

May 11 INC Meeting Features Finance Director

the city's Director of Finance. Browne will lead a presentation on the city's budgeting process. Her topics will include: how the budget is developed each year; what its major sources of funding are; and the breakdown of expenditures. She also will review the distinction between the operating budget and the capital budget, with emphasis on how the capital budget ties in to Blue Print Denver, the Comprehensive Plan, and the city's long-term land use goals. Browne will also review the Mayor's Core Values of kids and schools, parks and recreation, education, and safety, and will ask for input on budgeting for programs in these areas.

In addition to Margaret Browne and the budget discussion, Jennifer Moulton will spend a few minutes discussing the proposed charter amendment that would change the status of the Community Planning and Development Agency to a charter department. (*see the related article on page 3*).

Dollar Dictionary Kicks Off 2002 Campaign

By Cathee Fisher
Co-Chair
Dollar Dictionary
Committee

DPS students since 1996 have been a gift from the community for them to use for their continuing education and to share with their family members. The books the INC members received are meant to be used when needed, but are more importantly a visible example of the "dinosaur book" (thesaurus) that each student receives. It is a "gift" to be used as a show and tell fundraising tool.

Additionally, our brochure has been updated to reflect this year's program. Inserted in this newsletter are both our bold new gold edition and a white copy that can be easily copied. This program has worked because neighborhood organizations, individuals, businesses and our civic workers and leaders have said "great program!" and have supported it with their enthusiasm and dollars.

Your support is most needed in spreading the word, so people can participate. Please copy the tri-fold brochure for extended distribution or place excerpts in your neighborhood newsletter. If you need more copies let us know!

The next INC general meeting will take place May 11 at the Highlands Masonic Lodge, 3550 North Federal Boulevard. Plenty of parking is available.

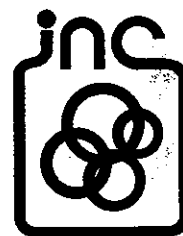
The featured speaker at the meeting will be Margaret Browne,

The April INC meeting marked the launch of this year's Dollar Dictionary Drive. Each of the more than 50 attendees received a copy of the 250 page thesaurus that was given to every Denver Public Schools (DPS) third grade student last year. Each student last year, and again this year, will receive both this thesaurus and a separate 350 page dictionary of their own in September.

The books we have been giving to

INC Receives
Dictionary Drive
Challenge Grant
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The Newsletter of Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation



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From the Chair

By Fred Corn
INC Chair

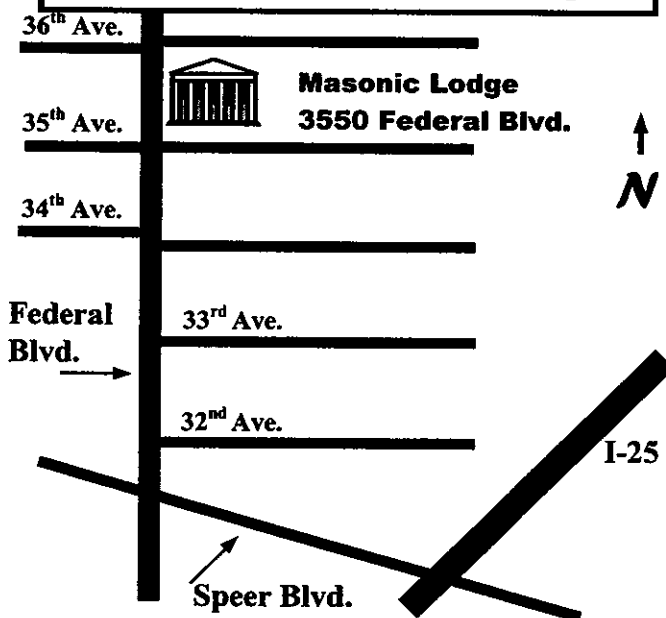
our own neighborhoods during the month, and that we come to INC meetings not so much to work on those issues, but to share our stories, get a little support, and, most of all, to have a good time with our friends.

I would like to say "thank you" to those of you who attended the April INC Membership Meeting. There was an excellent turnout for the meeting, and we discussed many great topics, starting with Around the City, moving through committee reports, and finishing with T-REX. People seemed to be engaged with the issues; the discussions were lively; and everyone was having such a good time at the break that I didn't want to end it and get back to the meeting.

