Conservatory Metropolitan District Community Update February 2018

As part of its ongoing effort to keep residents apprised of current matters before the Board of Directors of the Conservatory Metropolitan District, the Board intends to provide periodic updates to the community. The information contained herein is only a brief summary, and residents are encouraged to attend Board meetings to learn about matters firsthand. With the exception of January and special meetings, the Board meets regularly at 9:00 a.m. on the third Monday of every other month (odd numbered months) at the Conservatory Clubhouse, 2665 S. Jebel Way. Minutes of recent meetings are posted to the District's website. For additional information please contact the District Manager at (303) 987-0835 or visit our website at www.yourcmd.org.

<u>Public Art Improvements are coming to the Community:</u> Following an arduous selection process, the Board selected Madeline Wiener to create two large interactive stone sculptures and two stone benches, which will be part of an interactive seating area. The seating area will be located in Tract I, generally located at the Intersection of South Conservatory Parkway and South Jericho Way, in the open area across from the Aurora Frontier P-8 School. Installation of the sculptures and associated improvements is expected to be completed this summer. Examples of Madeline's work can be viewed at: http://madelinewiener.com. We are very excited to bring this enhancement to the community.

<u>Tree Replacement Program</u>: The ongoing tree replacement project will continue in 2018. Each year the District replaces as many dead or dying trees as possible within budget constraints. In the coming weeks the District's Landscaping Committee will request proposals for the removal of dead and dying trees, and the installation of replacement trees. Once the Board has reviewed the proposals and engaged contractors, the work will be scheduled. We expect the tree removal and planting work to take place this spring. The locations for the replacements have not yet been determined.

<u>Irrigation Controllers:</u> Water usage expense is the District's greatest budgetary line item. With this in mind, control of the irrigation system has remained a priority for the Board for several years. In 2017, the District completed Phase One of the installation of a state of the art irrigation control system. This year the Board approved Phase Two of this important system upgrade. This will enable the District to dramatically improve its landscaping irrigation control and water consumption management. The District's landscaping contractor, Bright View, will be installing the control upgrades this spring. The control system is expected to achieve a water reduction of up to 20% per year.

Monuments, Stone Walls and Piers: With the metal fence replacement now complete, the District Board has determined to initiate repairs to the masonry walls, monuments and piers. The Board commissioned and recently received a repair specification, prepared by a structural engineer in order to ensure uniform and appropriate repairs. This specification was used to solicit bids for repairs and we are in contract negotiations with Masterful Masonry to perform repairs at the entry monuments, on South Conservatory Parkway and East Hampden Avenue and South Jericho Way and East Hampden Avenue. The District will perform as much work as possible keeping within the budget. We hope to make repairs to the wall along East Hampden and the along South Jericho Way as well. We expect the work to start within the next 30 days.

Postings at Mailbox Kiosks: The District's Board of Directors has observed numerous abuses of the posting boards affixed to each mailbox kiosk thus increasing our cost for Kiosk maintenance. Rules governing the posing of materials are now attached to the posting boards. Postings must be community friendly items. Postings should be attached only to the posting boards and not to any other part of the mail box kiosks. Only thumb tacks may be used for posting as they can be easily removed, whereas staples and other fasteners cause damage to the posting boards and require a great deal of time and effort to remove. Postings must be dated and removed by the poster after no more than seven days. Prior approval of all postings, except for lost animals and keys, must be approved in advance by the District Manager. Questions regarding postings should be referred to AJ Beckman, the District Manager at (303) 987-0835.