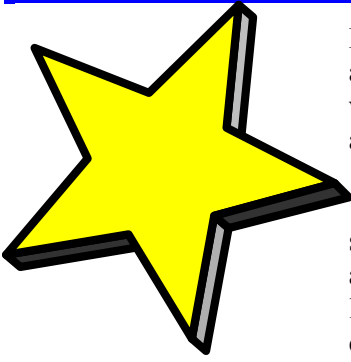


## INC Year-end Awards



For several years, Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation has given annual awards to express INC's appreciation to individuals who have helped Denver neighborhoods. Some are named after three of INC's finest leaders, all now deceased.

The first is the Virginia Oredson Award. Virginia was the secretary of INC for several years in the 1980s and was very active with the Montclair Civic Association. She was a gentle lady with firm ideas about protecting her neighborhood from crime and problem bars and encouraging neighborhoods to

work together through INC. The **Virginia Oredson Award** is given to a person who:

- Has encouraged Denver neighborhoods or citizens to work together in a common effort to solve community problems.
- Has established a record of selfless community service and encouraged and motivated others to volunteer their services to engage in community improvement efforts.

The second INC award is the Bill Gross Award. Bill was the chair of INC in the early 1990s and had been very active as president of the Whittier Neighborhood Association and was an organizer of the Northeast Denver Congress. His particular passion was building partnerships between neighborhood groups and the Denver police to improve neighborhood safety. The **Bill Gross Award** is given to a person who:

- Has a strong record of working with neighborhoods to better public safety in the community.
- Has made Denver a safer place in which to live.

The third INC award is the Walt Kembel Award. Walt was the treasurer of INC in the late 1990s and was active in the Cherry Creek North neighborhood where he constantly and vocally, although unsuccessfully, tried to maintain the neighborhood character of smaller, modest homes in the North Cherry Creek area. The **Walt Kembel Award** is given to a person or group who:

- Is an INC delegate or a member of a member RNO.
- Has contributed to INC during the past year over and above normal expectations to develop and promote the organization or has moved INC forward or in new directions in creative or unexpected ways.

**"Neighborhood Stars" Denver Good Neighbor Awards:** These awards are nominated by the Board of a member RNO.

- Awarded to a person who has made a difference in their neighborhood.
- A person or group that has worked together to make "Denver a Better Place to Live."
- A person or group that has worked over the past year on a cause or a project that has improved the appearance or the quality of life in their neighborhood.

Send nominations to: [dj-jl-webster@att.net](mailto:dj-jl-webster@att.net)

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### Member Organizations

Advocates for Diverse Denver  
 Alamo Placita Neighbors Assn  
 Athmar Park Neighborhood Assn  
 Baker Historic Neighborhood Assn  
**Ball Park Neighborhood Assn**  
 Bellevue-Hale Neighborhood Assn  
 Berkeley Neighborhood Assn  
 Berkeley-Regis United Neighbors  
 Bonnie Brae Neighborhood Assn  
**CCHN**  
 Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods Inc  
 Cherry Creek East Assn  
 Cherry Creek North Neighborhood Assn  
 Cherry Hills Vista Community Assn.

Cherry Point Homeowners Assn  
 City Park West Neighborhood Assn  
 Civic Association of Clayton  
 Clayton Neighborhood Assn  
 Colfax Business Improvement District  
 Colfax on the Hill, Inc  
 Congress Park Neighbors  
 Cook Park Neighborhood Assn (2007)  
**Cory-Merrill Neighborhood Assn**  
**Crestmoor Park Homeowners Assn**  
**2nd filing**  
 Crestmoor Park Homeowners Inc Filing One  
 Curtis Park Neighbors  
 Denargo Market Neighbors Coalition  
 Denver's Art District on Sante Fe  
**Downtown Denver Residents Org**  
 Driving Park Historic District  
 East Montclair Neighborhood Assn  
 Elyria Swansea/Globeville Business Assn.  
 Far Northeast Neighbors, Inc  
 George Washington Homeowner's Assn. Inc.  
 Globeville Civic Assn I  
 Godsman Community Neighborhood Org  
**Golden Triangle Arts District**  
 Golden Triangle Assn  
 Greater Mar Lee Community Org  
**Greater Park Hill Inc.**  
 Hampden Heights Civic Assn  
 Hampden South Neighborhood Assn  
 Harkness Heights Neighborhood Assn  
 Harman Neighborhood Assn Inc.  
 Highland United Neighborhood  
 Hilltop Heritage Assn LLC  
 Historic Montclair Community Association, Inc.  
 Humboldt Street Neighborhood Assn  
 Hutchinson Hills/Willow Point HOA  
 Inspiration Point Neighborhood Assn  
 Ivy Street Neighbors Assn  
 Leetsdale Cop Shop  
 Lowry Community Master Assn.  
 Lynwood 7 & 8 Neighborhood Assn  
**Mayfair Neighbors, Inc**  
 Mayfair Park Neighborhood Assn  
 Montbello United Neighbors  
**Neighbors and Friends for Cheesman Park (2007)**  
 North City Park Civic Assn  
 Overland Neighborhood Assn  
 Park Forest Homeowner's Assn  
 Platt Park Peoples Assn  
 Sloans Neighborhood Assn  
 South City Park Neighborhood Assn

