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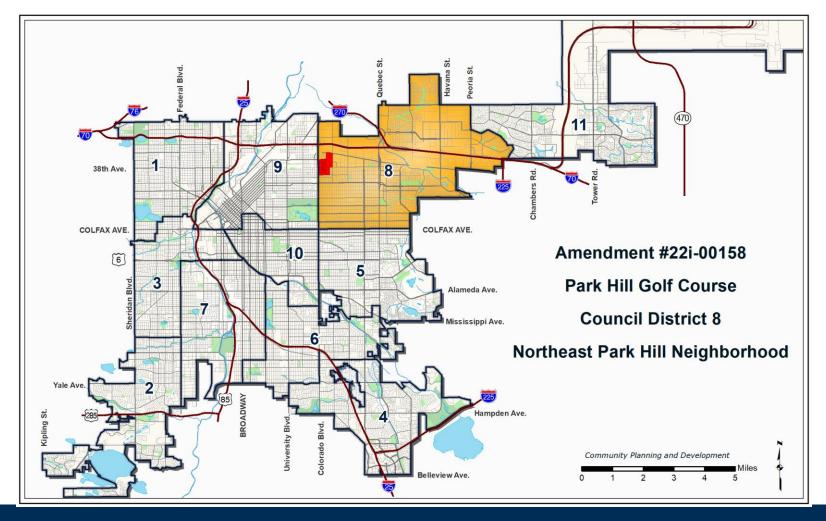
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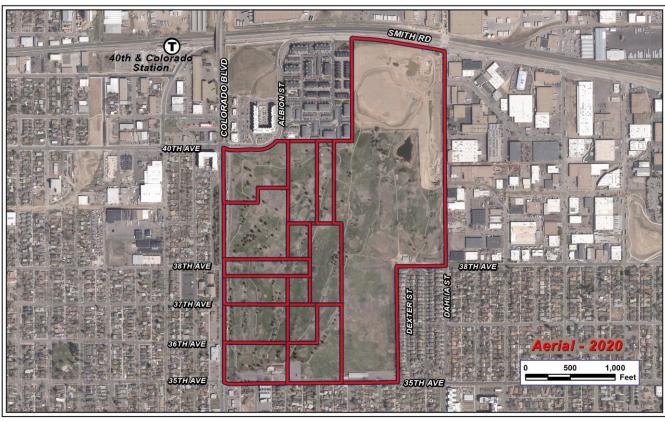


## Council District 8: Chris Herndon





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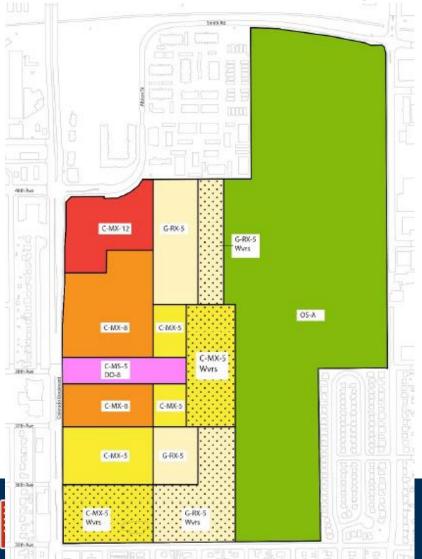
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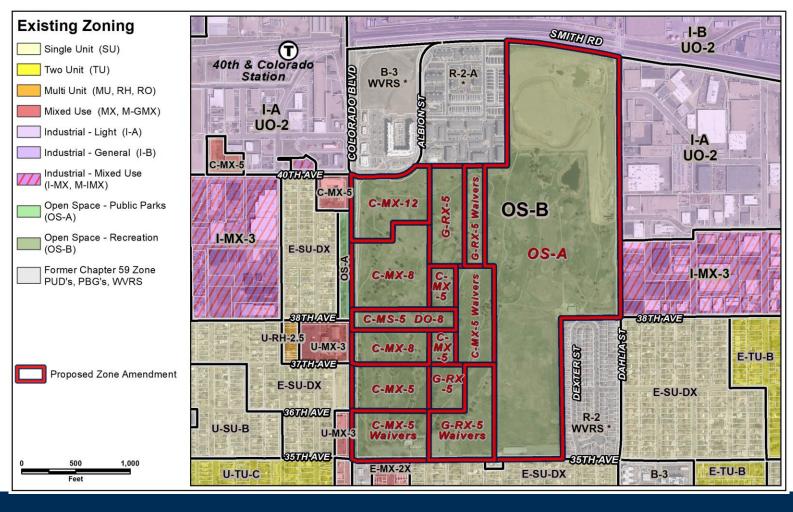
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#### **Waivers**

