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TO:Land Use, Transportation and Infrastructure CommitteeFROM:Chris Gleissner, Senior City PlannerDATE:March 12, 2013RE:Official Zoning Map Amendment Application #2012I-0004216<sup>th</sup> and Milwaukee StreetRezoning from H-1-A and H-2 to G-MU-5

# **Staff Report and Recommendation**

Based on the criteria for review in the Denver Zoning Code, Staff recommends **approval** for Application #2012I-00042 for a rezoning from H-1-A and H-2 to G-MU-5.

# **Request for Rezoning**

Application: Address: Neighborhood/Council District: RNOs:	#2012I-00042 16 <sup>th</sup> and Milwaukee Street City Park Neighborhood/ Council District 8 South City Park Neighborhood Association; Colfax on the Hill, Inc.; Neighborhood Advisory Committee to the Botanic Gardens; Northeast Community Congress for
	Education; Points Historical Redevelopment Corp; Capitol
	Hill United Neighborhoods, Inc.; Inter-Neighborhood
	Cooperation
Area of Property:	69,120 square feet or 1.6 acres
Current Zoning:	H-1-A and H-2
Proposed Zoning:	G-MU-5
Property Owner(s):	Wonderland at City Park South, LLC
Owner Representative:	Bob Gollick

# **Summary of Rezoning Request**

The proposed rezoning will allow for the redevelopment of the former Mercy Hospital site at 16<sup>th</sup> and Milwaukee Street. The site is surrounded by a variety of building forms ranging from single family homes to high rise residential structures as well as commercial building forms along Colfax Avenue.





The proposed zone district is G-MU-5, representing **G**eneral Urban Neighborhood Context, **M**ulti-**U**nit residential district with a **5** story height maximum. Further details of the zone districts can be found in Article 6 of the Denver Zoning Code (DZC).

# **Existing Context**

City Park includes a variety of land uses including residential, commercial and educational uses. East High School is one block west, City Park one block north and E Colfax Avenue one block south. The block pattern provides great continuity and access to the nearby commercial amenities while providing a desirable residential context close to the school and park.



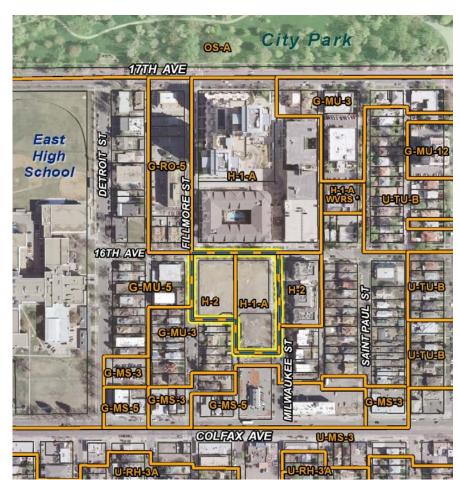
	Existing Zoning	Existing Land Use	Existing Building Form/Scale	Existing Block, Lot, Street Pattern
Site	H-1-A, H-2	Vacant	Vacant	Generally regular grid of streets built
North	H-1-A	Mid and High Rise residential	Between 4 and 28 story residential buildings	between E Colfax Avenue and City Park
South	G-MU-3	Residential and Commercial	1 and 2 story residential and commercial building forms	
East	H-2 and G-MU-3	Residentail	3 and 4 story residential building forms	
West	G-MU-5 and G- MU-3	Residential	2 and 3 story residential building forms	

The following table summarizes the existing context proximate to the subject site:

# 1. Existing Zoning

The existing zoning includes both the H-1-A and H-2 zone districts. These districts are part of Former Chapter 59 and are intended for use on hospital campuses such as the former Mercy Hospital. This rezoning will remove the former hospital zoning and replace it with a residential zone district consistent with the surrounding neighborhood context.

The site is also a part of an existing Planned Building Group (PBG). Rezoning this site will remove this property from the existing PBG, leaving three existing



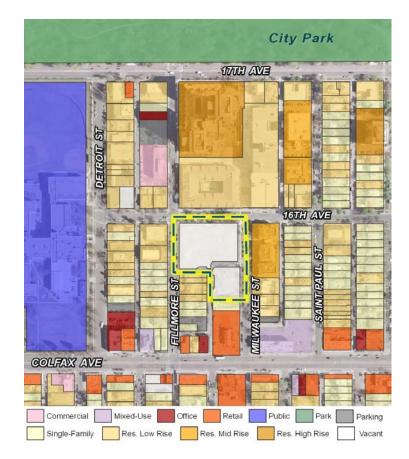
structures on the east side of Milwaukee Street remaining in the PBG. CPD has asked the applicant to inform the adjacent property owners of the rezoning and to explain the effect of removing this property from the PBG. Additionally, CPD has asked the applicant to provide calculations of the remaining properties to ensure that none will be deficient in meeting any of their zoning standards. (Notification is attached)

# 2. Private Agreements

The site is currently part of a Declaration of Restrictive Covenants of City Park South, including provisions for both restrictive covenants and design guidelines. These covenants are intended to ensure the appropriate use, improvement and maintenance of City Park South and are administered and enforced by a Board of Representatives. Rezoning this site does not modify or remove the private agreements as recorded.

# 3. View Planes

The City Park – Natural History Museum View Plane is nearby, but does not affect this site.



# 4. Existing Land Use Map

The site is surrounded by residential uses, with commercial uses located along the Colfax Avenue corridor.

5. Existing Building Form and Scale







# Summary of City Agency Referral Comments

As part of the DZC review process, the rezoning application is referred to potentially affected city agencies and departments for comment. A summary of agency referral responses follows:

Asset Management: Approve – No comments.

**Denver Fire Department:** Approve Rezoning Only – will require additional information at site plan review.

**Development Services – Wastewater:** Approve Rezoning Only – will require additional information at site plan review

Public Works – City Surveyor: Approved – No Comments.

# **Public Review Process**

- Notice of Receipt of Complete Application
  - CPD staff provided Informational notice of receipt of the rezoning application to affected members of City Council and registered neighborhood organizations on December 26, 2012.
- Planning Board
  - Planning Board was held on February 20, 2013. Planning Board recommended approval of the rezoning application, 9-0.

# Criteria for Review / Staff Evaluation

The criteria for review of this rezoning application are found in DZC, Sections 12.4.10.13 and 12.4.10.14, as follows:

### DZC Section 12.4.10.13

- 1. Consistency with Adopted Plans
- 2. Uniformity of District Regulations and Restrictions
- 3. Public Health, Safety and General Welfare

#### DZC Section 12.4.10.14

- 1. Justifying Circumstances
- 2. Consistency with Neighborhood Context Description, Zone District Purpose and Intent Statements

# 1. Consistency with Adopted Plans

The following adopted plans apply to this property:

- Denver Comprehensive Plan 2000
- Blueprint Denver (2002)
- East Colfax Plan (2004)

# Denver Comprehensive Plan 2000

The proposal is consistent with many Denver Comprehensive Plan strategies, including:

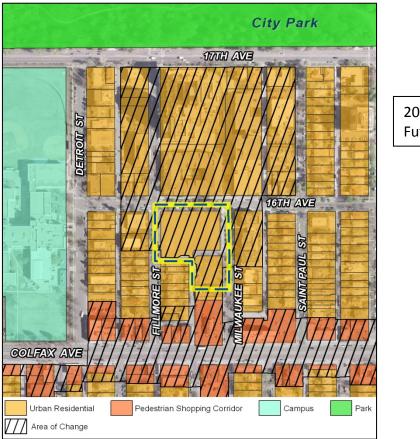
- Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2-F Conserve land by promoting infill development with Denver at sites where services and infrastructure are already in place; designing mixed use communities and reducing sprawl so that residents can live, work and play within their own neighborhoods.
- Land Use Strategy 3-B Encourage quality infill development that is consistent with the character of the surrounding neighborhood; that offers opportunities for increased density and more amenities; and that broadens the variety of compatible uses.
- Legacies Strategy 3-A Identify areas in which increased density and new uses are desirable and can be accommodated.

The proposed map amendment will result in infill development consistent with the residential character of the neighborhood, taking advantage of local amenities and existing transportation infrastructure.

#### **Blueprint Denver**

According to the 2002 Plan Map adopted in Blueprint Denver, this site has a concept land use of Urban Residential and is located in an Area of Change.

