

# Denver Neighborhood *Connection*

The Newsletter of Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation

October 1997

## *September 13 Meeting*

# Minutes of Last Meeting

By Diane Wolta  
Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 9:18 a.m. by Chairman Stan McIntyre. The meeting was held at Athmar Park Recreation Center, hosted by Ruby Hill Neighborhood Association.

### **INC Business:**

- (1) The **Secretary** read several items of correspondence.
- (2) **Treasurer's report** (dated September, 1997) was handed out in written form: Savings = \$1,987.83; Checking = 4,603.17; Bellevue-Hale Assoc. = \$13,506.34; and Dollar Dictionary = \$1694.88.

### **Presentation:**

The topic was Transit '97, and the guest speakers were Norma Anderson (a state representative and majority leader), pro, and Jon Caldera (RTD Board member), con.

### **INC Business, continued:**

- (3) **Transit '97: Motion:** "INC to support Transit '97." Defeated 7-11-6.  
**Substitute Motion:** "INC takes no position on Transit '97." Defeated 8-14-0.  
**Motion:** "INC delegates to vote again at the October 11, 1997 regular meeting after the delegates get input from their constituencies." Passed 11-7.
- (4) **Discussion** on delegates being ready to take a position on Transit '97 issue, and all, or some other issues, without having to first consult with their association board and/or membership. Stan stated he feels delegates need to read the newsletter, see what issues and motions are coming up for discussion, and/or vote, and be ready to vote at each meeting.
- (5) **Budget & Finance:** Dick Feather reported that he is having ongoing conversations with the "powers that be". So far it is clear that we have filed no taxes (as a 501(c)(3)) and we also owe no taxes. He is still sorting through the

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## *Oct. 11 Meeting Features School Board Candidates*

By Marilyn Vaughn  
Chair, Education Committee

The INC meeting on October 11 will feature a forum of the at-large candidates for the DPS Board of Education. The format is as follows: introductory remarks by candidates, answers to Education Committee questions, questions from floor, and closing remarks.

The prepared questions from the Education Committee given to the candidates in advance are:

1. What changes would you seek to make students better prepared for life beyond high school?
2. What will you do to recruit students into DPS that are now leaving?
3. How will you raise expectations for students and of students for themselves in DPS?
4. Where do you see inefficient use of resources?
5. How will you ensure meaningful community involvement and respect for same in all levels of DPS?

Please bring the newsletter so that you have the questions in front of you. The Ed Committee also would like you to bring your children, if possible, so that questions may be asked by actual students.

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# Report on Completion of Dollar Dictionary Drive And Neighborhoods, USA Conference

By Cathee Fisher  
Chair, Dollar Dictionary Drive

Thank you to everyone for your support of the INC Dollar Dictionary Drive and for giving me the opportunity to present our project at the 1997 Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA) Annual Conference in Albany, N.Y. in May. The competition for the Neighborhood of the Year (NOTY) awards was very intense, but it is a tribute to your support and volunteer efforts and our Denver community partnerships that gave INC First Place in the multi-neighborhood category.

The NUSA 97 conference brought together over 600 neighborhood representatives from across the country who participated in three days of workshops, networking and special events. Both problems and solutions on any neighborhood topic you can name were discussed. The energy was tremendous and everyone knew they were not alone, either now or in the future, no matter their individual city or region of the country.

The 1998 Neighborhoods, USA Conference will be in Portland, Oregon on May 20-23. NUSA 98 will include a Homestay Program. For a modest fee, less than a hotel room, participants will be able to stay with neighbors in the community. I hope we can work together as neighbors in Denver to send many representatives to next year's conference; to learn, share our expertise and win a couple of NOTYs for other neighborhood projects.

Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation's 1997 Dollar Dictionary Drive has been a great success, thanks to all the support from individuals throughout the community. During September, 6,800 dictionaries were delivered to the Denver Public Schools (DPS) elementary schools for distribution to every DPS third grade student and their teachers.