South Hilltop Neighborhood Assn  
 South Jackson Street Reg Denver Neighborhood  
 Southern Hills Community Assn.  
**Southmoor Park East Homeowners Assn**  
 Stapleton United Neighbors  
 Summerfield at Indian Creek  
 The FAX Partnership  
 The Five Points Historic Assn  
 The Unsinkables  
 University Neighbors  
**University Park Community Council**  
**Upper Downtown Development Org (2007)**  
**Virginia Vale Community Assn**  
 Virginia Village/Ellis Community Assn  
 Warrens University Community Council  
**Washington Park East Neighborhood Assn**  
 West Highland Neighborhood Assn  
 West University Community Assn (WUCA)  
**West Washington Park Neighborhood Assn**  
 Whittier Neighborhood Assn

### Associates

**Auditor, City and County of Denver**  
 Bonna Gayhart  
 Bow Mar Heights Improvement Assn  
 Carter M. Ballinger, M.D.  
 Cherry Creek North BID  
**Councilman Doug Linkhart**  
**Councilman Rick Garcia**  
**Councilwoman Carol Boigon**  
**Councilwoman Jeanne Robb**  
**Councilwoman Marcia Johnson**  
**Councilwoman Peggy Lehmann**  
**Denver Health Medical Center**  
**Denver Water**  
**Downtown Denver Partnership, Inc.**  
 FRESC (Front Range Economic Strategy Center)  
 Gertie Grant  
 Hilltop  
 Historic Denver Inc.  
 League of Women Voters of Denver  
 LoDo District Inc.  
 Morrison Road Business Association of Denver  
 Neighborhood Resource Center  
 Pam Schenkein  
 The Greens @ Pinehurst HOA  
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**Xcel Energy**



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INC Delegates' Meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month at 8:45 a.m. See this issue for location.

The INC Executive Committee meets monthly. All members are welcome. Call the Chair for time and location.

## Minutes of November Executive Committee

*By Karen Cuthbertson, Secretary*

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Chair Dave Webster. In attendance were Executive Committee (EC) members Karen Cuthbertson, Al Habercorn, Charles Howard, Bill Johnston, Monique Lovato, and Anthony Thomas. Also in attendance were Standing/Special Committee Chairs Michael Henry and Steve Nissen. The October Minutes were approved. The Treasurer's report was not complete and will be emailed out.

The EC discussed INC's fund raising efforts:

- Dollar Dictionary Drive: A *YourHub* grant was not awarded to INC.
- Red Hats Society: The Committee decided the ticket cost was too high to be of interest to most members.

### Committee Reports:

- Audit: The audit has not yet been completed.
- Dollar Dictionary Drive: Fundraising for the Dollar Dictionary Drive is \$6,000 short of the 2006 goal. 183 solicitation letters resulted in 7 responses. It was suggested that INC start the year off at the President's Dinner by submitting a donation.
- Public Safety: Karen and Billie met with Jeanne Faatz, Gretchen Williams, and Rosemary Rodriguez to discuss the proposed new ordinance for R1 occupancy. Rosemary will submit the proposal to the Zoning Code Update Taskforce for evaluation and prioritization.
- Zoning & Planning: Kim Bailey will attend the November 18 meeting to discuss tree planting. The Committee brainstormed on meaningful ways for residents to participate in government.
- INC President's Dinner: A motion to discontinue the Neighborhood Stars award did not carry. Dave and Karen are meeting with Bill Mitchell on Thursday.
- Million Tree Initiative: Monique distributed what was presented at Greenprint Denver on November 9<sup>th</sup>. She asked for the EC to review and provide feedback.
- Education, Membership, Newsletter, Public Relations and Transportation Committees: No reports submitted.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

## Minutes of November Delegates Meeting

*By Karen Cuthbertson, Secretary*

Councilman Rick Garcia welcomed the attendees to the meeting. Councilman Doug Linkhart spoke about the Mayor's and Council's intention to address vote center problems.

With 34 voting Delegates in attendance, the following motions from the INC Zoning and Planning Committee were placed before the Delegates:

1. Regarding the Civic Center Park redesign: See the complete motion on page 8.
2. Regarding demolition permits: Support proposal that demolition permit applications now must include a photograph of the site and that Historic Denver evaluates the historic merit prior to permit issuance. Motion carried with 32 in favor, 2 abstentions.
3. Regarding historic preservation: The motion supports equalization of treatment of historically designated buildings and structures within designated historic districts specifically to provide the same rules for building demolition for both types of historic buildings regardless of whether or not the historically designated building resides in a historic district. The motion carried with 30 in favor, none in opposition, and one abstention.

Denver Police Detective Jason Moore described Denver's Nuisance Abatement program that most often involves drugs, weapons, prostitution, and habitual traffic offenders. Abatement methods include Abatement Plans, removal of residents, seizure of cars, and closure of buildings for one to three years. The program is on track to have over 2,000 cases this year. Detective Moore described the feeling from program staff that the Nuisance Abatement ordinance should be amended to include:

- Impersonating a Police Officer (including unauthorized use of blue/red flashing car lights),
- possession, sale, and or distribution of substances used to manufacture methamphetamine,
- kidnapping (including parental kidnapping), enticement of a child, and harboring a minor,
- and criminal mischief resulting in more than \$500 property damage.