## Future Land Use



2002 Blueprint Denver Future Land Use Map

The Urban Residential Land Use Building Block indicates "urban residential neighborhoods are higher density and primarily residential but may include a noteworthy number of complementary commercial uses. New housing tends to be in mid- to high-rise structures, and there is a greater housing base than employment base. A mixture of housing types is present, including historic single-family houses, townhouses, small multi-family apartments and sometimes high-rise residential structures" (p. 42)

The rezoning application is consistent with the Urban Residential designation, providing for mid-rise residential structures.

#### Area of Change / Area of Stability

As noted, the site is in an Area of Change. In general, "The goal for Areas of Change is to channel growth where it will be beneficial and can best improve access to jobs, housing and services with fewer and shorter auto trips" (p. 127).

The rezoning application is consistent with the Blueprint Denver Area of Change recommendations. Access to jobs, housing, and services can improve due to the locational benefits of being proximate to the Colfax Corridor.

#### **Street Classifications**

Blueprint Denver classifies Fillmore, Milwaukee and 16<sup>th</sup> Avenues as Local Streets. According to Blueprint Denver, "local streets are influenced less by traffic volumes and are tailored more to providing local access. Mobility on local streets is typically incidental and involves relatively short trips at lower speeds to and from other streets" (p. 51).

The rezoning application is consistent with the local street designation as the reinvestment at this site will further reinforce the local nature of the streets by serving current and future residents.

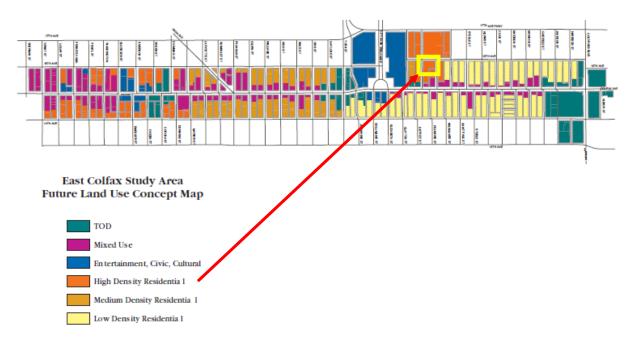
### Small Area Plan: East Colfax Plan (2004)

The 2004 East Colfax Plan was adopted by City Council in 2004, and applies to the subject property. "The Plan is intended to promote patterns of land use, urban form, circulation and services that contribute to the economic, social and physical health, safety and welfare of the people who live and work in the area. Corridor plans address issues and opportunities at a scale that is more refined and more responsive to specific needs that the City's Comprehensive Plan 2000 (Plan 2000) and Blueprint Denver. This East Colfax Corridor Plan provides more specific guidance for the allocation of city resources, as well as for the location and design of private development" (p. 16).

### Framework Plan Recommendations

- "Support infill development of retail, office and residential uses. Consider the complementary nature of a project in the context of surrounding or nearby uses." (p. 81)
- "Discourage low density, single use development with excessive parking." (p. 81)
- "Develop context sensitive zoning that incorporates design standards that encourage pedestrian oriented development." (p. 84)
- As indicated in the plan text and the following plan map (p. 75), this site remains an area where high density residential growth is desirable.

Based on this analysis, the G-MU-5 zone district addresses these recommendations and implements the plan.



# Future Land Use Concept Map

# 2. Uniformity of District Regulations and Restrictions

The proposed rezoning to G-MU-5 will result in the uniform application of zone district building form, use and design regulations.

# 3. Public Health, Safety and General Welfare

The proposed official map amendment furthers the public health, safety, and general welfare of the City.

# 4. Justifying Circumstance

The application identifies several changed or changing conditions as the Justifying Circumstance under DZC Section 12.4.10.14.A.4, "The land or its surrounding environs has changed or is changing to such a degree that it is in the public interest to encourage a redevelopment of the area or to recognize the changed character of the area." As discussed above, many adopted plan recommendations state that redevelopment of the area is desired, and the recently

adopted plan also recognized that the character of the area is changing. This is an appropriate justifying circumstance for the proposed rezoning.

# 5. Consistency with Neighborhood Context Description, Zone District Purpose and Intent Statements

The requested G-MU-5 zone district is within the General Urban Neighborhood Context. The neighborhood context is characterized by multi-unit residential uses in a variety of building forms. (DZC, Division 6.1). The current zone districts, H-1-A and H-2, are former Chapter 59 districts related to the previous Mercy Hospital. The proposed rezoning to G-MU-5 is consistent with the neighborhood context description.

According to the zone district intent stated in the Denver Zoning Code, the G-MU-5 district "is a multi unit district allowing urban house, duplex, tandem house, row house, garden court, courtyard apartment and apartment building forms. The tallest building form has a maximum height of five stories." (DZC Section 6.2.2.C) The street classifications and desired building heights in this area are consistent with the zone district purpose and intent statements.

# **Planning Board Recommendation**

The Denver Planning Board held a public hearing on this application at their regularly scheduled meeting on February 20, 2013. Planning Board recommended approval of this application by a vote of 9 in favor and 0 opposed.

# **Staff Recommendation**

Based on the analysis set forth above, CPD staff finds that the application for rezoning the property located at 16<sup>th</sup> and Milwaukee Street to a G-MU-5 zone district meets the requisite review criteria. Accordingly, staff recommends *approval*.

# Attachments

- 1. Application
- 2. Public and RNO comment letters, as applicable
- 3. Notice remaining property owners within the PBG



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# **Zone Map Amendment (Rezoning) - Application**

1/26/12

PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION*			PROPERTY OWNER(S) REPRESENTATIVE** CHECK IF POINT OF CONTACT FOR APPLICATION		
Property Owner Name	Wonderland at City Park South, LLC			Representative Name	Robert J. Gollick, Inc.
Address	8601 Turnpike Drive, Suite 106			Address	609 South Gaylord Street
City, State, Zip	Westminster, Colorado 80031			City, State, Zip	Denver, Colorado 80209
Telephone	303 604-0004			Telephone	303 722-8771
Email	bgollick@comcas	t.net	Î	Email	bgollick@comcast.net
*If More Than One Property Owner: All standard zone map amendment applications shall be initiated by all the owners of at least 51% of the total area of the zone lots subject to the rezoning application, or their representatives autho- rized in writing to do so. See page 3. Please attach Proof of Ownership acceptable to the Manager for each property owner signing the application, such as (a) Assessor's Warranty deed or deed of trust, or (c) Title policy or commitment dated no earlier than 60 days prior to application date.			e application, such as (a) Assesses's Depend (b)		
SUBJECT PROPERTY INFORMATION					
Location (address and/or i	Location (address and/or boundary description): North: 16th Avenue, West: Fillmore Street, East: Milwaukee S			more Street, East: Milwaukee Street	
Assessor's Parcel Numbers: Portions of: 0236311051000 and 023631105			51000 and 0236311050000		
Legal Description: (Can be submitted as an a a map is required.)	ttachment. If metes & bounds,	See Exhibit "C": Legal Description and ALTA/ACSM Title			
Area in Acres or Square Fe	et:	1.587± acres or 69,120± square feet			



Current Zone District(s):

Proposed Zone District:

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H1A and H2 (Hospital Zone Districts)

G-MU-5 (General Multiple Unit)



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<b>REVIEW CRITERIA</b>	
General Review Crite- ria: The proposal must comply with all of the general review criteria DZC Sec. 12.4.10.13	<ul> <li>Consistency with Adopted Plans: The proposed official map amendment is consistent with the City's adopted plans, or the proposed rezoning is necessary to provide land for a community need that was not anticipated at the time of adoption of the City's Plan</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Public Health, Safety and General Welfare: The proposed official map amendment furthers the public health, safety, and general welfare of the City.</li> </ul>
Additional Review Cri- teria for Non-Legislative Rezonings: The proposal must comply with both of the additional review criteria DZC Sec. 12.4.10.14	<ul> <li>Justifying Circumstances - One of the following circumstances exists:</li> <li>The existing zoning of the land was the result of an error.</li> <li>The existing zoning of the land was based on a mistake of fact.</li> <li>The existing zoning of the land failed to take into account the constraints on development created by the natural characteristics of the land, including, but not limited to, steep slopes, floodplain, unstable soils, and inadequate drainage.</li> <li>The land or its surroundings has changed or is changing to such a degree that rezoning that it is in the public interest to encourage a redevelopment of the area to recognize the changed character of the area</li> <li>It is in the public interest to encourage a departure from the existing zoning through application of supplemental zoning regulations that are consistent with the intent and purpose of, and meet the specific criteria stated in, Article 9, Division 9.4 (Overlay Zone Districts), of this Code.</li> <li>Please provide an attachment describing the justifying circumstance.</li> <li>Please provide an attachment describing the justifying circumstance.</li> <li>Please provide an attachment describing how the above criterion is met.</li> </ul>
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# PROPERTY OWNER OR PROPERTY OWNER(S) REPRESENTATIVE CERTIFICATION/PETITION

We, the undersigned represent that we are the owners of the property described opposite our names, or have the authorization to sign on behalf of the owner as evidenced by a Power of Attorney or other authorization attached, and that we do hereby request initiation of this application. I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, all information supplied with this application is true and accurate. I understand that without such owner consent, the requested official map amendment action cannot lawfully be accomplished.

