



Parks and Recreation Committee

December 3, 2017

Dear Landmark and Preservation Commission,

INC Parks and Rec Committee (PARC) is opposed to the new uses being presented for Red Rock Amphitheater planters.

We recognize planters are not being removed, yet the historic purpose of the planters to provide a natural green boundary between the massive rock formations and the steps to seating is being changed. Due to lack of irrigation, long term neglect and allowed misuse, the planters currently have lost their original designed purpose. They have become climbing challenges and dirt seating when events become overcrowded.

The proposed guard rails and pavers for each of the planters significantly changes the planter purpose and focuses toward the use of people gathering/seating areas. The historic integrity of the amphitheater planter design and purpose is being replaced.

INC PARC does not consider neglect or lack of enforcement as adequate reasoning to change historic purpose or design.

We applaud A & V for being willing to budget improvement with irrigation and new plants for all the planters. A 3' planter railing with tasteful signs to keep visitors off the fragile plants along with park enforcement would be a welcome addition to Denver's much loved and perhaps over loved venue.

INC PARC also notes that there is currently no documented historic design protection or guidelines for the interior of the amphitheater or surrounding park. We are aware the current proposal started in 2014 with inter agency and department discussion. We are not aware of a broad public outreach component in the process. Additionally the timing of a December public announcement traditionally limits public participation due to holiday activities. We ask the commission to delay approval and further consider the implications of the changes and public process.

Sincerely,

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