

INC PARC Minutes 11-18-14

INC Parks And Recreation Committee (PARC) met November 18 at the Heritage Club, 2020 S. Monroe St. Present were co-chairs Maggie Price and Katie Fisher, Steve Fisher, Cindy Johnstone, Brad Cameron, Ronnie Crawford, Marlene and Neil Johnson, Diana Helper, Louis Plachowski, Hank Bootz, Dave Stauffer, and Paul Kashmann.

Katie announced that John Case (Friends of Denver Parks) will be filing a brief soon. Brad reported that the Designation process continues slowly. Seven parks are in the current round. He and Kathleen Wells met with residents at Lowry, encouraging them to form an active Parks Committee and to attend PARC meetings. Brad talked about Denver's Outdoor Downtown, a project of the city and Downtown Denver Partnership. They want fuller activation of Commons, Skateboard, and other parks, such as Sculpture park and other possible spaces. Parks built with GoCo conservaton funds prohibit special events. PARC is interested to know more about this project's goals, and will write to inquire. Two public meetings are scheduled Dec. 9. Info: Mark.Bernstein@denvergov.org.

Cindy, Larry Ambrose, Maggie Price, Dave Felice, Michelle Stern, and Hank Bootz met with Doug Linkhart, Bob McDonald and Susan Shepard including an appointee from the Mayor, regarding serious noise concerns at park events. PARC requests there be citizen representation in discussions of noise policy. Cindy will write the above persons, ask for a time-line for discussions, and attach current PARC and INC resolutions. Emily Liffe has been appointed by the Mayor to work with noise concerns. Cindys notes can be found at http://denverinc.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/CindyJohnstone.Notes_.pdf

Hank spoke of recent City Park issues, including parking and large buses at the Boo at the Zoo event. He said efforts are underway to try to coordinate the various park uses, and he will update this at the January 20 PARC meeting.

Dave told of neighborhood plans to improve La Alma-Lincoln Park. Its grant application plan was approved, money allotted, but then the plan was vetoed by DPR, which advised residents to "re-imagine" a new plan for the funds. PARC discussed this and advised the neighborhood to request a moratorium on any DPR work in the park until a Master Plan is created with citizen input.

Katie reported that PRAB (Parks and Rec Advisory Board) said its Policy is coming along and talked about Washington, Ruby Hill, Boxcar, and Paco Sanchez Parks, and the new E. Colfax Rec Center.

Ronnie said work along the S. Platte changes daily. A new video of the 18-year successful effort headed by Catherine Sandy to recover the Shattuck property, clean it up and make it a viable part of the neighborhood, is available and can be found on youtube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WRySOqXdJEM> (The Hentzell Park video also is available, as is the Baker "Garden" video.) Diana suggested one be made for the 38 year Buchtel Trail & Prairie project, and said her recent fund-raiser (Western Songs & Poems) was very successful, and available for 2nd performance. Cindy showed Wash.Park FANS' new 2015 Calendar. Meeting adjourned at 8 pm. No Dec. meeting.

-Diana Helper, PARC member