

From: [Randy Hunt](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Cc: [Brooks, Albus - City Council District 8](#); [Herndon, Christopher J. - City Council District 11](#); [Tiffany Barnhart: zooinfo@denverzoo.org](#)
Subject: Complete Support for Denver Zoo's Master Plan
Date: Sunday, April 19, 2015 10:39:08 PM

Denver City Council,

I am writing you this evening as I will not be able to attend the City Council meeting tomorrow evening when the Denver Zoo will be presenting their Master Plan as I had a previously scheduled business trip that I was unable to reschedule.

I am in full support of the Zoo's Master Plan as presented multiple times in community meetings over the last few months, in addition to a comprehensive online presence detailing the multiple facets of the plan (<http://denverzoo.org/facility-master-plan-community-feedback>).

I would also like to point out that I feel that the recent article in the Denver Post (http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci_27861106/denver-zoo-plan-calls-more-than-two-dozen) was extremely misleading from a headline standpoint. While the details in the article specified that most of the buildings were replacements and not additional buildings, it could easily be misconstrued in today's "sound bite society" that the zoo was expanding. This is also not the case as the footprint of the zoo cannot and will not change.

In addition, it has come to my attention that a number of Registered Neighborhood Organizations (RNOs) may be presenting at the meeting to oppose the Zoo's Master Plan. One of which is City Park Friends and Neighbors (CPFAN). I live within the boundaries that CPFAN is purported to represent. While I am not a member of that organization, nor do I wish to be, I have not been contacted by CPFAN since its inception regarding a number of positions that they have taken, seemingly on my behalf. I believe this to be a direct violation of Denver Revised Municipal Code, Chapter 12, Article III, specifically, Sec. 12-94. Registration(7) Methods used to communicate with members and the neighborhood.

Furthermore, I am a dues paying member of Greater Park Hill Community (GPHC), and they have yet to contact me to gauge my views on this plan.

I respectfully ask that any feedback from a RNO be investigated further to determine if actual community feedback was requested.

I am also in full support of the Denver Zoo's waste to energy project, which held a number of public hearings/meetings a number of years ago. While I didn't attend any of those meetings, it makes perfectly logical sense to eliminate both waste going to landfills and a reduction in large truck traffic in and out of the park/zoo to remove waste.

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From: [Kristen Uebelhoer](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: Denver Zoo Master Plan
Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2015 4:15:55 PM

Dear City Council,

I am writing because I support the Denver Zoo's Master Plan, and I'm asking you to approve the proposed Building Plan on its second reading on 4/20/15.

I have been a Denver Zoo volunteer for 20 years, leading tours, interpreting animals at exhibits and assisting guests as they make their way through the zoo. I've seen firsthand the connection the zoo helps create between our guests and animals, encouraging a love of animals and desire to protect the environment.

The Denver Zoo accomplished many things planned in the last master plan (Millennium Master Plan), and it continues to develop innovative, sustainable and amazing exhibits that provide the best care for over 4000 animals, many of which are endangered or have become extinct in the wild.

The Master Plan will allow the Denver Zoo to continue to meet its mission to "Secure a Better World for Animals through Human Understanding". The Master Plan is good for the animals, the zoo and for Denver.

I encourage you to approve the Building Plan in support of the approved Master Plan.

Sincerely,

Kristen Uebelhoer, Denver

From: [Cathy Fennelly](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: Denver Zoo Master Plan
Date: Sunday, April 19, 2015 11:24:15 PM

Concerning the Denver Zoo Master Plan Proposal:

I am writing to voice my opinion about the importance of the approval of the Denver Zoo Master Plan.

My name is Catherine Fennelly and I am a Denver Zoo Volunteer. I want to express my opinion about why

I feel that the zoo is so important to the whole Denver Metro Community. I have been at the zoo for fifteen years. I have given tours to the school kids and helped the staff teach science workshops to middle and high school students. In the Summer I do animal presentations for our Denver families and tourists.

I have watched people of all ages enthusiastically interact with our educational animal collection. I have seen students who were so excited about what they were learning at the zoo that they signed up to be teen volunteers for our Summer programs.

Many of our buildings are getting older and need to be replaced. The new buildings that we want to construct will not only help us to meet the needs of our animals in a more efficient manor, but will be designed to do a better job of educating and entertaining the public.

I ask that you please consider the approval of the Denver Zoo Master Plan.

Thanks for reading this email.

