

**From:** [Maggie Price](#)  
**To:** [dence - City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [JPlachowski@gmail.com](mailto:JPlachowski@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** CB15-0172  
**Date:** Sunday, April 19, 2015 6:42:41 PM

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Council,

Please delay your vote on CB15-0172, approving a park building plan for the Denver Zoo at City Park, until after City Council elections on May 5th and new council members have been appraised of the impact of this long range plan.

Respectfully,

Maggie Price  
1465 Fillmore St.  
Denver, CO

**From:** [Karen](#)  
**To:** [dencc - City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Delaying your vote on Zoo expansion  
**Date:** Sunday, April 19, 2015 3:37:06 PM

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Dear Council,

With so much change coming in the upcoming municipal elections, I think it would be prudent to wait on this vote until those who will have to make it happen are seated.

Please postpone this vote for expansion plans for the zoo. One reason that you could use with zoo officials is that they need to set up some community meetings to present their plan and get some neighbor input.

Thank you,

Karen M. Miller  
1465 Fillmore St  
Denver, CO 80206

**From:** [April Leahy](#)  
**To:** [dencc - City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Bonita Lahey](#); [Maribeth Clemm](#); [Brenda Gilbert](#)  
**Subject:** Denver Zoo Construction Proposal  
**Date:** Sunday, April 19, 2015 10:33:37 AM

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Dear Councilpersons

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>> Once again, a large Zoo project is being proposed without any meaningful citizen input. SCPNA has a discussion on the Agenda for our May 20 meeting. Please wait at least until after then, allowing the RNO system to work.

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>> In our tight little neighborhood, with many crowd-attracting venues and activities, our concerns include the impacts of traffic, parking, and construction presented by this large, long term project, on neighborhoods and on City Park.

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>> Would it be better for Council to delay this decision until after City Council elections on May 5th?

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>> The new City Park Master Plan with Design Guidelines for City Park will be completed next year. Does it make sense that the Zoo's request should be considered in light of a Master Plan for City Park as a whole?

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>> A new Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC) has been formed. In December, 2014, City Council approved the Zoo's industrial gasification plant in City Park without meaningful citizen input. To avoid that happening in the future, the Council committed to establish a City Park Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC). To date, no NAC has been convened.

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>> Please allow us to participate in the decisions that affect our neighborhood, as provided for above. By making this decision without input from RNOs, the City Park Master Plan with Design Guidelines for City Park, the NAC and the public you are ignoring the pertinent safeguards put in place by the City to enable informed decision-making.

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>> Thank you for considering and responding to our request.

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>> Regards,

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>> April and John Leahy

1650 Fillmore

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>> Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Harriet Mullaney](#)  
**To:** [dence - City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Denver Zoo Proposal  
**Date:** Monday, April 20, 2015 9:56:02 AM

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Dear Council Members,

I am writing to ask that you postpone tonight's vote to approve the construction of 27 new Denver Zoo buildings, part of the Zoo's new Master Plan.

There has not been sufficient citizen input, particularly in regard to traffic, parking and construction impacts of this long-term project, on adjacent neighborhoods, to say nothing of the impact on City Park.

A City Park Master Plan with Design Guidelines for City Park will be completed next year. Common sense dictates that the Zoo's request should be considered in light of a Master Plan for City Park as a whole.

In December 2014, City Council approved the Zoo's industrial gasification plant in City Park without meaningful citizen input. In response to this oversight, the Council committed to establish a City Park Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC). To date, no NAC has been convened. It is critical that neighborhood concerns are welcomed and considered in advance of any construction commitments.

Please reconsider the timing of the vote on the Zoo's proposal and schedule it after the Master Plan for City Park has been completed and circulated to all concerned. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Harriet Mullaney  
2332 Glencoe Street  
Denver, CO 80207

**From:** [Roath, Margaret](#)  
**To:** [dencc - City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Bridget Walsh](#)  
**Subject:** Plan for zoo  
**Date:** Sunday, April 19, 2015 9:13:08 AM

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This letter is in regard to the Denver Zoo Building plan. I am asking you to delay approval for the variances for the construction of the new large buildings in the proposed new master plan. This plan was devised with no input from citizens or neighbors who will bear the brunt of the construction, not to mention the potential damage to City Park and the Zoo. The new City Council elections come up in a month and why not let them decide on this issue for which they will have responsibility.