Thank you to the INC Board, INC Delegates and every neighborhood association for your ongoing support, Colorado National Bank and individuals who have generously contributed monetarily to purchase the dictionaries, K-Mart at Monaco and Evans for providing the dictionaries and helping with the transportation, Quik Print at Florida and Colorado for their extra effort in printing the gift labels, Calvary Presbyterian Church for graciously providing space for the labeling and repacking of each dictionary, the Denver Sheriff's Department and the work crew who unloaded and loaded the 200 boxes at the church and DPS central distribution for the 85 individual school deliveries.

A special thank you goes to the Dollar Dictionary Drive committee and the 46 community and neighborhood volunteers who planned the project, helped with the details, unpacked, labeled, counted and repacked the dictionaries appropriately for each school.

Many neighborhood and community people have had an exciting time going to the schools to give the dictionaries to the students. Contact your neighborhood association or school to determine if the books have been given to the students at your school yet. Everyone is to be congratulated on a great project

well done. Thank you!!

A special thank you to Stan McIntyre, Virginia McIntyre, Tom Tayon and Sarah Bradley for their support and hard work during the past year.

## Denver Center Offers Free Performances

The Denver Center Theatre Company's Free for ALL program is beginning its fourth year. Free for ALL is a series of free performance dedicated to making theatre accessible to everyone. The DCTC especially encourages those who have not had the opportunity to experience live performance to attend the following productions:

(all performances are on Saturday and begin at 1:30 p.m.)

|                                   |            |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| <i>The Servant of Two Masters</i> | October 4  |
| <i>Misalliance</i>                | October 11 |
| <i>A Touch of the Poet</i>        | December 6 |
| <i>Valley Song</i>                | January 24 |
| <i>Treasure Island</i>            | January 31 |
| <i>Blues for an Alabama Sky</i>   | March 21   |
| <i>Macbeth</i>                    | March 28   |
| <i>Life is a Dream</i>            | May 16     |
| <i>Don Quixote</i>                | May 23     |

Tickets are available on the day of the performance at the Helen Bonfils Theatre Complex box office in the Denver Performing Arts Complex (Speer & Arapahoe in downtown Denver). Tickets are available two hours prior to the scheduled performance on a first come, first-served basis. One ticket per person. No telephone or other reservations. No babes in arms or children under six years of age will be admitted. House doors open 30 minutes before the performance.

### Denver Neighborhood Connection Deadline, Address Information

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**OR**

**MAIL** it to: Hands on Denver Volunteers  
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Denver, CO 80202-1139

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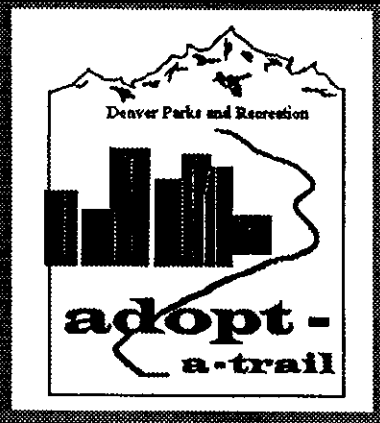
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# WANTED: COMMITTED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP IN THE ADOPT-A-TRAIL PROGRAM



## THE ADOPT-A-TRAIL PROGRAM...

- ... links community volunteers of all ages and socioeconomic backgrounds with city and community agencies to beautify, restore and help maintain several natural resources in the Denver area.
- ... fosters understanding and public stewardship toward waterways, parks and open land.
- ... empowers community organizations, schools and businesses to maintain and improve approximately 130 miles of Denver area trails.

## THE REASON FOR URBAN TRAILS...

- ... provide quick access avenues for alternative forms of transportation.
- ... a place for recreation and exercise: walking, jogging, biking, rollerblading.
- ... open space to leave the hectic pace of urban life and learn about natural environments.