The next Nuisance Abatement Task Force meeting is on

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Mayor Hickenlooper answers the questions of the Delegates. ►

## Zoning and Planning Committee Report

By Diana Helper, Member

The INC Zoning and Planning (ZAP) Committee met November 18. ZAP now has a large copy of the current Denver Zoning Map that will be available at meetings. Those present were urged to attend the November 28 Workshop (Tools for Stabilizing Stable Neighborhoods) and the December 2 Planning Board meeting for comment on the Denver Comprehensive Plan. Copies of "The Economic Benefits of Historic Preservation" were distributed.

Denver Parks and Recreation Manager Kim Bailey spoke about the Mayor's Metro-wide "Million Trees" Greenprint initiative. Print copies of the (unshown) power point presentation were distributed as well as a map of the cities included, a draft of Programmatic Initiatives, and The Park People/Denver Digs Trees publication for spring '07, *Everyone Needs Trees*. Ms. Bailey stated that a Task Force has been named and committees will be established for the tree campaign and that City Policy (including such items as tree preservation and permit process changes) will go to City Council in about a month. Comments from ZAP members dealt with the need for education regarding care and maintenance of new and mature trees, appropriate types of trees, placement, and the value of trees rather than hardscape. There also were concerns about water and funding for trees. Committee members and Ms. Bailey agreed that Registered Neighborhood Organizations (RNOs) should be important partners in the tree-planting efforts.

Patrick Hayes of The Park People spoke about the Community Forester Program that trains citizen volunteers to help keep an eye on Denver's many trees.

John VanSciver spoke about "right zoning" for neighborhoods, particularly rezoning areas from R-3 to R-2 where many Congress Park residents favor such a change. Several Denver RNOs are presently working on such issues and preparing applications to present to the City. Ron Buss reported 125 residents have volunteered to downzone in West Washington Park. At times there may be a neatly squared-up area of application or often a "checkerboard."

Tyler Gibbs from the Denver Planning Office stated that zoning is a tool for implementing plans and the City will work with RNOs to organize any rezoning application. He said that density is directed at areas of change, and luckily, the City has plans in place. He introduced Tina Axelrad, a land use lawyer, who is now on staff in the Planning Office. Brief discussion about zoning

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**Baker Historic N.A.** – There is concern about a 20-plus story condominium tower in the northeast corner of the neighborhood. Proposed by the Fendress Group, the Watermark II, a.k.a. Watermark Revisited, will be directly adjacent to 2½ story houses.

**Ball Park N.A.** – We're working on our Design Review Guidelines. The unveiling of Eddie Maestes Park is on November 19. We're working with developers on large surface lots around Coors Field.

**Cook Park N.A.** – A local resident is proposing a skate park at Cook Park and needs neighborhood approval and \$150,000 in funding. Another neighbor is concerned about business and trash on Asbury Avenue, an area that contains both residential and business uses.

**Congress Park Neighbors** – Two active petitions for rezoning residential properties from R3 to R2 are underway. The first hearing before the Planning Board is Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. Several more applications are to follow.

**Curtis Park Neighbors** – The Sunny Lawson Park has been a great success in taking back a park with neighbors, the City, and Police making the park a neighborhood park again. The one-way to two-way conversions of Lawrence and California will be proceeding in March of 2007. The City has also proposed their ability to reduce a lane of traffic on Champa and Stout to help reduce traffic speeds. The lane reduction is aligned with recommendations from the 2003 traffic study and the Neighborhood Plan. The Curtis Park COP Shop will be opening November 18 and will coincide with the opening of the new Triangle Park. Curtis Park Neighbors is working with the I-70 EIN group on alternatives and recommendations for the FasTracks expansion of the light rail corridor along Welton to the Civic Center and 40<sup>th</sup> and the 40<sup>th</sup> transit corridor.

**Golden Triangle Association** – We've been very busy selecting a new architect for the courthouse, reviewing two new development plans (Office Depot at 10<sup>th</sup> and Broadway, and a high-rise condo at 10<sup>th</sup> and Speer). Thanks to INC members for help in mediating a dispute

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## 2007 Denver Digs Trees

The Park People's *Denver Digs Trees* program will be distributing trees for planting along Denver streets on April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007. Denver residents who have room to add a street tree at their property need to submit a street-tree request form by January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007.

The *Denver Digs Trees* program has distributed low-cost street-trees to Denver residents for more than 15 years. Through the program, more than 28,000 public street-trees have been planted across Denver.

"Our *Denver Digs Trees* program is a great way for residents to get involved in advancing Mayor Hickenlooper's vision of adding a million trees to metro Denver," said Patrick Hayes, Executive Director of The Park People. "We have seen neighborhoods strengthened through our efforts. Trees not only add beauty to our landscapes, they create a more livable city for all of us."

For 2007, street-tree varieties include English Oak, Turkish Filbert, Burgundy Belle Maple, Ginkgo Biloba, Prospector Elm, Redmond Linden, Sycamore Maple, and Japanese Pagoda Tree among others. All trees are selected for their adaptability to Denver's dry climate. Trees are one-inch in caliber and come either bareroot or balled-and-burlapped, depending on the variety.

Reserved street-trees will be distributed at six sites across Denver on April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007. There is a \$20 program fee for each tree. "Treeship" fee waivers are available for those unable to pay the program fee.

