

Questions for Mayor Hancock regarding appointment of new Executive Director of Parks and Recreation.

On July 1, your office issued a press release that contained the following statement:

The Mayor has assembled two transition teams respectively to identify highly qualified candidates for the next great leaders of the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Department of Environmental Health.

I would like you to describe the Parks and Recreation transition team and its process. Specifically, I would like to know:

- Who are the members of the Transition committee for DPR Director and what are their affiliations?
- Will you include citizen representatives on the Transition committee?
- Will you include at least one new Council member on the Transition committee?
- Have you hired a search firm? If so, what firm and can you tell us about them & why you feel they're best qualified to find your candidates?
- Have you posted a job description and requirements? If not, why not? If so, please direct us to it.
- What is your timeline for the process?
- Are there any internal candidates? If not, why not?
- What priorities are you establishing for DPR and what type of management philosophy are you looking for? How will this differ from the past four years under Lauri Dannemiller?
- Do you intend to hire a Director to continue developing parks as commercial venues, advancing policies such as ABE and POFA?
- When you have identified finalists, ask them to present themselves to the community in a public forum. Ask them to give a presentation about themselves, their philosophy, how they'll contribute to Denver's parks, etc. Then ask them to take questions from the public. Boulder recently used such a process when they hired a new Open Space Parks Director. If you will NOT do this, why not?

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