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Jeanne Robb Councilwoman, District Ten

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Dear District 10 Constituents,

I am most grateful for the opportunity to have served as your councilwoman over the last twelve years. One of the mantras of my first campaign for office was that the quality of life in our neighborhoods and economic development go hand in hand. That is still true along Colfax, along First Avenue, and everywhere in between.

When I was elected, there were approximately 50,000 people living in each council district. Now there are 60,000 people in each re-aligned council district. And yet each district has its own unique character. District 10 is the smallest and thus densest of all the districts with great proximity to downtown. Our district is characterized by beautiful parks and parkways, popular cultural institutions, walkable neighborhoods, great restaurants and shopping. The challenge has been to preserve and enhance these attributes.

And you have been key to that effort! Your active engagement - and at times, vigorous activism - through e-mails and phone calls, Facebook and NextDoor posts, neighborhood groups, business districts and alliances, non-profits and ad hoc stakeholder groups have provided the ideas and projects that have made District 10 even better. I also want to recognize the dedicated city employees who have spent hours meeting with District 10 constituents, addressing concerns, and furthering our common goals.

In the following pages, I have assembled a summary of the projects and work of the past twelve years. Please reflect with me on the things we've accomplished together!

Best regards,

Councilwoman, 2003-2015

# CAPITOL HILL Safe ty on the Hill



Introducing our new Police Chief Robert White to Capitol Hill in 2011, with Mayor Michael Hancock.

Police District 6 was created in 1995 to better control crime issues in Capitol Hill and along Colfax. Over the years, the Colfax Business Improvement District and Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods as well as the Unsinkables neighborhood group have worked collaboratively with District 6. This has been an ongoing struggle, but one which the neighbors and District 6 face with a "can do/never give up" attitude. When Councilwoman Robb took office, the first meeting she arranged with Mayor Hickenlooper included these neighborhood leaders and a discussion of the problems and possible solutions.

In 2004, Councilwoman Robb joined with Councilwoman Faatz in support of an amendment to the Mayor's proposed budget, adding \$300,000 to police overtime pay to address and enforce noise ordinances, traffic laws and other offenses on corridors like Federal and Colfax.

Convened by Mayor Hickenlooper in 2008, the Capitol Hill Crime Task Force took a deep-dive into crime statistics analysis and best practices. The Task Force brought together numerous city agencies, outside crime analysts, residents, and property owners who attended regular meetings over many months. The residents became more organized, specific locations were targeted as being high crime, and police and other city efforts were more highly focused. Measuring the long-term effect of this effort has been difficult.

Other specific efforts that District 10 worked on include:

## The closure of the 7-Eleven at 13<sup>th</sup> and Pearl under Denver's Public Nuisance Abatement law in 2006

Subsequently, many hours were spent talking with the Dallas corporate managers before they decided to sell. Eventually the Vance Kirkland Museum acquired the property for parking and storage. The crime rate for the corner dropped dramatically.

#### Meeting on 1145 Sherman Street in 2009

After receiving multiple complaints about drug-dealing at an apartment building at 1145 Sherman, District 10 organized a meeting with the owners, neighbors and police. While the meeting was fractious, the owner did make changes resulting in a quieter, safer block.

#### Area restrictions

The Capitol Hill Task Force initiated a very successful Area Restriction program, allowing the courts to restrict persons convicted of drug crimes on the Hill from returning to the area during their sentencing period. Later, the program ran into some legal and financial hurdles and was discontinued. With strong neighborhood support, the District Attorney and Police District 6 devised a way to reactivate area restrictions.

#### Seven problem properties in 2011

One shooting, drug-dealing, illegal dumping, one fire, health violations, and poor upkeep were complaints over several years about seven small multi-family buildings from Corona to York in Capitol Hill, all owned by the same person. A multi-pronged approach was needed. Neighborhood Inspections, the Building Department, Environmental Health, Police District 6, Nuisance Abatement, the City Attorney's Office, and the Fire Department met with the owner and with concerned citizens. Numerous inspections were conducted, some of which Councilwoman Robb attended. The property owner was encouraged to hire a professional property management company to bring the buildings up to code. The properties were rehabbed, and the landscaping was updated. They are now positive additions to the neighborhood. The effort exemplified the sort of interdepartmental team work that the Capitol Hill Task Force had advocated in 2008.

#### The Colfax Community Coalition

In 2012, a group of neighbors, Registered Neighborhood Organizations and business owners again joined with representatives from the city attorney's office, Police District 6, Council District 10, and the Crime Control and Prevention Commission to address the common safety concerns along the Colfax corridor. Monthly meetings brought many ideas together and enabled all parties to work on solutions.

## Potential BID office at the Uptown Renaissance Lofts to provide "eyes on the street"

As the Colfax Business Improvement District changed its focus in 2014 to "Safe and Clean," Councilwoman Robb brought the BID, the Coalition for the Homeless, and Police District 6 together to discuss office space on the ground floor of the Uptown Renaissance Lofts at Colfax and Pearl. All parties hope to work together to effect this move in 2015.

#### **Denver Recovery Court pilot project**

Regina Huerter from the CCPC analyzed the 500 most frequent users in the Denver County Court population. The analysis showed that 95% of them are homeless and highly concentrated along the East Colfax Corridor. Over 4 years, the top 300 spent 14,000 days in jail, had 2400 visits to detox, 1000 arrests and 600 emergency room visits – costing the city an average of \$37,000 per user annually. The Denver Recovery Court pilot project was created to reduce costs, improve the well-being of those using the court, prevent re-arrests, and enhance public safety. The current grant-funded pilot project is budgeted to serve 50 of these court users and includes screening/ assessment, housing, treatment/interventions and coordinated services in conjunction with court-based supervision.

#### **SOCO/Broadway and Lincoln:**

Nightclub and alcohol problems generate a large number of complaints in District 10. The 2 am let-out in SoCo is a huge drain on Police District 6 as they are covering LoDo at the same time. Commander White's decision to shrink the boundaries of District 6 and realign resources has helped. The District 10 Office has spent many hours meeting with establishment owners and the neighbors impacted by these clubs. We work closely with District 6 Police and Environmental Health Noise Inspections.

#### Monthly crime statistics:

As requested, the District 10 Office works with the Denver Police Department to provide monthly statistics to Seventh Avenue, Congress Park, CBID,

Colfax Community Coalition, Bellevue-Hale, Cherry Creek East, Alamo Placita, and Country Club. We monitor all of these, as well as the weekly Colfax Crime Statistics and often discuss trends observed with the District Police Commanders and citizens.

# CAPITOL HILL Increased Parking on the Hill



This parking spot on the 1300 block of Pennsylvania Street on Capitol Hill looks sketchy but it's legal.

