

CPFAN resolution concerning flood water detention in CPGC

Adopted May 9, 2016 by unanimous vote of the CPFAN Board

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City Park Friends and Neighbors (CPFAN): Resolution concerning flood water detention in City Park Golf Course:

Whereas: Flood protection and ensuring the safety of existing Denver residents is of paramount importance to all of us in CPFAN and in Denver's neighborhoods, and

Whereas: Protection of existing historic Denver neighborhoods, existing Areas of Stability, and existing designated park lands such as City Park Golf Course, is also crucial and must be Denver's priority, and

Whereas: The detention basin proposal will forever alter the historically significant fairways of noted golf course architect, Tom Bendelow, and landscape architect, Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr., designed to highlight scenic views, trees, and topography, and

Whereas: The value of CPGC to birds and wildlife, green storm water mitigation, lowering ambient temperatures (heat island effect), inadvertent detention, pollution control, and the community, has not been fully evaluated, and

Whereas: An industrial sump is contrary to the park and recreation purpose for which the golf course was designated, and

Whereas: Detention basins pose health, safety, and maintenance issues, require significant buffer areas for maintenance and protection, are costly to construct, maintain, and replace at end of life, and are generally considered unattractive, and

Whereas: Use of City Park Golf Course as a detention facility would waste significant investments made by taxpayers in recent improvements such as the Club House, irrigation system, and trees, and

Whereas: The City has announced its intention to close City Park Golf Course for 2 years, remove hundreds of trees, and then excavate a huge storm water detention pond 35 to 65 acres in size, and

Whereas: CPFAN is absolutely opposed to the use of historic City Park Golf Course, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, for a storm water detention Facility.

Now therefore: We move that the City evaluate other options based not solely on utility for CDOT, RTD and revenues for the City, but on full study and meaningful neighborhood involvement.

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