Residents who live in any of nineteen specially targeted neighborhoods automatically receive fee waivers. The neighborhoods qualifying for free street trees for 2007 are: Baker, Barnum, Barnum West, Cole, Clayton, Elyria/Swansea, Five Points, Globeville, Jefferson Park, Lincoln Park, NE Park Hill, Skyland, Sunnyside, Sun Valley, Valverde, Villa Park, West Colfax, Westwood, and Whittier.

The Park People's *Denver Digs Trees* program is volunteer-driven and involves hundreds of community members who contribute thousands of hours from the fall through the spring. Volunteers help with everything from neighborhood outreach and site inspections to tree unloading and planting for others.

"We hope residents who have space will plant a tree and residents who have time will volunteer," Hayes said. "Community volunteers inspire everything we do."●

## Dollar Dictionary Drive

A special thanks for all the donations that continue to come in. It's never too late to join the list of generous contributors. The following neighborhood organizations are added to the listing of participants for 2006.

### Neighborhood Organizations:

City Park West Neighborhood Association  
Civic Association of Clayton  
Cory-Merrill Neighborhood Association  
Mayfair Park Neighborhood Association  
Virginia Village/Ellis Community Association

Tax deductible contributions may be sent to:

Dollar Dictionary Drive  
PO Box 18347  
Denver, CO 80218-0347

## Diversity Career Day

You are cordially invited to attend the Fifth Annual Denver Rocky Mountain Region Public Safety Diversity Career Day as proclaimed by Mayor John W. Hickenlooper. The Career Day will be held Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Wellington E. Webb Office Building Atrium located at 201 West Colfax.

Explore law enforcement, fire service, corrections, 911-Operator, and Dispatcher job opportunities with over 50 different public safety agencies in and around the Denver metro area. Preview police and fire physical ability videos, sign up for a jail tour, get ride along information, and learn more about the Denver Police, Fire, and Sheriff Departments.

In addition, our wellness staff will administer free physical fitness assessments. If you are seeking a career change or know of someone that is interested in pursuing a challenging public safety career, please share this message and make plans to attend.

Pre-registration for the career day can be found at [www.denvergov.org/jobs](http://www.denvergov.org/jobs). If you are unable to pre-register, just show up. The City and County of Denver, Denver Regional Council of Governments, and the Denver Diversity Advisory Committee are sponsoring this event.

Mayor Hickenlooper will be in attendance at the noon hour to read a special proclamation marking this day.●

### Data Corrections

Keep INC informed of changes in your organization's president and delegates. Notify the membership chair at 303-798-9306 or [kbeaudrie@totalspeed.net](mailto:kbeaudrie@totalspeed.net)

Organizations and persons not affiliated with INC should communicate their desire to obtain this newsletter or submit address changes to the secretary at 303-936-9206 or [athmarpark@ecentral.com](mailto:athmarpark@ecentral.com)

## INC Dues are Due

Membership in INC is limited to organizations that are registered with the City and County of Denver as a "Registered Neighborhood Organization (RNO)" in accordance with Section 12, Article III of the Revised Municipal code. Denver defines a "neighborhood organization" as a voluntary group of individual residents and owners of real property, including businesses, within a certain prescribed area of the city, and/or a coalition of such groups formed for the purpose of collectively addressing issues and interests common to and widely perceived throughout the area.

There are two categories of INC membership: "Regular" and "Patron." Each is allowed to appoint two delegates to represent their organization and vote upon matters brought before the meeting of the delegates. "Patron" RNOs are named in bold-face type in the list of members within INC's newsletter, *Denver Neighborhood Connection*.

Because RNOs must be composed of a **group** of home owners or a **group** of business owners, INC has established an "Associate" category for those individual homeowners or business owners who would like to support INC's purpose. Associates may bring issues before INC but do not have a vote. As with RNOs, there are two categories of Association: "Regular" and "Patron." Patron Associates are listed in bold-face type in the INC newsletter.

To join or rejoin INC, fill out the application form attached to this newsletter and mail it to the address listed on the form or bring it to the next INC meeting. To register with the city as a RNO, visit the city's web site at "www.Denvergov.org" or call 720-865-2969 for help.

## Recycler's Corner



Denver Recycles' annual **Treecycle 2007** program will recycle thousands of Christmas trees into mulch again this holiday season. **Treecycle** helps Denver avoid using landfill space and paying disposal fees for a valuable, recyclable resource -- Christmas trees.

All Denver residents whose trash is collected by Denver Public Works/Solid Waste Management may participate. This year, Christmas trees will be collected during a two-week period **between January 2<sup>nd</sup> and January 12<sup>th</sup>**. Your tree collection depends on how your trash is collected.

To **Treecycle**, simply remove all decorations, tinsel, nails, stands, and bags from your tree and set it out for collection as follows. Flocked or artificial trees cannot be recycled.