Property Add <del>ress</del> City, State, Zip Phone Email	Property Owner In- terest % of the Area of the Zone Lots to Be Rezoned	Please sign below as an indication of your consent to the above certification statement (must sign in the exact same manner as title to the property is held)	Date	Indicate the type of owner- ship documen- tation provided: (A) Assessor's record, (B) war- ranty deed or deed of trust, (C) title policy or commitment, or (D) other as approved	Property owner repre- sentative written authori- zation? (YES/NO)
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September 26, 2012 Addendum Pages to the proposed Official Zone Map Amendment Application for: 1555 Milwaukee Street and 2920-2926 East 16th Avenue Proposed Zoning: G-MU-5

#### Property Owner:

Wonderland at City Park South, LLC 8601 Turnpike Drive, Suite 106 Westminster, Colorado 80031

#### Authorized Representative:

Robert J. Gollick, Inc. (Bob Gollick) 609 South Gaylord Street Denver, Colorado 80209 303 722-8771 bgollick@comcast.net

#### Exhibit "A": Description of Consistency with Adopted City Plans

#### **REVIEW CRITERIA**

The proposed map amendment is consistent with the following three adopted plans.

- 1. Denver Comprehensive Plan 2000,
- 2. Blueprint Denver, and
- 3. 2004 East Colfax Corridor Plan.

#### Review Criteria 1. Denver Comprehensive Plan 2000

#### LAND USE CHAPTER

Objective 1: Citywide Land Use and Transportation Plan

#### Strategy 1-B:

Ensure that the *Citywide Land Use and Transportation Plan* reinforces the cities character by building on a legacy of **high-quality urban design and stable, attractive neighborhoods;** encouraging preservation of historic buildings, districts and landscapes; and maintaining the integrity of the street grid, parks, parkways, and open space system.

#### **Objective 3: Residential Neighborhoods and Business Centers**

#### Accommodating New Development

#### **Objective 4 Land Use and Transportation**

**Strategy 1-C:** Incorporate relevant recommendations from neighborhood, corridor and area plans that are supplements to Plan 2000. Examples are the plans for

Stapleton, Lowry, Gateway, Federal Boulevard, Central Platte Valley and the Golden Triangle. *(East Colfax Corridor Plan adopted by City Council in May of 2004)* 

#### Strategy 3-B:

Encourage quality **infill development that is consistent with the character of the surrounding neighborhood;** that offers opportunities for increased density and more amenities; and that broadens the variety of compatible uses.

**Strategy 4-A:** Encourage mixed-use, transit-oriented development that makes effective use of existing transportation infrastructure, supports transit stations, increases transit patronage, reduces impact on the environment, and encourages vibrant urban centers and neighborhoods.

**Strategy 4-B:** Ensure that land use policies and decisions support a variety of mobility choices, including light rail, buses, paratransit, walking and bicycling, as well as convenient access for people with disabilities.

#### Mobility Chapter

Objective 4: Changing Travel Behavior Strategy 4-E

Continue to promote mixed-use development, which enables people to live near work, retail and services.

#### Legacies Chapter

# **Objective 2 New Development, Traditional Character Strategy 2-E**

Ensure that the Zoning Code reinforces quality urban design.

# Objective 3 Compact Urban Development Strategy 3-A

3-A Identify areas in which increased density and new uses are desirable and can be accommodated.

### **Economic Activity Chapter**

#### Environmental Sustainability Chapter

Strategy 2-F Conserve land by:

• Promoting infill development within Denver at sites where services and infrastructure are already in place.

• Designing mixed-use communities and reducing sprawl, so that residents can live, work and play within their own neighborhoods.

**Strategy 4-A** Promote the development of sustainable communities and centers of activity where shopping, jobs, recreation and schools are accessible by multiple forms of transportation, **providing opportunities for people to live where they work**.

#### Review Criteria 2. Blueprint Denver

Blueprint Denver has designated the subject property as an Area of Change with a land use designation of **Urban Residential**, which is defined as: Urban Residential neighborhoods are **higher density and primarily residential** but may include a noteworthy number of complementary commercial uses. **New housing tends to be in mid- to high-rise structures**, and there is a greater housing base than employment base. A mixture of housing types is present, including historic single-family houses, townhouses, small **multi-family apartments** and sometimes high-rise residential structures.

Urban Residential area are usually by Downtown, transit corridors (the subject is one block off the Colfax Avenue corridor) or regional centers. A 0.75 FAR for neighborhood average, some buildings have an FAR of 4 or more above 20 DUA, sometimes more than 100 DUA. The area is usually primarily residential with good access to all forms of transportation including pedestrian, bicycle and automobile.

# Blueprint Denver details the characteristics of East Colfax (Lincoln to Colorado) – pedestrian shopping corridor

The focus of this sub-area centers on Colfax Avenue from Lincoln Street to Colorado Boulevard. The texture of this district as a historic streetcar line has faded over time. The redevelopment proposal for the East Colfax (Lincoln to Colorado) sub-area concentrates on recapturing that sense of history by bolstering the area's role as a pedestrian shopping corridor. It also focuses on **redevelopment with high-density residential**, an entertainment area with additional parking and restaurants in the vicinity of the Ogden and Fillmore theaters, and mixed-use development throughout.

As stated in Blueprint Denver, much of Denver's growth will be accommodated by infill **development on vacant land** or through redevelopment of existing sites. The proposed map amendment will meet that statement by providing the entitlement ability to develop a residential project on a vacant  $1.6\pm$  acre parcel.

"An ideal place to direct development is vacant land near downtown". This

statement is taken from Blueprint Denver, page 23, and is even truer today than it was when Blueprint was adopted. There is a need for housing near the Central Business District; this need will continue to grow. People need a place to live near where they work, play and can take advantage of transit. The subject site, one block north of Colfax and within walking distance of the CBD, is ideal for residential development.

#### Review Criteria 3. Adopted 2004 East Colfax Corridor Plan (Plan)

The proposed map amendment is supported by numerous recommendations, strategies and goals stated in the Plan. Some of which are listed below.

# <u>Note A:</u> The following portion of this application contains excerpts and paraphrasing from the Plan. Page numbers are included to reference of the entire section of the Plan cited. <u>Note B:</u> Whenever the phrase "corridor plan" or "Colfax area/plan are stated they reference the subject Plan area.

The Plan summarizes the key issues identified in the planning process that need to be addressed in the area.

There are several reasons why the Corridor Plan should be developed at this time. (1) Colfax is the premier cross-town arterial that joins three metropolitan jurisdictions (Denver, Lakewood and Aurora) and connects downtown to many regional destinations.

 (2) Designated as an "Enhanced Transportation Corridor" under Blueprint Denver and "Bus Redeployment Corridor" under the Regional Transportation District (RTD) plan for the build out of the transportation system.
 (Page 15)

Colfax contains many underutilized and vacant parcels that could benefit from redevelopment as mixed use projects that capture a greater percent of the trade area's market share and contribute more to the city's economy, **provide more housing options for residents** (including affordable and low-income housing), activate the street environment and capitalize on the convenient access to transit. The future development climate of the corridor should attract investment and uses that support transit users and residents, and reinforce neighborhood character. (Page 15)

It is important to remember when reviewing this criteria that the subject parcel is vacant and thus underutilized. Development will be in complete conformance with the above statements from the Plan.