It reminded me of why I got involved with INC in the first place - - I have always loved the energy people bring to INC meetings. It's my theory that we all work hard on issues in

I will continue to try to run meetings where we can help each other take care of the business of neighborhoods, but still have fun. Please let me know if you have any suggestions for meeting topics, or advice on how to run the meetings so that we can continue to engage our membership. Just call me at (303) 433-8577. And don't miss our May meeting. I think it's safe to say that understanding Denver's growth, traffic, public safety, and other issues that affect our quality of life requires an understanding of the budget process, and no one understands that process better than Margaret Browne. So bring your questions and let's have another lively meeting!

Map to May 11 INC Meeting



Advertise In

Denver Neighborhood Connection

INC is now accepting ads for its newsletter. The circulation is about 400, going to all the Neighborhood Association Presidents and INC delegates as well as various city offices. Your ad should be business card sized and should be e-mailed to craig@eley.net. The deadline is the 20th of the month, and the cost is \$30.00 per ad per month. You will be invoiced after the ad has run. Please call Jennifer Merriam at 303-782-0270 for further information.

Proposed Charter Amendment Seeks Elevation of Community Planning Agency

A Denver Charter amendment has been proposed that would change the status of the Denver Community Planning and Development Agency (CPDA) to a charter department. The following is a summary of those changes prepared by the CPDA.

Charter departments deliver basic city services to its citizens to insure their health, safety and welfare. The Community Planning and Development Agency (CPDA) became the agency charged with the planning, building and maintenance of a safe and beautiful Denver after merging in 1998 with the Building Department and Neighborhood Support Services of Public Works, and Housing Inspections of Environmental Health. CPDA is the key player in delivering on the promise of a high quality of life for Denver citizens. The agency should be put on the same level as the other charter departments due to the critical nature and monumental impact of services provided in the protection and renewal of Denver's neighborhoods.

CPDA touches all 560,000 residents and the nearly 500,000 people who work in Denver through its extensive activities and responsibilities. CPDA is the agency responsible for directly planning all of the private land in Denver. CPDA has planning coordinating responsibilities on public land. In addition, CPDA directs the permitting of development, insures construction quality, and enforces the ordinances that deal with property maintenance on all land - public or private - in Denver. Whether through planning or permitting or code enforcement, CPDA touches every acre of land

within Denver's boundaries.

The land area of the City and County of Denver is 154.6 square miles. Approximately 73.1 square miles of land in Denver is privately owned. CPDA directly oversees the planning, building and maintenance of private lands.

CPDA provides leadership and funding for preservation, rehabilitation and new construction of housing for Denver's low- and moderate-income neighborhoods.

CPDA is the advocate for neighborhood groups with other agencies and departments within the city. Our staff assists citizens in navigating the bureaucratic channels of the city.

Frequently Asked Questions

How much will it cost? As the election is being held for other ballot measures, there is no cost for the election. As the Community Planning and Development Agency already exists, no additional funds for agency staffing, equipment or office space is required.

Why is it needed? Private property interests ranging from individual homeowners to large developers are important enough to be permanently represented at the level of the Mayor's Cabinet.

How will it affect current employees? No positions will be created or abolished as a consequence.

Will the charter amendment diminish the importance of the Comprehensive Plan, Neighborhood Plans or guidelines related to Historic Districts? No. These visions of how Denver is to be developed and maintained will gain additional weight by being associated with the Mayor's Cabinet.

What are the services of CPDA?

Building and Construction Services

Building Plan Reviews

Building Permits

Building Construction Inspections

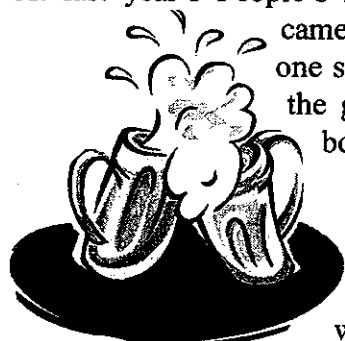
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Suds, Sun and Fundraising Fun at People's Fair June 1 & 2

*By Craig Eley
Editor*

The People's Fair is just around the corner (June 1 and 2, 2002) and INC needs volunteers to staff its beer booth at the event. Those helping at the booth earn money for their neighborhood associations of \$15 per person, per shift. This fundraising opportunity is not just for INC delegates, but for anyone from an INC member neighborhood association who wants to make some money for the neighborhood and have fun at the same time.