In 2003, District 10 embarked on a 12year search for every available parking space on the Hill. Here are some results:

- Added parking along 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue between York and Clarkson in 2012
- Added off-peak parking on Logan between 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> in 2006
- Added reverse angle parking on 7<sup>th</sup>
   Avenue at Governors Park in 2014,
   possibly to expand in the future
- Added angle parking on Pennsylvania between 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue in 2010
- Added on-street parking in a through lane of traffic on Sunday mornings on some one-way street sections
- Worked via field trips with Public Works to remove old loading zones and find additional, new parking spaces by eliminating unnecessary parking restrictions
- Arranged for alternative parking in cooperation with Public Works and Parks & Rec for high-rise buildings undergoing construction on their parking facilities
- Worked with Parking Management

- to retain present Residential Parking Permits even though permits are not being issued for new multi-story buildings
- Supported in 2014 excluding Saturdays from the two-hour parking restriction in addition to Sundays and holidays on the 800 and 900 blocks of Pennsylvania
- Restricted parking hours on Humboldt Island added to ½ blocks at 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> adjacent to Cheesman Park in 2011
- Worked with Public Works and 2014 Budget Office to add Parking Management personnel to deal with Sunday enforcement

In debating the budget for 2015, Councilwoman Robb was successful in advocating for three more parking staff. This doubled the current planning and implementation group. Parking Management has recently hired consultants to collect baseline data and study existing conditions for the area from Colfax to 6th Avenue, Humboldt to Lincoln. They are hoping to kick off an area parking management plan this fall.

# CAPITOL HILL Historic Preservation

"Historic preservation is a responsibility movement rather than a rights movement. It is a movement that urges us toward responsible stewardship, not merely the right of ownership,"

— Donal Rypkema, principal at PlaceEconomics

District 10 has the greatest number of landmarked properties and districts in the city. Commensurate with that distinction, more than 30 of these different properties have received grants from the State Historical Fund in the last decade. Many of these buildings are on Capitol Hill - for example, the Capitol Hill Bed & Breakfast, the Montgomery Court condominiums, the Owen-LeFevre House on York, and the Women's Press Club. Some like Cheesman Park. Civic Center, the Botanic Gardens, the Tears-McFarlane House, and East High related projects, including most recently the Sullivan Gates, have received multiple grants. The District 10 office

has been pleased to provide numerous letters of support for funding of these various projects.

Additionally, prior to the ordinance that Councilwoman Robb initiated in 2006, many of these individually landmarked structures could have been demolished after a 12 month waiting period, while buildings in historic districts could not be demolished without Landmark Preservation Commission approval. The 2006 ordinance provided parity for these individually landmarked buildings and thus greater protection. Honoring the past is a continuing hallmark of District 10.



Tears-McFarlane House got new windows.



## "What is the city but the people" — Coriolanus

#### "Recycle 8+ in 10"

In 2008 the District 10 office facilitated this one year pilot for a multi-family housing recycling program in District 10 to increase recycling opportunities for apartment complexes and condominiums. Over 50 buildings applied and eight buildings of different sizes and locations were selected. The one-year program was provided free of charge courtesy of a \$5,000 grant from Waste Management's community relations fund. Exposure, education and experience regarding the importance of recycling led to a number of these buildings obtaining bids to continue recycling after the grant was depleted.

#### Capitol Hill recycling drop-off

In 2011 the District 10 office opened this drop-off center at Josephine & 16<sup>th</sup> with a Keep America Beautiful grant, funding from the District 10 office budget, and volunteers to staff the site twice per week. The main purpose was to offer recycling to multi-family & high rise buildings that are not serviced by the City. Once the grant was depleted, District 10 worked with Public Works to have Denver Solid Waste assume regular pick-ups of the recycled material. None of this would have been

possible without valued volunteers who have continued to keep the site open for four years!

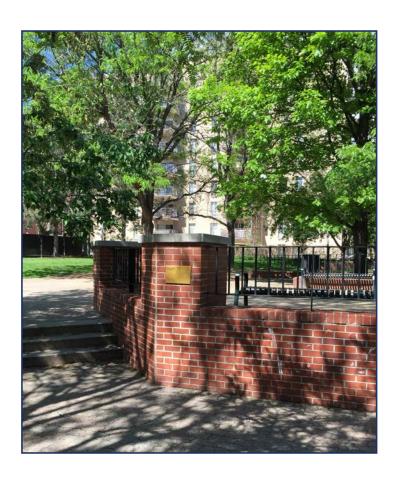


The outstanding District 10 recycling volunteers. Thanks crew!



## "Do small things with great love." — Mother Teresa

Capitol Hill's special pocket park at 10<sup>th</sup> and Pennsylvania on Quality Hill received a \$100,000 upgrade to its plaza in 2010. The plantings and brick had deteriorated. This spring nearby residents met to discuss some of the discouraging activities – littering, camping, and defecation – occurring in the park lately. District 6 police, homeless outreach officers, and the Parks Department are working to address the issue. Over the years, some neighbors have suggested that this little park become a small dog park, but the idea has met with opposition from other neighbors.



# CAPITOL HILL Cheesman Park

Cheesman Park, which lies in the center of the Capitol Hill neighborhood. is listed on the National Register of Historic Places as part of Denver's historic park and parkway system. A jewel in our park system, Cheesman Park was designed by Denver's first landscape architect, Reinhard Schuetze, and built between 1900 and 1912. In 2003, nearly a century old, the Park was showing signs of deterioration, some park trails and elements had disappeared, the park drive had been realigned and more auto entries added. Complaints of illicit and illegal park activities were not uncommon.

After a well-attended public meeting at the Denver Botanic Gardens in early 2004 discussing traffic circulation,



Pridefest begins in Cheesman



People love the Cheesman 4th of July Parade.

safety issues, turf and garden maintenance, and yes, dogs off leash in the park, Councilwoman Robb formed the Cheesman Park Advocacy Group (CPAG) to partner with the City in enhancing the park and park experience. One of the group's first projects was to support a \$60,000 grant application to the State Historical Fund for an historic assessment. The City provided matching funds for the state grant and Mundus Bishop Design was hired to create the Cheesman Park Historic Landscape Assessment and Master Plan. The recommendations in the plan provided a basis for bond improvements approved by Denver voters in 2007. CPAG also organized and funded 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parades, new pedestrian entrances with lighting and urns at 10th

and 11<sup>th</sup> on the west side of the park, a sprinkler head campaign, rose garden maintenance, and auto-free Second Sundays in the Park. CPAG has lent support to Friends & Neighbors of Little Cheesman for the upgrade of planting beds in Little Cheesman

#### Cheesman Park Bond Improvements:

- New alignment and new softsurface material for the running trail on the park's perimeter
- Addition of a concrete loop trail in the big meadow
- Upgrade of the 8<sup>th</sup> Ave sidewalk to a concrete surface
- Construction of two parallel walks lined with Linden trees and benches on the Park's west side
- Construction of eight pedestrian raised-road crossings on the loop road to slow traffic and minimize auto/pedestrian conflicts.
- 3-way stops where park entry roads meet the loop road
- Irrigation replacement and upgrades for efficient operating and maintenance costs
- Foundation, electrical, and



Denver Municipal Band Jazz Ensemble at the Cheesman Pavilion

mechanical ventilation improvements to the Cheesman Pavilion

Ongoing challenges include running trail realignment and detours to prevent the creation of dirt paths, a Franklin Street pedestrian entrance, and new equipment for the existing playground.