- Waives maximum permitted building height of 5 stories or 7 stories with incentives
- Waives maximum permitted building height of 70 feet or 95 feet with incentives
- INSTEAD: Allows a maximum height of 4 stories or 55 feet and waives the right to use maximum height with incentives



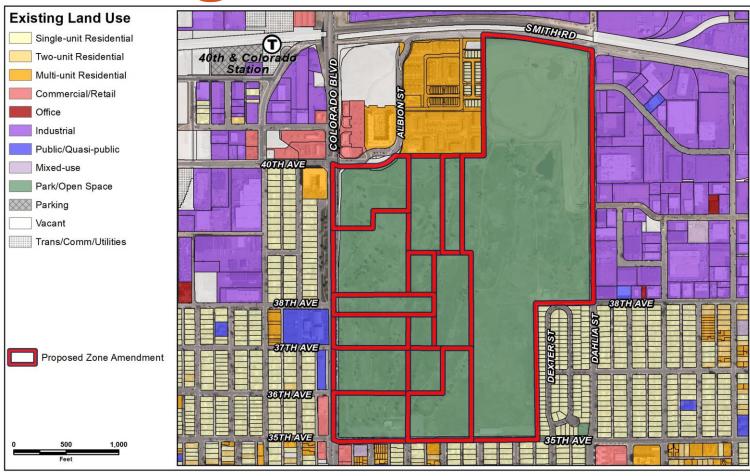
## **Existing Zoning**



- Current Zoning: OS-B
  - Private park and open space



## **Existing Land Use**



Land Use: Privately owned, former golf course

#### Surrounding Land Uses:

- Single-Unit Residential
- Industrial
- Public/Quasi-Public
- Multi-unit Residential
- Commercial/Retail

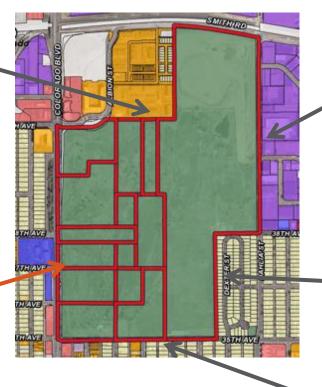


## Existing Building Form/Scale





Subject Property











## Large Development Review

- LDR was determined to be applicable
  - Circumstances warranted a master framework process
  - Land use, open space, housing and infrastructure could not be resolved through other regulatory processes
  - Land is subject to a conservation easement
- Proposed Large Development Framework includes
  - Small area planning process
  - Rezoning
  - Infrastructure master plan
  - Subdivision
  - Development agreement



### **Process**

- Informational Notice: 8/5/2022
- Planning Board Notice: 10/4/2022
- Planning Board Public Hearing (unanimously recommended approval): 10/19/2022
- Land Use, Transportation, and Infrastructure Committee: 12/13/2022
- City Council Public Hearing: 1/23/2023



## **Public Comment**

- Boards of Overlook at Park Hill Homeowners Association, Inc. and Greater Park Hill Community, Inc. submitted resolutions opposing the rezoning
- Winston Downs Community Association (Washington Virginia Village neighborhood)
  concerned with additional structures, heat islands, and traffic in an area that needs
  more open space
- Over 430 comments received
  - Those in support cited need for more amenities, affordable housing, and public park space
  - Those opposed expressed concerns with reviewing rezoning while conservation easement remains in place
  - Many want entire property to remain open space
  - Concerns with additional density and traffic



Denver Zoning Code Review Criteria

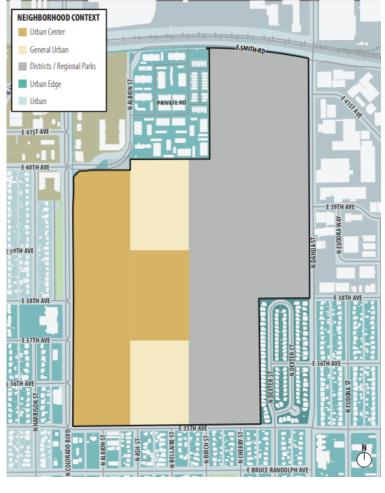
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#### Denver Zoning Code Review Criteria