Sincerely,

Catherine Fennelly

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From: [Melody Lopez-Miller](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: Denver Zoo Proposed Changes
Date: Sunday, April 19, 2015 10:27:26 PM

Dear City Council Members,

As a resident of the Washington Park neighborhood, for 25 years, and a Denver resident for 60 plus years, I would like to thank you for approving the Building Plan on 1st reading, April 6th. Additionally, I would like to encourage the Council to approve the Building Plan on the 2nd reading, in support of the Zoo's approved Master Plan. I believe that the Zoo communicated well with stakeholders with meetings as well as online outreach to receive input and modify plans based on community response. The Zoo's leadership in animal care, conservation, education, visitor connection to nature and sustainability is recognized by many in our local and national communities. Their awards and certifications clearly demonstrate that the Denver Zoo is among the top cultural organizations in the nation. Based on my experiences at the zoo, as a child, parent, and teacher, I have seen the progress and evolution that has happened at the zoo. Clearly, the changes have continued to improve many aspects of the zoo environment, including animal care, conservation, sustainability and guest experience. I would like to voice my support for the Denver Zoo's plans to increase the capabilities for these improvements.

I thank you for the job you do, and encourage your approval of the proposed Building Plan for the Denver Zoo.

Sincerely,
Melody Lopez-Miller

From: [Roben Deines](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: Denver Zoo
Date: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 4:15:51 PM

I am a docent at the Denver Zoo. Every time I volunteer for the zoo, I am convinced of its importance to not only our community, but to visitors from all over the world. We are able to introduce many species of animals to the zoo guests.

Please vote in favor of funding for the zoo's proposed new master plan.

Thank you.

Roben Deines

Sent from my iPhone

From: [dence - City Council](#)
To: [# All Users - City Council](#)
Subject: FW: Supporting Denver Zoo's Master Plan - April 20th Meeting
Date: Friday, April 17, 2015 10:01:23 AM

From: Hannah Yaritz [mailto:hyaritz@denverzoo.org]
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2015 2:16 PM
To: dence - City Council
Subject: Supporting Denver Zoo's Master Plan - April 20th Meeting

Hello,

First, I want to thank you so much for approving Denver Zoo's building plan at the first reading on April 6th. The time and energy that Denver Zoo has put into planning for the future is tremendous, the thoughtfulness for the animals, the environment and the community has gone far. I am writing to encourage Council to approve Denver Zoo's Building Plan at the 2nd reading on April 20th.

I am an employee of Denver Zoo, but most importantly, I am a member of this community. I live in Denver, spend my time and money in Denver and I believe in the organizations that make Denver the vibrant, healthy and forward thinking community it is. The approval of Denver Zoo's Master Plan will help to grow our city in the best way.

Denver Zoo cares not only for its animals, but also for its visitors and the environment. The Zoo is the first in the nation, and just fourth in the world, to be certified with ISO14001 (sustainability) and OSA18001(safety). It serves over 1,000 schools every year and is committed, not only to educating youth, but also adults. It provides free access to over 350,000 citizens every year. It is the most popular cultural institution in the State. Most importantly, Denver Zoo is a place that I am proud to work at, and a place that I believe makes a difference, in our community, our state and the world.

I support Denver Zoo's Master Plan and I ask you, as my representatives, to do so too.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to the meeting on April 20th.

Best,
Hannah

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From: [Bonanimal](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: I support the new Denver Zoo plan
Date: Monday, April 20, 2015 6:56:34 AM

The Denver zoo is one of the best zoos in the US and they need to continue to make improvements to replace some of the buildings that are out of date. I am not able to attend the meeting tonight, but please include my name in the tally of people who do support this new plan.

Bonnie M La Count

From: [George Bentley](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: I support zoo improvements!
Date: Sunday, April 19, 2015 3:53:24 PM

Please note. I speak for my wife and 2 adult children as well.

Sincerely,
George Bentley

From: [Erik Keith](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: In Support of the Zoo's Master Plan
Date: Monday, April 20, 2015 9:55:06 AM

Greetings,

I'm writing you today to counter any emails you will be getting from a small organization called CPFAN (City Park Friends and Neighbors). This small, non-inclusive group regularly speaks on behalf of the Whittier/City Park neighborhood without conducting any outreach to the neighbors and serving only to further their own self interests.

