Brande, Marla, Jaime, Wende, Frank, Mark

Designations: Jay, Jaime, Wende

Greater and Greener 2019: Florence, David, Leslie, Frank, Shane

Finance: Felipe, Marla, David, Leslie, Wende, Noel

Mountain Parks: Felipe, David, Tash, Shane, Noel

Recycled Water: Wende, Jay

Mobility: Brande, Jay, Tash

Board Administration: Florence, Marla, David, Leslie

Game Plan: Florence, Noel, Fran

#### Other Board Announcements

PRAB will not meet in December.

David thanked Skyler Ruggles for his work in getting support for rental equipment at the Ruby Hill Rail Yard for the upcoming winter season.

Any member who wants a poinsettia this year will be asked to pick one up at City Greenhouse; Arthur will send an announcement when they are available.

#### Adjournment

Leslie adjourned the meeting at 7:21 pm.