

**From:** [Ashton Altieri](#)  
**To:** [dencc - City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Jonas Markel](#); [Jeff Rodgers](#); [Kym Foster](#); [Lewis Bussey](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] River Drive Historic District  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 19, 2019 3:40:00 PM

---

Dear Councilmembers,

My name is Ashton Altieri and along with several of my neighbors I will be attending your meeting this upcoming Monday night to support the designation of our block - River Drive in Jefferson Park - as Denver's next Historic District.

A group of five residents and owners on our block, myself included, have been working as a committee for more than two years on this effort. We started with learning about the process and responsibilities of being a historic district, conducting the required research about our homes, hosting neighborhood meetings to discuss the concept, and ultimately engaging a consultant to prepare the formal application.

Our proposed district is not large, but it is mighty in terms of its importance to North Denver history and to our city's story. Most of our homes were built between 1886 and 1896 and originally had a relationship with the long-gone Zang Brewery. Our location tells the story of the historical connection between old sections of downtown and North Denver. River Drive was one of the first residential blocks in this area of the city and is now the last remaining intact block in the rapidly changing Jefferson Park neighborhood. If you want to read further about the interesting history of River Drive and its significance, you can view the full application here: <https://bit.ly/2Xs1Q2k>

As citizen-volunteers, we worked hard to engage all property owners on our block in the process from the earliest stages of the effort. There are a total of 16 homeowners among the total 19 properties in our proposed district (there are two owners with more than one property). After a number of informal conversations and email correspondence with as many neighbors as possible, we held a community meeting on June 13, 2018. We invited everyone who lives on River Drive as well as all stakeholders in the surrounding area via email and snail mail. At this meeting the City Landmarks staff gave a presentation on what it means to be a historic district. We had 31 people attend the meeting including 16 River Drive residents in the proposed district. Councilman Espinoza was also in attendance and feedback from the meeting was positive. We also provided updates through one-on-one conversations as well as smaller meetings, some with Councilman Espinoza, for owners with specific questions or concerns. Then over the last 12 months, the steering committee has sent seven mass emails to all homeowners in the proposed district with updates about each portion of the application process and then finally to announce when the application was submitted in April. With each update, we have provided our neighbors information on how to reach out with questions and concerns.

The majority of owners have registered their support for the District during the Landmark Preservation Commission public hearing or through the city's new online public comment system. Additional supporters will attend the meeting on Monday. At this time we are aware of one owner who has expressed concerns with historic district status and we have worked to answer his questions and earn his support.

We are very much looking forward to the public hearing at your meeting on Monday. We are

eager to express our passion for our special street and our motivation for seeking historic preservation.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Ashton Altieri  
2608 River Drive

**From:** [Ashton Altieri](#)  
**To:** [dencc - City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Jonas Markel](#); [Jeff Rodgers](#); [Kym Foster](#); [Lewis Bussey](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] River Drive Historic District  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 19, 2019 3:40:00 PM

---

Dear Councilmembers,

My name is Ashton Altieri and along with several of my neighbors I will be attending your meeting this upcoming Monday night to support the designation of our block - River Drive in Jefferson Park - as Denver's next Historic District.

A group of five residents and owners on our block, myself included, have been working as a committee for more than two years on this effort. We started with learning about the process and responsibilities of being a historic district, conducting the required research about our homes, hosting neighborhood meetings to discuss the concept, and ultimately engaging a consultant to prepare the formal application.

Our proposed district is not large, but it is mighty in terms of its importance to North Denver history and to our city's story. Most of our homes were built between 1886 and 1896 and originally had a relationship with the long-gone Zang Brewery. Our location tells the story of the historical connection between old sections of downtown and North Denver. River Drive was one of the first residential blocks in this area of the city and is now the last remaining intact block in the rapidly changing Jefferson Park neighborhood. If you want to read further about the interesting history of River Drive and its significance, you can view the full application here: <https://bit.ly/2Xs1Q2k>