I strongly urge you to take any communications from this group with a grain of salt. They will also most assuredly organize a very vocal protest at the public input meeting. Because of their non-inclusive approach, this small group has outraged many neighbors who are now organizing to have our voice represented where previously we had assumed this group was serving the role of representing all neighbors. This couldn't be further from the truth.

Thank you for your time and your public service.

Best regards,

Erik Keith

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From: [Brenda Gilbert](#)
To: [Brooks, Albus - City Council District 8](#)
Cc: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: Proposed Denver Zoo development
Date: Monday, April 20, 2015 8:23:26 AM

I wanted to follow-up on my earlier email (Proposed Denver Zoo development, dated 4/19/15).

I received new information, from a neighbor who has been a volunteer at the zoo for the last few years, that leads me to believe I had initially received flawed information regarding the planned buildout. For example, I am now informed that the new development does not increase the number of buildings on the property and that the 35' tall "building" is in fact a tree shaped platform for guests to view various animals from!

First, I need to apologize for accepting the flawed information I received earlier without further research.

Second, from the additional overview I have received the new development appears well thought out and something that would not detract or be a detriment to City Park or adjacent neighborhoods - providing managing the increased traffic flow is addressed (is it forced into or through City Park?) and additional parking is provided for the even larger number of visitors anticipated.

Lastly, I would say that my hasty response earlier is a reflection of insufficient communication and simply highlights the need to identify ways to increase means to get accurate information out to the public. I do try to attend SCPNA meetings when I see them posted but if you are not on their email list (or some other RNO) you are basically left in the dark.

Once again, thank you (and your staff) for "listening".

Brenda Gilbert
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We don't want to live in the past, but we do need to learn to live comfortably with it.

Anonymous

From: [Angie Panos](#)
To: [TERESA MCELLOWNEY](#); [dencc - City Council](#)
Cc: [Moredock, Pat - Denver Zoo](#)
Subject: RE: Master Plan
Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2015 2:40:08 PM

Thank you Teresa for your support.

City Council officials, please note this email in support of Denver Zoo and your approval of their Master Plan on April 20.

Thank you,
Angie

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From: TERESA MCELLOWNEY [mailto:t_mcelldowney@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 4:08 PM
To: Angie Panos
Subject: Master Plan

My name is Teresa McEldowney and I am a Denver Zoo volunteer since 2006. Thank you for approving the Building Plan on the 1st reading April 6th.

I am writing to encourage Council to approve the Building Plan on the 2nd reading in support of the Zoo's approved Master Plan.

As a volunteer at the zoo I get to experience the excitement of those who come to the zoo.

With over 39,000 attendees on the free day in February it shows how popular the zoo is as an entertainment and educational facility.

I support the Denver Zoo's Master Plan and ask the Council to approve the proposed Building Plan.

Sincerely,
Teresa McEldowney

From: [John Maes](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: Zoo Project
Date: Sunday, April 19, 2015 11:22:44 PM

Good evening, I am a native to the Montclair/Park Hill area. Please support and approve the measure to update the aged buildings at the Zoo. The Zoo a shining example of Denver's dedication to education and culture for all ages. Lets continue to provide the best facilities for our community and the animals that live there.

Best Regards,

John V. Maes

From: [Nancy Wiseman](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: zoo
Date: Sunday, April 19, 2015 4:26:25 PM

Please support the master plan for the zoo. Our zoo is a treasure and needs support as it replaces old structures and renovates. It will not interfere with City Park or any other area as the foot print remains the same. I live a few blocks from City Park and the zoo and appreciate having a first class zoo in our neighborhood for all to enjoy and benefit from.

Nancy Wiseman
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From: [Greg Schoeninger](#)
To: [denc - City Council](#)
Subject: Zoo Improvements
Date: Monday, April 20, 2015 10:09:11 AM

I cannot attend the meeting tonight but I live in Park Hill and favor the proposed master plan by the Zoo.
Greg Schoeninger

From: [Devan Brua](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: I support the Zoo!
Date: Monday, April 20, 2015 10:17:42 AM

To whom it may concern,

It is my understanding that City Park Friends and Neighbors (CPFAN) will be opposing the Zoo's master plan at tonight's meeting. Unfortunately, I cannot attend the meeting myself, so I am sending this email to state that I live within CPFAN boundaries and I disagree with their position. CPFAN does not represent me. I fully support the Zoo, and it's master plan, and I hope the City Council will tonight. Thank you.

