



Dear Jenna Harris and the Denver Parks and Recreation team,

I am Lorin Ball, the owner of Flow Vault, a Parkour and Ninja Warrior training center in Henderson, just north of Denver.

I am writing in support of Flow Vault for the preservation and repurposing of the fountain in Block 2 of Skyline Park. Colorado is known for having one of the largest and most vibrant parkour communities in the world. This particular site is internationally recognized and has been an important cultural landmark and community gathering place for the global parkour and natural movement community. We hope the park reflects a safe fun environment that brings our communities together through the movement arts.

COVID-19 has shown the world how important public space and equity of access to recreation is to the health of our communities. Unlike other athletic sports and physical practices, parkour does not require specialized gear, teams, or practice fees. The community teaches each other online and practices in our found public spaces, such as Skyline Park. Parkour-inspired parks and their supporting parkour groups across the world provide free fitness and community, bridging the gap and ensuring everyone has a way to play. The reality of parkour is not kids jumping on buildings, but people methodically, carefully, and playfully working to improve their movement and physical health.

Furthermore, Flow Vault supports the broader initiative of establishing parkour-inspired parks and adult-friendly play spaces in the City of Denver. These types of play spaces have been utilized in other cities to provide cost-free fitness opportunities that serve kids, teens, and adults in one cost effective design and public space. While parkour is the design inspiration, these parks are multi-functional and appeal to a larger community of active lifestyles including rock climbing, calisthenics, bootcamps, and general outdoor fitness.

We ask for Denver Parks and Recreation to coordinate with the parkour community regarding the renovation of Skyline Park to preserve and adapt the fountain in Block 2 to meet the community's needs and to make parkour widely accessible to the people of Denver.

Please reach out if there is any further support I can provide,

Lorin Ball
Flow Vault
Flowvault.net