

## Zone Map Amendment (Rezoning) - Legislative Rezoning Proposal

PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION		REPRESENTATIVE*	
Property Owner Name	Multiple (see attached list)	Representative Name	CPD Executive Director on behalf of Department of Parks and Recreation
Address	See Attached	Address	201 W Colfax Ave
City, State, Zip	See Attached	City, State, Zip	Denver, CO 80202
Telephone		Telephone	(720) 913-5860
Email		Email	Mallory.Roybal@denvergov.org
SUBJECT PROPERTY INFORMATION			
Location (address and/or boundary description):	See attached list		
Assessor's Parcel Numbers:	See attached list		
Area in Acres or Square Feet:			
Current Zone Districts:	See attached list		
PROPOSAL			
Proposed Zone Districts:	OS-A		
REVIEW CRITERIA			
General Review Criteria: The proposal must comply with all of the general review criteria DZC Sec. 12.4.10.13	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consistency with Adopted Plans: The proposed official map amendment is consistent with the City's adopted plans, <i>Please provide an attachment describing relevant adopted plans and how proposed map amendment is consistent with those plan recommendations; or, describe how the map amendment is necessary to provide for an unanticipated community need.</i>		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uniformity of District Regulations and Restrictions: The proposed official map amendment results in regulations and restrictions that are uniform for each kind of building throughout each district having the same classification and bearing the same symbol or designation on the official map, but the regulations in one district may differ from those in other districts.		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Health, Safety and General Welfare: The proposed official map amendment furthers the public health, safety, and general welfare of the City.		

July 7, 2023

Laura Aldrete  
Executive Director  
Community Planning and Development

Dear Laura

I am writing to request the initiation of an official map amendment on behalf of Parks and Recreation to rezone 22 properties to Open Space zone district, OS-A.

Rezoning of these properties to OS-A will bring them into an appropriate zone district to allow them to be preserved for park and recreational purposes and to be developed and improved as parks, open space, recreational, and park maintenance uses. Specifically, the open space context allows for public and private parks and open spaces and provide for access to passive and active recreational opportunities to enhance health and wellbeing. The OS-A district is intended to protect and preserve public parks that are owned, operated, or leased by the city for park purposes.

Equitable access to parks and recreation is an important part of the health, wellbeing, and resilience of our communities. These health and environmental benefits provide a sense of public pride and cohesion. As such, this map amendment will ensure these properties remain parks and recreational uses that benefit and enhance Denver's communities. Denver Parks & Recreation is excited to bring these properties into the open space context through this rezoning amendment.

Please contact Mallory Roybal at [Mallory.Roybal@denvergov.org](mailto:Mallory.Roybal@denvergov.org) if there are any questions or additional clarification is required. If this person becomes unavailable, I will designate another individual as a point-of-contact for this application.

Sincerely,



Allegra "Happy" Haynes  
Executive Director, Department of Parks and Recreation  
City and County of Denver

CC: Scott Gilmore  
Gordon Robertson  
Mallory Roybal

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### **Review Criteria:**

#### **A.1: Consistency with Adopted Plans – describe relevant adopted plans and how proposed map amendment is consistent with those plan recommendations**

The following plans highlight goals, vision elements, strategies, and policies that are in line with and support the proposed properties for legislative rezoning.

#### **Comprehensive Plan 2040 (2019)**

Comprehensive Plan 2040 is the city's 20-year vision. The city's long-term goals are organized in this plan by six vision elements. Goals in four of these vision elements specifically support this map amendment: equitable, affordable and inclusive; strong and authentic neighborhoods; environmentally resilient; and healthy and active. The following goals and strategies are related to this proposed map amendment:

