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Lauri Dannemiller, Manager
Denver Parks and Recreation
City and County of Denver

RE: SEAP Stakeholders Group

Dear Manager Dannemiller,

The SEAP Stakeholders meetings in November and December were to gather input from various representative points of view. INC was invited to help represent the community. The stakeholders were told the process was to meet several times, then after the public meetings another stakeholders meeting would be held to "...discuss the public's input and review the recommendations that will be moved forward."

As you are aware, unfortunately the normal notification process that had been used for all other stakeholder meetings did not transpire for the final March 4th meeting. For those who did attend it should have been a red flag that an important group was missing, the community representatives. Although an apology and a survey was sent to those not in attendance, the fact that the public comments were not reviewed and discussed with community representatives present, raises questions about the validity of the process. We are disappointed that the meeting was not rescheduled at that time when it was obvious that more than a few stakeholders didn't show up.

Regardless of what occurred during the March 4th meeting, there is a significant perception that the community's input, whether or not it is submitted by clickers or survey, does not have the equal weight or value of promoters and event planners. We are, therefore, requesting another stakeholders meeting be held for the purpose of discussing the results of the public meetings and, now that the survey has been taken, its results and the recommendations that are being put forth by the City. The promise of the comprehensive SEAP process and resulting policies to deal with the spate of Denver special events, is too important to the communities to overlook the obvious mistake in notification and inclusion of all representatives.

Most sincerely yours,

Larry Ambrose
President, INC

Cc: Katie Stracina, Special Projects, Office of the Mayor
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Katie Fisher and Maggie Price, Co-chairs, INC PARC
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INC SEAP Stakeholder Group Representatives