Urban Residential Under Blueprint Denver <u>the vacant Mercy Hospital site</u> and a portion of the Northeast Downtown Area of Change in the study area were <u>designated Urban Residential</u>. Attributes of the urban residential designation areas include proximity to downtown, transit corridors or regional centers with FAR ranging from .75 to over 4 depending on the neighborhood context. Housing densities range between 20 to over <u>100 dwelling units per acre</u> in a range of housing types including historic single-family houses, townhouses, small multi-family apartments and sometimes high-rise residential structures. The use mix is geared primarily to residential with some accessory commercial. These districts generally comprise 200-400 acres. These areas have good transit access and significant levels of bicycling and pedestrian activity along with automobiles. (Page 20)

The current zoning on the subject property is H-1-A and H-2, which are the former Hospital districts. In addition to institutional uses, high-rise residential buildings are also permitted. The H-1-A district permits 3:1 FAR. Density in the H-2 district is limited by a maximum lot coverage and bulk plane, which is intended to produce an appropriate transition to residential areas. (Page 60)

The proposed G-MU-5 zone district requires far less height than the existing zoning allows and demands a building form that is more sensitive to the neighborhood and the building's relationship to the adjacent streets.

#### Plan Vision Statement

Colfax Avenue in 2020 will be a multi-modal, commercial and residential "Main Street" that complements and sustains the nearby neighborhoods and encourages walking, biking and transit use. The corridor teems with activity on the street and captures the attention of commuters and visitors.

• Housing density on the corridor supports transit and sustainable urban growth.

• Urban design integrates an eclectic **mix of architectural forms** and sustainable building materials which respect the surrounding historic architecture.

• Lighting and landscaping reinforce the street building line, enhance building facades as architectural features, and promote a pedestrian oriented environment.

#### Transformation Goals Additional Infill & Building Remodel

Preservation & infill promotes strong architecture

- Efficient land use pattern provides more housing options
- More residents promote a viable business climate (page 70)

We all realize that residential development is what drives successful retail. For Colfax to survive as a commercial corridor more residential units are needed.

• The subject site is designated as an "Area of Change" for Urban Residential with a future Land Use Concept designation of "High Density Residential" (pages 70 & 72)

#### LAND USE: Primary Issues and Opportunities

The Plan identifies Issues and Opportunities associate with the subject. A few are listed below.

▶ Vacant land, underutilized properties, inconsistent building edge, low density commercial uses (with excessive curb cuts) and alleys (which lead to Colfax) interrupt the cohesive business environment. (The subject is vacant and may remain that way without a rezoning)

▶ The residential to commercial edge is abrupt, there is little room to create smooth transitions or provide significant buffers between differing and/or incompatible uses. The development of this site under the guidelines of G-MU-5 will create the type of transition described above.

#### **Potential Solutions**

 Zoning boundary changes bring land uses into compliance and encourage redevelopment

• Improved regulatory tools **encourage infill development** & structured parking (Pages 76 & 77)

#### Plan Goals

• Organize corridor growth to be dense, compact and transit supportive.

• Encourage the location of commercial, **housing**, employment, open space and civic uses within walking distance of transit stops.

▶ Provide a mix of housing types (townhouse, rowhouse, duplex, **multi-family**, live work and artist studio), occupancy status (**rental** and ownership units), densities and costs (low-income, affordable and market rate).

• Encourage infill and redevelopment along East Colfax that complements historic resources along and near the corridor.

• Enhance and maintain the viability of **high-density residential** and commercial uses, especially where assemblages are contiguous to the corridor or where opportunities exist to restore a cohesive urban, mixed-use area on **vacant or underutilized parcels.** (Page 80)

#### Plan Recommendations

Support infill development of retail, office and residential uses. Consider the

complementary nature of a project in the context of surrounding or nearby uses. **Discourage low density**, single use development with excessive parking.

• Develop **new zoning tools** that provide appropriate design and development

standards consistent with a pedestrian friendly, mixed-use transit corridor. (Page 81)

# TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

#### **Primary Issues and Opportunities**

•A number of elements interrupt the continuity of the pedestrian realm and create an inhospitable pedestrian environment including: **Vacant land, underutilized properties** that create **gaps in the urban fabric** (PAGE 93)

#### **Opportunity:**

The Plan further identifies the site as an underutilized property (page 113). This underutilization (vacant site) creates an opportunity to concentrating **housing density near or on the corridor**, which will provide additional demand for convenience and/or service retail space. (Page 114)

The Plan area is divided into six sub-areas. The subject property is located within the **Colfax Promenade District.** (Page 129)

Opportunities exist within the Colfax Promenade District include:

• The redevelopment of Mercy Hospital as the planned City Park South residential project will introduce a **significant population base** to the area that could **support neighborhood serving walkup businesses along the corridor.** 

• Reinforce the residential nature of this section of East Colfax. (Page 130)

• Support residential development along this stretch of Colfax.

• Encourage shared and structured parking for the area to accommodate uses with intense parking needs. (Page 131)

The Plan further states that redevelopment potential (sites) are scattered throughout the East Colfax study area with a total of 60 acres of infill land available. This is describe in the Plan as a development Opportunity.

#### Exhibit "B":

#### Section "A" Description of Justifying Circumstances

The land or its surrounding environs has changed or is changing to such a degree that it is in the public interest to encourage a redevelopment of the area or to recognize the changed character of the area.

The subject 1.56± acre vacant parcel was zoned for hospital use in the mid 1980's to accommodate the institutional uses that were expanding in the area. The H-1-A and H-2 zone districts were implemented by the City to accommodate the unique development requirements that institutional uses, primarily hospitals, required. This includes greater height, a maximum ground area coverage as well as hospital related uses.

The area has significantly changed as most of the hospitals have relocated and the current hospital zoning is out of date and cannot respond to the current development needs.

Numerous changes have occurred in the area that justify the proposed map amendment. A few are listed as follows:

1. Of most importance is the City's adoption of the **East Colfax Corridor Plan** that is supportive of this zoning request and described in the section above,

2. Approval of the site as an **"Area of Change**" with a land use category of **Urban residential** within "Blueprint Denver",

3. The numerous developments in the area such as The Pinnacle and The Retreat adjacent to the subject,

4. The approval of a grocery store (Sprouts Farmer's Market formerly Sunflower) on East Colfax a few blocks from the subject. This use will rely on additional residential units to survive,

5. The adoption of the 2010 Zoning Code, which provides "form-based", zoning tools to address the development goals of the City and the neighbors for infill sites,

6. The desire for individuals to live near the Downtown where they work and play.

The area conditions have changed significantly, providing the legal basis for this zone change request and make the proposed amendment reasonable and necessary to the promotion of the public health, safety and general welfare. The public interest for the citizens of Denver is best served by adoption of this map amendment, which will provide support for the services, amenities, employment opportunities and provide residential development necessary for positive planned growth to occur.

#### Section "B" Neighborhood Context

This proposed map amendment request approval of the G-MU-5 zone district. All of the MU designated zone districts are residential based. More specifically, the G-MU-5 is a multi unit district allowing urban house, duplex, tandem house, row house, garden court, courtyard apartment and apartment building forms. The tallest building form has a **maximum height of five stories**. Within the context of the City Park South neighborhood, the building heights vary from typical single-family of approximately 30 feet to the Pinnacle, which is over 20 stories and one block north. The addition of a five-story development will fit well within the context of the area.

As stated in the Zoning Code, the **General Purpose** of the G-MU-5 district is as follows:

A. The intent of the Residential districts is to promote and protect higher density residential neighborhoods within the character of the General Urban Neighborhood Context. These regulations allow for multi-unit districts with a variety of residential building forms.

B. The building form standards, design standards, and uses work together to promote safe, active, pedestrian-scaled residential areas. The standards accommodate the pattern of urban house, duplex, tandem house, row house, mansion apartment, garden court, courtyard apartment and apartment. Buildings orient to the street and access is from the alley. Lot coverage is typically high accommodating a consistent, shallow front yard.

C. These standards recognize the variation within the General Urban Neighborhood Context and provide eight Residential Zone Districts. The lowest-scale districts with a maximum height of three stories provide a transition to Urban and Urban Edge Neighborhood Contexts. The highest-scale districts with a maximum height of 12 and 20 stories promote a dense, urban residential character where appropriate. The Residential Office (RO) districts provide opportunities for residential and offices uses in low to moderate scale residential building forms. D. The regulations provide certainty to property owners, developers, and neighborhoods about the limits of what is allowed in a residentially zoned area. These regulations reinforce desired patterns in existing neighborhoods and create standards for new neighborhoods.