- **Vision Element:** Equitable, Affordable, and Inclusive
  - **Goal 1:** Ensure all Denver residents have safe, convenient, and affordable access to basic services and a variety of amenities.
    - **Strategy C:** Improve equitable access to resources that improve quality of life, including cultural and natural amenities, health care, education, parks, recreation, nutritious food, and the arts.
      - Ensuring usable park space is within a 10-minute walk or roll from all residents is the goal of the Game Plan and improves quality of life for community.
  - **Goal 7:** Make neighborhoods accessible to people of all ages and abilities.
    - **Strategy B:** Prioritize infrastructure improvements that allow for residents of all abilities to access and live in any neighborhood.
      - Parks are designed to be accessible by users of all abilities. The infrastructure and amenities within the existing and future parks are designed to create opportunities for recreation, respite, and social interaction.
    - **Strategy C:** Design and program public spaces and recreation centers to accommodate people of all ages and abilities.
      - The design of park spaces anticipates use by users of all ages and abilities and provides for accessible and inclusive access to park amenities.

- **Vision Element:** Strong & Authentic Neighborhoods
  - **Goal 5:** Create and preserve parks and public spaces that reflect the identity of Denver’s neighborhoods.
  
- **Vision Element:** Environmentally Resilient
  - **Goal 6:** Protect and expand Denver’s green infrastructure network.
    - **Strategy D:** Preserve and enhance the city’s system of parkland and adapt park landscapes to be more climate and heat resistant.
  
- **Vision Element:** Healthy & Active
  - **Goal 1:** Create and enhance environments that support physical activity and healthy living.
    - **Strategy A:** Recognize parks, recreation, and the urban forest as vital components of a complete community
    - **Strategy C:** Design safe public spaces and recreational areas to serve people of all ages and backgrounds.
  
  - **Goal 2:** Provide high-quality parks, recreation facilities and programs that serve all Denver residents.
    - **Strategy A:** Ensure equitable access to parks and recreation amenities for all residents.
    - **Strategy B:** Make Denver’s healthy outdoor lifestyle accessible to residents of all ages and backgrounds.
    - **Strategy C:** Expand the supply of parks, recreational facilities, and programs relative to Denver’s population growth.

Blueprint Denver

Blueprint Denver is a citywide land use and transportation plan updated in 2019 that covers a 20-year-period of growing an inclusive city through complete neighborhoods and complete transportation networks; a measured, common-sense approach to new growth; and land-use decisions through the lens of social equity. In addition to general goals and policies, Blueprint Denver also discusses neighborhood context, future places, a growth strategy, street types, and equity.

**Goals and Policies**

The proposed map amendment is consistent with the following goals from Blueprint Denver:

- **Goal 2:** Ensure all Denver residents have safe, convenient, and affordable access to basic services and a variety of amenities.
- **Goal 9:** Guide growth to maintain connections to the outdoors, respond to climate change and protect our environment and natural resources.
- **Goal 10:** Promote a healthy community with equitable access to healthy living for all residents.

Quality of Life Infrastructure Chapter:

- **Policy 1:** Expand tools and regulations to ensure high-quality parks and outdoor public spaces keep pace with Denver’s growth.

### **Neighborhood Context**

As described in *Blueprint Denver*, “Neighborhood contexts help us understand the differences in the built environment between our neighborhoods. Many features—including the mix of uses, density, lot sizes, block pattern, street design, parking and the type of recreational opportunities—vary by neighborhood” (p. 185). From the least dense Suburban Neighborhood Context, which should have “Parks of various sizes” (p. 191) to the densest Downtown Neighborhood Context, which should have “A high quality, well-maintained network of parks, flexible outdoor spaces, plazas and landscaped streets” (p. 267), parks are not only appropriate but also needed in all neighborhood contexts. Therefore, the proposed rezoning is consistent with all neighborhood context designations.

### **Future Places**

*Blueprint Denver* defines the sites within the proposed rezoning as a variety of Future Places. While park uses, and therefore the OS-A and OS-B zone districts, are appropriate in all Future Places, the following sections describe how parks are intended to fit into specific Future Place designations.