# CAPITOL HILL Denver Botanic Gardens



With discussions abounding today about uses in parks, who knew that in 1951, the City of Denver designated 100 acres in City Park as the site for a new botanic gardens? In 1954 the Denver Botanic Gardens were formally dedicated at the southwest corner of the Natural History Museum. But by 1958, the combined efforts of private citizens and the City and County of Denver set forth a plan that would eventually transform an old cemetery located on York Street between east 9th and 11th Avenues into one of the country's largest and finest botanic gardens. By 1995, given neighborhood parking and noise issues, the City of Denver revised its operational agreement to create a Neighborhood Advisory Committee and to create neighborhood trustee positions.

By 2003, years of deferred maintenance prompted the Gardens to enter a threephase planning process including a framework plan, a needs assessment, and finally a master development plan.

Thus the Gardens were well-positioned to be included in the 2007 voter-approved bond project. Under the capable leadership of Brian Vogt, who took the helm in 2007, required matching funds were raised.

Other improvements at the Denver Botanic Gardens:

 The new parking garage built in 2008 increased parking from 180 spaces to over 300 spaces. Council voted to allow DBG to issue certificates of participation for construction of the new parking garage. Neighbors were involved in long discussions of whether there should be a bridge or at-grade crossing York Street.

• The new west gate allows people to park in Cheesman Park.







#### Other improvements in the area – Morgan's Historic District:

- Flashing speed indicator at York Street curve north of 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- Radium Streets and new paving
- Worked with Denver Botanic Gardens, Parking Management & the Neighborhood Advisory Group to:
  - 1) add the 800 & 900 blocks of Race in 2007 to the permitted parking program for summer concert series
  - 2) provide additional restricted parking in surrounding neighborhoods related to the Chihuly exhibit in 2014.

# Colfax Avenue The times they are a-changing

## "...the longest, wickedest street in America." — Playboy Magazine



Mayor Hancock announces an OED grant to the Bluebird District at the annual Colfax on the Hill holiday party at Charlie's.

Stately homes and high-end flats, streetcars, Highway 40, Gateway to the Rockies, Jack Kerouac— Colfax has seen it all! The first thing learned when walking the blocks near Colfax before the 2003 election was that a lot of people who lived a block away did not walk to or shop on Colfax. It was time to change that. A rezoning attempt a couple of years earlier had pitted property owner against property owner, businesses against neighbors. A planning process was created that would bring all stakeholders together.

The Colfax Plan, adopted by City Council in 2004, was the first area plan done after the completion of Blueprint Denver. It lays out this vision:

"Colfax Avenue in 2020 will be a multimodal, commercial and residential Main Street that complements and sustains the nearby neighborhoods and encourages walking, biking, and transit use. The corridor teems with activity on the street and captures the attention of commuters and visitors." In 2007, Council adopted Main Street zoning – Denver's first formbased zoning. Subsequently, Council legislatively rezoned properties from Grant Street to Colorado Boulevard to the new main street forms.

But Colfax needed more than zoning. Councilwoman Robb partnered with Councilwoman-at-Large Carol Boigon, the Office of Economic Development, and the Denver Urban Renewal Authority to fund a catalyst project - The Lowenstein Theater Project with Tattered Cover, Twist & Shout, and a movie theater (now the Sie Film Society). And what a catalyst it was!

## Private reinvestment on Colfax since 2004 fulfilling the Colfax Plan vision:

The Blueprint Condos at Madison
 by zoning the site to Main Street



Public art to accompany the pedestrian lighting project symbolizes the wheels of change on Colfax.

- zoning, we were able to prevent the demolition of one turn-of-the-century home adjacent to Snell's Historic District.
- First Bank at Colfax and Franklin
- Uptown Renaissance Lofts at Pearl

   the historic façade of the tax strip
   was saved by good design
- A new Argonaut Store
- A new Office Depot Store
- Sprouts
- Natural Grocers
- Slice Works
- Billy's Dogs
- Steve's Snappin' Dogs
- The Cheeky Monk and the Lost Highway Brewery
- Smiley's Laundromat Redevelopment
- VooDoo Donuts
- New Pedestrian-friendly McDonald's
- 7-Eleven at Colfax and Josephine
- Formation of the Bluebird District with many popular new venues
- Transit and Pedestrians

## Public investment in Colfax since 2003:

- Three phases of pedestrian lighting

   completion of 1999 Bond Project

   and Better Denver Bonds
- Colfax Streetcar Feasibility Study found that a streetcar would have strong ridership but needed further analysis
- Colfax Transit Alternatives
   Analysis recommended Bus
   Rapid Transit on Colfax. The city
   is currently completing design and environmental work in order to apply for federal funding
- Colfax Transit Priority Study recommended bus headway and other transit improvements
- New signal at Colfax and Steele will be installed this summer (2015).
   Five other signal locations will be upgraded

# Colfax Avenue Redevelopment





**Top:** Blueprint Condos at Colfax and Madison, first Main Street zoning in Denver. **Center:** New Argonaut and Slice Works. **Lower left:** New Office Depot and Billy's. **Lower right:** Renovation of Smiley's Laundromat preserved the historic building and left room for apartments along Corona.







Above: Uptown
Renaissance Lofts
developed by the Coalition
for the Homeless preserved
the historic one-story facade.
Below: The Lowenstien
Theater project houses retail
icons Tattered Cover and
Twist & Shout. The Sie Film
Center is also located on
site.





# Colfax Avenue The Colfax Marathon

Celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Sunday, May 17, the Kaiser Permanente Colfax Marathon began in 2005 with three \$90,000 loans from each of the three cities - Denver. Aurora, and Lakewood. Councilwoman Robb was a founding board member, board chair for three years, and worked hard to secure race sponsors and raise money for the race. Today it is an entire race weekend including the marathon, the half-marathon, marathon relays, the urban 10 miler, and the Colfax 5K. Over 15,000 runners participate, providing a fund-raising platform for more than 130 charity partners. The Marathon was started to bring positive vibrancy to the Colfax brand and the race is now well-know across the country. You can always "come back to Colfax."

