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Q1 What is your name please?

Blair Taylor

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?

A background and experience in Parks Planning, Environment & Conservation, Public Health, and Water Quality & Habitat Protection.

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

Yes, City Council has the responsibility to decide land use and zoning. Our parks are public lands for the people of this city and their use should fall under that same policy. The role of the Park and Recreation manger should be defined as maintenance and use of the parks.

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

The citizens voted for both 2A park initiative and the green roof initiative. Denver is concerned about how climate change is affecting our city. There is a significant amount of increased pervious surface. With the 550+ acres of high density [including Elitches] development that will be going in west of i25, we need to ensure there is open space to balance the density and its proximity to the water front. Right now, Elitches is preparing for 12% open space, this is low when considering the number of people that will be housed, recreating and working in this area. We should look at the size/scale of the developments and use, for Elitches, at least 20-25% should be dedicated to open space.

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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.

In a city that does experience drought, we should be proactive and creative in addressing water shortage because it is growing every year with the growth. It was only within the last 2 years that the city approved rain barrels. The legacy trees need to be cared for and if they require additional protections and remediation we should ensure the forestry department addresses those. In general our tree canopy needs to always be growing, tree canopy and parks per 1000 is already below the national average.

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

With so much of Denver slated for development, the city needs to identify, preserve and incorporate the protection of the natural waterways through the city in future development projects. We can use these waterways for natural run off, filtration, and heat island and create multi-purpose walking and bike trails to connect the far neighborhoods.

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

1. All citizens have access to free, clean and open space parks.
 2. Public parks space use should be decided by the citizens.
 3. With 2A we voted to protect our current open space and expand the park land in the city. The city needs to ensure we have continuous funding for acquisition and maintenance.
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