- **Trash Can and Barrel Customers:** Set your tree at least 4 feet away from your trash container by 7 a.m. **on your trash day** during either the week of January 2 or the week of January 8. Call 311 if your tree has **not** been picked up by 3 p.m. on your trash day during the week of January 8<sup>th</sup>.
- **Dumpster Customers:** Set out your tree by 7 a.m., on either **Tuesday**, January 2<sup>nd</sup> or **Monday**, January 8<sup>th</sup>. Place the tree just behind your property on the edge of the alley and make sure it is not next to the dumpster. Call 311 if your tree has **not** been collected by 3 p.m. on Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Denver Recycles** grinds the Christmas trees into valuable mulch, which is made available **FREE** to Denver residents in the spring. Last year's **Treecycle** recycled more than 22,000 trees that were reclaimed by Denver residents at last spring's **Treecycle Mulch Giveaway and Leafdrop Compost Sale**. Residents may call 720-865-6810 after April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007 for more information about the 2007 Treecycle Mulch Giveaway and Leafdrop Compost Sale.

For more information about **Treecycle** and other Denver Recycles programs visit [www.Denvergov.org/DenverRecycles](http://www.Denvergov.org/DenverRecycles) or call 720-865-6810.

## Energy Workshops



Xcel Energy is once again offering free home energy efficiency workshops for homeowners this winter. Their workshops, led by certified home energy auditors, are perfect for neighborhood association meetings, office brown bags, and other groups. Send an email to [rebecca](mailto:rebecca.swisher@xcelenergy.com).

[swisher@xcelenergy.com](mailto:swisher@xcelenergy.com) to schedule a workshop or for more information.

### Street Light Outage Reporting Streamlined

Now you can report street light outages with an easy online form. Go to [xcelenergy.com](http://xcelenergy.com), click on the **Residential** tab and you'll find a link to our street light outage report form. Alternatively, you can type '*report street light outage*' in the search tool from anywhere on the Xcel Energy website. Online reporting is fully integrated with street light repair and maintenance to provide you with better service. You can still call our 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week customer service number at **1-800-895-4999**. Phone representatives use the same online reporting system. ●

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December 6<sup>th</sup> at the District One Police Station, 6:30 p.m., to decide when or if to take these amendments to City Council for consideration. Loretta Galla will report the results at next the INC meeting.

Mayor Hickenlooper spoke about the:

- Xcel Energy transmission towers running through Athmar Park and Godsman: Xcel agreed to lower the towers and will move them out of parklands.
- Sidewalk Policy: Bill Vidal is working on the twentieth iteration of the Policy.
- Zoning Code Update: The City is continuing to wrestle with down-zoning, building within scale of surrounding structures, and similar issues.
- Excise and Licenses: There is no excuse for lost petitions at a recent cabaret application hearing. Stephanie O'Malley made changes to procedures.
- Partnership Denver: Graffiti summit ideas are moving forward into policy and youth mentoring programs are starting to work together to increase effectiveness. Also, there is a partnership with private partners to sponsor college tuition for high-school students.
- Infrastructure Task Force: appreciated the feedback about not enough neighborhood participation and have added four more public participation meetings.

The Mayor then answered questions from attendees.

Q: Why aren't City departments using email notification of RNOs?

A: Amber Callendar was assigned to find an answer to this.

Q: If the City really needs to do more with tighter budgets, why is it that the Parks and Recreation staff does not actively remove graffiti since those people are already there? Why do citizens need to report graffiti to another department and have additional personnel sent?

A: There is no good reason for that. We will need to work harder to get that accomplished.

Q: Will 311 be getting more staff for increased call loads?

A: Yes.

Q: How are we going to fund the sidewalk initiative?

A: There is no plan yet but the plan will include public input.

Q: How are we going to fund the million trees?

A: Kim Bailey, Parks and Recreation Manager, heads a taskforce with private partners (e.g., GOCO, Home Depot) and is asking developers to help by providing trees at house closings. There is also an effort to reach out to middle school students to plant trees and then care for them over the summer. They're also looking at requiring demolitions that remove trees to plant more than were there originally.

Q: Where are new trees going to be planted?

A: Plantings will include replacing old trees as well as new ones.

Q: Is the City considering Parks districts to fund park construction and maintenance?

A: Yes.

Q: Please help Kim Bailey understand that she needs to partner more with residents.

A: I will try.

Q: When the State imposed certain gun legislation, Denver added more limitations, using Home Rule City authority. Given the number of problems residents encounter with liquor licensing, why doesn't Denver apply some additional limitations to the State-imposed rules as well?

A: See page 9, Response to a question.

Q: There have been a rash of house break-ins/car vandalism in our neighborhood and the Police simply don't have enough resources to be everywhere. How can residents help pick up the slack?

A: In the last couple of years we've put most budget dollars into technologies that can help Officers communicate and do their jobs. Now we're working to analyze crime on real-time basis to more effectively dispatch Officers. Residents can help by being more watchful of each other and their neighborhoods.

Q: Many folks worked very hard to ensure that the Cherry Creek Master Plan detailed transportation and land use for that area. The City personnel who worked on this plan are now gone and all the residents are getting is the Holly Street bridge fiasco. What happened to implementing this plan? Is there room in the Infrastructure Plan to fund the rest?

A: Contact your Councilpersons and see.

Q: The City ran out of money to shovel walks and mow lawns for repeatedly cited properties. Why isn't the City enforcing current laws and collecting funds? You need to use your bully pulpit to get awareness up.

A: There are a large number of vacant properties right now and the City won't collect Administrative Citation fees until those properties are sold.

Q: Traffic problems are very bad now. What is in the works to help?

