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Dear Councilman Brooks:

I am a happy Park Hill constituent, a long-time user and former member of the zoo (two children). We are very pleased to see the Denver Zoo continue to improve the habitats and experiences for their animals and for their visitors. However, we would like to urge you, for such an important and major zoo investment, to postpone approval of the Master Plan until the new City Council is seated. I also think that such a major building plan, that impacts green space, trees, and parking, warrants additional public input.

I would like to know, for example, answers to these questions:

- what concerns and questions did the City Park Alliance have about this plan?
- what concerns and questions did INC and the two newer City Park neighborhood advocacy groups have?
- what is the overall loss/gain of green space and of trees within the zoo with the new construction?
- will any green space/tree loss be mitigated through new space/trees where buildings are removed?
- what will the impact be on parking, especially staff parking? what is the overall gain/loss with the new garages?
- what is the impact on trees outside of the zoo limits in the shared park parking lot? (especially new east portal)
- what is the visual impact (on views from the Museum of Nature and History and from the park) of the tower that is over 50 feet?
- will the Zoo finally build a federally approved but attractive perimeter zoo fence (replacing chain link, barbed wire, snow fencing, etc). It was my understanding that the Zoo agreed to a new fence and better edge with the rest of the park when the two parking garages were completed.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this. And thank you for your efforts on our behalf.

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