At last year's People's Fair the INC Beer Booth came close to being the number one selling booth, and this year the goal is to top every other booth.



Anyone who has ever worked at the INC Beer Booth will testify at to the fun and camaraderie which is enjoyed there as

beer is poured and served to happy fair-goers.

The shifts on each day are: 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m. - 5 p.m., and 5 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (the last shift on Sunday includes partial tear-down of the booth).

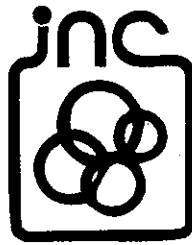
Each shift needs 10 volunteers. Volunteers are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. The volunteer's neighborhood association that will benefit from the earnings of the beer booth must be a current member of INC (see membership list on this page). If you are not sure as to whether your neighborhood has renewed its membership for 2002, contact Lew Gaiter, Jr., INC Membership Chair, at (303) 333-7933.

To take advantage of this once a year opportunity for fun and funds, call Wayne Jochem, INC Vice Chair, at (303) 756-9904.

INC Member Neighborhoods That Have Paid 2002 Dues

(Patrons in Bold)

Alamo Placita NA	Hilltop Heritage
Athmar Park NA	Historic Montclair Community
Baker Historical NA	Hutchinson Hills/Willow Point NA
Ballpark NA	Indian Creek NA
Beacon Club	Inspiration Point NA
Bear Creek HOA	Ivy Street NA
Bellvue Hale NA	Lowry Neighbors
Berkeley NA	Lynwood 7 & 8 HOA
Capitol Hill United Neighbors	Mayfair Park NA
Cherry Creek North BID	North City Park CA
Citizens for a Residential Quebec	Northern Airport Corridor Assoc.
Clayton NA	Platt Park People's Assoc.
College View NA	Progress & Preservation Together
Congress Park Neighbors	South Gaylord NA
Cook Park NA	South Hilltop NA
Cory-Merrill NA	South Jackson Neighborhood Org.
Country Club Historic Neighborhood	Southwest Improvement Council
Cranmer Park Hilltop	Sunnyside United Neighbors, Inc.
Crestmoor Park HOA Filing 2	University Park Community Council
Crestmoor Park HOA Filing 1	Upper Downtown Development Organization
Curtis Park Neighbors	Uptown On The Hill
Denargo Market NC	Virginia Vale CA
Downtown Denver Residents' Org.	Virginia Village/Ellis Community Association
East Montclair NA	Washington Park East NA
Far Northeast Neighbors	Wellshire HOA
Golden Triangle NA	West Highland NA
Greater Park Hill Community	West Washington Park NA
George Washington Homeowners	Supporting Organizations
Hampden South NA	Councilwoman Elbra Wedgeworth
Harkness Heights NA	Denver Water
Harman NA	One Sky One World
Highland Economic and Community Health Org.	
Highland United Neighbors	



May, 2002

Dear Friends:

This newsletter is specifically sent to you as a previous participant in INC's Dollar Dictionary Drive. Some of you have been supporters of this program since 1996. Your continued support has given us great courage and hope every step of the way.

We thank every one of you for your initial and continued support! We have not sent thank you cards and letters because we would rather put that money to use buying books for our young Denver students. Your support, however has been noted and appreciated.

This newsletter is to let you know the 7th Annual Dollar Dictionary Drive is officially launched and up and running in full swing. Please read our new brochure, 2002 Dictionary Drive events and other current news about INC. The Dictionary Drive is a thrilling program for our members, but they are also involved in all the other aspects of life in Denver. You are welcome to join INC as an associate member or attend any of our monthly meetings.

Please spread the word by using the inserted brochures or just ask your friends, family and neighbors to participate. This is a community program for our younger citizens. Time does fly and our first recipients of their own dictionary and thesaurus will be 9th graders in September.