Best regards,

~Devan Brua
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From: [Wendy Eberhardt](#)
To: [dence - City Council](#); [Brooks, Albus - City Council District 8](#)
Cc: [Brian Reischl](#)
Subject: Denver Zoo Updates--please approve
Date: Monday, April 20, 2015 10:38:33 AM

Denver City Council,

I am in full support of the Zoo's Master Plan as presented multiple times in community meetings over the last few months, in addition to a comprehensive online presence detailing the multiple facets of the plan (<http://denverzoomasterplan.org/facility-master-plan-communi...>).

I am a registered voter, property owner, and active participant in the Current Great District 8--soon to be Dynamic District 9--which includes City Park and the Denver Zoo. I fully support the updates to the Denver Zoo which will make it a world class asset to the city and the state over the coming decades.

My husband and I frequently ride our bicycles to City Park and go to the zoo with family at least once a year. Since the footprint of the Denver Zoo will remain unchanged and it is insulated from the neighborhoods by City Park and the golf course I see no reason to oppose these updates.

Thank you!
Wendy Reischl

From: [Chad Bonaker](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: CPFAN does not represent my views
Date: Monday, April 20, 2015 10:54:17 AM

To Whom it May Concern,

It has come to my attention that a small group of individuals calling themselves CPFAN has taken it upon themselves to represent me and my neighborhood to the City Council. I'm a long time member of the Whittier Neighborhood, and I want to express that I disagree with their views on most everything, but specifically on their views on the Zoo. In my view we have a world class zoo that needs to be supported and allowed to expand to continue to service into the future. Please don;t listen to a loud by small group over the wishes of citizens of the greater area around City Park and the Zoo.

Sincerely,
Chad Bonaker
Proud member of the Whittier Neighborhood.

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From: [John Skaradowski](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Cc: apanos@denverzoo.org; TBarnhart@denverzoo.org
Subject: DENVER ZOO
Date: Monday, April 20, 2015 11:47:39 AM

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing on behalf of the Denver Zoo.

As a Volunteer Docent at the zoo, I urge you to vote in favor of approving the Master Plan, when it is presented for your approval tonight.

In my position at the Denver Zoo, I am constantly in contact with our guests. I know that people of all ages are enthusiastic when learning about the wonderful animal collection, as well as the conservation efforts we perform here in Colorado as well as in far flung regions of the world.

We serve many of Denver's neighborhoods and are one of the most popular cultural venues in the state. About 69% Of our attendance is free or discounted.

One of the most important missions we have is to **educate** the citizens of Denver.

Again, Please approve the Master Plan.

Thank you,

John Skaradowski
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"Study nature, love nature, stay close to nature. It will never fail you." - Frank Lloyd Wright

"Look deeply into nature, then you will understand everything better." - Albert Einstein

From: [Erin Kobler](#)
To: [dence - City Council](#)
Subject: Support of Zoo expansion
Date: Monday, April 20, 2015 12:13:03 PM

Hello,

I'm a resident of the Whittier neighborhood and a member of the Denver Zoo. I have seen the zoo make excellent decisions in terms of the use of its space and being a very intentional deliverer of education, sustainable practices, and responsible stewardship. I have read over the proposed expansion plans and think that it sounds very reasonable and in line with updates that should be expected of an institution that has been around as the zoo has.

My family is in full support of the zoo's plan and we hope the city council will vote in support of this excellent resource in our community.

Erin Kobler
Denver resident

From: [Laura Mangel](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: CPFAN = City Park Friends and Neighbors, Zoo expansion and proposal
Date: Monday, April 20, 2015 2:37:57 PM

Dear City Counsel,

Thank you for your time and service to our city. It is an amazing place to live and I am so proud to raise my family here.

It has come to my attention that CPFAN, also known as City Park Friends and Neighbors intends to represent our neighborhood in an upcoming proposal regarding the zoo. Please understand that they do not represent my family or our opinion of the proposed project. They are self elected and self serving.

I am in full support of the proposed zoo expansion and feel it will continue to add value to our children's education, neighborhood, and city.

Sincerely,

Laura Mangel
Whittier Neighborhood Resident

From: [Denver Zoo \(via Twitter\)](#)
To: [dence - City Council](#)
Subject: Denver Zoo (@DenverZoo) favorited a Tweet you were mentioned in!
Date: Monday, April 20, 2015 1:31:33 PM



Denver City Council,

A Tweet you were mentioned in got favorited!