I actually do not live near the Zoo or City Park, but I have lived in Denver for 40 years and they both mean a lot to me. Both are treasures of the City. I think there needs to be a lot more COMMUNITY input before decisions are made which will make changes to either the Zoo or City Park.

Thank you for your consideration.

Margaret Roath

**From:** [Brenda Gilbert](#)  
**To:** [dencc - City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Denver Zoo development  
**Date:** Sunday, April 19, 2015 9:42:15 AM

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Any new, large-scale development at the Denver Zoo should be done with full opportunity for taxpayer input and finalized in conjunction with the anticipated new Master Plan for City Park.

These are two "sister" venues that are among the most visible emblems of our city. Because of their shared physical space and the powerful influence they carry in representing the City of Denver, there should be no rush to implement a plan that doesn't carry the weight of the will of the people nor represent an integrated partnership of these two well loved and fully used facilities. Council has an opportunity to show communities everywhere a powerful end result reached through a fully supported and shared vision.

I believe the right thing for City Council to do regarding the proposed vote on new construction for the Denver Zoo is to **delay** this decision until:

- **After City Council elections [on May 5th.](#)**

When the new City Council could decide on this long-term issue with the benefit of fully representative citizen input.

- **The new City Park Master Plan with Design Guidelines for City Park is completed next year.** It only makes sense that the Zoo's request should be considered in light of the new Master Plan for City Park as a whole.

- **The new Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC) has been formed.** In December, 2014, City Council approved the Zoo's industrial gasification plant in City Park without meaningful citizen input. To avoid that happening in the future, the Council committed to establish a City Park Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC) .To **date, no NAC has been convened.**

Brenda Gilbert  
[bwgilbert3@me.com](mailto:bwgilbert3@me.com)

**From:** [cityparkalliance](mailto:cityparkalliance)  
**To:** [nfrancis@me.com](mailto:nfrancis@me.com); [dencc - City Council](#); [Robb, Jeanne - City Council Dist. #10](#); [Deborah Ortega - Councilwoman At Large](#); [kniechatlarge](#)  
**Cc:** [Tom Morris](#); [Loucks, Stacie D. - Mayor's Office](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Fwd: Delivery Status Notification (Failure)  
**Date:** Friday, April 17, 2015 3:28:21 PM

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Though I will be out of town for Mondays meeting, I support delaying this decision to allow an appropriate time period where the plan in its entirety can be made available to the public for at least 30 days.

Greg Davis, chair  
City Park Alliance

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

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**Cc:** Tom Morris <[mamaworld12@gmail.com](mailto:mamaworld12@gmail.com)>, "Loucks, Stacie D. - Mayor's Office" <[Stacie.loucks@denvergov.org](mailto:Stacie.loucks@denvergov.org)>, [cityparkalliance@gmail.com](mailto:cityparkalliance@gmail.com)  
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Nancy Francis

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To Whom It May Concern,  
On Monday, April 20, the Denver City Council will vote to approve the Denver

Zoo's \$100,000,000 plan to rebuild the zoo. There will be a public hearing. The city's Registered Neighborhood Organizations will have a week's notice to poll their members on the question. Standard zoning requires 30 days notice of a Public Hearing and signage at the site. Is the future of our park important enough to be done in public?

The Zoo and the city's parks department have not discussed whether the zoo should be rebuilt in place at least in public. The institution commands 80 acres of City Park and any future expansion will be obtained by reducing the size of the park. The World Class San Diego zoo is over 300 acres. City Park is 318 acres including the park, the zoo and the Museum of Nature and Science. The park has lost at least 30 acres to parking lots alone.

The Hancock Administration is apparently in a great hurry to get the master plan approved before the City Council changes on May 5. The plan makes a 20 year commitment to continue the zoo's claims to more of the park simply to keep it up to date.

If Denver is to invest \$100,000,000 in the zoo, isn't now the time to talk about the future in public?

Tom Morris  
303 333 2983  
Denver

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**From:** [pam winsor](#)  
**To:** [dencc - City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Vote on buildings at the zoo  
**Date:** Sunday, April 19, 2015 12:08:41 PM

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Please delay the vote on new buildings at the zoo until after the elections. Many of Denver's citizens are feeling overwhelmed by the pace of change in the city. I walk in City Park 2-3 days a week and am stunned at the impact the Zoo has on the peaceful feeling of the park. Where is the newly created City Park Neighborhood Advisory Committee? Wait for input from citizens.