As citizen-volunteers, we worked hard to engage all property owners on our block in the process from the earliest stages of the effort. There are a total of 16 homeowners among the total 19 properties in our proposed district (there are two owners with more than one property). After a number of informal conversations and email correspondence with as many neighbors as possible, we held a community meeting on June 13, 2018. We invited everyone who lives on River Drive as well as all stakeholders in the surrounding area via email and snail mail. At this meeting the City Landmarks staff gave a presentation on what it means to be a historic district. We had 31 people attend the meeting including 16 River Drive residents in the proposed district. Councilman Espinoza was also in attendance and feedback from the meeting was positive. We also provided updates through one-on-one conversations as well as smaller meetings, some with Councilman Espinoza, for owners with specific questions or concerns. Then over the last 12 months, the steering committee has sent seven mass emails to all homeowners in the proposed district with updates about each portion of the application process and then finally to announce when the application was submitted in April. With each update, we have provided our neighbors information on how to reach out with questions and concerns.

The majority of owners have registered their support for the District during the Landmark Preservation Commission public hearing or through the city's new online public comment system. Additional supporters will attend the meeting on Monday. At this time we are aware of one owner who has expressed concerns with historic district status and we have worked to answer his questions and earn his support.

We are very much looking forward to the public hearing at your meeting on Monday. We are

eager to express our passion for our special street and our motivation for seeking historic preservation.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Ashton Altieri  
2608 River Drive

**From:** [Lara, Adriana - CC Senior City Council Aide](#)  
**To:** [Hopson, Mar"quasa R. - CC YA2304 Council Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Support for rezone at 17th and Meade  
**Date:** Friday, June 21, 2019 12:16:11 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)

---

Hi,

Can you add this as well if you haven't already received it.

Thank you,  
Adriana Lara

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Fry, Logan M. - CC YA2957 Executive Assistant I"  
<[Logan.Fry@denvergov.org](mailto:Logan.Fry@denvergov.org)>  
**Date:** June 21, 2019 at 8:10:18 AM MDT  
**To:** "Lara, Adriana - CC Senior City Council Aide"  
<[Adriana.Lara@denvergov.org](mailto:Adriana.Lara@denvergov.org)>  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Support for rezone at 17th and Meade

Sincerely,  
Logan Fry

**Logan Fry | City Council**  
**Office of Councilman Rafael Espinoza, District 1**  
Office: [720-337-7701](tel:720-337-7701) |  
City and County Building, 1437 Bannock Street, Room 451  
[logan.fry@denvergov.org](mailto:logan.fry@denvergov.org) | Dial 3-1-1 for City Services

**Follow us on Facebook and please sign up for our newsletter**



\*Correspondence with this office is an open record under the Colorado Open Records Act and must be made available to anyone requesting it unless the correspondence clearly states or implies a request for confidentiality. Please expressly indicate whether you wish for your communication to remain confidential.

**From:** Leah Rounds <[librarianleah@gmail.com](mailto:librarianleah@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 20, 2019 6:10 PM  
**To:** District 1 Comments <[DistrictOne@denvergov.org](mailto:DistrictOne@denvergov.org)>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support for rezone at 17th and Meade

Dear City Council Representative Espinoza,

I am writing to you to express my support for the rezone request for the property at 17th Ave. and Meade St. in the West Colfax neighborhood.

I have lived in the neighborhood for 10 years, my children have attended our neighborhood school, Colfax Elementary, for the past 6 years, and I have worked in the neighborhood at Colfax Elem for the past 2 years. I have seen the many changes occurring in West Colfax and specifically, the negative impact it has had on Colfax students and their families.

Children are leaving the neighborhood because there is no where for them to live. Our schools and community are suffering because of it. This project at 17th and Meade would include much needed affordable family housing, bringing back many families that have previously been displaced. It would also serve the affordable housing needs for the Colfax Elem teachers and staff.

This is a great opportunity for West Colfax to provide a piece of the much needed affordable housing Denver needs. To me, having mixed housing on beautiful Sloan's Lake Park is a very exciting prospect for our neighborhood. I strongly encourage you to vote YES on June 24, 2019 at the City Council Hearing on this property.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Leah Rounds

1445 Utica St. 80204

West Colfax is where I live, work and play