

DENVER PARKS AND RECREATION

Land Use, Transportation, & Infrastructure Committee

Resolution 23-0647

May 23, 2023



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GAME PLAN
for a Healthy City



AGENDA

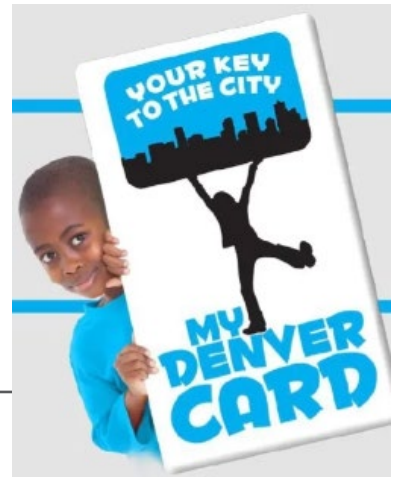
Denver Zoological Foundation

- Benefits of Partnership
- History / background
- Need for amended agreement to clarify:
 - responsibilities and best practices
 - department rules and regulations
 - city legal requirements
 - executive orders



ADVANCING DPR'S GAME PLAN FOR A HEALTHY CITY

- The Denver Zoo is an invaluable steward of Denver's world-renowned Zoo and a vital DPR partner in scientific research, wildlife management, conservation, and environmental education across Globe.
- Together, DPR and the Denver Zoo are strengthening Denver's community of environmental stewards:
 1. Growing and diversifying opportunities for Denver residents to connect to nature at the Denver Zoo and in field locations.
 2. Enhancing academic and public knowledge via research and field work in ecology, natural and animal sciences.
 3. Expanding access to Denver's history and culture through a legacy of leading in zoological best practices.
- The Denver Zoo is a tier one organization of the Scientific & Cultural Facilities District.





B. Bryan and pack
city Park roughly
1900

HISTORY OF THE DENVER ZOO

1896

Then-Denver Mayor Thomas McMurray receives an American Black bear, Billy Bryan, as a gift and sends Billy to live in City Park

1898

Denver Zoo leads national campaign to save American bison

1918

Billy Bryan moves to Bear Mountain, beginning the transformation of zoo enclosures to natural habitat exhibits from the 1920-1950s

1956

Denver Parks & Rec enters First Cooperative Agreement with the Zoo

THE DENVER ZOOLOGICAL FOUNDATION 1956 - 2023

- The agreement authorizes Denver Zoo to maintain, administer, manage, operate, and control a portion of City Park.
- Specifies requirements for the Zoo to:
 - make certain capital improvements
 - maintain all animals and exhibits
 - provide public access to educational and cultural facilities, programs, and activities



DRMC 2.4.4(F)(i): authorized DPR to enter agreements “for the development of park and recreational facilities, programs and activities and for the establishment and maintenance of the museums, *zoological* or other gardens, collections of natural history and observatories.”

THE DENVER ZOOLOGICAL FOUNDATION 2023 - 2048



- Clarifies partnership responsibilities regarding reviewing and commenting or approving capital improvements.
- Increases the capital improvement threshold requiring DPR approval to \$250,000 and makes it subject to CPI.
- Adds new language outlining the approval of the cooperative agreement, amendments, and Zoo contracts by Bond and Special Counsel.
- 25-year term ensures continued investment in Denver Zoo facilities and the environment.
- Adds recently establish protected classes to the non-discrimination clause.



APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

Resolution 23-0647 Amends a cooperative agreement with the Denver Zoological Foundation, Inc. by adding 25 years for a new end date of 12-31-2048, with 10-year autorenewals unless council action is taken and updating terms to manage and operate the portion of City Park presently reserved for their use.



Questions?

Thank you



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