- 1. Consistency with Adopted Plans
  - Comprehensive Plan 2040
  - Blueprint Denver: A Land Use and Transportation Plan
  - Game Plan for a Healthy City
  - Park Hill Golf Course Small Area Plan
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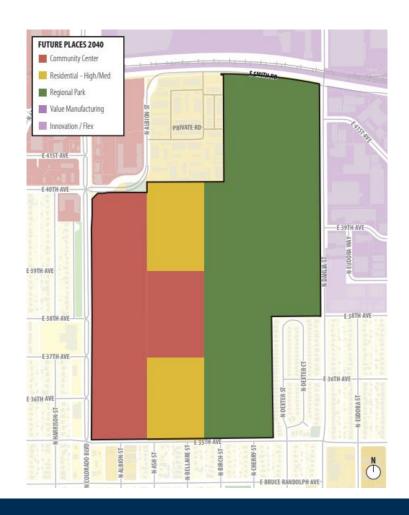




#### **Contexts**

- Community Center
- General Urban
- Districts



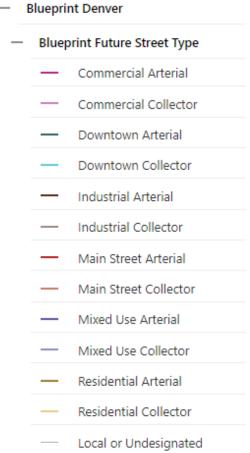


#### **Places**

- Community Center
- Residential High-Medium
- Regional Park







#### Future Street Types

- Colorado Blvd: Mixed Use Arterial
- Smith Rd: Industrial Arterial
- 35<sup>th</sup> Ave: Residential Collector
- Albion St: Local
- 40<sup>th</sup> Ave: Mixed Use Collector







#### Growth Areas Strategy:

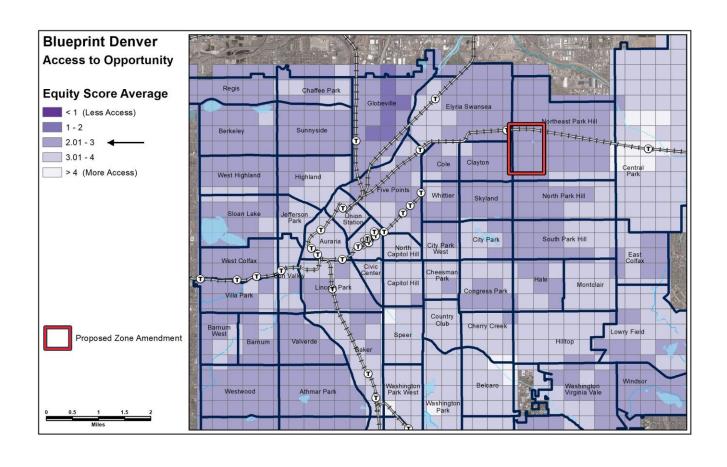
- Community centers and corridors
- All other areas of the city
- Districts



Land Use & Built Form, General Policy 3: Ensure the Denver Zoning Code continues to respond to the needs of the city, while remaining modern and flexible.

Strategy B: Limit the use of site-specific, customized zoning tools – such as Planned Unit Developments (PUDs) an waivers/conditions – to unique and extraordinary circumstances. The zoning code offers a wide variety of zone districts that cover the diverse contexts and places of Denver. Custom zoning tools are most effective when a standard zone district does not exist to implement the adopted plans for an area (p. 73).

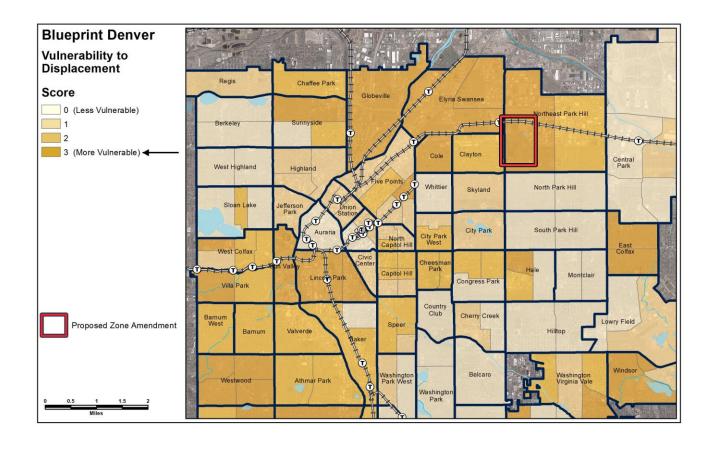




#### **Access to Opportunity**

- Average Access
  - Low access to grocery stores and centers and corridors
  - Less equitable in childhood obesity and life expectancy
- Proposed rezoning will enable a mixeduse development bringing more amenities to the area
- Development agreement includes provisions for affordable housing and 100 acres of publicly accessible park/open space