## Runner's World names Colfax Marathon as 1 of 10 to run

Colfax Marathon was selected by Runner's World as one of 10 marathons to run in 2015. Here is some of what they had to say:

"If marathons on highways bore you, try this Denver race. Between miles three and four, the course passes through a fire station, where firefighters and police officers cheer runners. A few miles later, you'll enter Mile High Stadium, home of the Denver Broncos, where you'll run along the perimeter of the field and see yourself on the JumboTron."



The whole Robb family ran in the first-ever Colfax Marathon.

# Central Denver Recreation Center



City officials announce the funding for construction of a Central Denver rec center.

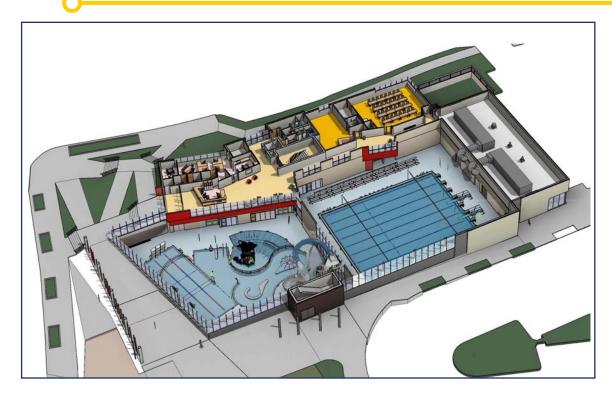
The saga of creating a Central Denver Recreation Center began with the discussion of which projects would be included in the 2007 Bond Issue. Most of the projects were based on infrastructure enhancements and deferred maintenance, but several new buildings were included. District 10 presented the need for a Recreation Center to the Parks and Recreation Facility Committee several times but the committee kept saying there was no place to locate it. Finally at their last meeting, the committee voted to include money for the purchase of land and for initial planning.

The City's Department of Real Estate and Parks and Rec then began the search for an affordable piece of property in the district. About seven sites were considered before the list was narrowed to two properties. At a well-attended meeting in 2008, the community debated putting the Rec Center in Congress Park or on the site of The Church in the City near the southwest corner of the East High Campus. A straw vote indicated a preference for the Colfax site. The

economic downturn worked in the City's favor and the city was able to purchase the property in 2010. As an interim measure, then Councilwoman Carla Madison and Councilwoman Robb proposed a dog park.

Now the search for construction dollars was on! We considered partnering with a developer and analyzed if the site was large enough to hold residential, retail, and a rec center. We considered the formation of a general improvement district. After the 2011 election and the appointment of the new Parks and Recreation Director Lauri Dannemiller, the City purchased the Sun Mart property on the corner the northeast corner of Colfax and Josephine. In January of 2015, Mayor Hancock, Councilwoman Albus Brooks and Councilwoman Robb announced that funds from the Tabor Reserve would be used for construction.

Barker, Rinker, Seacat Architects were chosen to design the Recreation Center, and a stakeholders group was appointed to consult on the programming and design. Construction is anticipated to begin in August 2015 with completion in early 2017.



## The base program features include:

- Competitive lap pool
- Warm water leisure pool
- Gymnasium
- Weight/cardio space
- Functional training/personal training area
- Group exercise room
- Fitness studio
- Multipurpose community meeting room(s)
- Flexible classroom space
- Drop-in childcare

## If additional funding becomes available include:

- Walk/jog track
- Rooftop event space with catering kitchen
- Climbing wall
- Site improvements at Esplanade (behind Sullivan Gateway)
- Bouldering area





Congress Park has become one of the most desirable neighborhoods in Denver, perfectly located between Cherry Creek and Colfax and just west of the exciting redevelopment of the former CU Health Sciences Center on Colorado Boulevard. In addition to improvements in the park itself, the District 10 office also worked on the following initiatives in the neighborhood:

- Facilitation between the Waldorf School and nearby neighbors: The Waldorf School pre-K to 12 moved to 10<sup>th</sup> and Fillmore in 2003. The wider range of student ages created a more active school use, and over the years the school considered various ways to expand at the location. However, in 2014, the Waldorf decided to move to a new campus and in 2016 the Sewall Child Development Center will occupy the building. Sewall is delighted to have the spacious facility and the neighborhood has welcomed Sewall.
- When the new Main Street zoning was implemented, neighbors worried that the multi-family, high-rise zoning on residential blocks could result in overdevelopment. They successfully persuaded Council to change their zoning in 2007/2008 R-3 to R-2 allowing only single-family homes, duplexes, and rowhomes. In 2010, the passage of the new Denver Zoning Code reinforced that down-zoning and applied a more compatible zoning to the whole area.
- In 2009 when parking became available to the new Lowenstein garage for business customers, we worked with Parking Management to initiate restricted parking hours and residential parking permits for Columbine/ Elizabeth between 14th & Colfax.
- Most neighbors were supportive of new zoning for National Jewish Hospital in 2011. The zoning included the current parking lot west of Colorado and the former Gove School property east of Colorado.
- Congress Park Neighbors welcomed the Women's Homeless Initiative to Capitol Heights Church in 2011.
- Karis Community at 1361 Detroit underwent a renovation in 2012 and bought an additional facility in East Cheesman in 2014.
- In 2013 Congress Park Neighbors successfully fought a use permit for a 24-hour 7-Eleven at 1295 Colorado Boulevard. Councilwoman Robb supported their request to the zoning administrator.
- The District 10 Office worked with Public Works & the Congress Park Neighbors Association to survey blocks in the western part of the neighborhood and eliminate parking restrictions related to the former 9<sup>th</sup> & Colorado Health Sciences Center for those blocks that so desired.

# Congress Park Open Space



**Congress Park** 

Like Cheesman, Congress Park has looked much better since the irrigation system was updated in 2011.

Other projects in Congress Park include new restrooms (2007), a new pool shade structure (2009). When the city budgeted new tennis court surfaces for the park, a District 10 constituent suggested and we implemented a children's "Quickstart Tennis" court.

The Denver Water Department also worked for several years to convert the Congress Park reservoir to non-potable water. The alley between Detroit Street and the east side of Congress Park is a de facto pedestrian route to the park from the north. The District 10 office convinced Public Works to create a sidewalk to provide safety for pedestrians. With the City of Denver agreeing to upgrade the area, Denver Water agreed to upgrade their fencing to more attractive wrought-iron along the Denver Water property. The work was completed in 2009.

