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## **FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS (FANS) OF WASHINGTON PARK**

### **Meeting Minutes**

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MEETING DATE: January 11, 2017

MEETING TIME: 6:00 – 7:00PM

MEETING LOCATION: Dos Chappel Bathhouse

ATTENDEES: Scott Gilmore, Mark Tabor, Adrienne Burton, Tim McHugh, Cindy Johnstone, Karen Larson, Gary Christlieb, Dave Matthews, Kathryn Smith, Judith Cassel-Mamet, Sonia John, Alan Cooper, Kathy Philip, Karen Bedard, Jeff Bedard, Bill Tracy, Carol Lyn Tiegs, Helen Perin, Herb Kindsfater

While this summary is not intended to represent a comprehensive account of the meeting, it is intended to reflect the key points raised and issues for further consideration and to identify the action items resulting from the discussions.

#### **Items/Issues/Concerns/Questions Discussed:**

##### *Loop Road Safety Improvements:*

- 1.) Scott Gilmore began the conversation by thanking everyone for their involvement and continued support in the planning efforts for the Washington Park Loop Road Safety Improvement Plan. Denver Parks and Recreation acknowledges the lapse in communication due to staffing resources and other constraints. Stakeholder Working Group has requested meeting to re-group and review final recommendations prior to issuing bid documents.
- 2.) Adrienne Burton is the new West Denver Parks Planner, and her contact information is below - email ([adrienne.burton@denvergov.org](mailto:adrienne.burton@denvergov.org)); phone (720-913-0627).
- 3.) There is concern about the lane nomenclature. The group advises that the middle lane, referred to as the wheels lane, should be referred to as the passing lane. The exterior lane, or slow wheels lane, should be referred to as the wheels lane. This provides a more intuitive approach that is consistent with universal traffic rules. The interior lane should remain as the pedestrian lane with a 2'-0" buffer separating it from the wheels lanes.
- 4.) The lane use sign is confusing and needs to be simplified in efforts to be more user-friendly.
- 5.) The 32 remaining parallel parking spaces on the loop road (with the exception of the Recreation Center designated parallel spaces) will be removed prior to the implementation of the safety improvements. The timeline for removal of the parking spaces will be communicated to the Stakeholder Working Group, Washington Park FANS, surrounding Registered Neighborhood Organizations, as well as City Council as well as on site via temporary signage.
  - a. Existing remaining parking spaces within, adjacent and near Washington Park includes: 36 parallel spaces at the Recreation Center, 231 parallel spaces on the park



perimeter, 227 spaces in parking lots and 566 spaces available at South High School (outside school hours).

- b. Managing Loop Road use during construction will be a requirement of the contract that will be negotiated with the contractor to present the least disruption possible to users. This plan will be communicated to neighbors and users prior to construction.

*Other Items:*

1. There is significant pedestrian congestion, primarily on the weekends, on the north side of the Park at Virginia Avenue and Marion Parkway.
2. Goose population continues to be disturbance in Washington Park. While DPR does not manage the wildlife population, they have taken steps to reduce desirable habitats such as restoring the lake edge at Grasmere Lake.

**Action Items:**

- 1.) Adrienne Burton will be meeting with the Loop Road Safety Improvements Stakeholder Working Group on January 30th to review the proposed improvements prior to issuing the construction documents for bid.
- 2.) Washington Park FANS will receive regular updates and notices regarding the upcoming Loop Road Safety Improvements.