

Draft Minutes
Denver Parks and recreation Advisory Board
September 13, 2017

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:36 by President Leslie Twarogowski.

Board Members Present: Frank Rowe, Laura Carey, Leslie Twarogowski, Jay Rust, Jack Patterson, Shane Wright, Marcus Pachner, Jason Robinson, Marla Rodriguez, Florence Navarro, Felipe Vieyra, Benjamin Wilking.

Absent: Noel Copeland, Fran Coleman, Dora Aragon, Wende Reoch, David Richter, Brande Micheau, Thad Jacobs

Approval of Meeting Minutes, August 2017

Minutes were approved with abstention from Marcus Pachner

Committee Reports

[Shane – Peds & Trails. Last public meeting is tomorrow. City Park Golf Course stakeholder group meetings started up. The public meetings will be held in October.](#)

[Leslie- GO Bond will launch their “Our Denver” campaign soon](#)

[Happy – noted that the 39th Ave selection is underway, and will report on it next time](#)

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Florence – Game Plan. Florence provided a detailed report on the progress of the committee. The committee is working on the goals for each category and how the committee is considering how themes cross over between the four plans. The next meeting is early November ~~with~~ with a possible draft document by January. The draft of the [updated](#) goals and objectives was distributed. Florence encouraged PRAB members and the public to attend the blueprint meetings.

Public comments: none

Executive Director’s Report: Happy Haynes with Fred Weiss

Happy Haynes Executive Director Report

Rhino Park - Statement of interest to save some of the historic building has been submitted; plans for the park are underway

Music Festival – Happy shared that the festival accountability committee is being formed and requested two members of PRAB to serve. PRAB president Leslie Twarogowski will ask Dave Richter and Dora Aragon to continue their involvement with the project. There are two visits to Outside Lands Festivals – San Francisco, a mature event and Phoenix which is in its first year. Both offer different opportunities to see how the festival works – potential issues and resolutions.

Mayor approved the Parks and Rec Budget – Happy provided an overview as the budget relates to the white paper submitted by PRAB. Many of the PRAB goals in the white paper were addressed.

Rest Periods - Fred Weiss reported on the Pilot program of Rest Periods in parks. After two years of a pilot program, gathering input from communities including at least two surveys, Fred recommends the program becomes policy. Shane raised a concern that small organizations that may be adversely affected. Happy explained that Rest Period Program only applies to public events so small, neighborhood events would not be affected. Fred said the program would be reviewed periodically.

Athletic Fields Rules and Regulations – Fred Weiss shared the draft policy and extensive outreach to affected groups. The policy should be similar to the public events policy and it needs flexibility for the manager. There was much fact- finding discussion and [Chris-Kris](#) and Tony from the permitting office also answered questions. PRAB should be prepared to make any comment by Oct. 11 and will be asked for a formal recommendation ([after the Public Hearing](#)).

Announcements:

- Tours will be set up for the Carla Madison Rec Center (9AM and 4PM - dates tba)
- October will be PRAB board elections – please let Florence or Marcus know if you are interested in a position.
- Jason Robinson is leaving the board after 5 years. He is going to a PhD program and has classes that will conflict with meetings.

Adjournment

PRAB president Leslie Twarogowski adjourned the meeting at 7:37PM