#### **Seventh Avenue Parkway**

In 2007, the City automated the Seventh Avenue Parkway Irrigation system, but the parkway has faced a few challenges:

- With the Seventh Avenue
   Neighborhood Association, Council
   District 10 successfully opposed the
   elimination of the flowerbeds during
   the economic downturn in 2011 and
   2012; the beds were planted
- Alarmed neighbors informed the District 10 office that their corner turf was being replaced with concrete when handicapped ramps were installed; the turf was replaced on the corners of the historic parkway.

- A constituent alerted us that the crossing to Good Shepherd School at 6<sup>th</sup> and Columbine was unsafe; police observed and the stop line was moved.
- Along Seventh Avenue, west of Williams Parkway, we have worked several times to convince Century Link to not place their juncture boxes in the tree lawns, finding other less visible locations for them.



7th Avenue flower bed



7th Avenue flower bed



7th Avenue curb turf restored

# Bellevue Hale and Mayfair Neighborhoods

For the past 12 years, Bellevue Hale and a northern section of Mayfair have comprised the only area where the District 10 boundaries extended east of Colorado Boulevard. In 2015, these two neighborhood will become, probably more appropriately, part of District 5. Bellevue Hale and Mayfair do share common interests with Congress Park to the west of Colorado Boulevard – Colfax revitalization as well as the redevelopment of the former CU Health Sciences Center.

Walmart, anyone? The neighborhood and the Colorado Health District Board worked together to discuss redevelopment with at least three different development teams for the 9th and Colorado site over the decade that the site has been vacant. The economy thwarted at least one effort. The biggest headlines were about a potential Walmart store – a controversy that crystallized the type of development the neighbors really desired - mixed-use with many living units, pedestrian-friendly neighborhood scale retail, small office, and minimal surface parking - Concilwomen Susman and Robb argued that the proposed big box development plan did not really meet the goals accepted by Planning Board and would not win tax increment financing at City Council. Subsequently, Continuum Partners of Denver was chosen to develop the site.

In 2014, Alliance Residential broke ground on apartments and townhomes on the western edge of the site, and

Continuum Partners closed on the remaining property. Demolition began early in 2015. The development plan contemplates adaptive reuse of the existing iconic Research Bridge and the Nurses' Dormitory. AT 11<sup>th</sup> and Ash, Continuum has partnered with another development team to build senior housing and has met with the neighborhood to clearly explain the project.



#### The Fax!

The East Colfax Plan went only to Colorado Boulevard, so in 2004 the City did a Mayfair Town Center Assessment to envision how that area could redevelop. At the same time, working with Councilwoman Johnson, businesses and neighbors branded Colfax east of Colorado Boulevard "The Fax" and a business alliance was formed. After receiving a grant from the Office of Economic Development. The Fax partnership became a business improvement district in 2014. Marczyk's Fine Foods, The Chop Shop Urban Eatery and other new venues have brought many customers to the area.



9th and Colorado rendering

#### Other projects and efforts

- The rezoning of the former Gove School for future expansion of National Jewish Hospital. National Jewish worked closely with neighbors on the landscaping of the parking lot now on the site.
- Mental Health Center of Denver Recover Center renovation of the former North Pavilion of CU Health Sciences Center (and former Mt. Airy Hospital).
   MHCD worked with the neighbors to build a one-level parking deck and maintain the open space to the north of the parking.
- Traffic enforcement of speed on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Avenues
- Improved bike crossing at 12<sup>th</sup> and Colorado Boulevard
- Use of the public nuisance abatement ordinance to address drug dealing in a residential property
- Lindsley Park received a grant from Rose Hospital for walk improvements which was combined with \$100,000+ of city Capital Improvement Fund dollars to replace the perimeter walk in 2010. In 2012 the city funded a renovation of the basketball court.

## Cherry Creek North Neighborhood

The Cherry Creek North Neighborhood was officially identified as an "area of stability" with the adoption of the 2012 Cherry Creek Area Plan. Now one of the most desirable and upscale neighborhoods in Denver, the neighborhood has seen the vast majority of small bungalows replaced with elegant row homes, large duplexes, and single family homes. The major

discussions with the city of Denver have concerned the challenges of being located next to a successful mixed-use shopping district.

The City implemented residential parking permits (RPP) with two-hour parking on one side of the street and resident-only parking on the other side of the street in 2003. It is one of the largest RPP areas in the City. For the most part, this has worked well for the neighbors. The District 10 office has worked to make additional guest passes available for events at people's homes. The residential parking area does not extend east of Madison Street or south of Second Avenue.

Other parking changes we pursued at constituent request include:

- Parking permits in 2009 for teachers at Bromwell Elementary and Children's Garden Pre-School.
- Unrestricted parking in Cherry Creek North RPP area during the



annual Cherry Creek Arts Festival.

 Parking restrictions on several blocks in Cherry Creek North to cope with construction worker related parking.

As development occurs along Steele Street in the business district, the City needs to constantly monitor the need for residential permits in those areas.

District 10 also worked with neighbors on to propose traffic calming measures and stop sign placement. As development in the nearby retail area increased, the neighborhood thought that money previously reserved in the city budget for traffic calming would be better spent on a base parking and traffic count study in the area. The City conducted that study in 2013, and it will serve as a baseline to monitor the effect of development on traffic growth.

Aside from parking, District 10 worked on basement and lower-level garage flooding of some residences with both short-term and long-term storm water improvements. We were happy to support the neighborhood's great initiative – the Cherry Creek Theater – and to arrange meetings with city agents or possible venue owners as requested. In 2012 the playground in Manley Park was renovated at a cost of \$100,000.

## Cherry Creek East Neighborhood

Cherry Creek East lies east of the Cherry Creek Shopping Center and is bordered by Steele Street, Colorado Boulevard, First Avenue, and Alameda. It is home to Kavode (formerly Allied Jewish Housing), a business node/town center at Madison and Bayaud, as well as high rise, mid rise and small condo buildings, rowhomes, duplexes, and single family residences. Proximity to Pulaski Park, Gates Tennis Center, and the Cherry Creek Greenway makes it a very walkable as well as a very desirable place to live.

District 10 and the neighborhood worked closely on:

- Numerous small lot rezonings interior to the neighborhood
- The update of the Denver Zoning Code and the replacement of many outdated PUDs – The neighborhood also created development agreements with property owners requesting new zoning – Steele Creek and Zeppelin Development which later became Alliance Broadstone.
- Alameda Parkway issues and plans
- A plan for a road diet (narrowing) of First Avenue which was included in the 2012 Cherry Creek Area Plan.
- A clubhouse and court improvements at Gates Tennis Center funded both by the City of Denver and private fund-raising (over \$1,000,000)
- Pulaski Park Playground and Restroom Rehabilitations in 2010 (\$400,00)
- Denver Municipal Band Concert (with food trucks) in Pulaski Park.



