

**DRAFT MINUTES  
OF THE OPEN MEETING OF THE  
DENVER PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
November 14, 2013**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by President Leslie Twarogowski, presiding and Mary McCoin, secretary.

**Directors present**

J.T. Allen, Norma Brambila, Jolon Clark, Noel Copeland, Khadija Haynes, Mary Ewing, Mary McCoin, Florence Navarro, Marcus Pachner, Keith Pryor, Jason Robinson, Bernie Sharp, Leslie Twarogowski, Shane Wright.

**Directors absent**

James Coleman, Anne Green, Darrell Watson

**Approval of Minutes**

At 5:34p.m., a quorum was established and on motion duly made (Pryor), seconded (Allen), and carried, the minutes of the September meeting, were approved as submitted.

*Abstentions: Khadija Haynes, Florence Navarro, Bernie Sharp.*

**Public Comments**

No general comments.

**Manager's Report.**

Dannemiller presented progress reports for several key initiatives (refer to hand-out). Private Outdoor Fee-based Activity Policy – City Council passed the revised fee structure 12-0. Denver Parks & Recreation will start taking permits in February. Awareness Campaign for new POFA policy is underway.

Parks & Rec has assembled a Steering committee to review the Permits policy and is requesting two PRAB members to serve on the committee.

Construction for improvements to Triangle and Sonny Lawson parks have begun

No cuts were made to the 2013-2014 Budget.

**Board Questions/Comments:** Pryor asked whether Parks is closing box car. Dannemiller said they are looking at environmental design solution. Pryor asked about new wall at Museum of Nature and Science, and said the original drop-off roundabout design didn't include the wall. He expressed concern about lack of connection with public. Dannemiller responded that she will review and advise

Pryor also expressed concern about the value-engineering in process for the City Loop design. He expressed concern about the four season element- ice rink/pond going away. Pryor said the ice rink is a critical component of the design. Dannemiller said will take under advisement as design reviews are underway.

Dannemiller said there has been a lot of misinformation about new design goals. Park improvements will create a multi-generational play area, not an amusement park as has been voiced by concerned citizens.

Twarogowski said she would like to help address concerns of Stop City Loop campaign because of inflammatory comments and spread of misinformation.

### **PUBLIC HEARING - Waste2Energy**

Denver Zoo has completed meetings with City Council, Mayor, INC, PRAB members and other constituents re: the new recycling program and also hosted an open house at zoo to see the facility. Jennifer Hale, director of Sustainability and Safety reiterated that 90% of waste stream will be converted to compacted fuel product for use in gasification technology system. Fuel will be put into engine to produce electricity and thermal energy.

**Board Questions/Discussion:** Wright said it was great to see Denver Zoo leading the way.

Haynes said the system is really exceptional. The city should be very proud.

Pryor recommends zoo share expertise and technology as an open source approach so other city departments and entities can benefit in similar ways.

McCoin asked Zoo staff whether they anticipated any issues arising with permits. Zoo said no, they are awaiting Air and Solid Waste permits, and then will proceed to 30-day public comment period. Zoo staff expect to be in front of City Council in the spring for certificate of designation. Will be in testing mode for 3-6 months after permitting.

Twarogowski then closed the Public Hearing.

**Board Action item-** Approve change in use for zoo land

Motion - Haynes

Second- Navarro

All ayes. Motion passes.

### **Announcements/comments:**

Twarogowski will follow up with City Council members on open Board seats.

Twarogowski asked Board to read the summary hand-out on Robert's Rules Parliamentary order.

Haynes requested that staff please have signage on main floor re: Parks & Rec public hearings and meetings.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:10 pm

**Respectfully submitted,  
Mary McCoin**

**(Signed Upon Approval at Next Month Mtg), (*Recording*) Secretary**