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Denver Neighborhood Connection

The Newsletter of Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation

October 12 INC Meeting Examines City and State Ballot Issues

The meeting will feature our annual Election Issues Forum, focusing on five ballot items:

City and County of Denver

Referred Measure 1A – Regarding financing the renovation of the Auditorium Theatre

State of Colorado

Amendment 27 – Regarding campaign finance (limiting contribution amounts)

Amendment 29 – Regarding election reform (petition process versus caucuses)

Amendment 30 – Regarding Election Day voter registration

Amendment 31 – Regarding English language education

We will hear from spokespeople representing both the pro and con sides of each issue. Our format for each ballot item is: 10 minutes from the proponent, 10 minutes from the opponent, and 10 minutes for questions from the audience. Wayne Jochem, INC Chair, will moderate the forum.

Please plan on attending this informative and lively meeting.

Annual Presidents' Dinner Slated for November 7, 2002

One of INC's most important events, the annual Presidents' Dinner, has been scheduled for Thursday, November 7. As in the past, the dinner will be held at the Downtown Hyatt, and will be

sponsored by AT&T.

One of the highlights of the Presidents' Dinner is the presentation of awards made by INC to deserving members of the community. These awards are the Virginia Oredson Award, the Bill Gross Award, and the Walt Kembel Award. The criteria for these awards vary, and were published in the September *Denver Neighborhood Connection*. Nominations for these awards are due October 12, 2002. Those who need another copy of the awards nomination form should send an e-mail request to editor Craig Eley at craig@eley.net, and include a fax number to which the form can be sent.

Invitations to the Presidents' Dinner will be mailed during October.





From the Chair

By Wayne Jochem
INC Chair

Budget Cuts

I have been contacted by several neighborhood groups asking what I can do to help them address the Mayor's proposed budget cuts for next year that could negatively impact their neighborhoods.

While I sincerely want to try to resolve such issues, most of the time I can't. I can only help point the way and offer opinions and ideas on what may work to address these concerns. Concerned citizens may want to bring up their issues at INC's monthly meetings, as chances are good someone has gone through the same or similar issue before. INC can also attempt to have the person in charge of the appropriate agency make a presentation and answer questions at an INC meeting. Issues may also be brought up in *Denver Neighborhood Connection*, as many city officials receive a copy. The problem with attempting to address budget cuts is how can we try to tell the city, or even a specific agency, that one agency's job is more important than another's? Likewise, how do we tell one neighborhood that we will support them when another neighborhood has a different issue all together or one that goes against another neighborhood? It's issues like this that makes this job tough at times.

What I would encourage every neighborhood group to do is to contact its three City Council representatives. "Three" is not a typo. For those of you that don't already know, you do have three City Council representatives. You have your councilperson for your district and two at-large councilpersons. Their numbers are in the phone book in the "blue pages" or, if there is enough interest, I could place the phone numbers to City Council representatives in an upcoming newsletter so that you could tear them out (after you read the newsletter of course!) and have them handy for future reference. The Office of Neighborhood Response is another wonderful resource and you may also contact the

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While this was announced at the last meeting, I need to pass on to everyone else that there was a problem with our post office box and mail was returned to sender. The whole problem was the Post Office's claim that we hadn't paid our "rent," so to speak. While neither Fred Corn, past INC Chairperson, or I remember receiving any bill, let alone a reminder, it is difficult to argue with the Post Office, and what was done is done. While we are not happy with the whole situation, I am happy to say that we have retained our same P.O. Box number and that this issue has been taken resolved for now. I apologize for the inconvenience this may have caused anyone.

September Meeting

I would like to thank everyone who attended the September meeting for their patience. Due to crowded parking conditions, and not really good signage to the meeting room, we had a late start that just seemed to continue throughout the meeting. Not that there is anyone to blame, but I guess I could blame this on being my first official meeting and being inexperienced, but overall there seemed to be a lot of useful and important information passed around, discussed and presented. Thanks to those who helped remind me to keep things moving.

Thank you to our guest presenters, Gary Price and his staff from Denver's Solid Waste Agency, and Landri Taylor with Forest City, the organization that is in charge of the Stapleton Redevelopment. All presenters did a wonderful job of telling us what they do, their areas of responsibility and upcoming issues in these areas and of addressing our questions.

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agency head or Mayor's office, but I personally would start with your City Council representatives.