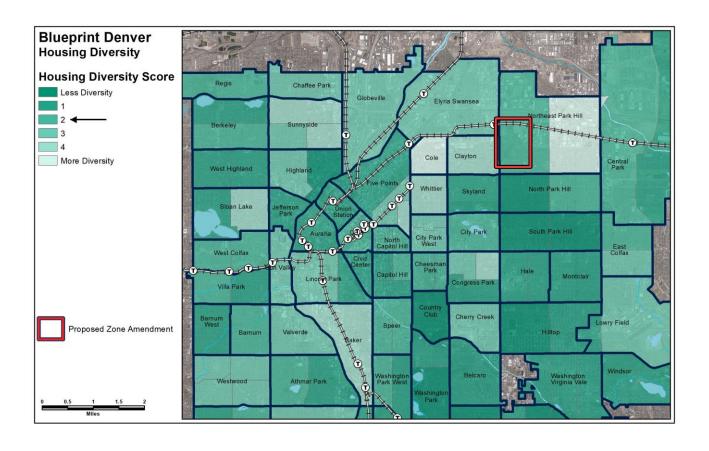




## Vulnerability to Involuntary Displacement

- More vulnerable, based on all three metrics:
  - Educational attainment
  - Median household income
  - Percent renter-occupied
- Applicant is developing a high impact affordable housing compliance plan
  - 25% of total units as income restricted units (IRUs)
  - IRUs include rental units at lower AMI levels, including 30%
  - IRUs also include for sale units with two to three bedrooms

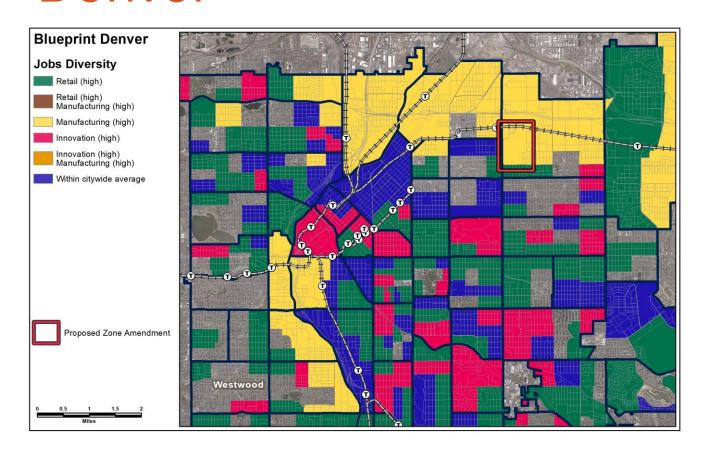




#### **Housing Diversity**

- Below average diversity based on three of five metrics:
  - Housing costs
  - Mix of rented and owned homes
  - Bedroom counts in homes
- Proposed development agreement includes income restricted units, including for-sale units with two and three bedrooms





#### **Jobs Diversity**

- Higher proportion of manufacturing jobs
- Proposed rezoning will allow for various commercial, office, and retail jobs



## Consistency with Adopted Plans: Game Plan

Recommendation 3.1: Acquire land and build facilities to keep pace with growth and meet 10-minute walk standard and service goals

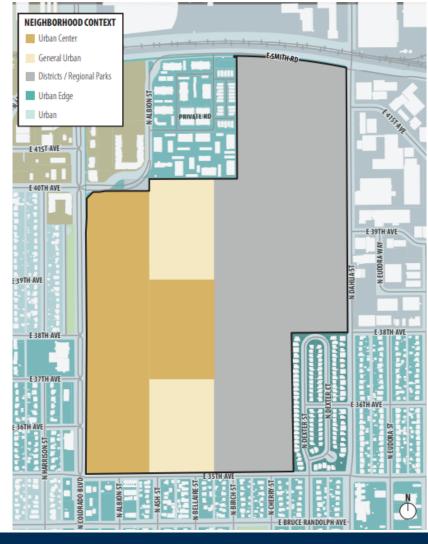
Recommendation 3.5: Ensure a ten-minute walk for park and open space for every neighborhood



