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Hello City Council members, City Council staff, PRAB members, Park Designation Committee members, and Red Rock Working group members,

As Parks continues to move forward with the Park Designation process, I wanted to update you on an issue that has come up recently. Most recently, with Arts and Venues support and approval, we are moving forward with adding 98 acres of beautiful landscape to Red Rocks Park and Amphitheatre **(attached pictures - RR and RR2)**. Arts and Venues has been a phenomenal partner in our efforts at Red Rocks and other Mountain Parks. Through their ticket surcharge they are providing funding to support our Park operations and maintenance efforts. This funding has allowed us to hire two park rangers to work not only Red Rocks but other parks in our Mountain Parks system. Arts and Venues is also funding numerous construction projects that are really helping us maintain the character and long term sustainability of the park and amphitheater.

The issue that has come up recently is related to four parcels of land near Red Rocks Park. The parcel that is being added to Red Rocks Park and the three other parcels (attached map) were purchased in 2000 with funds from Arts and Venues and it is due to Arts and Venues support that this 98 acre addition to the park is even happening. The 98 acres that is being added to Red Rocks Park is directly adjacent and has a contiguous boundary that is shared with the existing park. I have attached a map **(FullSizeRender)** that shows the 98 acres **(parcel #4 - Bradley trade parcel)** and the other three parcels in question **(#1, #2, #3)**.

Denver Parks and Recreation and Denver Arts and Venues are in agreement that at his time we do not want to move forward with the discussion of the possibility of designating these three parcels. Here is a list of reasons why:

- Even though parcels **(#1, #2, #3)** are all technically owned by the City and County of Denver, they fall under the direct management of Arts and Venues. It is not in Denver Parks purview to try and dictate to a sister agency how to manage the assets under their management.
- Parcel #3 on the map is actually where Arts and Venues provides overflow parking for events. Also, as there has been controversy about the possibility of locating a permanent home for the Colorado Music Hall of Fame within Red Rocks Park, this parcel actually offers a suitable location outside the boundaries of Red Rocks Park, in close proximity the Amphitheatre, which could be considered as a possible location for that venue.
- Parcel #2 has a life estate placed on it and at this time could not be designated as parkland.
- Parcel #1 and #2 are not adjacent or contiguous to the park and if designated as parkland, and opened to public access, these would be an incredibly challenging for parks staff to manage.

Since 2011, I have been blessed to work at Parks and Recreation. Over the last five years I have had the pleasure of working with a wide variety of community members and numerous city agencies to improve and enhance our amazing parks system. Working with DIA, we have opened the largest open space in Denver, called First Creek at DEN Open Space, to use by the public. We have added approximately 6 acres of new parkland along Lower Lakewood Gulch, with the support of Public Works. I truly believe that individuals do not know the amazing work that this Parks and Recreation Department, with the complete support of the Administration, has accomplished in the past few years. Here are a few points to consider:

- **Designation of parkland from 1956 to 2012 – 56 year time span: approximately 600**

acres

- **Designation of parkland from 2013 to 2016 – 4 year time span: approximately 850 acres (includes Red Rocks parcel)**

- **Park and Open Space acreage added to Denver Parks system from 2013 to 2016 - approximately 630 acres**

Just the two items of 850 acres of designated parkland, and 630 acres of open space and parks added to our Parks system, should make individuals take a pause……. and say WOW!!!! Hopefully this information helps and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to give me a call.

As always thanks for all your support.

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