



February 26, 2014

Mary Beth Susman, President
City Council
City and County Building
1437 Bannock St., Rm. 451
Denver, CO 80202

Re: Solid Waste-to-Energy Project, Denver Zoological Gardens

Dear President Susman:

The Denver Zoological Foundation is the process of obtaining a Certificate of Designation from the City and County of Denver and the Colorado Department of Health and Environment for the purpose of operating a solid waste to energy program at the Zoo. The program will be limited to trash and animal waste from the Zoo and urban forest residue from Denver Parks and Recreation and will be located in the existing Denver Zoo's Waste Management Building within the Toyota Elephant Passage exhibit. As part of the Certificate of Designation process, confirmation must be provided that the proposed project is in conformance with the City's zoning requirements.

The Zoo is located within City Park and is zoned OS-A, the same as City Park. Under Part 4 of Article II of the City Charter, and as reflected in sub-section 9.3.4.1 of the Zoning Code pertaining to uses in the OS-A zone district, the Manager of the Department of Parks and Recreation has the authority to determine the permitted uses and the limitations on such uses at the Zoo so long as the uses serve a park purpose. The solid waste to energy program at the Zoo serves a substantial purpose in supporting the operation of the Zoo. I have determined that the proposed use for a solid waste to energy program is an appropriate use at the Zoo.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

Sincerely,

Lauri Dannemiller
Manager

Cc: Ana Bowie, Denver Zoo
George Pond, Denver Zoo
Douglas Linkhart, Manager, Environmental Health
Diane Delillio, Environmental Health