

# Denver Neighborhood *Connection*

The Newsletter of Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation

November 1997

## *October 11 Meeting*

# Minutes of Last Meeting

By Diane Wolta  
Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 9:16 a.m. by Chairman Stan McIntyre. The meeting was held at the Denver Police Academy and hosted by North City Park.

### **INC Business:**

- (1) There was no correspondence.
- (2) **Treasurer's report** (dated October 1997) was handed out in written form.
- (3) **Announcements:** T. Michael Smith, an original organizer of INC, will be the speaker at the Presidents' dinner, October 21, 1997 at the Hyatt Regency; the first meeting to rewrite the Neighborhood Ordinance has taken place and a draft will be forthcoming as soon as possible; the INC quarterly meeting with Mayor Webb will be held 11/5/97, 7:00 p.m., St. Luke's church, Quebec and 13th Ave. -- everyone should be there and bring your neighbors.

(4) **Speakers** -- the four at-large candidates for DPS School Board: Lee McClendon, Gary Apel, Ron Roybal and Lee White. Each opened with a prepared statement, followed by prepared INC questions, followed by open questions from the floor, and finished with a short closing statement from each candidate.

**MOTION:** "The regular INC meetings should always have 'Around the City' and give it a priority ahead of the speakers for the day." Passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** "INC supports Transit '97." Passed 10-7-3.

**MOTION:** "INC to send a letter to Mayor Webb congratulating him on the city's decision to sue the EPA in support of the affected neighbors in the area of the Shattuck Chemical Company Superfund site." Passed unanimously.

### **Around the City**

**Cherry Point** reports "success" -- after attending the last INC quarterly meeting with the Mayor they are getting results, two new stop signs are going in

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## *Oredson, Gross Awards Go To Zavist, Bancroft*

At the INC Presidents' Dinner on October 21, 1997, the Virginia Oredson and Bill Gross Awards were presented to the 1997 recipients.

The Virginia Oredson Award was given to long-time INC member Jim Zavist. Jim is currently the Chair of the INC Zoning Committee, has served as the president of his neighborhood organization, and has led and participated in numerous civic and community organizations and programs.

The Bill Gross Award was made to Detective Kathleen Bancroft of the Denver Police Department. She has worked with the Urban Street Crime Bureau and has been a neighborhood police officer. Currently assigned to the domestic violence unit, Detective Bancroft has assisted with the planning of the 1996 Make a Difference Day, has worked in developing school and community partnerships, and is involved in the effort to have internet home pages for all neighborhoods.

The awards have been named in memory of two community activists and mainstays of INC. Virginia Oredson was a director and, later, president of Historic Montclair Neighborhood Association. One of her biggest challenges during the mid-1980s was the neighborhood battle against several badly-managed problems

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## Chairman's Column

By Stan McIntyre

INC, with the Mayor's Partnership, has become a key player in how neighborhoods and the city do business. Through the Office of Neighborhood Response, City Council and neighborhood leaders are looking at the ordinance governing registered neighborhood associations. The first citywide meeting of neighborhood leaders and leaders from the city will be held after the first of next year. A special committee will plan this program.

Plan on attending the Public Information Training Program hosted by Channel 4, The Denver Post, City of Denver, and INC. This program will be held November 11 at 7 p.m. at the main Denver Public Library, and will inform non-profit groups as to how to get news of their organizations aired or in print. The program is free.

The INC Quarterly Meeting with the Mayor is your opportunity to address the Mayor and his staff with problems or needs that can make your neighborhood more enjoyable.

See you at the next INC meeting on November 8th. Plan to tour the Police Academy.



## Letters to INC

### LRA Has Its Say

Dear INC:

I recently read a "Lowry Update" from Ms Debbie James in the October 1997 Newsletter of Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation and would like to discuss its content with you.

The Lowry Redevelopment Authority (LRA) was created as a public agency by the two cities: Denver and Aurora, to oversee the redevelopment of the closed Lowry Air Force Base With over 600 resident families located at Lowry in interim, market-rate rentals, the LRA has also registered with the City of Denver as an official neighborhood association

The comments made by Ms. James in your recent newsletter are neither timely nor accurate and reflect her personal opinions or that of the Mayfair Park Neighborhood Association (MPNA) but not Lowry in any fashion. Ms. James is not connected with the Lowry neighborhood and is not a conduit for any official information coming from Lowry. Old, inaccurate information adds nothing for your readers and, in this case, distorts an LRA board member's statements quite badly.

The LRA, on behalf of the Lowry neighborhood, would be most happy to provide a periodic update to the INC on the current happenings at Lowry which include new housing starts, new parks construction, major infrastructure construction and commercial leasing - all within the Lowry community.

