



## **Zoo To Beautify Sanitation Building and Gate 15 area Your Input Needed**

On October 12, the Denver Zoo called a public meeting to gather citizen input for moving forward on a project to add landscaping and public art to the industrial area centered around Gate 15 where the service entrance to the Asian elephant exhibit is located and also the still evident machinery from the now-defunct gasification project. The area fronts City Park Lake, the Pavilion and Duck Lake.

The Zoo was represented by VP for Design and Campus Management, George Pond and Community Affairs Manager, Megan Deffner. George stated that the Zoo was committed to the beautification project, working with Denver Arts and Venue and also bringing the Zoo's resources to bear. Michael Chavez, Public Art Program Manager for Denver Arts and Venues, presented the process for selecting public art.

Neighbors from CHUN, Uptown on the Hill, CPFAN and City Park Neighborhood Advisory Group stated a preference for a treatment that melded art and landscaping, reflected the historic nature of the park, and reflected the connections between the Zoo and the park. Hank Bootz of CPFAN repeated his preference for three-tiered beds of grasses and plants rising against the wall fronting Duck Lake. The Zoo had shown this treatment in a previous slide show. Georgia Garnsey asked that the previous Zoo slides showing filigreed metal extensions topping the walls to the east of Gate 15 be considered for

installation. Such extensions would block the view of the trucks and machinery and service activity so visible to park goers at present.

Public Art Project Coordinator, Brendan Picker is spearheading the art selection project. Neighbors recommended for the selection committee are Carolyn Livers, City Park Alliance; Georgia Garnsey, CPFAN and Alison Torvik, CHUN. The project budget is \$300,000.

If you would like to serve on the art committee, contact Megan Deffner, [MDeffner@denverzoo.org](mailto:MDeffner@denverzoo.org). **Please relay your vision and preferences for the Gate 15 beautification project to Georgia Garnsey, [ggarnsey@ecentral.com](mailto:ggarnsey@ecentral.com).**

We will update you about this process in the coming weeks. It should be an exciting collaboration between the Zoo, Denver Arts and Venue, and our communities. You will receive more photos and designs to comment on soon. **Your input is critical!** We look forward to hearing from you.

