



Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation

January 20, 2013

Dear Members of Denver City Council,

Established in 1975, Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation (INC) is a city-wide network with current membership of 97 Registered Neighborhood Organizations. INC's mission is to advocate for Denver citizens by bringing together, informing and empowering Denver neighborhood organizations to actively engage in addressing City issues.

At its monthly delegate meeting on Saturday, January 12, 2013, upon the recommendation of the INC Parks and Recreation Committee and after discussion, INC Delegates passed the following Resolution regarding the need to designate by ordinance park and natural areas not currently so designated. The vote was thirty-four in favor with six abstentions.

Designation by Ordinance Resolution

In regard to the potential loss of additional park and/or natural areas;

Whereas, the Charter of the City and County of Denver provides that "No land acquired by the City after December 31, 1955, shall be deemed a park unless specifically designated a park by ordinance", and

Whereas, the Charter also states, "Without the approval of a majority of those registered electors voting in an election held by the City and County of Denver, no park or portion of any park belonging to the City as of December 31, 1955, shall be sold or leased at any time, and no land acquired by the City after December 31, 1955, that is designated a park by ordinance shall be sold or leased at any time..."

Whereas, there are a number of parcels of City of Denver owned land which which have been administratively designated by the Manager of Parks and Recreation as Denver parks or natural areas within parks but have not been designated by ordinance as such, and

Whereas, these parks and natural areas can be administratively "de-designated" without the approval of a majority of those registered electors voting in an election held by the City and County of Denver and then sold or leased at any time,

Now therefore, INC asks that the City immediately introduce legislation to City Council to be signed by the Mayor that would result in designation by ordinance of any such administratively designated parks and natural areas now and in the future so that these such parcels of land cannot be sold or leased without a vote of the people.

Thank you for your consideration of this Motion in your deliberation and recommendation on this matter of great importance to Denver's historic park system.

Respectfully,

Larry Ambrose
President, INC

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