Pulaski Park playground.

## **Cherry Creek Plan**ning, zoning and development





After

1st Avenue and Steele Street

Before

## "The trouble with land is that they're not making it anymore." — Will Rogers

No one can miss the changes in Cherry Creek which have come amidst great debate and considerable angst. In fact, Cherry Creek has been changing since its days as a landfill before acquisition by Temple Hoyne Buell in 1925. Buell, an early Denver architect, announced plans for a shopping center in 1946 and after numerous zoning hassles and conversations with transportation managers broke ground on the first shopping center in 1950. The Denver Dry opened there in 1953, and the Sears store followed in 1955. By the 1980's, discussions ensued about redeveloping the whole site south of First Avenue. Taubman won the fight and the right to do so under Mayor Federico Pena. North of First Avenue, the Cherry Creek North Business

Improvement District (CCN BID) created in the same time period was the first business improvement district in the state.

The next major project was the Clayton Lane Project, approved by the previous city council in 2003 and completed early in 2004. The awardwinning project brought Cherry Creek North a new street, national retail. a hotel, 25 condominiums, 1649 parking spaces, and 160,000 sq. ft of office. Shortly after Clayton Lane came the redevelopment of the former Archdiocese site with ground floor retail on Columbine. The neighborhood, Councilwoman Robb, and most importantly Congresswoman Diana DeGette worked to keep the U.S. Post Office in Cherry Creek when the Postal



Cornhole on Fillmore.

Service decided that its former rental space in a deteriorating building was inadequate. The Post Office moved to the retail space on Columbine.

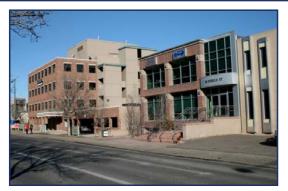
In 2010, after two years of requests from the Cherry Creek Steering Committee, the City of Denver embarked on an update of the Cherry Creek Plan. The first but not only controversial discussion revolved around the key feature of 1989 improvements in the Cherry Creek North Retail Area – Fillmore Plaza. Similar to current vision discussions about the 16th Street Mall and other pedestrian malls around the country, concepts changed with every discussion. Complicating the Fillmore Plaza discussion was the fact that little. if any, public money had ever gone into Fillmore Plaza and there was no General Fund money from the City of Denver available for improvements. Consequently, with input from a working group and comments from many, the "hybrid" concept was created and financed by the BID. The new

hard surface plaza is designed for automobile or pedestrian/event use and can transition from one to the other. In 2012, 2013, and 2014 with donations from some BID businesses as well as neighborhood organizations, Council District 10 produced "SummerTunes on the Plaza" - free and public events including a movie, a New Grass/Blue Grass concert. and a symphony ensemble. (BID and adjoining property owner insurance and process requirements make thirdparty events more difficult than had been anticipated, so future City Council District 10 event sponsorship will be needed.)

The area planning process continued through public and neighborhood meetings, an online survey, focus groups in the summer of 2011, and a development feasibility study. In early 2012 with discussions stalled and again at neighborhood request, Councilwoman Robb and the Planning Department formed the Urban Form Working Group, which delved further into what the various urban design and height recommendations could be in a future zone district. Council adopted the new Cherry Creek Plan in mid-2012, with the developmental study and the Urban Form study as reference appendices.

In addition to targeting growth to appropriate areas and shaping it to urban form and design recommendations, the plan names multi-modal connectivity, the Cherry Creek Greenway, and economic reinvestment as key concepts and transformative projects.

In 2013, the community came together positively to create new Cherry



**Before** 





After

Creek North Business District Zoning (C-CCN) which Council approved in 2014.

## Other Projects and Rezonings in Cherry Creek

While Cherry Creek is booming now, the various entitlements have been approved over more than a decade but a poor economy after 2001 and later the 2008 recession made obtaining financing difficult, delaying construction until recently.

## Cherry Creek North and Cherry Creek Shopping Center

- Restoration Hardware Approved as part of Cherry Creek Shopping Center General Development Agreement, pre-1990
- North Creek 1st and Detroit/ Fillmore – zoned PUD in 1990
- First and Fillmore/St. Paul basic zoning, PUD in 1990s and rezoned to PUD in 2013 to include 15- 17 more residential units
- First Bank, Phase 1, Office and Retail Project – 1st and St. Paul, former Cherry Creek North Zoning changed to PUD in 2009
- 250 Columbine C-MX-8 with a regulating plan – 2012

- 245 Columbine C-MX-8 with a regulating plan – 2013
- 1st and Steele NE Corner 2013
- First Bank, Phase 2, Condo Building - proposed rezoning to CCN-12 to allow this building is scheduled to be considered by City Council in June of 2015

### Cherry Creek East Edges and Cherry Creek Triangle

- Monroe Point
- 3300 E. First Avenue (at Adams) former Key Bank site – C-MX- 5 to C-MX-8 - 2014
- Steele Creek SE Corner of 1st and Steele – 2010 Zoning Code Update
- Alliance/Greenhouse Multi-family

   from PUD to 2010 Zoning Code
   Update
- 360 S. Monroe 2010 Zoning Code Update, previously had multi-family high rise zoning
- 3600 E. Alameda C-MX-5 and C-MX-8 – Phase 2 of the 360 S. Monroe project

#### **Transportation Initiatives**

 Concept design for East First Avenue from Steele to Colorado; next step, engineering design

- Concept design for the Steele and First Intersection; engineering design in progress (construction, 2017)
- Concept design for Alameda Parkway from Steele and Colorado; next step, engineering design
- The Leetsdale/First Avenue/Speer Study as an enhanced transit corridor to begin fall of 2015
- The RTD Cherry Creek to Downtown Connection Study RTD has shortened the head time for the 89L which connects the two areas, but branding, improved bus stops, and/or a shuttle are recommended as public/private endeavors by Denver.
- The newly formed Cherry Creek Business Alliance has identified the Cherry Creek/Downtown Connection as one of its top two priorities.
- Transportation Solutions, a transportation management association, that
  has longed served the area is seeking funding for a preliminary study of a
  Colorado Boulevard transit connection between I-70 and I-25 and also a study
  of a bike depot in Cherry Creek.

#### **Open Space**

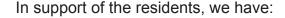
 The Cherry Creek Business Alliance has identified the improvement of the creek and park behind the Cherry Creek Mall as their second priority. A partnership with the Cherry Creek Greenway Foundation is highly desirable. The Cherry Creek Steering Committee is also very interested in this initiative and in the connections to the creek to and from the various parks that line it. At this writing, Councilwoman Robb is seeking seed funding from the city that would be matched by private donations for a concept plan of what the Creek amenities could be.