If you have already made a contribution this year then this is a note of appreciation from me and my Co-Chair Steve Nissen.

Please pass a brochure to a friend, join us to help with labeling in August AND call to schedule a time and school to give the dictionaries to the third graders in September.

Thank you for your support!!

Cathee Fisher, Co-Chair - INC Dollar Dictionary Drive

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Yes!
 I'd like to support INC's
 Dollar Dictionary Drive.
 I will:

- ☐ Donate my time: Labeling
- ☐ Donate my time: Distribution
- ☐ Make a donation of:
 (Make check payable to INC Dollar Dictionary Drive)

☐ \$5 ☐ \$10 ☐ \$25
☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ Other \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone _____

My Local Elementary School _____

My Neighborhood Association _____

Return to:
 INC Dollar Dictionary Drive
 P.O. Box 181009
 Denver, CO 80218

All money donated will go toward the purchase of dictionaries. INC is a volunteer neighborhood-based organization, so other administrative costs are minimal. INC is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization incorporated in 1978.

All donations are tax deductible.


Dollar Dictionary Drive **National Award Winning** **But** **The Best Rewards Are:** **Thousands of Thank-Yous**

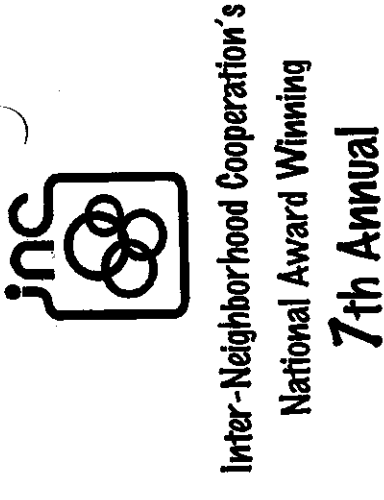
"Thank you for buying and giving the dictionary and the thesaurus to us. Now I can spell words and it gives me ideas of other words."

"Thank you for the dictionary. We really appreciate it. I have learned more new words. I think that a dictionary helps kids and people find out a word. It helps me a lot with words that I don't know. I use the dictionary. My Mom uses the dictionary and so does my brother. It helps my brother a lot because words that he doesn't know, now he knows. That is why we use the dictionary all over the place."

"The classroom sets we received in 2000 let us coordinate home and school work and the books are an invaluable asset for our children."

Denver, Colorado 2002


 INC Dollar Dictionary Drive
 P.O. Box 181009
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Dollar Dictionary Drive



A Dictionary & Thesaurus of their own for every Denver Public Schools 3rd Grade Student



Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation's 7th Annual Dollar Dictionary Drive

The Problem

Literacy is one of the most important issues facing America today. We have every chance of losing our competitive edge in the world if our children cannot read. Unless we take action, we face the real possibility of losing an entire generation of children, and also our future.



INC's Answer

INC created the Dollar Dictionary Drive in 1996. Each Denver Public Schools third-grader was given a Webster's Dictionary-Thesaurus purchased from K-Mart. Funds were donated from people throughout the community, and US Bank provided a generous grant. This support has continued every year.

In 2002 each DPS third-grade student will receive 2 books, both a dictionary and a thesaurus, of their own.

Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation (INC) is a consortium of Denver neighborhoods whose goal is the continuing improvement of Denver.



For more information contact INC's Dollar Dictionary Coordinators:

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Fred Corr, INC Chair 303-433-8577
Wayne Jochem, INC Vice-Chair 303-756-9904
www.neighborhoodlink.com/denver/inc

How You Can Help

Volunteers Needed! Two Important Activities:

 **Placing gift labels in 17,000 dictionaries**

Dates: Thursday, August 8 - 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday, August 9 - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Location: Rocky Mountain SER
36th Ave. & Pecos St.
Northwest Denver

Individuals or groups are welcome for an hour or all day. Call for details, or to volunteer.

 **Giving dictionaries to the students**

Dates: September 3 to October 11
During school hours

Location: At all 90 DPS Elementary Schools

The BEST time! Don't Miss It!

Making the Dream Come True

**#1 Dollar = 1 Dictionary?
Not Exactly!**

Since 1996 two changes have occurred with this program.

