

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. CP11-0434

In recognition of Ruth Murayama for her many contributions to the quality of Denver's parks and open spaces

WHEREAS, Ruth Murayama's formative years were spent in California, growing up in Los Angeles; earning a degree in Conservation of Natural Resources at CA-Berkeley and a Masters in Landscape Architecture at Cal Poly Pomona; and

WHEREAS, in 1978, Ruth started her career in Denver with THK Associates, a Landscape Architecture firm, and held positions in Dallas, TX, Breckenridge, CO, and Arlington, VA, before landing back in Denver, where she has had a 16-year tenure with the Planning, Design and Construction Division of the Parks & Recreation Department as Senior Landscape Architect and Studio Leader; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Murayama is known by colleagues, clients and citizens for her design sensitivity, technical competence, precision, and inclusiveness as well as her project management skills, ability to work cooperatively with other city departments on projects while ensuring that Park's issues was protected, and her talent for stretching as much as possible out of every project dollar available on behalf of Denver residents; and

WHEREAS, one of Ruth's most challenging assignments was managing the development of Commons Park from site development to landscape architecture, which involved working with Public Works, the Army Corp of Engineers, the Urban Drainage & Flood Control District, numerous consultant teams and included mitigation of brownfield areas, minimizing impact of two bridges that extend the 16th Street and Little Raven through the park, preservation and development of natural areas, and coordination of other structures and the public art; and

WHEREAS, Ruth's myriad contributions to Denver's parks and open spaces also include community outreach for development of The Game Plan; significant work on City of Cuernavaca Park; rehabilitation of the historic Smith Ditch through Washington Park; Green Valley East Park, Barnum Park Master Plan studies; Cheesman Park; dog parks; numerous playgrounds and shelters; and Cherry Creek Drive South and Chambers Road streetscapes; and

WHEREAS, while diligently carrying out her many duties for the City of Denver, Ruth maintained an active role in the Colorado Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects, serving as Treasurer in 1996 and working on many of the ASLA summer garden tours.

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

Section 1. That the Council hereby recognizes Ruth Murayama, thanks her for her dedication, talents, and wishes her well as she develops her serious passion for quilting and travel in the next chapter.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall attest and affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to Ruth Murayama.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL _____ 2011

PRESIDENT