## County Club Historic Neighborhood, Driving Park and Alamo Placita

These three historic neighborhoods are the jewels of early 20<sup>th</sup> century Denver. All three are Denver Landmark Districts. First Avenue, the 100 block of Downing, Speer Boulevard, Third and Fourth Avenues, and Williams Parkway are all part of Denver's historic parks and parkway system. Frederick Law Olsted Jr, designed these parkways as the link between Cheesman Park and Washington Park.

Like the Cherry Creek neighborhoods, these neighborhoods are concerned about the impact of development on their edges and the resultant traffic – Cherry Creek, Country Club Gardens and along Speer and Sixth and Eighth Avenues. The upcoming study of the Leetsdale/First Avenue/Speer corridor will be important to the residents who have a wide range of views about transit on First Avenue.



- Connected the Country Club
   Historic Neighborhood (CCHN) with
   Public Works, Parks and Landmark
   Preservation to coordinate
   construction and maintenance
   of bulb outs with urns at most
   neighborhood entry points. The
   neighborhood raised the funding for
   the project.
- Facilitated an MOU between Parks and CCHN for maintenance of the Gilpin, Franklin & High street entries.
- Worked with Alamo Placita on the appropriate locations for single family and two unit zoning during



Planting the beds in Alamo Placita Park.

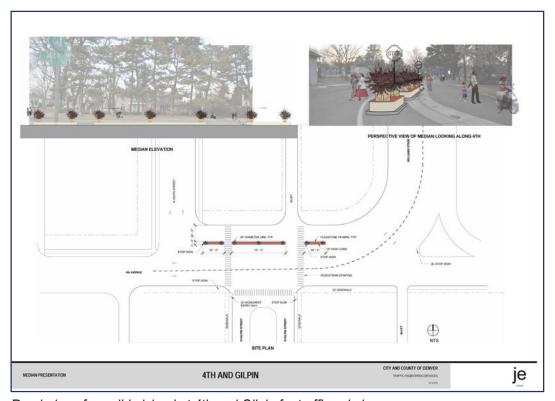
- the Zoning Code Update
- Retained two hour parking limits in the eastern part of the CCHN and added the block between Race and Vine on Third.
- Worked with Public Works to narrow the lanes on First Avenue, thus slowing cars and adding more protection for pedestrians and cyclists.
- Worked with the Denver Country Club, traffic engineers, and bike planners to make safety improvements at the Gilpin and First intersection.

# Alamo Placita Park and historic parkways

Also an historic park, Alamo Placita means little place of the cottonwoods and is arguably one of the most beautiful neighborhood parks in the city. Neighbors often volunteer to "put the beds to bed" or plant, and the annual picnic, "Taste of Alamo Placita" occurs in the park. Neighbors around the park, the parks department, and District 10 had numerous discussion about the best placement of the sanolet and the need for a path. This mundane discussion was important as Alamo Placita is a popular venue for weddings and other memorable family occasions.

#### **Historic Parkways**

- Worked with neighbors in both Driving Park and Country Club on storm drainage, better traffic signage and a median at 4<sup>th</sup> and Gilpin. A small median with flagstone and urns will be installed in 2015 or early 2016.
- Worked with Parks to remove dead trees and plant new ones in the First Avenue Median



Rendering of possible island at 4th and Gilpin for traffic calming.

# The Golden Triangle Neighborhood

Adjacent to downtown, at Denver's cultural and government heart. the GoldenTriangle is emerging as Denver's true mixed-use,urban neighborhood. The neighborhood is known for its art galleries, design and architectural studios, local eateries, and chic residences. The opening of the Hamilton Building of the Denver Art Museum designed by Studio Liebeskind and the Davis Partnership in 2006 combined with the opening of the Denver Justice Center designed by Klipp Architecture in 2010 embraced and extended the architectural legacy of Civic Center. The new Golden Triangle Plan, adopted by Council in 2014, is an innovative, ambitious plan envisioning catalytic development, grand boulevards, an arts and culture trail, and an Acoma neighborhood greenway.

Through the initiative and leadership of Mayor John Hickenlooper, Councilwoman Robb was privileged to become acquainted with the works of abstract expressionist Clyfford Still and traveled to Baltimore to view his paintings in storage. In August 2004, the City of Denver was selected by Still's wife, Patricia Still, to receive the substantial Still collection. In 2005, Patricia Still also bequeathed to the city her own estate, which included select paintings by her husband as well as his complete archives. The two-story, 28,500-square-foot building



was designed by Brad Cloepfil of Allied Works Architecture specifically to display Still's work and opened in 2011. Funding for the museum was raised privately by the staff and the board.

In the next year, the Vance Kirkland Museum will move from Capitol Hill to Bannock Street. Kirkland, a another abstract impressionist painter, who was based in Denver from 1928 to his death in 1981practiced his art in a studio on Capitol Hill which will be physically moved to Bannock Street in the Golden Triangle. The new location will allow room for extensive display of the Museum's voluminous collection of decorative arts from the 20th century.

#### Other additions and changes in the Golden Triangle

- Renovation of the historic Evans School
- Conversion of Cherokee and Delaware to two-way streets
- Bike lanes on Bannock
- State-of-the-art Crime Lab (\$36 million)
- History Colorado
- The Art Hotel
- Streetscape improvements to 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and Colfax (\$1.6 million)
- Colfax/Welton/Galapago Intersection Improvements (\$485,000)

Two organizations, the Golden Triangle Association and the Museum District represent neighbors and businesses alike. District 10 worked with both organizations on issues raised by events, parking, and the nightlife along Broadway, monitoring liquor license procedures and hearings.



The ART Hotel





Top: Denver Crime Laboratory Left: Interior of the Clyfford Still Museum. Lower left: Exterior of Denver Crime Laboratory. Lower right: Exterior of the Clyfford Still Museum.





# Civic Center Park Denver's grand town square



Envisioned with the input of numerous designers from 1900 to construction in 1919 and challenged by lawsuits over financing in between, Civic Center Park is Denver's grand town square and sits in the center of one of the most complete and intact City Beautiful style civic center's in the country. In 2013, Civic Center was named a National Historic Landmark – the first designation of this kind in Denver.

Denver's Civic Center Park Master Plan was created as part of the area-wide planning stemming from the proposal to locate the Denver Justice Center west of the Mint. The plan sought to address issues of inconsistent use, physical barriers, ongoing deterioration of significant historical features, vagrancy, and a perception as unsafe. Funded through a grant from the Colorado Historical Foundation and city matching funds, the plan recommends that Civic Center remain an important festival park, encourages daily use by smaller groups, and acknowledges the important partnership with the Civic Center Conservancy, a 501C3 established in 2005. The plan recommends park-compatible uses for the McNichols Building, originally Denver's Carnegie Library. Council adopted the plan in 2005, and the

Civic Center Design guidelines, a supplement to the plan, were created in 2009.

