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Q1 What is your name please?

Stacie Gilmore

Q2 What Office are you running for?

Council

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Q3 Which council district are you running for?

Council District

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Q4 Regardless of the office you are running for, if you were appointing the Executive Director of Parks and Recreation Department, what education and previous experience would you expect the person to have?

The Executive Director of Parks and Recreation should have a solid foundation of understanding and expertise in public policy and programming related to parks, recreation, natural resources, community health, and sustainability. The educational requirements I believe could vary based on the candidate, but the previous experience is most important because it shows the breadth of professional and technical expertise. Previous experience would also speak to the individual's community engagement and values related to furthering the mission and goals of the Denver Parks and Recreation Department.

Q5 Will you support an ordinance moving OS-A zoning from the Ex. Director of Parks back to City Council? If not, why?

I would be open to learning more about moving OS-A zoning decisions back to City Council. Too often decisions are made within agencies that do not fully take into consideration the community's voice and desires. I look forward to talking with INC and my community more about the intended and possible unintended consequences of such a change.

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Q6 What would you consider is adequate green space for high density development, for example Elitch's. What steps would you take to ensure the zoning requirement for green space is adequate?

The amount of green space required should be based on the population density of a proposed development. Taking into consideration the land mass, the appropriate allocation of green space would be calculated based on estimated population density. The General Development Plan revisions proposed by Community Planning and Development would be a first step to ensure the zoning requirements for green space is adequate through the Large Development Review (LDR) process for "large" sites greater than 5 acres or three blocks. We need to ensure that both INC, and the broader community voice is heard throughout this process and through continued engagement.

Q7 The use of recycled water in Denver parks appears to be causing the premature loss of many mature evergreens. Is that an acceptable trade-off for accommodating more population growth or should the city spend money to untie remediation measures to save those legacy trees? Please explain your answer.

Protection of our natural resources is important. Water is a finite resource and I believe that we must save potable water for people's homes when we can. Denver Parks and Recreation has been meeting with stakeholders to develop a process to mitigate the loss of legacy trees when appropriate. Denver is a semi-arid climate and Parks is also replacing older trees with new drought tolerant species, such as Austrian pines.

Q8 What would you do to protect and enhance waterways going through Denver?

The partnerships between Urban Drainage and Flood Control District (UDFCD), the Greenway Foundation and others with Denver Parks and Recreation has created a framework of protection and enhancement of our waterways. Through supporting the implementation of the Corps of Engineers Denver Waterways Restoration Study the City of Denver will be a leader in reclaiming neglected waterways. I will always be a strong advocate of making sure the community's voice is included in all processes, in implementation and ongoing enhancement of our waterways. Naturalizing stormwater drainage channels in community's like Montbello, would provide pollution mitigation through filtering by aquatic vegetation and sediment before run off goes to our waterways. Reconstruction and naturalization of waterways would also improve wildlife habitat and provide important green space and trail connections within our neighborhoods.

Q9 What aspect(s) of INC Parks and Rec Urban Platform do you support?

I support all aspects of INC Parks and Rec Urban Platform. I look forward to working together on these in the future and including a robust community-based process in providing and protection green space to all neighborhoods in Denver.