Randy Hunt

@TheRandimus

@DenCityCouncil I fully support the Master Plan being presented by **@DenverZoo** tonight. **#progress #abetterzoo**

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From: [Neotha Leslie](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: Denver Zoo Master Plan
Date: Monday, April 20, 2015 1:12:33 PM

Hello – My name is Neotha Leslie, and I am a Denver Zoo employee. I have lived in Denver for 10 years and in City Park West for 8 years up until last summer where I am now a Baker resident. I would like to encourage Council to approve the Building Plan on 2nd reading tonight 4/20, in support of the Zoo's approved Master Plan.

I personally have worked on this plan for 3 years and am very excited about the amazing improvements imagined in this plan. Denver Zoo is the most visited cultural institution in Colorado. I am especially excited and proud of the special attention in the plan to tree canopy, ecology and sustainability. I am trained as a landscape architect and am committed to a built environment that is at once beautiful and sustainable. With a strong emphasis on education, sustainability and animal care, this projects in this Master Plan will allow us to remain one of the best Zoos in the nation.

Thank you,
Neotha Leslie
Denver Resident, Landscape Architect, City Park Advocate

Neotha Leslie
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From: [Melissa Skrbic-Huss](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: Support for the Denver Zoo new Master plan
Date: Monday, April 20, 2015 12:20:32 PM

To whom it may concern,

It has come to my attention that the city council will be voting on the proposal to update the Denver Zoo. I really wish that I would be able to attend the meeting so I can give my support to the new Master plan.

My family has lived walking distance to the zoo and City park for almost 10 years now and love both the park, zoo and museum. All 3 have been a sufficient part of our lives that it has become the main reason why we choose to stay in the area. The plans to expand and redesign the zoo not only create a unique experience for zoo goers, it also helps update the older buildings and structures that the animals live in. So quite frankly it is needed. On top of that, there will be no additional cost to the tax payers, and will not cause any issues with City Park (I run the City park loop a couple times a week and can say I have never experienced any issues with the zoo.) So really, its a no brainer.

I know there is a group of individuals who oppose this expansion and honestly oppose any updates to City Park. And honestly they speak for a very small group of people. The neighbors of City Park love their area and want to see it grow, improve, and attract more people so they can see why we love it so much.

So please vote in favor of allowing Denver Zoo move forward with their plans.

Sincerely,
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From: [Green, Patrick X](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: Approval of a new park building plan for the Denver Zoo at tonight's Denver City Council Meeting
Date: Monday, April 20, 2015 11:23:36 AM

Denver City Council Members,

I am writing to you in support of your approval of the Denver Zoo's new building plan which contains numerous buildings that are over 3,000 square feet in area and which is a part of the Zoo's recently approved Master Plan. I hope to be in attendance at tonight's Denver City Council meeting, but if I get delayed, I wanted you to know how strongly I support approval of the Zoo's new building plan.

My name is Patrick Green and I have been a Denver Zoo trustee for over 15 years and a past Chairman of the Denver Zoo Board of Trustees. I also was a Master Plan Committee member that worked on the latest Master Plan for over 3 years and which was completed just last fall. I was in attendance at the March 3rd community engagement meeting hosted by the Denver Zoo at Bogey's. The meeting was informative and formatted in an interactive way which elicited good group discussion. There was also a very good turnout for the meeting, despite a snowstorm that started earlier in the afternoon. The Zoo hosted a number of public hearings in February and March and incorporated feedback from those hearings in their final building plan. I strongly support the Denver Zoo's well designed Master Plan and ask the Denver City Council to approve the proposed building plan on its 2nd reading tonight.

As you know, the Denver Zoo has been the number one cultural institution in Denver by attendance for many years serving over 2 million guests last year. Denver Zoo provides free access for over 350,000 citizens each year, many of which are students. It serves over 1,000 schools each year through educational programming that connects students with animals and nature. The Denver Zoo has received numerous awards over the past few years for its newest exhibits (Benson Predator Ridge and Toyota Elephant Passage) as was also recognized as the Greenest Zoo in the World by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. The Denver Zoo is an institution that the City of Denver should be very proud of. The proposed building plan that the Denver City Council is reviewing this evening will continue the Denver Zoo's tradition of excellence and outstanding care for its animals. Please approve the Zoo's building plan tonight for the reasons outlined above.

Sincerely,

Patrick Green
Denver Zoo Trustee



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