A: The Strategic Transportation Plan trying to address this. We can't keep adding lanes and so must come up with alternatives.

Q: Senior citizens with fixed income still need help with property taxes. Will the City be re-instating the property tax relief?

A: We haven't had money in the budget for the last three years. We will attempt to re-instate it.

Q: Why is the free Art Museum program no longer going?

A: From an audience member of DAM: The Saturday morning free program is still going on.

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# INC Civic Center Motion

(passed by the INC delegation on November 11)

Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation is a coalition of registered Denver neighborhood organizations and represents the entire city. Many INC members participated in the preparation of the 2005 Civic Center Master Plan. INC appreciates the opportunity to participate in the public discussion about the future of Civic Center Park, generated by the design proposal submitted by Daniel Libeskind through the Civic Center Conservancy.

INC had a detailed discussion on September 9, 2006 with representatives of the Denver Parks and Recreation Department and the Civic Center Conservancy. Specific comments from citizens participating in that meeting are attached below. In general, the comments expressed unanimous great love for the existing Civic Center Park and almost unanimous opposition to many elements of the Libeskind proposal.

INC expresses the following to the Manager of Parks and Recreation, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, the Landmark Preservation Commission, the Mayor, and City Council:

1. INC strongly opposes the new elements of the Libeskind proposal, in particular: a) the new water plaza; b) the modernist bridge from the Civic Center station; c) the canopy/trellis over the Greek Theater; d) the iconic tower near the center of the park; and e) the glass canopy promenade. Civic Center Park is a neo-classical City Beautiful park, designated as a Denver historic landmark district. Although much of the park's plan is 100 years old, the basic design of the park is timeless. Modern design elements should not be added which violate or detract from or distract from the historic, classical design of the park including the views and pedestrian approaches to the individual historical elements.
2. Civic Center Park and the civic buildings surrounding the park are irreplaceable public resources for all neighborhoods and all citizens of Denver as well as visitors to the city. Changes should only be made with very careful thought and after paying serious attention to the comments and wishes of the citizens of Denver.
3. If the City of Denver and/or the Civic Center Conservancy choose to fund new design elements in any part of Civic Center Park, it should be done through a public, transparent design competition only after many ideas have been solicited and given meaningful consideration.
4. No new design elements in Civic Center Park should be allowed unless they have been approved by the Denver Landmark Preservation Commission and do not violate the historic integrity of the park.
5. Civic Center Park should be more safe and usable, a better and more welcoming experience for users at all

hours of the day or night. Bringing more people to use and enjoy Civic Center Park should be encouraged through such means as: a) increasing police and park ranger patrols to discourage drug-dealing and other violations of the law; b) placing tables and chairs for people to sit, read and play board games (as in Bryant Park in New York City); c) converting part of the McNichols Building (formerly the Carnegie Library) into a restaurant with outdoor seating.

6. Pedestrian access to Civic Center Park from the Central Business District and adjacent neighborhoods should be improved substantially through such means as reducing the number of traffic lanes on West Colfax Avenue, Broadway, West 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and Bannock Street or placing some of that traffic underground to make it easier and safer for pedestrians to enter the park.
7. In addition to making Civic Center Park more welcoming every day, more events should be encouraged, such as farmers' markets and more use of the Greek Theater for theater and other arts presentations.
8. The existing historic buildings, features, and landscaping should be preserved and regularly maintained.

Specific comments from the September 9 INC discussion:

- There may be danger problems caused by the water feature for events – a trip factor.
- The total concept is not dignified as the park is now.
- How will this be funded?
- It is an insult to the original designers.
- I don't like the bridge.
- Don't try to overlay all of these items. It is an insult to the civic communal space.
- There should not be a variety of commercial-sponsored features.
- The Libeskind plan works against preserving the open space.
- This is not consistent with the Downtown Multi-Modal Area Plan or with the plan for the new Justice Center.
- There should be more of a respite/open space/dog park rather than entertainment.
- There should be more police including horse patrols.
- Maybe younger people will support some of the new features.
- This will block views of the Capitol and the Civic Center.
- People should get a chance to vote on this.
- Adding tables, chairs, and restaurants (a la Bryant Park) is all that is needed).
- We should not pave over paradise to add a water feature.
- There should be a workshop conducted for all ages.●



## Response to a Question

The following is a synopsis of the Denver City Attorney's answer (see page 7): The Colorado Constitution's Home Rule Amendment confers upon Denver citizens "the full right of self-government in both local and municipal matters." In resolving conflicts between state and municipal laws, the courts have established this well-known paradigm: "[W]hen a home rule ordinance or charter provision and a state statute conflict with respect to a local matter, the home rule provision supersedes the conflicting state provision...." In matters of statewide concern, the General Assembly may adopt legislation and home rule municipalities are without power to act unless authorized by the constitution or by state statute. Finally, we have held that in matters of mixed local and state concern, a charter or ordinance provision of a home rule municipality may coexist with a state statute as long as there is no conflict, but in the event of conflict the state statute supersedes the conflicting provision of the charter or ordinance." *City and County of Denver v. State*, 788 P.2d 764, 767 (Colo. 1990).