- **Parks and Open Space**

The proposed rezoning includes properties in both future place categories of parks and open spaces: “public parks and open space,” and “other parks and open space.” As the plan describes, “these mapping categories represent areas that are open space/parks but are not a regional park (see the regional park place description on page 151)” (p. 152). Public parks and open space are described as “city-owned parks and open spaces that are planned to become or remain a park and/or open space in the future.” *Blueprint Denver* defines other parks and open space as “are privately-owned parks and/or open spaces. Some are publicly accessible, while others—such as golf courses—are not.”

- **Residential Areas**

Residential Areas are defined as “areas where the predominant use is residential. Although they are primarily residential, these areas are supported by a variety of embedded uses needed for a complete neighborhood” (p. 149). Because parks are considered an essential element of a complete neighborhood, they are an appropriate use in any residential area.

The proposed rezoning includes properties within the following residential designations: Low residential, in which “a wide range of designated parks and recreational amenities are prevalent”; Low-medium residential, in which “a wide variety of parks and outdoor spaces occur”; and High residential, with a “greater prevalence of privately owned, publicly accessible outdoor spaces such as parks, enhanced hardscaped plazas and pedestrian gathering spaces.”

- **Centers**

Centers are defined as “mixed-use places of varying scales. They are typically oriented around a shared space or set of spaces.” (p. 145). The proposed rezoning includes property within the local center designation, which is characterized by “smaller scale plazas or open

spaces [that] promote social interaction.” It also includes property within the community center designation, which includes the description that “Open spaces promote social interaction and respond to the distinct uses within the center. Trees, plants and green infrastructure provide moments of relief from the more intense activity” (p. 144).

- **Districts**

Districts are defined as “places with a specifically designed purpose.” (p. 151). The proposed rezoning includes property within the innovation/flex district. The description of this districts states that “A range of parks and outdoor spaces may occur.”

### **Growth Areas**

As described in Blueprint Denver, the growth strategy is intended to “strengthen our existing neighborhoods through carefully planned infill development” (p. 50). As the city experiences increase in population, it will also see an increase in the need for parks and open spaces. Preserving existing parks and facilitating the development of new parks is critical to supporting Denver’s growth strategy.

### **Street Types**

Blueprint Denver “establishes a framework for describing streets, linking their design and operation to the character and land use around them” (p. 154). Parks, and what is allowable within the OS-A and OS-B zone districts, vary greatly in intensity to respond to the surrounding context. They are appropriate in all future places, and therefore they are also appropriate adjacent to all street types.

### **Equity Concepts**

Blueprint Denver details three equity concepts to evaluate rezonings.

- **Improving access to opportunity** includes several metrics, including “the proximity of an amenity (including ... parks...), the affordability of that amenity, and the safety and ease of access to that amenity” (p. 32). Therefore, preserving existing parks and facilitating the development of new parks supports this equity concept and may, in some cases, improve this metric for some locations.
- **Reducing vulnerability to displacement** focuses on “stabilizing residents and businesses who are vulnerable to involuntary displacement due to increasing property values and rents” (p. 37). Measures include characteristics of housing stock and the people living in a particular area. The rezoning is not expected to impact any of these measures; however, potential impacts will be studied and mitigated as part of citywide public investments.
- **Expanding housing and jobs diversity** is measured through metrics based on characteristics of housing stock and job density and types. Expanding the park system necessitates more employees for park maintenance. New properties are included in this rezoning that will be owned and maintained by Denver Parks and Recreation in the future and will create additional local job expansion for ongoing and seasonal maintenance work.

## Game Plan for a Healthy City

Game Plan for a Healthy City is the 20-year strategic, park and recreation plan for Denver's urban and mountain park systems. It establishes that safe and easy access to parks and open space, a healthy lifestyle, and a healthy environment are all basic rights for every resident. This plan is used to guide and inform the development of specific park improvement plans, new policies and regulations to protect and expand parks, and annual management actions and capital investments.