## Small Area Plan

#### **Future Neighborhood Context**

- Urban Center
  - Proposed zoning is C-MS-5 DO-8, C-MX-12, C-MX-8, C-MX-5, C-MX-5 w/waivers
  - High mix of uses where the highest densities are planned
  - Includes multi-story, mixed-use building forms located close to streets
- General Urban
  - Proposed zoning is G-RX-5 and G-RX-5 w/waivers
  - Higher-density development like larger multi-story residential buildings
  - Serves as a transition between Urban Center and District contexts
- Districts/Regional Park
  - Proposed zoning is OS-A public park/open space
  - Specifically designed purpose, such as regional park

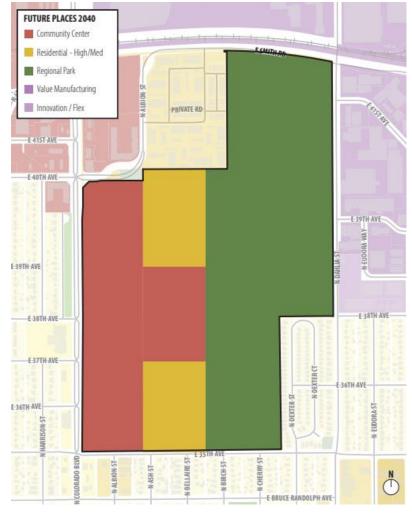




## Small Area Plan

#### **Future Places**

- Community Center
  - Proposed zoning is C-MS-5 DO-8, C-MX-12, C-MX-8, C-MX-5, C-MX-5 w/waivers
  - Mixed-use place typically oriented around a shared space or set of spaces
  - Good mix of office, commercial and residential uses
- Residential High/Medium
  - Proposed zoning is G-RX-5 and G-RX-5 w/waivers
  - Predominately multi-unit buildings located closer to centers
  - Focus is residential, but neighborhood-serving uses may be found
- Regional Park
  - Proposed zoning is OS-A public park/open space
  - Provide large scale public open space, recreation and event locations

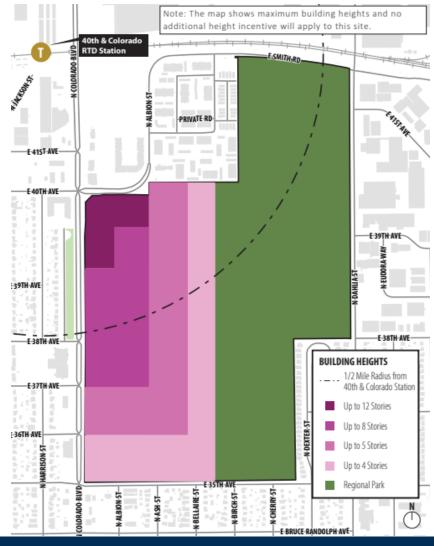




### Small Area Plan

#### Maximum Building Heights

- Up to 12 stories
  - Proposed zoning is C-MX-12
  - Corner of 40<sup>th</sup> and Colorado
- Up to 8 stories
  - Proposed zoning is C-MX-8 and C-MS-5 DO-8
- Up to 5 stories
  - Proposed zoning is C-MX-5 and G-RX-5
- Up to 4 stories
  - Proposed zoning is C-MX 5 w/waivers and G-RX-5 w/waivers
  - Waivers allow a maximum of 4 stories in height
- No additional incentive height will apply to subject property

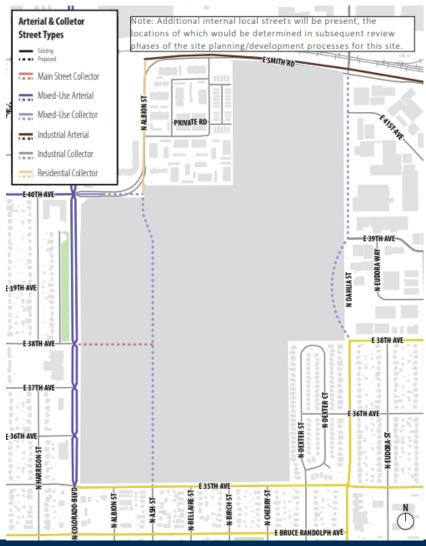




### Small Area Plan

#### **Future Street Types**

- Colorado Blvd: Mixed Use Arterial
- E. 35<sup>th</sup> Ave. & Albion St: Residential Collector
- E. 40<sup>th</sup> Ave. & Dahlia St: Mixed Use Collector
- New Connection between Ash and Albion: Mixed Use Collector
- E 38<sup>th</sup> Ave Connection: Main Street Collector