If the subject site were not a part of a PBG during the City overall zoning update, it probably would have been zoned to G-MU-5. This is due in part to the adjacent zoning which is already G-MU-5 and that the G-MU zone districts were designed to be compatible with urban neighborhoods like City Park South.

#### Exhibit "C": Legal Description and ALTA Survey

#### LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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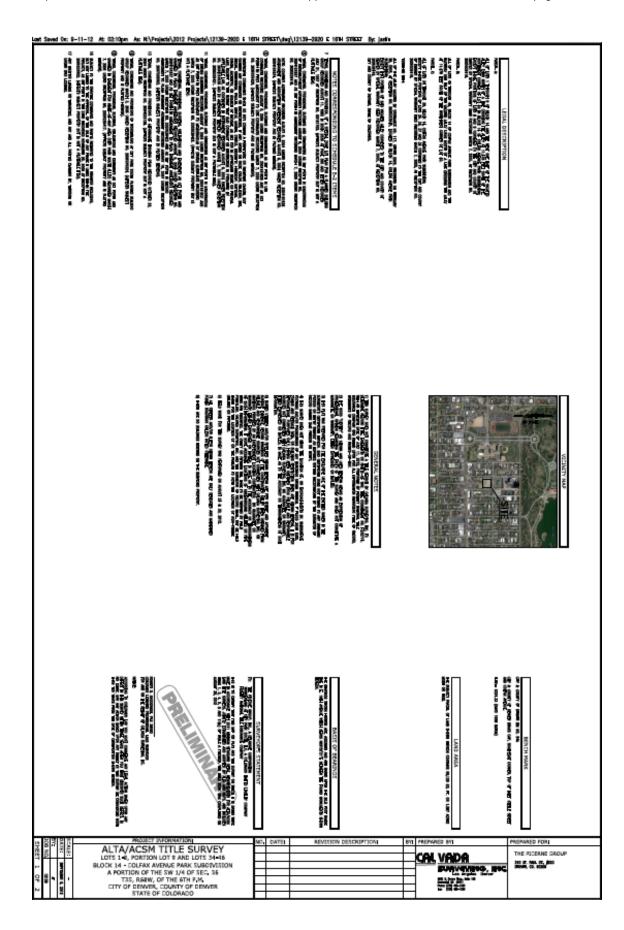
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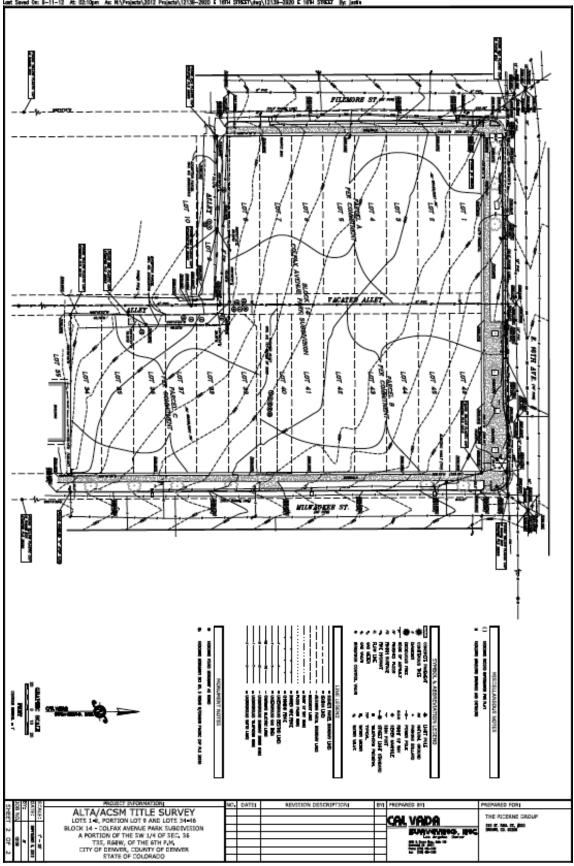
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#### Exhibit "D": Proof of Ownership (Assessors records)

#### **1555 Milwaukee Street**

The property description shown is data from the Assessor's active, in-progress 2012 file. The "current year" values are from the 2012 tax year for real property tax due in 2013. These values are based on the property's physical status as of January 1, 2012.

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Property Type	e: VACANT LAND	Par	Parcel: 0236311050000				
Name and Address Information			Legal Description				
WONDERLAND A	T CITY PARK SOUTH	00211	AX AVE PARK SUB B1				
	<b>D</b> 107		T L39 BEG SE COR L3 FT W 115FT SW 14.142				
8601 TURNPIKE D	DR 106		FT W 113F1 SW 14.14. 7FT E TO POB EXC PT				
WESTMINSTER, C	CO 80031-7044		RCP #2005039416 RCD 3/7/2005				
Property Address:	1555 MILWAUKEE ST	Tax Di	strict 431A				
Assessment Informa	tion						
	Actual	Assessed	Exempt	Taxable			
Current Year							
Land	804900	233420					
Improvements	0	0					
Total	804900	233420	0	233420			
Prior Year							
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Improvements	0	0					
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	Style: Other	Recep	otion No.: 2005203602				
Year	Built:	Recording Date: 11/29/05					
Building Sqr	. Foot: 0	Document Type: Special Warranty					
Bed	rooms:	Sale Price: 2814000					
Baths Ful	1/Half: 0/0	Mill Levy: 71.307					
Basement/Fin	nished: 0/0						

2920-2926 East 16th Avenue

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WONDERLAND AT CITY PARK SOUTH

8601 TURNPIKE DR 106

WESTMINSTER, CO 80031-7044

Property Address: 2920 E 16TH AVE -2926

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Assessment Information

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Improvements	0
Total	2304900
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Lot Size: 51,220

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#### NOTES CORRESPONDING TO SCHEDULE B-2 ITEMS

- 7 TERMS, CONDITIONS AND PROVISION, OF A SPECIAL ZONE LOT PLAN FOR A PLANNED BUILDING GROUP RECORDED AUGUST 11, 1982 IN BOOK 2635 AT PAGE 395 AND LETTER RECORDED JULY 21, 1987 AT RECEPTION NO. 00161702. (AFFECTS SUBJECT PROPERTY BUT IS NOT A PLOTTABLE ITEM).
- (8) TERMS, CONDITIONS, PROVISIONS, BURDENS AND OBLIGATIONS AS SET FORTH IN MEMORANDUM OF REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT RECORDED AUGUST 6, 2004 UNDER RECEPTION NO. 2004161927 AND AS SET FORTH IN AMENDMENT RECORDED MARCH 7, 2005 UNDER RECEPTION NO. 2005039419.