Pam Winsor

**From:** [MARILYN SWAN](#)  
**To:** [denc - City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [David Swan; 1Plachowski@gmail.com](#)  
**Subject:** Zoo construction  
**Date:** Sunday, April 19, 2015 12:51:07 PM

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To all City Council members:

It seems premature to vote on the proposed zoo construction when there has been only very limited input from the community. There are many concerns surrounding this. E.g.. Parking is a huge issue. I'm sure that the zoo would like to see attendance increase with these changes but those who live nearby would be impacted by this.

I live on the 2000 block of Albion St. Parking has become a huge issue. 30 years ago when we moved here we saw problems with parking occur only on weekends. Now the problem is a daily one. We cannot often find parking in front of our home and, in fact we and our neighbors have had to have cars blocking our driveways towed with increasing frequency.

Since City Council committed to establish a City Park Advisory Committee which has not been convened, I suggest that any decision concerning the zoo be tabled until that committee can meet and receive community input.

Thank you.

Marilyn Swan  
2030 Albion St.  
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Sent from my iPad

**From:** [David Swan](#)  
**To:** [dence - City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Zoo Project  
**Date:** Sunday, April 19, 2015 4:18:20 PM

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## **Once again, a large Zoo project is being proposed without any meaningful citizen input.**

Concerns include traffic, parking and construction impacts of this large, long term project, on neighborhoods and on City Park.

**It would be better for Council to delay this decision until:**

- **After City Council elections on May 5th.**

Should a lame duck City Council or the new City Council decide on this far reaching issue?

- **The new City Park Master Plan with Design Guidelines for City Park is completed next year.** Does it make sense that the Zoo's request should be considered in light of a Master Plan for City Park as a whole?
- **A new Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC) has been formed.** In December, 2014, City Council approved the Zoo's industrial gasification plant in City Park without meaningful citizen input. To avoid that happening in the future, the Council committed to establish a City Park Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC) .To **date, no NAC has been convened.**

These reflect my concerns and those of others very well.

David Swan  
2030 Albion St.  
Denver CO 80207

**From:** [MARY ELLEN SILCOTT](#)  
**To:** [dencc - City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [lpalachowski@gmail.com](mailto:lpalachowski@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Zoo Vote  
**Date:** Sunday, April 19, 2015 11:10:39 AM

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To all City Council members;

It is imperative that the neighborhood be consulted regarding the new building plan for the Zoo. I am a big supporter of the Zoo and believe changes should happen. But I also live in the area and am fully aware of the problems facing our neighborhood. Parking is atrocious! Frequently parking backs up into the surrounding neighborhoods bringing with it multiple concerns. How will the park be impacted? Especially during construction? City Park is almost overrun on weekends already. Will construction make it difficult during the week? Will the Zoo encroach on Park space? I am a great believer that we can all work together to make this happen. Let's wait for the Master Plan before making a decision on this. Please delay the vote.

Mary Ellen Silcott

**From:** [Ginny Fowler](#)  
**To:** [dencc - City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Louis Plachowski](#); [Tom W. Fowler](#)  
**Subject:** Denver Zoo Expansion  
**Date:** Monday, April 20, 2015 10:20:13 AM

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As a Park Hill resident it has come to my attention that the Park Park Neighborhood Advisory Committee has never been asked what they think of the expansion project for the Denver Zoo. WHY! I believe the vote by the city council should not take place without their input. We live by the park, do the city council members live by the park? Please delay any vote until the Advisory Committee has been contacted for review. Also why pass this large expansion as a lame duck council?

Sincerely  
Ginny Fowler

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Bridget Walsh](#)  
**To:** [dencc - City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Testimony on Zoo expansion  
**Date:** Monday, April 20, 2015 10:34:25 AM

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Dear Council Members, April 20, 2015

I strongly suggest that City Council put the vote on the Zoo's renovation plans on hold until there has been adequate time for meaningful citizen input.

Some people seem to believe that City Park Friends and Neighbors (CPFAN) was not notified in a timely fashion about the Zoo's Master Plan and the Zoo's plan to ask council tonight, to approve the addition of 27 , new buildings over 3000 sq. ft. , was because we are a new organization.

I would like to point out that many of the local people active in CPFAN, have been park advocates for years and in some cases, decades. CPFAN is celebrating its 1 year anniversary this April. In the year that we have existed, the Zoo could have found us for **meaningful** discussion about their plans before they were hatched. We have over 250 members.