# Consistency with Plans: Park Hill Golf Small Area Plan

#### **Policy Recommendations**

The proposed OS-A district will facilitate the creation of a new park:

 Quality of Life, Strategy 1.A: Establish 70-80 acres of contiguous park space that can support a spectrum of recreational activities and serve as a place of connection for the surrounding neighborhoods

The proposed C-MX-12, C-MX-8, C-MS-5 DO-8, C-MX-5, C-MX-5 w/waivers allow for the height of the site to transition from the northwest corner to the east and south:

• Land Use, Strategy 2.A: Transition building height and intensity from highest in the northwest of the site, closest to 40<sup>th</sup> and Colorado rail station, to lowest at the south and east, closest to existing neighborhoods and future regional park.



# Consistency with Plans: Park Hill Golf Course Small Area Plan

#### **Policy Recommendations**

The proposed C-MS-5 w/DO-8 includes a design overlay that would allow a pedestrian-oriented, active main street with enhanced design standards:

- Design Strategy 3.A: Promote design of a future neighborhood main street that encourages an
  enjoyable experience through engaging and active uses, such as shops and restaurants located t
  the street level adjacent to sidewalks and open spaces.
- Design Strategy 3.B: Ensure main street building designs have a strong connection between sidewalks, open spaces, and building activities, which could include design elements such as window and specific first-floor building heights to create engaging storefronts.
- Design Strategy 3.C: Encourage the application of a custom zoning tool like a design overlay to promote an active mix of uses at the street level.



# Consistency with Plans: Park Hill Golf Course Small Area Plan

#### **Policy Recommendations**

The proposed C-MS-5 w/DO-8, C-MX-5 w/waivers, and G-RX-5 w/waivers uses customized zoning for a design overlay and waivers to achieve a maximum building height of 4 stories:

- Design 4.B: Consider additional regulatory tools to promote specific design outcomes such as buildings designed to incorporate variation in height/scale, open-up views from the regional park or integrate an active and engaging street frontage. Potential regularly tools could include:
  - Customized zoning solutions such as a design overlay to achieve street level activation.
  - Customized zoning solutions such as waivers to achieve maximum height recommendations.



#### Denver Zoning Code Review Criteria

- 1. Consistency with Adopted Plans
- 2. Uniformity of District Regulations
- Proposed rezoning will result in uniform application of zone district building form, use and design regulations
- 3. Further Public Health, Safety and Welfare
- Implements the Park Hill Golf Course Small Area Plan
- Facilitate the creation of a new public park, which may lead to better health outcomes
- Mixed-use districts will allow for an increase in employment and housing options
- 4. Justifying Circumstances
- 5. Consistency with Neighborhood Context, Zone District Purpose and Intent



#### Denver Zoning Code Review Criteria

- 1. Consistency with Adopted Plans
- 2. Uniformity of District Regulations
- 3. Further Public Health, Safety and Welfare
- 4. Justifying Circumstances
  - Changed or Changing Conditions:
    - Park Hill Golf Course Small Area Plan
- 5. Consistency with Neighborhood Context, Zone District Purpose and Intent



#### Denver Zoning Code Review Criteria

- 1. Consistency with Adopted Plans
- 2. Uniformity of District Regulations
- 3. Further Public Health, Safety and Welfare
- 4. Justifying Circumstances

#### 5. Consistency with Neighborhood Context, Zone District Purpose and Intent

- OS-A zone district is intended to
  - Protect and preserve public parks owned, operated, or leased by the city and managed by DPR
- C-MS-5 w/D0-8
  - Applies primarily to collector or arterial street corridors or may be embedded in larger sites where a building scale of 2-5 stories is desired
  - Encourage neighborhood mixed-use areas that support nonresidential active uses at the street levels, promote active pedestrianoriented building frontages, and provide sufficient space for transitions between the public realm and private residential dwellings
- C-MX-12, C-MX-8, C-MX-5, and C-MX-5 w/waivers
  - To enhance the convenience, ease and enjoyment of transit, walking, shopping and public gathering within and around the city's neighborhoods
- G-RX-5 and G-RX-5 w/waivers
  - Applies to residentially dominated areas served primarily by local or collector streets where a building scale of 1 to 5 stories is desired



## **CPD** Recommendation

- CPD recommends approval, based on finding all review criteria have been met
- 1. Consistency with Adopted Plans
- 2. Uniformity of District Regulations
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