## BENEFITS IN BEING A TRAIL VOLUNTEER...

- ... ensuring that urban trails will continue to be safe pathways for all people to use (with over 130 miles of urban trails and only three paid city staff, volunteers are essential for trail well-being!).
- ... beautifying the community you live in and knowing that you are making a difference.
- ... satisfaction from participating in a program that protects our environment and teaches responsibility.
- ... chance to work with others in the outdoors while receiving hands-on training in environmental tasks.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR ADOPT-A-TRAIL VOLUNTEERS...

- ... groups sign up for a one year commitment which is renewable annually.
- ... groups are asked to go out to their trail once a month (weather permitting).
- ... groups adopt a trail (an average length of 3 to 4 city blocks: short as one block, long as one mile).
- ... tasks may include any of the following as needed: removal of trash, graffiti, snow/ice... edging, sweeping, pruning, tree planting... repairing bridges/fences... planting flowers, groundcovers.

 **DENVER PARKS AND RECREATION PROVIDES...** Latex gloves, pylons, safety vests, refuse bags, paint and any additional tools or supplies needed by volunteers... An annual recognition gathering for all volunteers.

 **HOW DO I GET INVOLVED...** Contact the Volunteer Office at (303) 964-2506 ... fax (303) 964-2505 to request a section of trail and an orientation packet - or to request a presentation to learn more about the program. After adopting a section of trail, you will set up a walk-about session with the Trails Coordinator who will show you your trail, address safety issues, explain the proper use of your tools/supplies, point out areas of need on your trail, discuss the agreement forms and answer any questions you may have.

City and County of Denver  
**DENVER PARKS AND RECREATION**  
Volunteer Office, 2300 15th St., Suite 150  
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 **Hands On Denver**  
*Working together for Parks & Recreation*

# Minutes of Last Meeting

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501(c)(3) vs. 501(c)(4) issues and whether we need one, or the other, or both. Dick will provide a clear and concise summary of the issue(s) as soon as possible.

**Motion:** "INC establish a foundation for 501(c)(3) activities (educational)." Passed unanimously.

(6) **INC Position Statements:** Debbie James -- it appears that our position statements conflict with our Bylaws and will have to be amended or thrown out when we decide on (c)(3) and/or (c)(4) status.

**Motion:** "INC table the vote on abolishing INC position statements and amending the bylaws to strike such reference to position statements." Passed 20-3-0.

(7) **Lowry Update:** Debbie James -- quoted the current Chair of the Lowry Redev. Bd. as having said "Lowry is where the rich got what they wanted and the poor didn't." And, "The rich were more articulate, better organized, and more able to attend meetings during the day. While the poor were less articulate, less organized and less able to attend meetings during the day." Mayor Webb has said this is the "Year of the Neighborhood". Debbie's neighborhood respectfully asks "that you come to INC and tell us which neighborhoods these are" (whose year it is).

(8) **Dollar Dictionary Drive:** Cathie Fisher -- All 6,876 dictionaries were delivered to DPS elementary schools this past week. Yippee! Thanks to the volunteers who helped. Neighborhoods are encouraged to contact their school(s) and make arrangements to help hand them out to the third graders.

**Announcement:** The next INC meeting with Mayor Webb will be November 6th; place to be determined, but probably in the E. Montclair area. Please every delegate announce this to your board and put this in you newsletters Both you and your board members and neighbors need to come out and support this event. It is very informative and allows you to speak directly with the Mayor, and his cabinet heads, on any issue, large or small, that is vexing your area or that you need answered! Advertise the date and check with INC (393-8036) if you need the place (for your newsletter prior to the next INC newsletter announcing the place).