While it is already too late to address many budget issues at this point in time, as the city's budget is already done, if there is enough interest from our member neighborhoods we could have a meeting for the sole purpose of attempting to prioritize neighborhood issues as they relate to budget issues. This would probably be done around May when the city begins its budget process. How do you feel about this? Do you feel that given the variety of issues from neighborhood to neighborhood that we could agree on and prioritize what city services are important? While this would provide our collective opinion to the city, it would in no way obligate the city to follow it or take it into consideration when addressing future budget cuts.

So you don't feel all alone, the INC Board is not in favor of all these budget cuts and I don't think that there is a board member who's neighborhood hasn't been effected in some way by these cuts. I would welcome ideas on how to address this issue without showing favoritism to one neighborhood or another as well as not showing any preferential treatment to one city agency or another.



held at September's meeting regarding my appointments of Elizabeth Hamilton to the position of Vice-chair and Lew Gaiter to Delegate-at-Large. Also, Nell Swiers of Historic Baker Neighborhood was elected as Delegate-at-Large. There were no other nominations from those in attendance so all three ran unopposed and were voted into position by the membership present.

Upcoming Meetings

In response to a few members who indicated that they don't always receive the newsletter prior to a meeting, I have put together a list of what neighborhoods have indicated an interest in hosting upcoming INC Meetings. While we don't have exact locations and agendas finalized, and while everything is subject to change, I will try to publish in the *Denver Neighborhood Connection* the hosting neighborhood for the upcoming meetings in an attempt to address the issue of late newsletters. To start with, here's what I have through March of 2003:

Month	Host Organization
October	Platt Park Peoples Association
November	Sloan's Lake
December	Undecided
January	Washington Park
February	University Park
March	Open, however, Denver Water has expressed interest in hosting this meeting as well as offering to provide update and discussion on snowfall and potential water issues for the upcoming summer months.

October Meeting

Platt Park Peoples Association will host the October 2002 INC delegates' meeting. This will take place at 1700 S. Grant (Grant and Mexico) at the South Presbyterian Church. Due to T-REX, if you are attending via I-25 the easiest thing to do is to go south on Broadway to Mexico and then east (left). I will be making an effort to start this meeting on time so that I don't run over. This meeting will be focusing on some of the upcoming ballot issues.

Elections

In accordance with INC Bylaws, a brief election was

Around the City From September INC Meeting

East Cheesman – A 7-week program significantly reduced dangerous, illegal, against-traffic turns at 11th and Josephine. Sixty tickets were written, 45% of which were to neighborhood residents.

Montclair – Anticipates repair of its Community Building to begin this month. Concern that only 5% of its neighborhood children attend the neighborhood elementary school, which is President Scott Hamling's primary concern this year. Anyone with suggestions on this issue please contact Scott at shamling@earthlink.net or www.neighborhoodlink.com/denver/montclair

Greater Park Hill Community – Home Tour September 22. Board members are hosting a candidate forum on October 3 from 7-9 p.m. at PHCC, 2600 Leyden Street.

Park Hill – Has gotten rid of the five houses that have created problems since 1989! They all feel a lot safer. Their Neighborhood Police Officers (NPO's) have been great!

Hampden South Neighborhood Association – At long last, high-speed internet service is being installed in the Hampden South Neighborhood. The upgrading of the cable has caused numerous cable outages. To cut down on postage costs, it has gathered e-mail addresses and has started to distribute its newsletter electronically.

Montbello – TV show on the Denver Cable Channel, 1 p.m. Fridays and 8 p.m. Sundays on child sexual abuse and managing sex offender movement. Meeting on October 15th, 6 p.m. at Denver Public Library regarding sex offenders.

Cory Merrill Association – Is working with South East Neighbors Coalition monitoring T-REX on its I-25 border. It will oppose a variance request before the Board of Adjustment on October 1.

East Montclair NA – Its 2nd annual yard sale was a

huge success! Profits increased 30% to \$650. Ten percent of the proceeds were donated to the Ashley Elementary School Library Fund.

Hilltop – Its 3rd Ave block party was a success. Hilltop Historic District is doing well.

Baker – The Gate Development has begun. It is the first TMU-30 zoning area. T-REX is moving across Broadway toward the Sante Fe exit. The Fentress development is still under negotiation.

City Park West Neighborhood Association – Is working with the Community Planning and Development Agency to file an application for an overlay zoning district to manage new development in several blocks. Many neighborhoods along East Colfax between Broadway and Colorado Blvd. are beginning a small area planning process for land use and transportation issues.

