Meeting Minutes
DENVER PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
May 10, 2023 – 5:30- 7:30 pm
Virtual Meeting: Via Zoom Webinar

PRAB Meeting Norms
- Be respectful and presume positive intentions.
- Seek first to understand and then to be understood.
- Stay focused on topics at hand.
- Allow space for all to have a voice.
- Listen without judgement.
- Live our values of equity and inclusion.

Board Members In attendance:
Pam Jiner, Chandi Aldena, Fran Coleman, Jill Mullen, Lee Rains Thomas, Marlene DeLaRosa, Frank Rowe, Brooke Badon, Jessica Anderson, Emily Ziegler, Kate Fritz, Amy Razzaque, Florence Navarro, Jack Paterson, Lynne Mason, Deana Perlmutter, Andre McGreggor

Call to Order: 5:30
Board Norms and Land Acknowledgement red by Chandi Aldena
Special guests DPR Operations

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:
Approve April Minutes:
Move—Fran
2nd Marlene Passed.
Jessica abstains

PUBLIC COMMENTS
SEE ATTACHMENT 1

Chandi: Recognizing that there have been many emails and letters and request for appeal hearing about pickleball. PRAB is a place for us to hear from community—want to hear concerns etc. Acknowledges that there are many on the meeting who are concerned about pickleball. PRAB is an advisory board—we have ways to take in comment and review and make recs to DPR, but are only recommendations.

Lee: Explains PRAB does make recommendations about budget. Want to help with getting people connected with PRAB and ways to make comment—forms, open conversation before meetings.

Chandi: There is a pickleball advisory group that has been formed—minutes are available on the website. Frank Rowe is the PRAB rep. Can be direct comms between group and PRAB so PRAB is kept up to date. Goal is to be fully transparent and responsive. Frank reports that it was an
introductory meeting—bringing together people and trying to start talking. As process goes forward he will share more.

FRAN: The Picklegall issue is not going to go away—she asks for a monthly report on it.

HAPPY: Timeline—not established. Looking for potentially short, mid and long term solutions. It is a growing sport and acknowledges that we are behind and we need to catch up. Trying to do future and master planning. Anticipates short term (within several months) recs. Looking for near term solutions. Acknowledges that the change in the locations was abrupt—but it was justified because can’t build facilities that violate the law. Need to build in the correct locations to begin with.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Draft 2024 CIP Budget Recommendations

Kathy LeVeque with Colton Roloff and Emily Ziegler—CIP Planning Budget Recs. SEE ATTACHED PRESENTATION DECK

Looking for 3-5 year horizon.

Maintenance—replacing like for like (playground to playground)

Expansion—new things (new playground where there wasn’t one)

FRAN: Increase in construction costs—does this mean they need to apply for supplementals? And if so will that delay things? NO—don’t expect delays. CIP don’t hold capital back, so the funds are available. This is why they do real time accounting. Because they are accounting in real time they are more able to keep up and don’t need to be delayed because of funding.

FLORENCE: Please share with planning and operations as it goes forward. So for our info and to be able to know final direction. Would like to see iterations of budget.

LEE: Can we reach out with further questions from district. YES.

Sloans lake-playground redo—how was water feature changes? It was replaced so water things should be water things and playgrounds are playgrounds. So water feature will be redesigned and made more robust and bigger.

Sloans Lake Environmental-SEE ATTACHED PRESENATION DECK

This is high level planning to reach a better ecosystem at Sloans Lake. This is really only an around the lake plan. NOT FOR THE ENTIRE PARK. Trying to get a spectrum of options for the restoration of the lake. Everything upstream of the lake impacts the lake and the lake impacts the S. Platte—all connected.

LYNN: asks about motorized water sports. Now policy is that they will not be allowed and likely not in long term.
FLORENCE: wants to participate in public meeting.

MARLENE: how are they distributing survey—wants help with distribution. Email and other marketing. Wants to know what efforts are going to be made. Wants to push that in person outreach is done—better way to reach Latino community.

FRAN: put things in multiple languages—if QR code is used, but sure it is in right language. Need to explore outreach options better.

PRAB COMMITTEE REPORTS

Operations, Maintenance, Budget
Presentation from Kathy and Colton was seen earlier. Met with Dan Williams on sponsorship and gifts. Likely presentations

Planning, Design, Funding, Accessibility
Updates on retreat, creating agendas for year

Sustainability & Resiliency
Had presentation entirely on DPR campaign on Its In Denver’s Nature. PR Campaign. Next meeting in on Fire Mitigation in Mountain Parks

Recreation
Thinks all pools will be open—enough lifeguards. Maybe a few shortages. People are not wanting to work for full number of years to get lifetime bonus.

Executive Committee
How PRAB addresses public comments: System is not working. Want to change format to have rotating responsibility for responses to comments (3 months per committee). If there are comments that need to be addressed by a different committee the question or comment will be passed appropriately. Get to using the tracker and keep up with that. Goal is to be responsive and functional.

FLORENCE: Intent for processes. There has been an effort to heighten transparency and increase engagement and responsiveness with public. This was goal, but over time this maybe didn’t get done well enough. We need to follow up more and keep track. So we need to look at what we’ve been doing and see how to do it better. When feedback comes in we need to respond and be able to ensure that there are responses. Lots of comments from lots of sources, so developed a tracker to monitor and need to get back to that.

Goes through the role of the board. (ATTACH BYLAWS OR PURPOSE). They don’t tell us how to do our work. But we’ve tried to articulate how we do our work and communicate and engage and now we need to get back to that. Good to think about how we give people opportunity to engage with members of PRAB.
Executive Director’s Report
SEE ATTACHED REPORT

Don’t have lots of new projects or issues now.
2 focuses—transition to new mayor and city council members. Trying to prepare lots of information for new people to be ready and facilitate.

Big projects that have come to PRAB early, now going through city council process—cooperative agreements. Civic Center 100 plan, turning Bannock St. into park—going through city council process soon.

Resiliency program
Forestry strategic plan—underway
“It’s In Denver’s Nature” Marketing Program
Globeville Landing Park—excited because of MOU with Army Corps is signed.
Issue with underlying zoning of park—stopped construction. Need to now look at zoning on all parks. May need to rezone certain parks. Likely to come to PRAB

ADJOURNMENT
Move—Lee
Second--Kate
Adjourned 8:20p