

## NOTES FROM INC PARC Meeting Feb. 18, 2014

INC PARC (Parks And Recreation Committee) met Feb. 18 at the Heritage Club, 2020 S. Monroe St. Present were co-chairs Maggie Price and Katie Fisher, Diana Helper, Marlene Johnson, Brad Cameron, Kathleen and Jay Rust, Renee Lewis, David Hill, George Mayl, Hank Bootz, Nancy Francis, Ray Ehrenstein, James Sample, Linda Dowlen, Ronnie Crawford, Bridget Walsh, and Louis Plachowski. No one was present from DPR.

Katie distributed copies of "Park Rules" in 18 categories, fines of \$100 or \$150, some including Summons. She also distributed "Impacts of Trash on the Park System." Washington Park and Cheesman Park will serve as a pilot program with colored bins for various trash types.

George Mayl said all should plan to attend SEAP (Special Events And Planning) public meetings Feb. 19 at Botanic Gardens and Feb. 24 at Dist. 3 Police Station. SEAP has made no plans and wants public to help write Policy. City wants more special events in the existing public parks, sees no need for an official Festival Park as other cities provide. PARC suggests limits on size, density allowed, with an ample percent preserved at all times for free neighborhood use of its parks. Permit fees must cover funds for proper staff help in set-ups and maintenance for all special events.

Renee and David ask all who support Friends of Denver Parks to don their green t-shirts and march in the St. Patrick's Day Parade, AND to be at the Trial before Judge Stern May 19. Democratic, Republican and Green Party support has been given to the resolution that major changes in public park land must go to a vote of the people. Support is growing, a fund-raiser will be held, tba. Jay moved and Marlene seconded that PARC take \$25.00 from its budget for membership in Friends of Denver Parks. Unanimous vote to do so. Urge RNOs to do likewise.

Katie reported PRAB discussed gates that keep out cars- also keep out strollers and bikes, form clogs at events. PRAB acknowledged Brad and Jay's good work on park designation committee. Prairie Park study is in next round. Parkway studies are a long way off.

Nancy and Hark said LOOP plan at City Park stopped fund-raising, looking at maintenance issues, etc. CPFAN (City Park Friends and Neighbors) has formed, cohesive group of many RNOs and schools, requesting open records on LOOP. Presented photos of new ugly Zoo walls in park. Great concern for event noise levels' harm to animals. Distributed draft copies of CPFAN Focus Areas. PARC agreed these could apply to all Denver parks. DPR has a LOOP meeting Feb. 26 at 6 p.m. at 26<sup>th</sup> & York; no notification had been sent to date. All welcome but only some may speak.

Ronnie said March 4 at 7 PM at Skylark, Catherine Sandy will present an oral history of the Shattuck site, and Michael Bouchard of DPR will talk about the Platte project. This waterway is not DPR's but DPR does major work on it, and it is a Parkway. Michael is now manager for the City Park Loop project also. PARC will invite him to a future meeting.

Other notes: Angela Casias has a new position in Forestry, no new community contact person named yet. The DPR Notification committee was told the policy is complete. A new park in Westwood was established and DPR was informed by neighbors that they wish to keep it simple and they will decide what amenities they want it to have. It was noted often by PARC that there is much that needs its attention, and a productive course is to set an example by working toward positive solutions, presented with thoughtful and determined perseverance. Election time is already on the horizon.

Next PARC meeting is March 18. – *Diana Helper, PARC member*