



Proclamation No. 23-0835

A proclamation honoring Joel Noble for nearly 20 years of service to Denver

WHEREAS, Joel Noble has ceaselessly advocated for Denver residents by devoting his time and expertise as a volunteer and voice of reason for his neighborhood, community organizations, and the City and County of Denver for nearly twenty years; and

WHEREAS, despite his calm, formal public persona, Joel is known among friends for his humor, creativity, and love of board games, birding, and travel; and

WHEREAS, Joel joined the Curtis Park Neighbors board in 2004 and has since served as their newsletter editor and publisher, Planning & Zoning Committee co-chair, Neighborhood Plan Committee chair, Advisory Board member, vice president, and president; and

WHEREAS, he served as a volunteer for the Park Avenue COP Shop, which provided a safe and friendly place where community members, both with and without permanent housing, could file police reports for non-violent crimes, meet with officers in a safe environment, and share information to help address areas of entrenched criminal activity; and

WHEREAS, Joel worked to revitalize Welton Street as a board member and officer of the Five Points Business District and community advisory team member for the Colorado Sustainable Main Streets Initiative: Five Points Welton Street Marketplace; and

WHEREAS, through his service as a co-chair of the Denveright: Denver Transit Plan Task Force, member of the Colfax Corridor Connections Task Force and participation in the Regional Transportation District (RTD) East Corridor Working Group, Central Corridor Extension, Pass Program Working Group, and the Central Rail Extension Mobility Study Project Oversight Committee and Task Force, Joel represented the Curtis Park neighborhood and Denver residents in transit planning; and

WHEREAS, Joel is an advocate for safe and accessible multimodal transportation as a founding member and steering committee representative of the Vision Zero Coalition, founding member and ongoing chair of the Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation Transportation Committee, mayoral appointee to the Elevate Denver General Obligation Bond Transportation and Mobility Working Group, chair of the Welton Street Marketplace Initiative: Transportation/Transit Committee, and member of the Downtown Denver Partnership Transportation and Development Council, Streetsblog Denver Advisory Board, Streetsblog Denver Citizens' Academy, and the Human Transit reading group; and

WHEREAS, Joel has shaped and preserved Denver's built environment as a co-author of Curtis Park Landmark Districts E, F, G, and H, co-chair for the Denveright: Blueprint Denver Task Force, a Denver Planning Board representative for Community Planning and Development's General Development Plan Working Group, and member of the 38th and Blake Station Area Plan Steering Committee, the 38th and Blake Height Amendments effort, the working group for the Northeast Downtown Neighborhoods Plan: Arapahoe Square, the Community Planning and Development: General Development Plan Working Group, and the Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation Zoning and Planning Committee; and

WHEREAS, Joel was appointed by Mayor Michael Hancock to the Denver Planning Board in 2014, where he served as a level-headed, knowledgeable member for three consecutive terms; and

WHEREAS, he was appointed by Mayor Hancock to be the chair of Denver Planning Board in 2018, a position he held until May 2023; and

WHEREAS, Joel Noble's last day as a member of the Denver Planning Board is June 17, 2023.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. That the Council of the City and County of Denver honors Joel Noble for his service and dedication to the people of Denver.

Section 2. That the Secretary of Council shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to Joel Noble.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL June 20, 2023

PRESIDENT