

## NOTES FROM PARC MEETING JUNE 18, 2013

INC's PARC (Parks and Recreation Committee) met June 18 at 6 p.m. at the Heritage Club, 2020 S. Monroe St. Present were co-chairs Katie Fisher and Maggie Price, Dave Felice, Marlene Johnson, Ronnie Crawford, Ray Ehrenstein, James T. Sample, Brad Cameron, Kathleen Wells, Cindy Johnstone, Diana Helper, and guests Dana Schoonover and Lynn Crist from Bonnie Brae Neighborhood.

Items discussed included:

Ruby Hill Park's possible appearance on a city map before 1955, thus making it automatically designated. The need for a pedestrian/bike bridge from the Evans light rail station to Ruby Hill and the route there from a planned bridge from the station at Jewell Ave. PARC will ask Jeff Green of DPR about progress.

Hentzell Park petitions are doing well. Judge will rule on lawsuit June 28.

New Parks Planner apparently is coming soon. PARC will check with Angela Casias.

Need for more park space to keep up with densification of city. At present large apartments are built with no open space requirement, "assigning" residents to use existing parks and open space nearby, much of which is already over-crowded. It's a citywide issue that must be solved for the health and welfare of residents. This is ultimately a zoning issue, although it is directly related to parks. INC's ZAP (Zoning and Planning) committee will also discuss it. PARC's Platform calls for more park land. Kathleen will draft a statement. PARC will support ZAP.

Guests from Bonnie Brae presented a plan to add playground equipment to Bonnie Brae Park (Bonnie Brae Blvd. and S. Milwaukee St./Ellipse Way). PARC advised that they have good RNO, near-neighbor, and Councilman support, set their plan, raise funds, be mindful of safety issues, work closely with DPR, report back.

Katie reported on the recent PRAB (Parks and Recreation Advisory Board) meeting. Boot Camps, etc. in parks need a permit now. DPR will present the "tier" pyramid system of permits at INC on July 13. PRAB has a great many issues on its agenda. It is unclear where the "public engagement" item stands at this time.

Ronnie told of the DPR/City plan to remove all the cottonwoods along the S. Platte from Grant-Frontier Park north to Pond Park, removing the historic Grant cabin as well. There is an important meeting about this at 6:30 p.m. June 27 at Grant-Frontier Park which is on the east side of the Platte, just south of W. Evans Ave. between S. Huron and S. Galapago streets.

Diana said that former PARC member Mary Myers was remembered at the June 13 Transportation Solutions meeting for her advocacy of sidewalks and parkways, and a call to promote city-administration of Denver sidewalk repair and construction funded by a small fee to every property owner was urged in her memory as the Mary Myers Mission. Those present supported this concept fully.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. Next meeting will be July 16.

--Diana Helper, PARC member