Whether a matter is of local or statewide concern is determined by the courts. In 1987, the Colorado Supreme Court, in the matter of *People v. Bagby*, 734 P.2d 1059, 1062, gave every indication that the Colorado Liquor Code is a comprehensive regulatory scheme that was intended to occupy the field to the exclusion of all other regulation, and therefore would supersede any conflicting home rule municipalities' ordinances even if this area would be considered a matter of mixed local and state concern.

However, this conclusion does not mean that the citizens of Denver are compelled to accept the State's regulatory scheme of allowing alcohol beverages to be purchased and consumed within their jurisdiction. The Colorado State Legislature, in their wisdom, has granted municipalities a "local option", pursuant to C.R.S. § 12-47-105, to prohibit the sale of malt, vinous, or spirituous liquors or limit sales to any one or more of the classes of licenses.

In conclusion, Denver's home rule authority would not supersede the state's comprehensive regulatory scheme over alcohol beverages which is clearly intended to occupy the field to the exclusion of all other regulation; however, if the matter was placed on the ballot through the petition process, pursuant to C.R.S. § 12-47-105, the majority of the eligible voters of Denver could invoke the local option to cause a change for at least four years, until another ballot proposal would be possible.

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between existing buildings and adjacent new construction. A temporary homeless shelter opened at 14<sup>th</sup> and Banrock, there's a problem of homeless sleeping on City and

County building heating grates, new affordable housing is complete on 1000 block of Broadway, and construction will start on affordable housing at 12<sup>th</sup> and Elati. The Forum, a 100-plus unit building of transitional housing for the homeless, celebrated its 10-year anniversary.

**Greater Mar Lee Community Organization** – 1. The repaving of Federal Boulevard between Evans and Louisiana is still not started. The road is so bad we have requested that the City do some temporary paving as the permanent paving won't be going in until after February. 2. Semi-truck cabs being parked in the neighborhood are only being cited by NIS after being reported. The violator has 15 days to comply; which means that we have to see these semi's for at least 15 days not to mention hearing it every morning starting up. 3. We are waiting for more specific drawings for a rezoning request at 1600 S. Federal Boulevard to CMU10 and for a study from the City regarding needed fire hydrants for the proposed development.

**Hampden South N.A.** – The work on I-25 at Hampden Avenue is substantially complete. The light rail system is opening November 18. Our councilwoman has promised to discuss the issue of the Rosemont Park Bridge with Parks and Recreation and Public Works. Hampden South needs information as the City has been sleeping on this issue for years. The town meeting with candidates and the mayor, Mr. Hickenlooper, was a great success.

**Hilltop Heritage Association** – Hilltop is a total construction zone. Most streets are torn up and rough-patched. More one to four million dollar homes are coming up daily but not all are selling. The Historic District continues after five-to-six years. We want to save our historic homes.

**Hutchison Hills/Willow Point H.O.A.** – Judy Sullivan is on the mend after her hip replacement. She thanks INC for their card and she hopes to attend next month's meeting. Note: Judy has not been receiving her INC newsletter in the mail. (Editor's note: Judy's membership data indicated that she did not want the newsletter. It has been corrected.)

**North City Park Civic Association** – The National Committee of Olympic Swimmers team is interested in making the old YMCA a satellite location for training Olympic swimmers. It's still in the discussion stage to remodel and rebuild the site for community use.

**Platt Park Peoples Association** – The Platt Park Peoples Association has created a "pattern book" to guide developers in their construction in Platt Park in an effort to create housing that matches the character of Platt Park. This book is available at [www.3PA.org](http://www.3PA.org).

**South City Park N.A.** – To our west end, many new residents of the developments at the old Mercy Hospital site are now receiving our neighborhood newsletter. To our east end, we anticipate a 112-unit affordable housing de-

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changes followed.

A couple from University Park spoke about their survey of opinion regarding their wish that the construction noise ordinance be changed from allowing noise between 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days a week, to 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and never on Saturday, Sunday, or any City holiday. They had distributed fliers to part of University Park and received a number of replies. The website is [www.limit-the-noise.org](http://www.limit-the-noise.org).

ZAP members were urged to attend the December 13 hearing on the proposed sidewalk ordinance, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Webb Building. Carolyn Joy-Fortino spoke regarding the need for safe sidewalks. Dave Robinson of Cory-Merrill Neighborhood Association and Mary Myers of University Park Community Council spoke of the importance for a large number of people from all RNOs to attend this hearing. It will affect the safety of all Denver's pedestrians. This is a good opportunity for INC to be heard.

It was proposed that INC develop recommendations to the whole city government regarding the public participation process and inclusion and notification of RNOs. An e-mail about this will be sent out to ZAP members seeking comments. Mr. Gibbs said that there are 180 neighborhoods in Denver so communicating is a large task. Lynn Pressnall, aide to Councilwoman Marcia Johnson, reminded the group that Council has defined standards for being an RNO so only the neighborhoods that meet the regulations should be listed.

Any neighborhood representatives who wishes to be notified of ZAP Committee meetings may contact Gertie Grant at [gertiegrant@estreet.com](mailto:gertiegrant@estreet.com) or 303-744-3882.●

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Q: Would you thank Kim Bailey for the beautiful condition of the park for the 50<sup>th</sup> celebration of Hungarian Freedom?

A: Yes.

