

NOTES FROM INC PARC MEETING SEPT. 15, 2015

September 17, 2015

INC Parks and Recreation Committee (PARC) met September 15 at Brookdale, 2020 S. Monroe St. Present were: Co-chair Katie Fisher, Steve Fisher, Cindy Johnstone, Sonia John, Louis Plachowski, George Mayl, Ronnie Crawford, Diana Helper, and guest Susan Baird.



After discussion and background information from Susan, with updates from Sonia, regarding important action needed by DPR to care for trees in parks and on parkways, PARC voted unanimously to send its [“Resolution: Recycled Water Effect on Trees in Denver Parks”](#) to all appropriate recipients. It was agreed that this matter must be pushed ahead quickly.

Press image to see entire document

Katie reported that at PRAB (Parks and Rec Advisory Board) it was announced Happy Haynes will begin as DPR Manager on Sept. 21. John Martinez is Dir. of Recreation and Scott Gilmore is Dir. of Parks. The new Rec Center on E. Colfax will be named for Carla Madison. Rob Davis stated that the new Zoning Code did not transfer from the previous document regulations regarding needed request or permission for tree removal This will be remedied.

The topic of Red Rocks also was brought up.

Resolution: Recycled Water Effect on Trees in Denver Parks

To be presented at October 10 Delegate meeting

WHEREAS Denver's trees form an integral part of its neighborhoods and especially its parks, and are worth many millions of dollars because of their esthetic value, pollution reduction, storm water mitigation, wildlife sheltering, climate tempering and other benefits;

WHEREAS recycled irrigation water furnished by Denver Water began to be utilized in some Denver parks beginning in 2004 and use of said water continues to be expanded to other parks in the system;

WHEREAS four technical consultant studies commissioned by Denver Water in 2004 and 2009 indicated that the lower quality of the recycled water could seriously damage and eventually cause the death of trees irrigated with it, and that the health of some trees was already observably in decline by 2009;



Susan explained the concerns for Red Rocks voiced by many, as major changes occur at this Historic Landmark Park which do not honor its historic designation.

[FRIENDS OF RED ROCKS POSITION STATEMENT HERE](#)

The Colorado Music Hall of Fame wishes to erect a 7000 sf building next to the historic Trading Post. The DPR Mgr. approved the concept, but after protests that this project had received no public input or review process, it was put in hold for further study. Such a project would set a bad precedent for other parks and historic venues. It was noted there is no City Councilperson for Red Rocks, no representation on PRAB.

Press image to see entire document.

Also please see [MAJOR CHANGES FOR RED ROCKS ON HORIZON, PUBLIC INPUT NEEDED](#)

After discussion PARC agreed to develop a Friends of Red Rocks Position Statement to present to INC in October, focusing on process, and protection of the entire park. PARC members will receive copies beforehand, for their e-vote.

**COLORADO MUSIC HALL OF FAME, PRESENTED BY COMFORT DENTAL,
PROPOSED FOR RED ROCKS PARK**

Background and outline of park policy issues for INC, 9.18.18
Susan Baird, retired park planner, 303-399-5438

WHAT: Red Rocks Park and Amphitheatre is the premier Denver Mountain Park, owned and loved by Denver residents for decades. The City will be seeking public comment this fall on a current proposal for the park.

The non-profit, Colorado Music Hall of Fame, presented by Comfort Dental, has proposed a 7,500 square foot building to house their collection be built at Red Rocks Park, adjacent to the Trading Post. The Hall of Fame has been working in good faith with the city for almost two years and opened Hall of Fame exhibits in July in the Trading Post. In 2014 the Denver Parks

Louis detailed the many articles in the press regarding the Zoo's planned Incinerator Plant, including a response he has written. George is trying to get an opinion on this Plant from National Jewish Hosp.

Katie said the Hentzell Park matter is in the hands of Court of Appeals. A large crowd of INC and other neighbors attended the Hearing in support of returning the land to the park in the future.

Ronnie reported on the recent Carp Slam on the S. Platte which raised some \$2600 for Denver South Platte, the RISO area (companion to RINO).



Next PARC Meeting will be Tue., Oct. 20, 6-8 p.m. at 2020 S. Monroe St.

–Diana Helper, PARC member