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- (9) TERMS, CONDITIONS, PROVISIONS, BURDENS AND OBLIGATIONS AS SET FORTH IN USE COVENANTS RECORDED AUGUST 6, 2004 UNDER RECEPTION NO. 2004161929 AND AS SET FORTH IN FIRST AMENDMENT TO USE COVENANTS RECORDED MARCH 7, 2005 UNDER RECEPTION NO. 2005039420. (AFFECTS SUBJECT PROPERTY AND IS PLOTTED HEREON).
- 10 RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS WHICH DO NOT CONTAIN A FORFEITURE OR REVERTER CLAUSE, BUT OMITTING ANY COVENANTS OR RESTRICTIONS, IF ANY, BASED ON RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, FAMILIAL STATUS, MARITAL STATUS, DISABILITY, HANDICAP, NATIONAL ORIGIN, ANCESTRY, OR SOURCE OF INCOME, AS SET FOR IN APPLICABLE STATE OR FEDERAL LAWS, EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT THAT SAID COVENANT OR RESTRICTION IS PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, AS CONTAINED IN INSTRUMENT RECORDED AUGUST 6, 2004 UNDER RECEPTION NO. 2004161930 AND IN AMENDMENT THERETO RECORDED MARCH 7, 2005 UNDER RECEPTION NO. 2005039421. (AFFECTS SUBJECT PROPERTY BUT IS NOT A PLOTTABLE ITEM).
- 11 TERMS, CONDITIONS, PROVISIONS, BURDENS AND OBLIGATIONS AS SET FORTH IN MEMORANDUM OF DESIGN GUIDELINES RECORDED AUGUST 6, 2004 UNDER RECEPTION NO, 2004161931 AND AS SET FORTH IN FIRST AMENDMENT TO MEMORANDUM OF DESIGN GUIDELINES RECORDED MARCH 7, 2005 UNDER RECEPTION NO. 2005039422. (AFFECTS SUBJECT PROPERTY BUT IS NOT A PLOTTABLE ITEM).
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- 13 TERMS, CONDITIONS AND PROVISIONS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN RECORDED OCTOBER 22, 2004 UNDER RECEPTION NO. 2004222128. (AFFECTS SUBJECT PROPERTY BUT IS NOT A PLOTTABLE ITEM).
- (14) TERMS, CONDITIONS AND PROVISIONS OF WONDERLAND AT CITY PARK SOUTH PLANNED BUILDING GROUP RECORDED MARCH 3, 2005 UNDER RECEPTION NO. 2005036324. (AFFECTS SUBJECT PROPERTY AND IS PLOTTED HEREON).
- (15) TERMS, CONDITIONS, PROVISIONS, BURDENS, OBLIGATIONS AND EASEMENTS AS SET FORTH AND GRANTED IN EASEMENT FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY AREA (CITY PARK SOUTH ALLEY) RECORDED MARCH 7, 2005 UNDER RECEPTION NO. 2005039417. (AFFECTS SUBJECT PROPERTY AND IS PLOTTED HEREON).
- 16 SUBJECT TO THE GRANTEE COVENANTS AND RIGHTS RESERVED TO THE GRANTOR INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE APPROVAL OF THE SALE OF ANY PHASE II UNITS WITHIN THE PROJECT, AS SET FORTH IN THE DEED RECORDED NOVEMBER 29, 2005 AT RECEPTION NO. 2005203602. (AFFECTS SUBJECT PROPERTY BUT IS NOT A PLOTTABLE ITEM).
- 17 ANY EXISTING LEASES OR TENANCIES, AND ANY AND ALL PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH OR UNDER SAID LESSEES.



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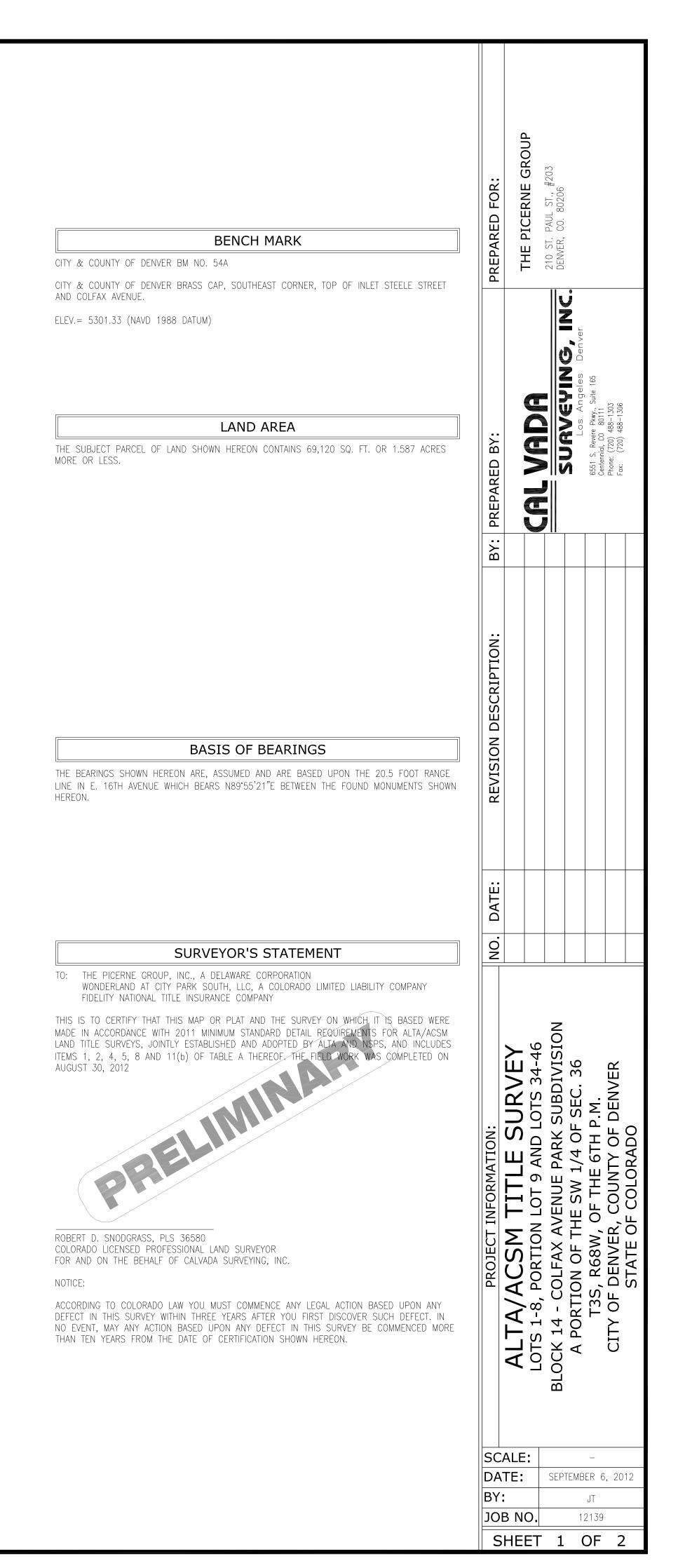
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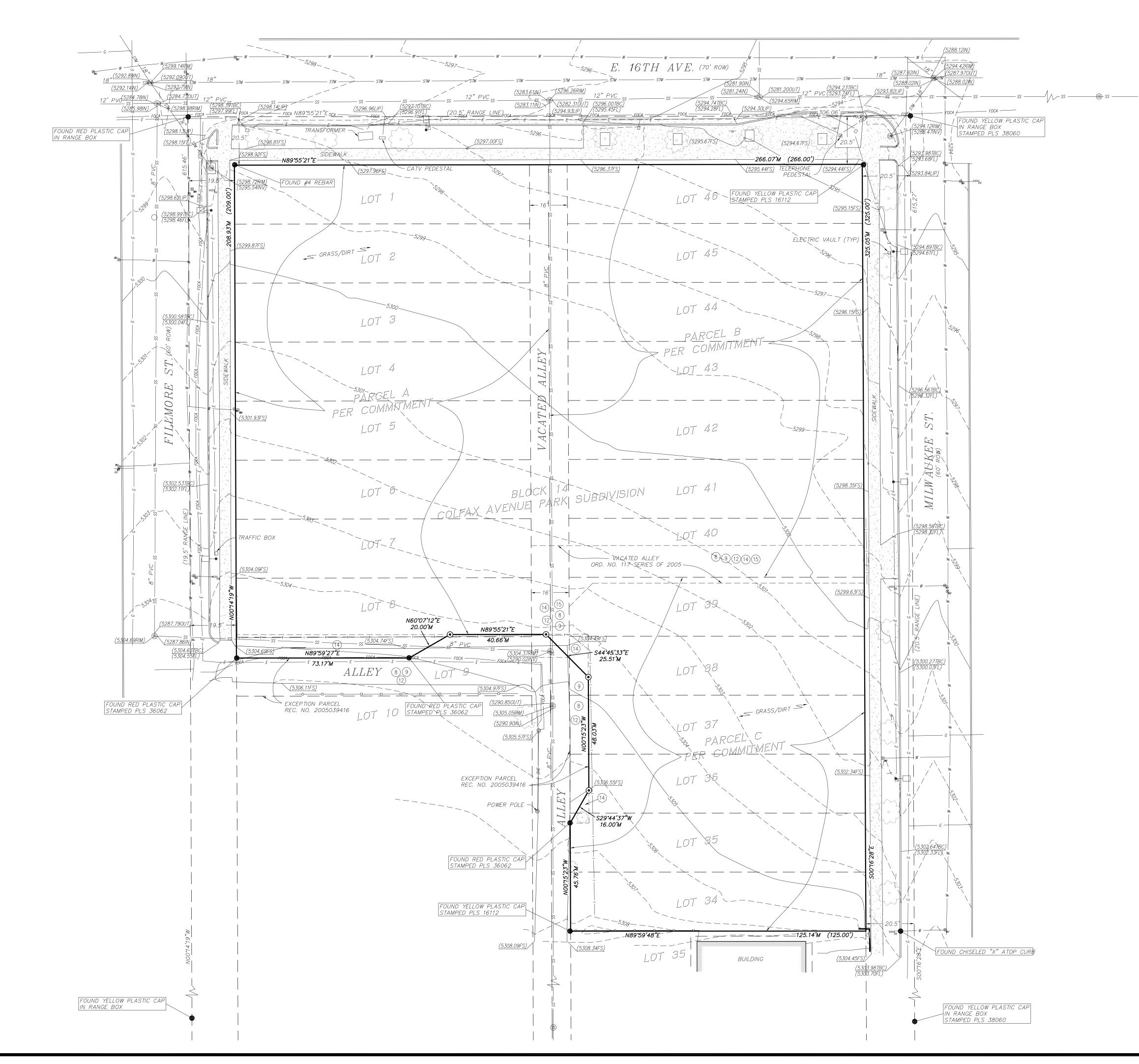
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December 3, 2012