The following guiding principles relate to this proposed map amendment:

- **Goal 5:** Increase opportunities for people to experience and connect to nature.
- **Goal 6:** Ensure that parks, facilities, programs, and staff contribute to a high-quality, safe, and meaningful experience for park users and program participants.
- **Goal 15:** Recognize parks and public spaces as vital elements of urban infrastructure for the city.
- **Goal 20:** Provide opportunities to expand Denver's healthy, outdoor lifestyle to all.

These goals recognize the importance of access to parks and connection with nature. They also reflect the need to ensure that parks and facilities contribute to these experiences.

The following strategies relate to this proposed map amendment:

- **3.1: Grow Parks:** Acquire land and build facilities to keep pace with growth and meet 10-minute walk standard and service goals.
- **3.5: 10-Min Walk Access:** Ensure a ten-minute walk for park and open space for every neighborhood.
- **4.9: Upgrade facilities:** Upgrade operation and user facilities to meet baseline standards.
- **5.9: Innovative public spaces:** Expand new innovative park and recreation amenities to encourage active lifestyles and improve health.

## Parks Strategic Acquisition Plan (not an adopted plan)

While the Parks Strategic Acquisition plan is not a plan that is formally adopted by City Council, it guides implementation and decision-making for the maintenance of current parks and development of new parks in Denver. It is relevant to this rezoning because the areas within this proposed map amendment will be subject to these policies. The plan provides criteria that Denver Parks and Recreation uses to evaluate acquisitions while prioritizing and balancing growth opportunities across six acquisition focus areas: 10-Minute Walk or Roll, Mountain Parks, Facilities, Resilience and Habitat Restoration, Downtown, High-Density and Growth Areas, and Equity.

- Downtown, High-Density, & Growth Areas
  - **Goal:** Meet the increasing recreational, cultural, and ecological demands on parks and public spaces in downtown, high-density and growth areas.
- Facilities
  - **Goal:** Provide land and buildings throughout Denver for diverse recreation opportunities as well as accessible and efficient parks maintenance.
- 10-Minute Walk or Roll
  - **Goal:** Provide all residents with a quality park within a 10-minute walk or roll (or within a 5-minute walk or roll in Downtown Denver).

## Small Area Plans

The proposed rezoning includes properties that are included in multiple adopted plans that cover smaller areas within Denver:

1. 38th & Blake Station Area Height Amendments
2. 41st and Fox Station Area Plan
3. Athmar Park Neighborhood Perimeter Plan
4. Central Park Development Plan
5. Cherry Creek Greenway Master Plan
6. Cherry Creek Area Plan
7. East Central Area Plan
8. Far Northeast Area Plan
9. Globeville Neighborhood Plan
10. Lowry Reuse Plan
11. Near Northeast Area Plan (in process)
12. Near Southeast Area Plan
13. Sunnyside Neighborhood Plan
14. West Area Plan
15. Westwood Neighborhood Plan

While the specific language varies across these small area plans, they are all consistent with the citywide policy that parks are a critical part of all neighborhoods, and that they are appropriate across the city.

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**A.3: Public Health, Safety and General Welfare: The proposed official map amendment furthers the public health, safety, and general welfare of the City.**

Children that grow up in Denver are more obese than previous generations, especially in low income neighborhoods. According to the New York Times, by 2030 nearly one in two adults will be obese; no state will have less than 35 percent of residents who are obese. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), only 25 percent of American adults engage in recommended levels of physical activity, and 29 percent engage in no leisure-time physical activity at all. This sedentary lifestyle is contributing to an increased incidence of obesity along with obesity-related diseases, such as high blood pressure, diabetes, congestive heart failure, and stroke. A recent report by the Outdoor Foundation concluded that nearly half the US population did not participate in any outdoor recreation in



2018. The proposed rezoning to OS-A will allow Denver to continue adding parks and recreation facilities, which are proven to improve the health, safety and general welfare of the city in the following ways:

#### **Increase Physical Activity:**

- The closer people live to a park and the safer they feel in the park, the more likely they are to walk or bike to those places and utilize the park for physical activity (Trust for Public Land (TPL), 2016).
- A report by the U.S. surgeon general found that people who engage in regular physical activity benefit from “reduced risk of premature death; reduced risk of coronary heart disease, hypertension, colon cancer, and non-insulin-dependent diabetes; improved maintenance of muscle strength, joint structure, and joint function; reduced body weight and favorable redistribution of body fat; improved physical functioning if they suffer from poor health; and healthier cardiovascular, respiratory, and endocrine systems” (CDC, 1996).
- A group of studies reviewed in the American Journal of Preventive Medicine showed that “creation of or enhanced access to places for physical activity combined with informational outreach” produced a 48.4 percent increase in the frequency of physical activity (Kahn, et al, 2006)
- The same studies showed that easy access to a place to exercise results in a 5.1 percent median increase in aerobic capacity, along with weight loss, a reduction in body fat, improvements in flexibility, and an increase in perceived energy (Kahn, et al, 2006)
- A RAND Corporation study found that Los Angeles residents who live near parks visit them and exercise more often than people who live greater distances from green spaces. (RAND, 2005)
- A positive correlation between environmental infrastructure (such as trails and recreation facilities and enjoyable scenery) and physical activity was found in a study of environmental determinants. The national study included 1,818 people, a majority of whom were low income (Brownson et al., 2001).

#### **Increase Mental Health:**

- Research on recreational activities has shown that green space is associated with enhanced mental alertness, attention, and cognitive performance (Frumkin, 2003).
- The development of parks and open space provides environmental benefits by reducing air and water pollution, protecting areas from inappropriate development, and mitigating urban heat islands.
- Parks and recreation centers help people reduce their risk of illness and injury by providing safe spaces where people can play and exercise away from busy streets and commercial zones.

#### **Decrease Stress:**

- A study done in the UK found that people living 1 kilometer away from a green space have nearly 50 percent higher odds of experiencing stress than those living less than 300 meters from a green space (NRPA, 2016).
- Respondents who do not report stress have more than 50 percent higher odds of visiting a green space at least a few days a week than those reporting stress. Results also showed that the more often respondents visited green spaces, the less stress they experienced (Stigsdotter, 2010).
- People who lived in close proximity to natural space had significantly improved mental health up to three years after their move. Compared to pre-move mental health scores, individuals who

moved to greener areas had significantly better mental health recorded three years after the move (Stigsdotter, 2010),).

- Scientists in the Netherlands found that people who lived in residential areas with the least green spaces had a 44 percent higher rate of physician-diagnosed anxiety disorders than people who lived in the greenest residential areas. The effect was strongest among those most likely to spend their time near home, including children and those with low levels of education and income (Stigsdotter, 2010)

