

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

PROCLAMATION NO. 20-1001

RECOGNIZING THE EXTRAORDINARY CAREER AND RETIREMENT OF FRED WEISS

WHEREAS, since 1868, through multiple eras of innovation and intentional planning, design and policy, a rich legacy of parks and open space has been shaped in Denver; and

WHEREAS, Denver Parks and Recreation supports the physical and mental health of resident by maintaining over 250 parks and providing activities in over 30 recreation centers accessible to people of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, for over 26 years, Fred Weiss helped Denver Parks and Recreation fulfill its mission to provide dynamic, innovative programs and safe beautiful spaces to Denver residents; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his formal title of Director of Finance and Administration, Fred's role was Policy Director and Chief Strategy Officer and "keeping Happy out of trouble". While they loved to argue about almost everything, Happy relied in complete confidence on Fred's experience, judgement and keen insights for just about every major decision; and

WHEREAS, Fred oversaw most of the department's large complex agreements, events and relationships, with his leadership on the Grandoozy music festival standing out. As one of the most complicated projects Denver Parks and Recreation has undertaken, it was indeed a doozy of a project on a grand scale; and

WHEREAS, when they say, "the devil is in the details", they haven't accounted for Fred's attention to detail. There was no room for the devil or any other mischief on any details under Fred's watchful eye. While so much of his time was spent on high level and large-scale projects, Fred was relentlessly fastidious about the details, whether it was finance, budget, contracts or legal documents. At just of the tip of the iceberg, Fred reviewed approximately 15,000 P-card transactions annually and oversaw 13 audits from 2016-2020.

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

Section 1. That the Denver City Council recognizes and honors the dedicated service of Fred Weiss to the residents of the City and County of Denver.

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 Fred Weiss.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL September 21, 2020

_____ COUNCIL PRESIDENT