Q: Does this administration really support Blueprint Denver and distribution of human services across city? A case in point: the City is funding a homeless shelter, with no treatment services for the homeless with AIDS and known drug problems, that is located across the street from an elementary school. Are these actions supported by you?

A: Would have to investigate the facts. We do need to have this type of housing available but maybe not across from an elementary school.

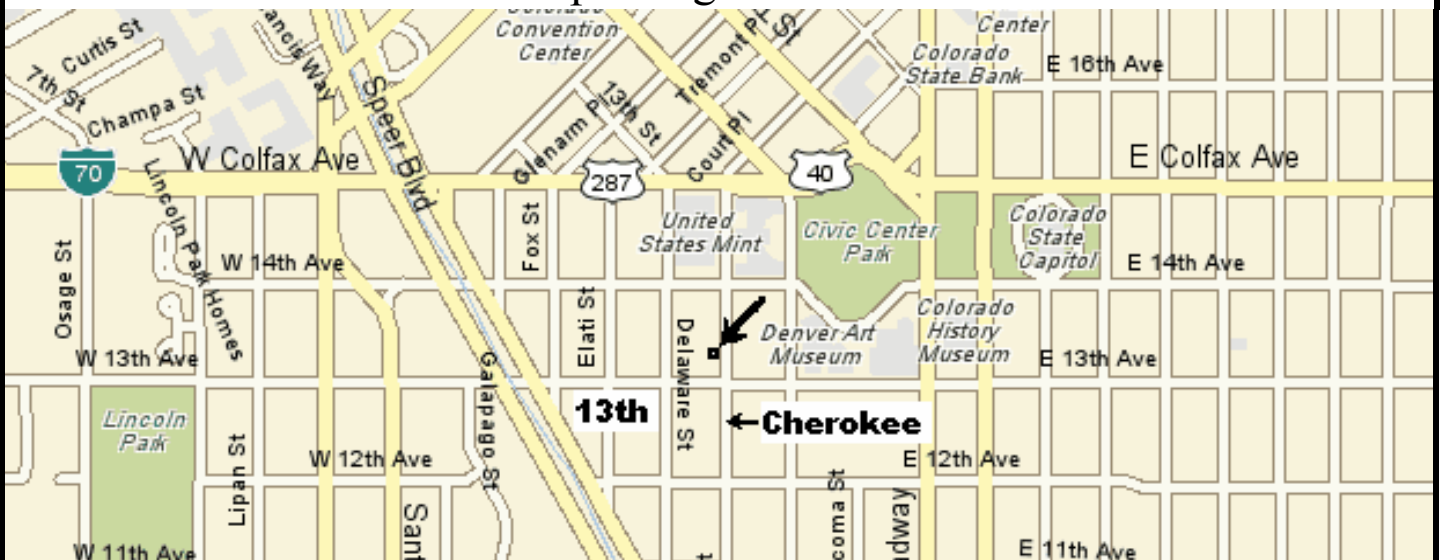
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velopment at 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Colorado Boulevard. To our north, the beloved Ferril Lake is fenced off for several months of construction. And to our south on Colfax, we wait in wonderment for what will happen at the vacated car dealership property. We celebrate and defend our stability in the midst of change as best we can.

**University Park Community Council** – The annual Holiday Sing is December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at Observatory Park. Songs, wagon rides, and stargazing, all free, are sponsored by UPCC. The Neighborhood Plan surveys show that top priorities are streetscapes, open space, “walk-ability”, and historic preservation.

**Whittier N.A.** – Broken windows policing is starting in late 2006 to continue through summer 2007. We'll report to INC on the results. The Manual High School renewal process has produced an initial proposal for one comprehensive High School serving grades 9 through 12. The re-opening is still planned for the fall of 2007 with the 9<sup>th</sup> grade, adding an additional grade each year through 2010.●

Use the parking lot to the north.



The public is welcome to attend the meeting.

# Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation

## 2007 Membership Application

INC is a consortium of Denver neighborhood representatives who believe that neighborhood organizations deserve a greater participation in city government and possess a shared vision that individual neighborhoods are stronger when they work together and learn from one another. **To join as a member neighborhood organization, the organization must be registered with the city as a Registered Neighborhood Organization. Log on to [Denvergov.org](http://Denvergov.org) for details. The names of Patron members and associates are listed in bold in our newsletter.**



**Join as a voting neighborhood organization: Regular Member (\$35) ☐ Patron (\$75) ☐**  
See below to apply as an INC Associate

Organization name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Borders: North \_\_\_\_\_ East \_\_\_\_\_  
South \_\_\_\_\_ West \_\_\_\_\_

President's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Join as a non-voting supporting Associate : Regular (\$20) ☐ Patron (\$75) ☐**

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## Meeting Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup>

The public  
is welcome to attend.

### Police Headquarters 1331 Cherokee

See map on page 10

**8:45**

Coffee and Chat

**9:00**

Welcome by Councilwomen  
Jeanne Robb and Judy  
Montero.

**9:05**

John Desmond of Down-  
town Denver Partnership  
discussion of the Down-  
town Denver plan along  
with Ellen Ittelson and  
Councilwoman Montero.

**10:00**

Around the City

**10:30**

Beth Conover on Green-  
print Denver

**11:00**

Chantal Unfug will discuss  
Board and Commission Va-  
cancies

**11:30**

**Committee Reports**

**Noon Adjournment**

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