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

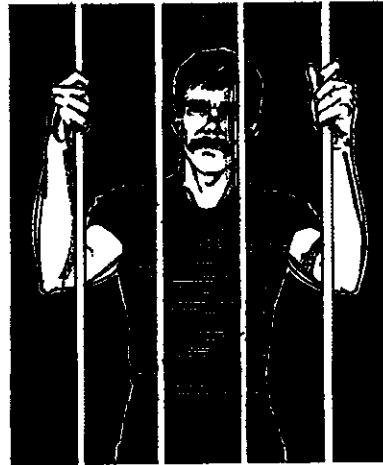
**Don't Miss  
The Mayor's Quarterly  
Meeting  
November 6, 1997**

## Denver Sheriff Department Detention Facilities Explored

The largest mission of the Denver Sheriff Department is the operation of two detention facilities: The Denver County Jail and The Pre-Arrestment Detention Facility.

### Denver County Jail

The facility was originally constructed in 1954. Since that time there have been a number of additions and renovations to the facility.



The current average daily population of the Denver County Jail is 1800. The Community Corrections and Work Release programs have a rated population of thirty-six and eighty respectively. There is a staff of 293 sworn personnel and 60 in administrative or support services.

Food, laundry, medicine and other services are provided by the main

facility. The combined rated capacity is 1350.

### Pre-Arrestment Detention Facility

The Pre-Arrestment Detention Facility is the intake facility for all persons incarcerated within Denver's jurisdiction. It is a forty-eight hour holding facility which provides custody for persons arrested and awaiting arraignment before a judge or other disposition.

The facility was constructed in 1978 and has a designed capacity of 158. The average daily population is 300. Individuals unable to post bond or who are not otherwise legally released are transferred to the Denver County Jail after forty-eight hours. The current number of sworn personnel assigned to the Pre-Arrestment Detention Facility is 194 and there are nine employees in administrative and support services. Many of the administrative services are provided through the central administrative services office located at the Denver County Jail. The Pre-Arrestment Detention Facility is located in downtown Denver adjacent to police headquarters and the criminal courts.

### Major Impacts

The single most significant problem impacting the operation of the two jails during the most recent accreditation period is that of overcrowding. Since 1989, several major initiatives aimed at reducing and managing the jail population have been undertaken.

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## *Neighborhood Resource Center Offers Workshop on Motivation October 25*

Neighborhood Resource Center (NRC) has scheduled a nationally-known speaker to present a free workshop for neighborhood activists on October 25, 1997.

In "A Recipe for Motivation," Dr. David Dalke will discuss how to motivate citizens to get them involved and how to keep them involved. Dr. Dalke has presented seminars on motivation to public and private entities for the past 22 years, and also maintains a private therapy practice.

The program will be held from 9 a.m. to noon at The Arts Bridge, a part of the Irongate Complex in Lakewood. The

address is 777 S. Wadsworth Blvd., Building No. 4. For registration information, contact NRC at 561-3790.

NRC is a non-profit organization which provides technical assistance to neighborhood associations in the Denver metro area.

## *One Sky One World Marks 12th Anniversary*

One Sky One World is an organization whose purpose is to develop awareness of and respect for human and cultural diversity, nature, and the environment at home and around the world.

Every year on the second Sunday of October, people in more than 27 countries around the world join with people in neighborhoods throughout the United States to celebrate peace, friendship, and respect for the environment. For the 12th anniversary, One Sky One World invites all neighborhoods to join in the celebration.

The event will take place on October 12 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Cranmer Park, 1st and Clermont. There will be live music, a teddy bear parachute drop, and a kite-making workshop. There will be stunt kite demonstrations as well as opportunities for a. to fly their kites.

One Sky One World was inspired by the 1985 summit meeting of Presidents Ronald Reagan of the United States and Mikhail Gorbachev of the Soviet Union. This meeting marked a significant step towards peace between the world's superpowers. The spirit of that summit inspired One Sky One World founder and Colorado kite-maker Jane Parker Ambrose to create a kite commemorating the new promise of global harmony. The flags of the United States and the USSR are joined on the face of the kite. Halley's comet, which visited Earth in 1986, is shown as a portent of peace.

