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## Cherry Creek North Residents Dig In Over Settlement Talks On Fillmore Plaza



**Negotiations Come To A Halt:** Cherry Creek North Neighborhood Association has been attempting to come to what it believes is a reasonable compromise with the developers and the Cherry Creek BID regarding Fillmore Plaza, but the Association members do not believe that the developers are attempting to negotiate in good faith.

by Laura Lieff

Denver City Councilwoman Jeanne Robb sent out a July e-mail newsletter to constituents on developments concerning *Fillmore Plaza*. She declared that the talks she had organized between developers who want to close Fillmore Plaza and turn it into a two-way street and neighborhood groups upset about losing the only green space in all of *Cherry Creek North* were entering the “bottom of the 9th” for a so called “win-win” solution and that the parties were nearing “consensus.”

*Cherry Creek North Neighborhood Association* (CCNNA) strongly rebutted those claims, stating that nothing could be further from the truth. CCNNA asserted that: “Showing progress from a BID street plan to a slightly tweaked Developer/BID Street is not an accurate way of informing the public on what has or has not been real progress.”

The highly regarded neighborhood association put out a 16 point “*Fillmore Plaza Scorecard*” comparing the *Current Plaza/Original Design Features* to the *Proposed BID Street Design Features* indicating 13 areas of loss and only one of real gain being three

neighborhood representative members on an 11 member *Event Planning Committee*.

Councilwoman Jeanne Robb acknowledged in a telephone interview that finding a consensus has been “tough” and indicated that other neighborhood associ-

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## Cory Merrill

**Size Difference:** According to the Cory Merrill Neighborhood Association, 25.4 percent of Cory Merrill homes are existing scrapes or pops. The neighborhood in south-east Denver is gaining prominence due to its central location, attracting a wealthier set of residents who prefer larger, new homes.

## Hidden Gem Neighborhood In Transition

by Janet Manley

Look one way down the street and the 1950s are intact. Light screen doors smack shut as the springs give out, and a long sun alights on crooked fence posts. Look the other way and a fortress of faux masonry casts a larger shadow, impressive in scale and finish. *The Cory Merrill neighborhood*, south Denver’s hidden gem, is a tableau of change, and is becoming

an increasingly desirable place to live. Following the scrapes of old houses, a new set of residents is making Cory Merrill their home, including a vibrant group of young children.

### Family-Friendly And Saloon-Free

Located just south of the tony *Bonnie Brae* and *Belcaro* neighborhoods and a few blocks east of popular *Washington Park*, Cory Merrill is bounded east and west by Colorado Boulevard and University Boulevard and north and south by East Mississippi and I-25. It is named after two public schools in the area — *Cory Elementary* and *Merrill Middle School*. Those schools were in turn named after two prominent Denver educators.

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## Big Cats Obsessed With Calvin Klein Cologne At Denver Zoo

by Laura Lieff

The rumors are true! Big cats such as jaguars, lions, leopards, pumas and tigers at the *Denver Zoo* love *Calvin Klein Obsession for Men* cologne.

Wanting to see it for ourselves, the *Chronicle* took a trip to the *Denver Zoo* to watch the big cats’ obsession with the scent. Curator of Behavioral Husbandry Emily Insalaco was kind enough to take us around the big cat exhibits and have various zookeepers demonstrate the animals’ reaction to the cologne.

After the zookeeper sprayed various locations in the Amur leopard exhibit and the female leopard (named Dazma) was let back in, she immediately jumped to those locations which included tops of trees and rubbed up against the walls. In the lion exhibit the male lion (named Krueger) immediately got up from his nap and walked over to the spot on the wall where the scent had been sprayed and proceeded to rub up against the area using his head, back and shoulders. It was not clear if, like human males, the lion rubbed the scent on himself to be more attractive to females or if he had other motives.

“That’s a cheek rubbing behavior,” Insalaco pointed out. “If anyone has a cat at home they’ve probably had it rub up against their leg and thought it was really cute. What the cat is actually doing is not only checking you out but they’re also depositing some of their own scent on you, kind of marking their territory.”

She continued, “And that’s what Krueger was doing; he was picking up some of those pheromones from the cologne but was also depositing some of his own.”

Pheromones, which are secreted or ex-



**Getting Ready For A Night On The Town:** Krueger, a male lion at the Denver Zoo, applies Calvin Klein Obsession for Men cologne over his body by vigorously rubbing against the gate on which the zookeeper has liberally applied the scent.



creted chemical factors that trigger a social response in members of the same species, are known to play a role in the animal kingdom regarding sexual attraction.

### Cologne Attraction Makes Sense

Insalaco explained that the cats’ attraction to the scent is not completely surprising considering “animals use their sense of smell in the wild for very particular reasons.”

She continued, “They might be looking for prey animals or they might want to make sure nothing has changed in their environment. If something has changed they might want to know what kind of change has taken place.”

Insalaco said that big cats should re-

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