Highlands – Is experiencing illegal trash and dumping problems.

University Park Community Council – Had a bulb sale and assisted at the Historic Denver House Tour in University Park. Concerns center on neighborhood and adjacent construction including T-REX, Light Rail Station areas and DU, which opened two large new buildings this fall and has planned 73 other projects. Revision of UP's Framework Plan is underway.

Platt Park People's Assoc. – Has just passed its 1st year as an organization! (Good Job!!) Block captains have been found for 97% of their blocks. Crime continues to be a concern to residents. It is convening a public safety committee and working with DPD to identify ways that it can be more involved in practically addressing neighborhood concerns. The neighborhood will be hosting the October INC meeting.

Other Issues

An issue brought up during Around the City was a graffiti problem in which persons were using a chemical etching product to graffiti store windows. When this happens, it causes a tremendous problem, as the window is likely to be permanently damaged

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and require replacement. The city has been working with stores to remove these products from their shelves or to restrict the sale of these products similarly to what is currently done with spray paint. This problem has apparently been seen in other parts of the country, but Denver appears to be addressing the problem more quickly than other cities. Another issue is that the Denver Election Commission is seeking people to be judges for the November 5th election who are bilingual and who are willing to work in precincts where needed. Compensation is \$100. For more information please call (720) 913-8684.

Two motions were passed at the September 14 meeting. One was to support the Parks and Recreation Position Statement as published in the September *Denver Neighborhood Connection*. The other was to support the Transit Mixed Use-30 letter which Mike Henry distributed.

Peace Event Set for October 13

Join with others all around the world in showing that the sky belongs to those who value and respect life and the planet earth. The 17th Annual One Sky One World International Kite Fly & Pet Parade for Peace will take place at Sloan's Lake Park on Sunday, October 13 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. adjacent to the Boat House on the north side of the lake.

People are encouraged to bring their own kites or purchase them at the event. Entertainment, food, vendor and community organization booths and a Pet Parade will be featured. Three hundred white peace doves will be released from inside the Peace Ring after a Lacota Sioux blessing. An off-leash Dog Play Area and a Tipi Village with Native American crafts will be featured at the event.

For more information, or to volunteer to help, contact One Sky One World at (303) 571-1744 or at pa@earthnet.net.

INC Member Neighborhoods

(Patrons in Bold)

Alamo Placita NA	Historic Montclair Comm.
Athmar Park NA	Hutchinson Hills/Willow Point NA
Baker Historical NA	Indian Creek NA
Ballpark NA	Inspiration Point NA
Beacon Club	Ivy Street NA
Bear Creek HOA	Lowry Neighbors
Bellvue Hale NA	Lynwood 7 & 8 HOA
Berkeley NA	Mayfair Neighbors, Inc.
Capitol Hill United Neighbors	Mayfair Park NA
Cherry Creek North BID	North City Park CA
Cherry Creek North NA	Northern Corridor Coalition
Cherry Point HOA	Northern Airport Corridor Assoc.
Citizens for a Residential Quebec	Platt Park People's Assoc.
City Park West NA	Progress & Preservation Together
Clayton NA	Ruby Hill NA
College View NA	South Gaylord NA
Congress Park Neighbors	South Hilltop NA
Cook Park NA	South Jackson NO
Cory-Merrill NA	Southmoor Park E. HOA
Country Club Historic Neighborhood	Southwest Improvement Council
Cranmer Park Hilltop	St. Charles NA
Crestmoor Park HOA Filing 2	Sunnyside United Neighbors, Inc.
Crestmoor Park HOA Filing 1	University Park CC
Curtis Park Neighbors	Upper Downtown Development Organization
Denargo Market NC	Uptown on The Hill
Downtown Denver Residents' Org.	Virginia Vale CA
East Cheesman Park NA	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 HOA	Supporters
Hampden South NA	Councilwoman Elbra Wedgeworth
Harkness Heights NA	Councilwoman Kathleen MacKenzie
Harman NA	Denver Water
Highland Economic and Community Health Org.	One Sky One World
Highland United Neighbors	
Hilltop Heritage	

Next Meeting
Saturday
October 12
2002

South Presbyterian
Church
1700 South Grant Street

Hosted by
Platt Park
People's Association

AGENDA

8:45
Coffee and Chat

9:00
Around the City

9:30
Ballot Issues

Noon
Adjourn

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article submission deadline
is the 20th of each month.
Submit articles to
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