Chris Gleissner, Senior City Planner Community Planning & Development Planning Services 201 W. Colfax Avenue, Dept. 205 Denver, CO 80202

RE: Rezoning Application #2012I-0042

Dear Chris:

In your recent comments regarding Rezoning Application #2012I-0042, dated 10/19/12, you requested the team provide confirmation that the existing development on the east side of Milwaukee meets all H-2 zoning and PBG requirements.

The remaining parcel east of Milwaukee (Block15) is zoned H-2 and meets the criteria for the H-2 zone district:

-Per 59-168(a) & 59-166(a) – Each structure on the site is 4 stories; therefore, 30% of the area of the zone lot shall be unobstructed open space. *11,116 SF or 35.6% of the zone lot has been dedicated to unobstructed open space. Refer to page 1 of the attached PDF for documentation.* 

-Per 59-168(b) – Not applicable as these structures are adjacent to residential buildings. -Per 59-168(c) & 59-167(b) – A front setback of not less than 20' shall be provided. *A 20' front setback has been provided*. A rear setback of 20' from the centerline of the abutting alley shall be provided. *A 20' rear setback has been provided*. A side setback of not less than 7'-6" shall be provided. *A 7'-6" side setback has been provided*. *Refer to page 3 of the attached PDF for documentation; the dimensions above have been highlighted for easy reference*.

-Per 59-168(d) & 59-166(c) – Not applicable as these structures are adjacent to residential buildings. -Per 59-168(e) & 59-167(c) – The bulk of structures shall be limited by bulk planes at front, rear & side lots as defined in section 59-167(c). *The structures meet the bulk plane requirements. Refer to pages 9 & 10 of the attached PDF for documentation; the bulk planes & structures in question have been highlighted for easy reference.* 

-Per 59-168(f) & 59-166(d) – The maximum gross floor area of the structures shall not be greater than (3) times the area of the zone lot on which the structures are located therefore the allowable floor area ratio is 3.0.

<u>Calculations for remaining parcel (Block 15):</u> Gross project area: 31,256 sfAllowable gross area per FAR: 31,256 sf x = 93,768 sfProposed gross area: 64,719 sf

Refer to page 1 of the attached PDF for documentation.

-Per 59-168(g) – The maximum zone lot coverage shall not exceed 60% of the zone lot. <u>Calculations for remaining parcel (Block 15):</u> Zone lot size: 31,256 sfAllowable zone lot coverage: 31,256 x.6 = 18,754 sf(60%)Proposed zone lot coverage: 18,689 sf(59%)Refer to page 1 of the attached PDF for documentation.

The remaining parcel east of Milwaukee (Block 15) meets the guidelines for the Planned Building Group development:

-The net project density of the remaining parcel is 53.0 DU/acre. The parcel that is to be removed from the PBG has a net project density of 53.6 DU/acre, thus resulting in no change to net project density. Refer to page 1 of the attached PDF for documentation.

-Per 59-619(b)(2)[a through p] – The remaining parcel meets all the criteria outlined in this section. -Per 59-619(b)(3) – The minimum space between any two buildings is 10'. The spacing between the buildings on the zone lot exceed the 10' minimum.

-Per 59-619(b)(4) – A building group may not be so arranged that any permanently or temporarily inhabited building is inaccessible by emergency vehicles. *The buildings are currently arranged to allow adequate building access by emergency vehicles. Refer to attached site plans.* 

-*Per 59-621(1-12)* – once a PBG has been approved by the Zoning Department, changes to the PBG may not cause a change to the following items:

(1) the character of the development;

(2) an increase in gross floor area;

(3) increase in the intensity of use;

- (4) reduction in the separation of buildings;
- (5) increase in circulation problems;
- (6) increase in external effects on adjacent property;
- (7) reduction of more than 10% in setbacks;
- (8) increase of more than 10% in ground coverage;
- (9) reduction in off-street parking to gross floor area;

(10) change in signage;

- (11) change in location of private streets;
- (12) a change that would cause undue adverse impacts on adjacent properties.

The removal of Block 14 from the Wonderland at City Park South PBG would not cause any of the adverse conditions outlined above.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Elizabeth McDonald, RA Associate JG Johnson Architects



Wonderland Homes.com 8601 Turnpike Drive, Suite 106 Westminster, CO 80031 303-604-0004 fax 303-604-9803

November 15, 2012

Wonderland at City Park South Condominium Association c/o K3 Management Attention: Ken Howard 6732 W Coal Mine Avenue #123 Littleton CO 80123

Re: City Park South

Dear Mr. Howard:

Wonderland at City Park South Condominium Association represents the owners of a parcel of land in City Park in Denver, Colorado known as Wonderland at City Park South. When the City Park South area was redeveloped in 2004 to convert Mercy Hospital to residential condominiums and apartments, the developer imposed a Declaration of Restrictive Covenants of City Park South (the "Declaration") and Design and Use Standards and Guidelines (the "Design Guidelines") on the seven parcels included within the redevelopment area.

Six of the seven parcels were developed as condominiums and apartments between 2004 and 2007. The last parcel, located on 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Milwaukee Street and Fillmore Street, is owned by an affiliate of Wonderland Homes. We initially intended to develop this parcel at the same time as the other six parcels; however, due to the poor economy, we were unable to complete our planned project, and the parcel remains vacant. And frankly, market conditions, coupled with lending restrictions for both construction loans and permanent mortgages, are such that it would be impossible for us at any time in the foreseeable future to build out and sell the product that we originally intended.

Given the passage of time and change in conditions, we would like to remove the existing Design Guidelines and allow our proposed buyer for the parcel to establish new design and construction standards with the neighborhood association.

The Board of Representatives created by the Declaration has authority to add and subtract parcels from the area covered by the Declaration and the Design Guidelines. As the homeowner's association of one of the seven parcels created by the Declaration, Wonderland at City Park South Condominium Association is entitled to appoint one member of the Board of Representatives. In order to approve the proposed action, we ask that the appointed member to the Board of Representatives execute the enclosed amendment to the Declaration. If there is no currently appointed member, Wonderland at City Park South Condominium Association can designate a representative that will sign on its behalf.

Please have the appointed representative execute and notarize two (2) originals of the enclosed document and return them to:

Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP Attention: Noelle Riccardella 410 Seventeenth Street, 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor Denver, Colorado, 80202

We have enclosed a copy of the Declaration and the Design Guidelines for your review in connection with our request. If you have any questions regarding these documents or our request, please contact me at 303.567.7642.

In addition, our property is currently part of the Wonderland at City Park South Planned Building Group (the "Wonderland PBG"). A Planned Building Group is a site plan and review process which governs development of property. The Wonderland PBG covers both our parcel and the Wonderland at City Park South Condominiums. As part of the development efforts, we intend to remove our property from the Wonderland at City Park South Planned Building Group and create a new site plan and review process specific to this parcel. This will not impact Wonderland at City Park Condominiums because that development is already complete. You do not need to take any actions in connection with the proposed changes to the Wonderland PBG; we just wanted to inform you of our plans in this regard.

Thank you in advance for your assistance with our efforts.

Sincerely.