On a people-to-people visit to Moscow in 1985, Parker-Ambrose presented her kite along with a letter of friendship, signed by some 300 kite-fliers from the US, Canada, Japan and the United Kingdom, to the Soviet Women's Peace Committee. This gesture of good will gave birth to the idea of One Sky One World, which has become widely recognized in the US and internationally as World Kite Day.

For information about how to get involved, contact Parker-Ambrose at 433-7518.

## **Jail Expansion Plans Include Courtrooms, More Beds**

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**Legal Redress:** Currently, the State of Colorado has an appeal pending before the State Supreme Court of a 1987 Denver District Court order requiring the state to accept custody of inmates sentenced to state facilities within 72 hours of notification of sentencing. Should the court reverse and grant a judgment in favor of the state, it is projected that an increase of 300 in the average daily population of will occur within 30 days.

**Jail Population Management:** the Department works with the Denver District and County Court judges in developing strategies to manage the spiraling jail population. Some specific strategies which have been developed include:

- Alternatives to incarceration for non-violent offenders;
- Increased use of discretion by police officers in arrest decisions;
- Increased use of personal recognizance bonds for persons accused of non-violent felony offenses;
- Early release of non-violent sentenced municipal ordinance violators by the courts;
- The prioritization by the probation department of pre-sentence investigations for those individuals who are incarcerated.

**Expansion Plans:** The expansion plan is for approximately 3,000 beds; half in cells and half in dormitories. The plan currently envisions combining the Pre-Arrestment Detention Facility and the Denver County Jail function on a single site. These efficiencies would result in lower operating costs. The newer design would also reflect the department's commitment to "Direct Supervision" concepts. The "Denver Justice Center" would have four courtrooms, thus reducing transportation costs for scheduled hearings in these courtrooms. This would eliminate the need to move detainees to another location. This process of "Master Planning" has been completed and has entered the "Schematic Design" phase. The P.A.D.F would become a 300 bed, work release facility.

**INC Presidents' Dinner  
October 21  
Downtown Hyatt**

## Citizens' Police Academy Begins

The Denver Police Department is sponsoring its Citizen's Policy Academy on Wednesday nights from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m., October 1 through December 17, 1997.

The eleven-week program is designed to provide citizens with an opportunity to go beyond the headlines and behind the scenes of the department for an inside look at police operations.

Officers from throughout the department will offer lectures, presentations and demonstrations designed to provide participants with an understanding of department operations and procedures.

For further information, contact Sgt. Catherine Davis, 370-1505.

## INC Bylaw Amendment Vote Postponed

At the September 13, 1997 INC delegates' meeting, an amendment to the INC bylaws which would have abolished the practice of issuing INC position statements was discussed. It was decided to table action on the proposed amendment until the January 10, 1998 INC meeting.

For information on other motions that were brought up at the meeting, see the minutes of that meeting, which begin on the front page of this issue.



## Neighborhood Calendar

**Oct. 11:** INC Meeting, Denver Police Academy, 8895 E. Montview

**Oct. 21:** INC Presidents' Dinner  
(for presidents of Denver neighborhoods)  
Hyatt Downtown  
5:30 - 9:30  
Sponsored by AT&T Wireless (Dick Abels)

**Oct. 25:** Make a Difference Day (citywide)

**Oct. 29:** INC Board meeting, 7 p.m.  
INC office  
1465 High St.  
South side basement entrance

**Nov. 6:** Mayor's Quarterly Meeting  
Location to be announced

# Next INC Meeting

**Saturday, October 11**

**Denver Police Academy  
8895 E. Montview Blvd.**

**Host: North City Park NA**

**9:00 a.m. - Coffee & Donuts**

**9:15 - Call to Order, Correspondence, Treasurer's Report**

**9:30 - Around the City**

**10:30 - Break**

**10:45 - To be announced**

**11:15 - INC Business**

**12:00 - Adjourn**

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