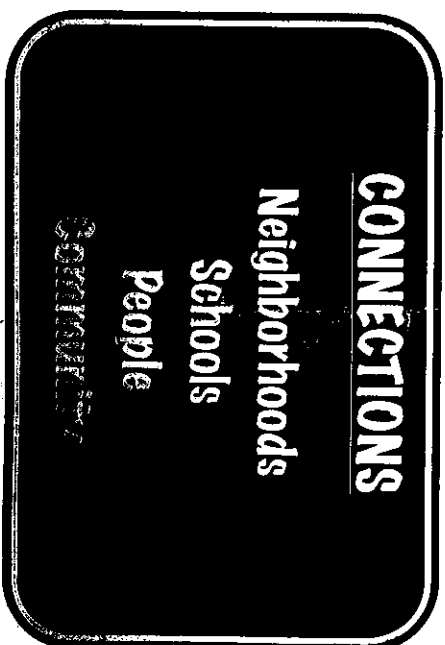
The first! A "pocket" dictionary became a 450 page dictionary and thesaurus combined. Known today as our 2 for 1 "dinosaur book". Now for the second year our 2 for 1 book has become 2 books - our familiar dictionary and a thesaurus - "dinosaur book". Why dinosaur? THESAURUS sounds like a dinosaur name - ask any third grader and their vocabulary becomes "bigger" just like a "big" dinosaur!

The second! The price of books has increased. Now to purchase these two valuable resource books for each student costs \$1.75.

This is still a great value, every dollar you contribute will help provide a dictionary and thesaurus for a DPS third-grader in September 2002.

This valuable life-long tool for their education and future success is a marvelous gift from the community.

Your contribution can help give DPS third-grade students an opportunity to help themselves to literacy and learning. Please be generous—**Denver's future depends on us!!**



May-Around the City

Hampden South Neighborhood- The rebuilding of the intersection at Monaco & Hampden is still under construction. A new Wal-mart is scheduled to open in May along Hampden near Kennedy Golf Course. The theatres at Tamarac Square are being renovated into an art film cinema similar to the Mayan & Esquire Theatres.

Platte Park People's Association- continues to address the concerns of neighbors working hard to make progress on the big house/ scrape off issue with quick wins II. The traffic committee is working with neighbors and businesses to address the sound wall concerns. It is their hope that a sound wall will not enclose Platt Park. We are also planning our first annual picnic in the park on Friday 7/26.

West University Community Association- The University of Denver continues to grow, and is currently asking to rezone one full city block to allow the construction of a new classroom building and additional playing fields. Even though DU has responded to many neighborhood concerns, the neighbors immediately across the street remain opposed, so WUCA is opposing the rezoning.

RTD- The "C" line opened last weekend, serving both the sports venues and lower downtown- If you don't want to pay to park in LoDo, take the light-rail.

Mayfair Neighbors, Inc- will hold a general meeting with an individual explaining how the Art Institute (or "AI") of Colo. Plans to use certain facilities. The AI on May 17th will host an open house for the Mayfair Neighborhood. They will offer a tour of the building, displaying art projects from students and refreshments served by the culinary students. Marc of Old Vine Properties will explain how they plan to develop the property. Contact Nancy Jackson at (303) 388-0321 concerning any questions. Both events will be held at the towers located at 5785 E. 8th Ave. Anyone interested is invited to attend these events.

Upper Downtown Development Organization- New one block development from 23rd to 24th between Market & Larimer (one complete block) mixed use development including shops, stores, condo's, etc. it is going before the zoning committee. 3600 + units within a mile and a half circle of our district are being developed. Ball Park neighborhood has had preliminary approval of their historic district by the Landmark Commission and will now wait for city

council approval on April 29. For further information pertaining to these issues please call Gene Tepper at (303) 355-4000.

Baker Historical N/A- Neighborhood plan has scheduled the last set of public meetings. The plan will become a model for future plans. We are represented on the city parking task force as members from the South Broadway Business District. The board is up for election in May and we have expressed an increase in people becoming involved with our zoning committee.