Michael R. Hart Vice President, Sales and Marketing Wonderland Homes

Enclosures



February 19, 2013

Chris Gleissner CPD-Planning Services Community Planning and Development 201 W. Colfax Avenue, Dept. 205 Denver, CO 80202

Re: Colfax on the Hill (RNO) support of Official Map Amendment Application #20121-00042 16<sup>th</sup> and Milwaukee, from H-1-A and H-2 to G-MU-5

## Dear Mr. Gleissner:

The zoning map amendment is in keeping with the mission of Colfax on the Hill to revitalize and redevelop our East Colfax corridor with its boundaries of 16<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> from Broadway to Colorado Blvd. The Board of Directors of Colfax on the Hill, Inc. voted on this date to support the proposed zoning amendment: 12 in favor; 1 opposed; with 3 abstentions. The board voted its support after having followed this proposed 175 unit apartment project for over a year and especially appreciates the time and effort Picerne Group Managing Director Christopher Davis and his associates have taken to reach out to the neighbors and neighborhood organizations, including Colfax on the Hill, which is comprised of property and business owners, non-profits and area residents in the East Colfax Corridor.

The COTH board supports the Picerne rezoning and apartment project due for these main reasons:

- Its proposed in-fill residential stock, projected for 175 "luxury" apartment units added to the housing mix on lots that have been vacant going on 10 years
- The Addition of walk able housing to and from Colfax businesses
- The increase in adjacent neighborhood buying power for the COTH district
- The project will include site parking

Thank you for conveying this letter of support to the Planning Board and Denver City Council.

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Don Novak, President Colfax on the Hill, Inc.

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# **16th and Fillmore Support Letter Breakdown**



South City Park Neighborhood <sup>Proposed Development Site</sup> One City Block Surrounding the Propery East / West / South

#### Meetings with South City Park RNOs:

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Dear Mr Gleissner,

### RE: case # 2012I-00042: 16th Ave. from Fillmore to Milwaukee St.

We are neighbors in the South City Park neighborhood who live along Fillmore St and are writing regarding the proposed development at 16<sup>th</sup> St, Fillmore and Milwaukee.

We are concerned with the proposal that the entire parcel be rezoned as G-MU-5. While we understand the financial realities the prospective buyers may face, we do not believe that fully designating the entire parcel G-MU-5 is consistent with the city's zoning strategy nor is it consistent with the Design Guidelines and the Memorandum of Understanding filed on this property along with restrictive covenants. If the property is to be rezoned, we believe that, at a minimum, a mix of G-MU-3 and G-MU-5 would be more appropriate in the context of the neighborhood. The homes along Fillmore on the east side of the street are primarily proportioned as single-family homes and have been zoned as G-MU-3. The buildings opposite the parcel along the eastern side Milwaukee are not larger than two stories from the mid-point south to Colfax and are a mix of low-rise apartments and townhomes along this street. For this reason it seems more appropriate for the southern portion of the parcel to be designated as G-MU-3 while the more northerly section might be appropriate at the G-MU-5 level.

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## **Gleissner, Chris R. - Community Planning and Development**

From:TomRutter2006@aol.comSent:Wednesday, February 20, 2013 12:02 PMTo:Gleissner, Chris R. - Community Planning and DevelopmentSubject:Rezoning Application #2012I-00042 please include in the case record

To: Chris Gleissner From: Tom Rutter 1550 Milwaukee St. Re: Rezoning Application #2012I-00042 16th and Fillmore St

Chris,

I am writing to suggest that new information has come to light which calls into question CPD's Staff recommendation to approve this Rezoning application, that will be made to the Planning Board later today.

It relates to the development restrictions contained within the 2003 MOU Agreement between City Park South (CPS) and the South City Park Neighborhood Association (SCPNA), which you and I discussed in the past. It appears that these restrictions may be currently binding and enforceable and in conflict with a GMU5 rezoning, unless limiting conditions are agreed to.

The first email exchange you and I had regarding this rezoning application occurred almost a year ago.[see email below] I informed you that a 2003 Memorandum of Understanding between the CPS developers and SCPNA had been negotiated over several years during the PBG process. and asked you how specific development restrictions contained within this Agreement would affect your departments consideration of the Rezoning application if it had been recorded. You responded as follows: "no one is sure the MOU was ever recorded, which, fortunately or unfortunately, means that it was never binding or enforceable."

Recently, we have learned that in fact the 2003 MOU Agreement was recorded within a Declaration of Restrictive Covenants and Design Guidelines document (to which you refer in the Staff Recommendation (on page 3, paragraph 2) which you have forwarded to the Planning Board and posted online.)

The Agreements contained within the SCPNA/CPS 2003 MOU are found within the <u>City Park South Design</u> <u>and Use Standards and Guidelines</u> document beginning on pg 11. paragraph 8 and continuing through pg 15. Of particular note is *section I. Parcels 5 and 6 Requirements: Setbacks and Building Heights* The Setback requirements specified here are significantly more restrictive than those allowed under GMU5 and the applicant has indicated that he cannot build if the Setback requirements on Milwaukee Street are enforced. (An explanation of why a 10' to 16' Milwaukee St. setback was called for in the 2003 Agreement is compelling and should be discussed in another venue)

Initial opinions by attorneys who have seen this document suggest that the CPS/SCPNA Agreements appear to be binding and may be difficult if not impossible to remove. This was the intent of both SCPNA and the City Park South developers when SCPNA gave it's support before City Council on July 14th 2003. The Public Hearingwasn't about a zoning change nor the approval of a PBG. Rather, it represented SCPNA's/community support necessary for CPS to receive the \$7 million plus in DURA TIF funding that was essential for the project to move forward. It was the lengthy DURA process that gave SCPNA a seat at the bargaining table, and resulted in a multi-year negotiation process.. Since the vacant parcel is now to be developed, the restrictions with respect to height and setback remain relevant and important to the community. The original CPS developers, of whom Rick Wells was a principal, acted in good faith to make the Agreements .... binding and enforceable...to insure that both sides receive the benefits bargained for in the current Agreement". quote from the Design Guidelines doc. Apologies for the last minute nature of this information. But I think the Planning Board should today be made aware of this potentially serious conflict. They, after all, reviewed and approved the initial City Park South plans back in late 2002 I believe.

#### Tom Rutter 1550 Milwaukee street property owner

Disclaimer: I am writing this email solely as a neighboring property owner of 1550 Milwaukee Street. I am in no way speaking for the ad hoc SCPNA committee who has been considering this application nor in any other capacity other than being a neighbor of the property.

EMAIL exchange from March 2012

<u>Chris.Gleisner@denvergov.org</u> responded via email to <u>TomRutter2006@aol.com</u> and cc'd: <u>john.vansciver@earthlink.net</u> on 3/27/2012 2:26:51 PM Mountain Standard Time in response to an emailed question, printed below

Tom,

My question was whether the property owner would be interested in utilizing two zone district categories on their site. The owner may submit whatever rezoning application they like, and then I will begin my review based on the criteria in the Denver Zoning Code. Until then, it is hard to guess what the application will say or what the recommendation will be. As with any rezoning, we suggest the applicant work with the neighborhoods to create a solution that is acceptable to both parties. As you mentioned, no one is sure the MOU was ever recorded, which, fortunately or unfortunately, means that it was never binding or enforceable.

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Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2012 12:49 PM
To: Gleissner, Chris R. - Community Planning and Development
Cc: john.vansciver@earthlink.net
Subject: 16th and Fillmore Rezoning: application (pending)

Hello Chris, (note: a portion of this email was excised as irrrelevant to the MOU discussion)

As you will remember if either Ellen Ittleson or Greg Savage forwarded any of my emails to you, I'm a neighbor who owns property across the street from the probable 16th and Fillmore Wonderland/CPS rezoning site.

SCPNA neighbors worked for over 2 years...with the original City Park South developers (maybe 40 meetings) to come up with the MOU(2003) and finally, the Wonderland/CPS PBG (2005), which generally kept heights close to 40 ft and limits the number of units to less than 100, plus and required 1.5 pkng. spaces per unit. While we recognize that this is no longer economically viable, this PBG represents a well thot out integration into the entire 8 acre redevelopment and the surrounding neighborhood. It seems to us it should not be completely discarded. (And the construction mitigation measures in our MOU are as important today as then...though I suspect this has little to do with your Department.)

One final question. We recognize the MOU was not recorded. However, if it had been, or could in another way be subtantiated, would that have had any greater influence on CPD's consideration of the application?

Anything u can share with respect to these questions would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

Tom Rutter 1550 Milwaukee St 720-366-6106.