FYI : The Zoo's George Pond was invited to come to a CPFAN meeting and speak on a topic of his choice. He brought a facilitator and "clickers" so that attendees could "vote" on "choices" prearranged by the Zoo. All discussion was micro managed and was pretty much confined to what people would like to see planted on the south side of the Zoo. Mr. Pond, said after the voting was in, that the people's "choices" would not necessarily be used to influence the direction of what actually happened. The Zoo master plan was mentioned in passing. there were a couple of slides of a polar bear standing next to a little girl with a glass wall separating them. There was no meaningful discussion, for example, about traffic, parking, animal well being or construction impacts on City Park and neighborhoods

The Zoo has a habit of **presenting** their ideas (not asking, before the fact) to the community in this fashion. Honestly , it is insulting. They make a shallow, PR presentation to the public and to City Council , get Council's rubber stamp, then proceed, citizen input be damned.

I recall the Zoo's gasification plant that Council approved last December. I have spent months researching the negative impact of the Zoo's incinerator will have on the health and well being of Denver residents. The Zoo uses a PR term, "waste to energy", to describe its biomass gasifier but It is permitted as an incinerator by CO , the EPA defines it as an incinerator and it is a form of incineration and it is permitted to dump tons and tons of pollutants into the air in City Park. An uninformed Council made a very bad decision not to heed the warnings of citizens who had taken the time to find out what was really behind the Zoo's PR, about this industrial plant, and to allow the Zoo to put this dated ,dangerous, polluting, experimental technology in the middle of City Park.

I hope this time that Council has the wisdom and grace to hear the pleas of citizens and to hold off on the approval of the Zoo's latest fiasco until a reasonable amount of time is allowed for citizen review of the Zoo's plans and then time for the new City Council and the Zoo, to hear citizen input and incorporate it into their plans.

I think that the entire question of the appropriateness of renovating a too small zoo with

4500+ animals , in City Park, should be addressed before Council approves a multi million dollar plan to rework the Zoo in its present location. I read in the Denver Post this AM ,that the animal wild life refuge in CO is going to welcome many large animals that it has rescued from Peru. Frankly, they only had to look close to home, in the Denver Zoo, to find big cats and other large animals. confined to tiny "cages."

I hope that Council doesn't make the same blatant mistake that it made when it voted to approve the Zoo incinerator.

Warmest regards,

"Bridget" Eileen Walsh  
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**From:** [Teresa Berryman](#)  
**To:** [dence - City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Plachowski@gmail.com](mailto:Plachowski@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Zoo Master Plan  
**Date:** Monday, April 20, 2015 12:37:00 PM

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Dear Council Members,

I urge you to take the time to allow the new Neighborhood Advisory Committee for City Park to have meaningful and timely input on the Zoo expansion plans before they are brought to the City Council for consideration and action. In addition, it's critical for projects to be evaluated in the context of a site Master Plan, which will be completed for City Park in the not too distant future.

Smart development includes community input as does relating projects to a thoughtful Master Plan. I have lived in Denver my entire life and have a deep connection and love of our great city. The legacy we leave future generations depends on community engagement, courageous public officials, well thought out and planned development and preservation of our parks. Please delay action on the zoo proposal until there is more meaningful input and context.

Sincerely,  
Teresa Berryman  
2201 Locust Street  
Denver, CO 80207

Teresa Berryman

**From:** [Barbara Berryman](#)  
**To:** [dencc - City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Plachowski@gmail.com](mailto:Plachowski@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** City Council Meeting today: request to delay vote on Zoo project  
**Date:** Monday, April 20, 2015 11:04:22 AM

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On Monday, April 20, the Denver City Council will be asked to vote to approve the construction of 27 new Denver Zoo buildings over 3000 Sq. Ft. with one over 35 feet tall, as a part of the Zoo's new Master Plan. I know of no citizen input on this proposal. I am a voting citizen and 40 year resident of the Park Hill neighborhood and am requesting that you postpone this decision tonight. My reasons are as follows:

1. It doesn't make sense to vote for a significant part of the Zoo Master Plan proposal without consideration of The new City Park Master Plan with Design Guidelines for City Park which is not scheduled for completion until next year.
2. A new Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC) has been formed, (December, 2014) to make sure that decisions at the Zoo that affect City Park and the neighborhoods around it (and vice versa) are done with that constituency's input. To date, this committee has not been convened yet.
3. City Council elections are on May 5th, where new council members may be elected. THEY will be the ones representing the city during the implementation of this proposal and may have new, valuable perspectives of their constituency that should be considered.

Thank you for your attention and please delay this decision.

Barbara Berryman