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## Report on Nuisance Abatement Actions

By Lisa Ferreira  
INC Representative to  
Nuisance Abatement Advisory  
Committee

The nuisance abatement oversight committee met on September 17, 1997. The report from Lt. Bricker of the Nuisance Abatement Unit (N.A.U.), Denver Police Department indicated that there had been 109 properties investigated over the last three months. Of these, 85% were abated through voluntary compliance. The N.A.U. has closed three houses, which were subsequently sold on the open market.

Currently the N.A.U. is averaging about 15 motor vehicles per month that are impounded due to weapons and/or drug violations. Because the current ordinance only allows for the destruction of vehicles if abatement plans are not followed, the task force will be looking into the alternative option of the forfeiture of vehicles.

## Draft of Development Plan Released

Denver's Community Development Agency has announced the release of its draft 1998 - 2002 Consolidated Plan. The plan identifies housing and community development needs and includes strategies intended to address those needs.

The draft plan can be obtained at 216 16th St., #400, or by calling 640-7128.

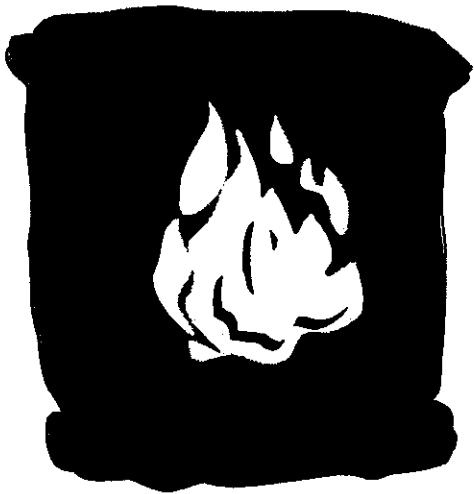
A 30-day public review period will expire on November 14, 1997. Questions can be directed to Everett Madrigal at 640-3556.

## NOTICE

To contact the  
Office of  
Neighborhood  
Response,  
Please Call  
640-5827



# Lanterns for Learning



Summer Scholars is a community-funded literacy program for elementary aged children who are struggling with reading.



We offer a six-week literacy intensive summer school and recreation program for 900 children in Northeast Denver.



Lanterns for Learning is a fundraising project to support the Program at Summer Scholar's 16 affiliated schools.



Join in the festive southwestern tradition of Luminarias and show your support of Lanterns for Learning.

**Light your Lanterns in unison in support of literacy on Sunday evening,**

**December 14, 1997**

(raindate December 21st)

**Luminarias will be available for pickup by December 8th.**

Pickup locations to be announced.

**Proceeds will benefit the Summer Scholars Program at your local elementary school.**



**For more information contact Joan Miles at 399-7364.**

## 1997 Luminaria Order Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please direct my support to \_\_\_\_\_ school

Luminaria: 1 set includes 12 preassembled bags with sand and candles.

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ sets (12 bags each set) at \$5.00 per set. Enclosed is: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Candles only (10 candles per box) at \$2.00 per box. Enclosed is: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to Summer Scholars: Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Order deadline is Tuesday, December 2, 1997.**

Return order form to: Lanterns c/o Summer Scholars

1720 Emerson Street

Denver, CO 80218

### Participating Schools:

Ashley  
Barrett  
Columbine  
Ebert  
Gilpin  
Hallett  
Harrington  
Montclair  
Moore  
Palmer  
Park Hill  
Phill  
Sm...  
Stedman  
Swansea  
Whittier

# Minutes and Around the City

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on Happy Canyon Rd. that they have asked for for a long time. **E. Montclair** is being active in the redevelopment of Stapleton Airport. **CHUN** reminds everyone to check for unsafe traffic conditions in their area and work on them until they are resolved. **Ruby Hill** has submitted for a couple of park grants and they are waiting to hear the results.

## Wager Fundraiser

**N. City Park** had a great (and simple) fundraiser, by selling bus tickets to Blackhawk for gambling they raised \$500, and they are involved with youth, with three-on-three basketball tournaments at recreation centers with local fire stations involved too. **Harkness Heights** is glad the medians are finally going in on Federal Blvd.

**West Highlands** finally has results to show for their every Saturday graffiti paint-outs -- they have kept after it for at least a year and they are winning the war, almost no graffiti when they go out to check now! **Concerned Citizens for Barnum** had a great Federal Blvd. cleanup; **Hobby Lobby** finally has their spray paint locked up in a caged area and IDs youths before selling it; and with money from a Safe City Summit grant,

they are having adult GED classes, and computer labs for kids before school.