#### **Park Improvements**

- New furnishings, concrete walks, granite edging, and rehabilitation of the promenade using new and historic brick
- Additional tree plantings, re-grading, and improved drainage
- Closure of the Colfax free rightturn at the northeast corner of the parking, adding more green space
- Irrigation Assessment and Design
- Rehabilitation of the Voorhees Memorial and the Greek Theater
- Restoration of the Balustrade Wall



Enjoying Civic Center Eats.

#### **Civic Center Conservancy Activities**

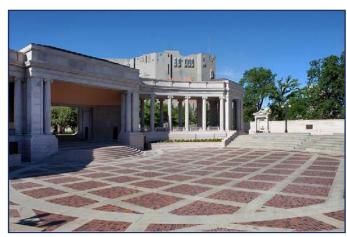
- Civic Center Eats
- Civic Center Moves
- Independence Eve Celebration

#### Safety Initiatives in the Park

- Overtime Police dedicated to the park in the summer of 2014
- Cameras installed in the Broadway Terrace area







# The McNichols Building

In 2007, History Colorado approached the Mayor and Council with a controversial proposal to build its new facility in and under Civic Center Park as a bookend structure to the McNichols Building. Councilwoman Robb convinced Mayor Hickenlooper to have community representatives engage in a "Civic Conversation" about the proposal. The group did not wholeheartedly endorse the plan and recommended a smaller structure. which the Mayor and Councilwoman Robb supported. However, the reduced size of the structure led History Colorado to consider another site along Broadway in the Cultural Center. Satisfied that this solution worked for all, the city continued to look for a partner and new purpose for the McNichols Building.

In 2010, the city budgeted \$500,000 to gut the building and create an event space, managed by Arts and Venues. The Boettcher Foundation generously provided grant funds. A request for proposal to identify potential office users was issued; however in 2013, working with Kent Rice, Director of Arts and Venues, Councilwoman Robb and Mayor Hancock agreed that the most compatible and economical approach was for Arts and Venues to move out of rented space at DCPA into the



McNichols building. Their relocation has resulted in numerous cultural offerings in the building.

A reallocation of cultural facility bond dollars from the 2007 Better Denver Bonds made \$5.5 million available for redesigning the Colfax entry to the McNichols building, for restrooms, and for a freight elevator. These improvements are currently in the design stage.

## Council Leadership



In an effort to serve the interests of Council District 10 as an integral part of the city, Councilwoman Robb has held numerous Council and city-wide leadership positions:

- Chair of Blueprint Denver Committee, 2003-2008, and chair of Land, Use, Transportation, and Infrastructure Committee, 2010-2014
- Councilwoman Robb also served on the Zoning Code Task Force for over four years and was instrumental in leading the passage of Denver's new zoning code. The thrust of the code was to provide more predictable and pedestrian-oriented forms while preserving neighborhood character. Significant sections of Congress Park, Capitol Hill, and Alamo Placita neighborhoods were down zoned from high and low-rise multi-family

- residential zoning, to rowhouse and duplex forms.
- Council President, 2008-2010
- Chair of Metro Area County Commissioners, 2012
- Commission on Homelessness , 2003-2015
- Transportation Solutions Board Member, 2003-2015
- Denver Parking Commission and Parking Policy Council – 2005-2010. The commission's work led to the Strategic Parking Plan and ordinance changes that made possible parking area management plans.
- Sheriff Department Reform Executive Steering Committee – 2014-2015
- Denver's Crime Control and Prevention Commission – 2014-2015
- Co-Chair, Council/Mayor's Office



Legislative Priorities Group -2014-2015

- Clyfford Still Museum Board
- Civic Center Conservancy Board
- Colfax Marathon Board

#### Legislative initiatives

A strong city-wide perspective enabled Councilwoman Robb to bring some significant legislation affecting Denver and District 10. The ordinances she sponsored include:

- Drive-Through Restaurants spacing of ordering lanes from residential districts
- Outdoor patios near residential districts – limiting hours and in some cases, requiring approval by the Board of Adjustment
- Panhandling prohibiting

- panhandlers from stepping into the street to solicit or collect money
- Booting requiring booting companies on private lots to post signs, wear clearly marked apparel, and release a boot being applied when the owner returns
- Dog Daycare creating regulations for Dog Daycares in retail areas (co-sponsored with Councilwomanat-large Carol Boigon)
- Demolition Review creating a transparent and fair process for review of demolition of potentially historic buildings
- Park Building Plan requiring that any new park building be approved by City Council after a public hearing
- Growing Marijuana in residences

   limiting the number of marijuana
   plants in residences to six plants
   per legal user with a maximum of
   plants per residence.
- Century Link Undergrounding Requirement – requiring telecommunication lines be placed underground when the City is using the Xcel franchise fund to underground electric lines (cosponsored with Councilman Chris Nevitt)



# State of the City, July 14, 2014 Benediction – Rev. Katie Robb Davis Associate Pastor, Wellshire Presbyterian Church

As we conclude this brief time
Of examining the State of the City,
A process which for most here continues daily,
May the God who created us for life together,
BLESS this great city of Denver,
Its leaders, and its people.

May the God who spoke through the prophet Jeremiah Remind us once again

To seek the welfare of the city in which we live.

To plant gardens and build homes and care for families,

Not just in our own interest,

But in the interest of building up whole communities.

As we in the West cherish a pioneer spirit and the heritage of rugged individualism,

May the God who called disciples to work together

Call us out from doing things on our own,

And into the work of participation, collaboration, and deep listening to one another.

From Harvey Park to Wash Park .
Congress Park to Athmar Park to Villa Park to Park Hill.
Capitol Hill to Ruby Hill to Hilltop.
From Bear Valley to Green Valley.
Westwood to Wellshire,
West Colfax to East.

And every neighborhood in between. May this city be blessed with involved citizens, connecting with one another.

As we live and move and have our being in close urban quarters
And a great web of diversity,
May God bless us with thoughtful patience and mutual forebearance
That our interests might not so much compete as complement,
And our differences strengthen the whole.

May the work of this city –and especially its leaders - involve head and heart.

May you have ears that hear not only the loudest voices,

But even those yet unheard, and those without a voice at all.

May you have a heart not just attracted to the powerful,

But one that also beats for the powerless – the hungry, sick, lonely, and sorrowful.

All of us connected by our common humanity.

Mayor Hancock, members of Council, appointed officials 
As you listen to so many voices,

And concern yourselves with the needs of so many others,

May you also find sanctuary in the still small moments that give you rest.

God bless each of you with joy and gratitude for the amazing, alive, and evolving Mile High City!

Amen.

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