DPR Properties to be Rezoned OS-A (August 2023)					
Not highlighted: DPR owned properties to be prioritized in July 2023 rezoning application					
Highlighted in blue: Not currently DPR owned but starting construction to become a DPR park;					
PARK NAME	ADDRESS	ASSESSOR'S NUMBER	OWNER	EXISTING ZONE DESCRIPTION	
1	4400 Pearl St	4400 Pearl St	0222137035000	City and County of Denver	Mixed Use (U-MX-3 , UO-1, UO-2)
2	Bear Valley Park	5750 W Dartmouth Ave	0436500040000	City and County of Denver	Open Space - Recreation (OS-B)
3	Carla Madison Rec Center	2401 E Colfax Ave	0236300018000	City and County of Denver	Main Street (MS)
4	City of Karmiel Park	3300 E Cherry Creek North Dr	No parcel	City and County of Denver	Open Space - Conservation (OS-C)
5	City of Takayama Park	3700 E Cherry Creek North Dr	No parcel	City and County of Denver	Open Space - Conservation (OS-C)
6	Four Mile Historic Park	715 S Forest St	06184-00-025-000	City and County of Denver	Former Chapter 59 Zone
7	Gateway Landing	4951 N Telluride St	00161-00-175-000	City and County of Denver	Former Chapter 59 Zone
8	High Point Park	19202 High Point Blvd	00031-09-002-000	ACM HIGH POINT VI C LLC	Former Chapter 59, C-MU-30 , UO-1, AIO
9	Highline Canal (Maxwell to 56th)	5589 N Jebel Ct	00142-00-019-000	City and County of Denver	Former Chapter 59 Zone
10	Jacobs (Frances Weisbart) Park	1099 S Quebec St	06201-00-068-000	City and County of Denver	Former Chapter 59 Zone
11	Martinez (Joseph P) Park	800 N Tennyson St	05066-16-008-000	City and County of Denver	Multi Unit (MU, RH, RO, TH)
12	Montclair Recreation Center	729 N Ulster Way, 7900 E 8th Ave	06043-11-002-000	City and County of Denver	Former Chapter 59 Zone
13	Northfield Athletic Complex and Addition	9550 E 56th Ave, 5201 N Dayton St	01152-00-021-000, 01152-00-022-000	City and County of Denver	Open Space - Recreation (OS-B); Residential Mixed Use (RX)
14	Platte Farm Open Space (includes maintenance shop)	401 E 50th Ave, 5060 N Logan St; 4987 N Grant St	02154-00-031-000, 02154-00-049-000,	City and County of Denver	Industrial - Mixed Use (I-MX, M-IMX); Single Unit (SU)
15	Southwest Auto Park	8301 W Union Ave, 4601 S Carr St Apprx	09112-00-044-000, 09101-00-008-000	City and County of Denver	Former Chapter 59 Zone
16	Sun Valley Riverfront Park	970 N Alcott Way TR A	05054-00-033-000	Denver Housing LLC	C-RX-8 (Urban Center Residential Mixed Use)
17	Town Center Park (includes GVR Rec Center)	4892 & 4890 N Argonne Way, 4892 N Argonne Way	00153-00-050-000, 00153-00-049-000	City and County of Denver	Former Chapter 59 Zone
18	Unnamed 47th & Telluride Park	17748 E 47th Ave	00211-00-052-000	City and County of Denver	Former Chapter 59 Zone
19	Unnamed Garland & Saratoga Park	4907 S Garland St	09103-14-056-000	City and County of Denver	Former Chapter 59 Zone
20	Unnamed Iliff & Bellaire	4301 E Iliff Ave, 4307 E Iliff Ave	06302-12-014-000, 06302-12-001-000	City and County of Denver	Mixed Use (MX, M-GMX)
21	Unnamed Kentucky & Irving	876 S Irving St	05173-15-010-000	City and County of Denver	Single Unit (SU)
22	Unnamed Stanford & Balsam Park	4601 S Carr St Apprx, 4500 S Carr St Apprx	09112-00-031-000, 09112-00-037-000, 09101-00-006-000, 09101-00-012-000, 09101-00-019-000	City and County of Denver	Former Chapter 59 Zone

**From:** [Parady, Sarah - CC XA1404 Member Denver City Council](#)  
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Hi Mallory, could you give us some more context about the two properties that are included and not yet owned by the city (reflected on the appendix to the application)? Just curious/orienting myself!

	<b>AT-LARGE</b> DENVER CITY COUNCIL	<b>Sarah Parady</b>   Councilmember At Large Office of City Council   City and County of Denver <a href="#">Pronouns</a>   She/He/Hers phone: (720) 337-7713 <a href="#">311 for city services</a>   <a href="https://denvergov.org/citycouncil">denvergov.org/citycouncil</a>   <a href="#">Denver 8 TV</a>   <a href="#">Facebook</a>   <a href="#">Twitter</a>
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**Sent:** Monday, August 21, 2023 11:44 AM  
**To:** Parady, Sarah - CC XA1404 Member Denver City Council <Sarah.Parady@denvergov.org>  
**Subject:** Parks Rezoning Proposal Information

Dear Councilwoman Parady:

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Hi, Mallory. We did receive some inquiries about it after the 200-foot notifications were mailed and before I was informed of it, and it was along the lines of how come the councilman doesn't know what's going on in his own back yard? Garland-Saratoga Park is just over my back yard fence.

