

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

City Park Alliance And Denver Parks And Recreation Department

Whereas City Park, located in the City and County of Denver, Colorado (Map attached as Exhibit A) comes within the jurisdiction of the City's Manager of Parks and Recreation (the "Manager") who is responsible for the operation and control of its facilities; the Manager recognizes the benefit of cooperating with citizen-based groups that can provide advice, public awareness and private funding to support the mission of Denver Department of Parks and Recreation. The City Park Alliance (the "Alliance") is one such group who wishes to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") and establish the role and relationship between the Alliance and the Manager.

The purpose of this MOU is to assure that the activities of Alliance benefit the people of the city and the general public through this public - private cooperation. The City Park Alliance is a non-profit organization with a managing board of up to 17-members drawn from the community, local neighborhood associations, and with representation from both the Zoo and the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. The Manager will be a member of the Board as an ex officio director, however the Manager may designate a staff representative to attend Board meetings. The Manager may also appoint a director to serve on the Board.

The mission of the Alliance is to serve as an advocate in supporting City Park and to help implement the City Park Master Plan. The Alliance may sometimes act as a conduit for communication between the community, neighborhood groups, the institutions within the Park (e.g. the Museum of Nature and Science and the Zoo), City Park Golf Course and the Department of Parks and Recreation. The Alliance may also on occasion serve as an umbrella organization in bringing groups together to discuss City Park issues and provide a public forum for input into decisions affecting the park and its use. The Alliance

supports, promotes, facilitates, and administers programs and activities within the park which help realize the vision of City Park as Denver's "People's Park".

This MOU is intended to be a working document and as such may be modified and revised upon the agreement of the City and the Alliance. The MOU will be reviewed on a regular basis but at a minimum at least every three years to adjust and modify the understanding to reflect current and future working relationships. The MOU can be terminated by either the Alliance or the City upon written notice, by certified mail, return-receipt requested, to the other of its election that this MOU shall cease. Such notice shall be signed by the Manager or the Chairman of the Board of the Alliance.

The Alliance shall promote and help implement the Master Plan for City Park through its advocacy in sponsoring forums for discussions regarding decisions that affect the park, making recommendations on permitting issues, and proactively promoting, supporting, and or sponsoring activities which further this vision of the park.

The Alliance will pursue and obtain 501(c)(3) status to establish itself as a non-profit organization and continue its public-private relationship with the City.

The Alliance may select a park improvement project to support through its fund-raising and community involvement activities. The project will be consistent with the objectives of the City Park Master Plan and have the written approval of the Manager.

The Alliance will, when appropriate, facilitate communications, including but not limited to: newsletters, website information and public forums, between the city, the institutions within the park (including golf) and the community concerning City Park issues and information.

The Alliance will review the policies for special events permitted in City Park and may make recommendations to the Manager to ensure that the enjoyment of all park users is considered and conflicts between different users is avoided in City Park.

The Manager may, upon request and based on availability, provide office support for minor clerical functions.

All gifts of money made to the City for use in City Park shall remain under the control of the Manager and utilized only for projects within City Park. All gifts of money made to the Alliance shall remain under the control of the Alliance and utilized only for projects within City Park.

Other appropriations to the Department of Parks and Recreation as may be authorized from time to time by the Mayor and appropriated by the City Council, such as capital improvement project funds, will remain under the control of the Manager.

By: Carolyn Lievers _____
Carolyn Lievers, City Park Alliance Chair Date

By: Kim Bailey _____ 2/27/04
Kim Bailey, Manager of Parks and Recreation Date