## Attack on R-1

**West University** advises everyone to watch out, as R-1 zoning is "under attack" and the public hearing process is being circumvented by city officials advising developers to go for an R-3 rezoning instead -- so they only have to get city council approval! **Keep Denver Beautiful** will be celebrating its 20th year anniversary, and is seeking members for its Advisory Board (and \$400,000 was spent by the city public works department to take off graffiti in the past year). **Overland** is thrilled for the city's support in suing the EPA over the Shattuck Chemical contamination. **United South East Denver** will plan a 2nd Annual traffic summit for '98.

**Mayfair** continues to be impacted by Lowry redevelopment with no direct input on the Redevelopment Board, so Mayfair President Debbie James has resigned in hopes that her leaving will remove an apparent "insurmountable obstacle" to accomplishing her area's goals.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

## Letters to INC

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With your agreement, the LRA would like to join the INC, officially, and to send a representative to meetings. It would also seem appropriate for someone from within the Lowry community to act as the Lowry Redevelopment Chair rather than someone from outside Lowry.

The INC serves a great citywide purpose and we would like to take a more active role. Please let me know how we might become a part.

James E. Meadows  
Executive Director

## INC Input Important

Dear Mr. McIntyre:

Mayor Webb received your letter recommending Michael Henry and Jim Zavist for a seat on appropriate committees working on Denver's Comprehensive Plan and has asked me to respond on his behalf.

Please be assured that your input is important and will be taken into consideration when an appointment is made.

Donna Good  
Assistant to the Mayor  
Health Policy/Boards and Commissions

## Zavist, Bancroft Win Awards

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bars on East Colfax, many of which battles were successful. Also in the mid-1980s, Virginia became a delegate to and board member of Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation, where she served as a hard-working, constructive, calming influence. She served as secretary of INC and was an active member of the INC Crime Committee. According to her husband, Dan, "Virginia was so fond of the people in Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation that it might be said that it came right after her family in importance in her life."

Bill Gross was a very active neighborhood leader and civic participant. Bill served for many years as the president and a major leader of the Whittier Neighborhood Association. Bill served as a board member of INC from 1982 to 1986, INC President from 1987 to 1989, and Crime Committee Chairman from 1992 to 1994. He served on numerous boards and commissions, and received many commendations and awards for his lifetime of community service.

**Mayor's Quarterly Meeting**  
**will be Nov. 5**  
**(not Nov. 6 as previously announced)**

**7 p.m. at St. Luke's Church**  
**13th Avenue & Quebec**

# Next INC Meeting

**Saturday, November 8**

**Denver Police Academy  
8895 E. Montview Blvd.  
(same place as last month)**

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

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

**9:20 - Around the City**

**10:30 - Break**

**10:45 - Auditor Don Mares**

**11:00 - Mayor's Partnership Program**

**11:45 - INC Business**

**12:00 - Adjourn**

**12:05 - Tour of Police Academy**

## INC Members (Patrons in Bold)

Alamo Placita NA · Barnum Improvement Council · Bellevue-Hale NA · Berkeley NA · Bonnie Brae NA · Broadway Terrace Merchants · **Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods** · Clayton NA · Colfax on the Hill · Cherry Point HOA · College View NA · Concerned Citizens for Barnum · Congress Park Neighbors · Cook Park NA · Cory-Merrill NA · Crestmoor Park Neighbors · Denargo Market Neighbors Coalition · **Downtown Denver Residents Orgn** · East Colorado Avenue HOA · East Montclair NA · Eastmoor Park Condo Assn · Far Northeast Neighbors · George Washington HOA · Globeville Civic Assn · Godsgate NA · Golden Triangle NA · Grand View NA · Greater Park Hill Community · Green Valley Ranch HOA · Hampden Heights Civic Assn · Harkness Heights NA · Harman NA · **Historic Montclair CA** · Hutchinson Hills/Willow Point HOA · Indian Creek Neighborhood Orgn · Inspiration Point NA · **Mayfair Neighbors** · Mayfair Park NA · Metropolitan Denver Local Development Corp. · Morgan's Subdivision Historic District HOA · North City Park CA · Organized Baker Residents · Overland NA · Pine Valley NA · Pinecrest Village Improvement Assn · Ruby Hill NA · Sloan Lake Citizens' Group · South Hilltop NA · South Jackson St. NA · Southmoor Park East HOA · Stokes Place/Green Bowers HOA · Sunnyside United Neighbors · The Beacon Club · The Promontory HOA · United South East Denver · **University Park Community Council** · **Upper Downtown Development Org** · Villa Park NA · Virginia Vale CA · Virginia Village/Ellis NA · West Highland NA · **West University CA**

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