I addressed it on my neighborhood Facebook page later.

Kevin

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Good afternoon Mallory,

Thanks for the update!

I just wanted to confirm, I'm seeing three areas in D5:

1. Montclair Rec center
2. Jacobs Park
3. Maintenance area at 8540 Lowry Blvd

Did I miss any?

The other question I had personally was, would this rezoning bring all or almost all of DPRs land into OS and the new code?

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**To:** Sawyer, Amanda - CC Member District 5 Denver City Council <Amanda.Sawyer@denvergov.org>  
**Cc:** Fry, Logan M. - CC YA2246 City Council Aide Senior <Logan.Fry@denvergov.org>  
**Subject:** Parks Rezoning Proposal Information

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**To:** [Roybal, Mallory C. - DPR CE0429 City Planner Senior](#)  
**Cc:** [Brigner, Owen - CC YA2245 City Council Aide](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Parks Rezoning Proposal Information  
**Date:** Monday, August 21, 2023 3:43:38 PM  
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Good afternoon Mallory,

Thanks for the update!

I just wanted to confirm, I'm seeing three areas in D5:

1. Montclair Rec center
2. Jacobs Park
3. Maintenance area at 8540 Lowry Blvd

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**To:** [Roybal, Mallory C. - DPR CE0429 City Planner Senior](#)  
**Cc:** [Clark, Haley - CC YA2245 City Council Aide](#); [Oren, Shelly - CC City Council Aide](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Parks Rezoning Proposal Information  
**Date:** Monday, August 21, 2023 12:12:52 PM  
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Thank you for sharing! There's only 1 property in D10, and that's Carla Madison. I don't know how it was built with MS zoning, so it's good that it's being rezoned to park space.

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**To:** [Roybal, Mallory C. - DPR CE0429 City Planner Senior](#); [Romero Campbell, Diana - CC XA1404 Member Denver City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Conant, Macy - CC YA2246 City Council Aide Senior](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Parks Rezoning Proposal Information  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 23, 2023 10:29:21 AM  
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Thanks Mallory! We are looking forward to this!



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# Planning Board Comments



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## Your information

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## Agenda item you are commenting on

Rezoning

## Rezoning

Address of rezoning	715 S. Forest St
Case number	

## Draft plan

Plan area or neighborhood

## Proposed text amendment

Project name

## Historic district application

Name of proposed historic district

## Comprehensive Sign Plan

Address of comprehensive sign plan

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Case number

## DURA Renewal Plan

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Address of renewal project

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Name of project

## Other

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Name of project you would like to comment on

## Submit your comments

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Would you like to express support or opposition to the project?

Strong opposition

Your comment:

When I moved into my present home some fifteen years ago one of the deciding factors in purchasing my house was the beautiful view of the historic home across the street. This spring for the first time the people who run Four Mile Park decided to erect giant plastic apparitions all over the lawn lit by flashing colored lights. They also jury-rigged an ugly privacy fence. It now looks like I live across from the city dump, which is going to seriously reduce my property value. This eyesore is scheduled to be up for around five months.

Now the same people who created this abomination are trying to change the zoning designation of the property so that they are not subject to the same restrictions as all of the neighboring residents. With the new designation a few Denver politicians will be able to decide what can and cannot be built in the park. Under this designation they would not have to follow the same rules as the other residents in the area. Given what happened this spring my heart shudders to think about what might happen to this historic property whose managers seem to be trying to convert into a techno concert stage. I strongly suspect that if I were to erect a twenty-foot high plastic dragon in my front yard I would be asked to take it down. I believe that the Four Mile House should keep it's current zoning status and would request that the zoning board investigate whether these giant plastic apparitions are legal under the current zoning code.

Thank you.

J John Martin

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