University Park Community Council- The DU neighborhood traffic mitigation plan for UP has gone to Public Works for approval. The Historic Buchtel Blvd. Park plan has been endorsed by the Parks Dept. and awaits the city's arrangements with RTD to obtain its strip of land along the trail. We noticed a major zoning slip-up, the project architect has been asked to redesign to apply with code standards. We are restating our policy toward variance requests, and studying the INC proposed letter on Quick Wins II. We would like to welcome back our city planner after a long absence as we attempt to reconstruct our neighborhood framework plan to meet the city's new format.

Harkness Heights N/A- Later this month we will meet to discuss current INC projects that are underway and determine if we might be able to host an upcoming meeting.

GPHC Inc- The Greater Park Hill Garden Tour will be held Sat., June 8 from 10 am until 4 pm. For ticket information call the GPHC Inc office at (303) 388-0918. We were also recently awarded a Neighborhood Resource Center grant to help expand communications via web page design and distribution. We are also currently working with Northeast Park Hill on a community showcase scheduled for August.

City Park West N/A- The City Park Festival of the Arts will be held May 19th at the City Park Pavilion from 11 am until 6 pm. Two stages and nine bands will be included plus children's entertainment and a walking venue. This unique community event promises to be a showcase of Denver's premiere events of 2002. For more information please call (303) 333-6063 or visit our website at

Virginia Village/ Ellis Comm. Assoc.- Concerned about the recent amendments to the photo radar (bad!) and the need to support neighborhood concerns with the Quick Wins II solution.

INC Recipient of Matching Grant for First \$5,000 Raised in 2002 dollar Dictionary Drive

*By Cathee Fisher
Co-Chair
Dollar Dictionary Committee*

The numbers - 1996 to 2002 - just simple arithmetic!

- Students to receive a dictionary and thesaurus of their own in 2002 = 8,500
- Total books distributed since 1996 (including 2000 classroom sets) = 80,000
- Cost of the 2002 program = \$15,000

Major donations since the INC President's Dinner of November 1, 2001

- Councilwoman Cathy Reynolds = \$1,000
- INC delegate Eugene Tepper = \$1,500
- 9 Who Cares Award Winner Steve Nissen = \$900

These three donations plus individual and neighborhood donations put us in the black for 2001 and gave us a good start on funding the 2002 program.

If 50 people (the recipients of a gift thesaurus) each raise \$100 we will have reached 1/3 of our fund raising needs for 2002. How does it happen? One dollar at a time!

First Time Match Challenge

It just so happens one of our members has a special interest in literacy. Gene Tepper's wife, Sheri, is a



prolific writer! Sheri S. Tepper has published over 50 books in both the mystery and fantasy science fiction genres. Her mystery writing pen names are A. J. Ord and B. J. Oliphant. They are both firm believers and strong supporters of literacy.

Gene's Challenge! In honor of his wife, Gene will match our initial \$5,000 attendee challenge! To participate, please mark your brochures and donations with "5K Challenge!"

Hopefully, we will reach our 2002 goals before September and build a nest egg for 2003.

Thank you Eugene Tepper, Sheri S. Tepper and all our donors!

Charter Amendment on Community Planning Agency

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Zoning and Development Review

Land Use and Development Plan Reviews
Zoning Permits
Zoning Code Revisions
Rezoning & Map Amendments

Urban Design

Development Of Standards
Development Review

Neighborhood Inspection Services

Enforcement of one-third of the Denver

Revised Municipal Code

Property Maintenance Standards
Interior Habitability Requirements
Zoning Code

Housing & Neighborhood Development Services

Housing Development
Neighborhood Development
Economic Development
Enterprise Community
Federal Grant Administration

Planning Services

Comprehensive & Small Area Planning
Landmark & Historic Preservation
City Information & Analysis

Next Meeting
Saturday
May 11
2002

Highlands Masonic
Lodge
3550 Federal Blvd.

(see map on page 2)

Hosted by
Highland United
Neighbors

AGENDA

8:45
Coffee and Chat

9:00
Around the City

10:00
Committee Reports

10:30
Jennifer Moulton
on Proposed Charter
Amendment

10:45
Break

11:00
Margaret Browne
City of Denver
Director of Finance

Noon
Adjourn

The Article Deadline for
Denver Neighborhood
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month.

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