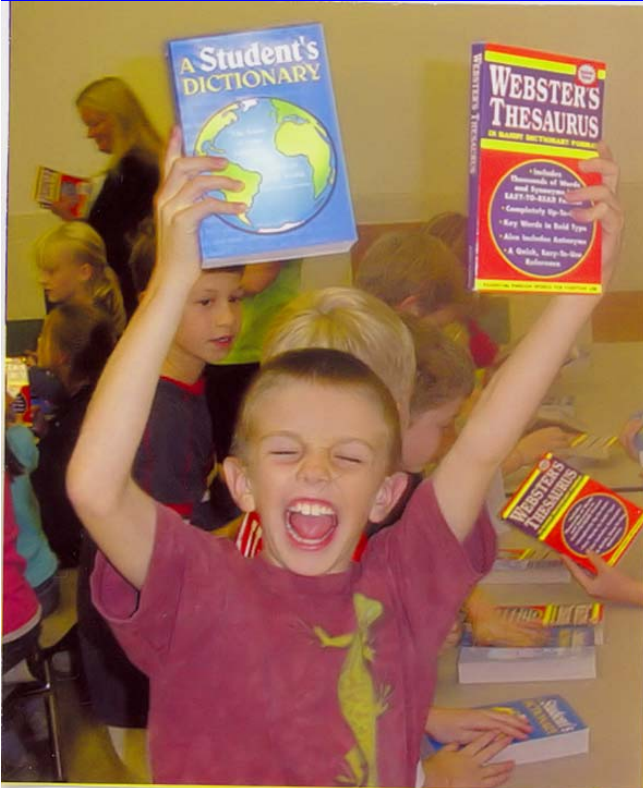


## Dollar Dictionary Drive



The 2008 Dollar Dictionary Drive kicked-off its 13<sup>th</sup> year at the INC Presidents Dinner in January. After a dozen years of commitment and support by hundreds of volunteers and donors, we are gathering our resources to have a special baker's dozen year.

In September 2008, the 7,500 Denver Public Schools third-grade students will receive a dictionary and a thesaurus of their own. In the past dozen years, 91,700 students have received these books as a gift from the community. We would like to have your support for this year's effort.

The dictionary we will deliver to the students in 2008 has something for everyone: for example, dictionary words such as the article "a" used to indicate singularity before nouns such as "community," "friend," "neighbor," and "zygote"

and the article "an" used before the "e"-words "egg," "enthusiasm," "exacerbate," and "excellent." The dictionary includes a total of 350 pages for explorers of all ages.

In addition, there is something for the scientist, mathematician, geographer, historian, and astronomer with the periodic table, the multiplication times-12-table, country and state maps, demographics, U.S. presidential biographies, and pictures and descriptions of the solar system. Current events perspectives are provided by the U.S. Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution.

[Do you know what year Article XIII abolished slavery, Article XIX gave women the right to vote, and Article XXVI set the voting age at eighteen?]

Our program also gives a thesaurus, the dinosaur book, to each third-grade student. It is a way for each student to find a different way to say the words "big," "marvelous," or "zestful!" At this point I could say "and whatnot" (something trivial or indefinite). However,

although the education of some of our youngest citizens seems to be something left for others, it is not trivial and education is easier done now rather than later.

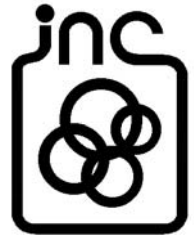
These new third-grade students are served by over 90 elementary schools in Denver Public Schools. Each book will have a label signifying their school and neighborhood association. Our students are part of our neighborhoods and your support is greatly appreciated.

Donations can be sent to:  
Dollar Dictionary Drive  
PO Box 18347  
Denver, CO 80218

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**CCHN Country Club Historic Neighborhood**  
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 \*Cherry Creek North Neighborhood Assn  
 \*Cherry Point Homeowners Assn  
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 the second Saturday of each month at  
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The INC Executive Committee meets  
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 Call the Chair for time and location.

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 Colfax on the Hill, Inc  
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 Congress Park Neighbors  
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 Assn.  
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 George Washington Homeowner's Assn.  
 Inc.  
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 \*Inspiration Point Neighborhood Assn  
 \*Ivy Street Neighbors Assn  
 \*Lowry United Neighborhoods  
**Mayfair Neighbors, Inc**  
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**Neighbors and Friends for Cheesman  
 Park**  
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 Assn  
 \*West Highland Neighborhood Assn  
 \*West University Community Assn  
 (WUCA)  
 \***West Washington Park Neighborhood  
 Assn**  
 Whittier Neighborhood Assn  
 \*Windsor Gardens Association

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 \***Councilwoman Peggy Lehmann**  
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 \*Hilltop  
 \*Historic Denver Inc.  
 \*League of Women Voters of Denver  
 \*Leetsdale Cop Shop  
 LoDo District Inc.  
 Morrison Road Business Association of  
 Denver  
 Palace Lofts Homeowners Assn  
 Pam Schenkein  
 Provence Townhouse Assn.  
 Rosy Griffiths  
 Stapleton Master Community Assn  
 The Greens @ Pinehurst HOA  
 Transportation Solutions  
**Xcel Energy**

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## Executive Committee Recap by Larry Ambrose

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on January 14<sup>th</sup> at 1201 Williams Street. There were seven Executive Committee members present - Larry Ambrose, Karen Cuthbertson, Katie Fisher, Al Habercorn, Steve Nissen, Dave Webster, and Brad Zeig with Membership and Newsletter Chair Ken Beaudrie and ZAP Committee Chair Mike Henry also in attendance.

After a motion by Dave, seconded by Katie, the minutes of the December Executive Committee meeting were approved.

Treasurer Al Habercorn presented the Treasurer's Report that documented that the December 2007 ending balance for all accounts was \$16,374.58. A motion by Steve, seconded by Karen, to approve the Treasurer's Report passed unanimously.

Steve Nissen made a report on the Dollar Dictionary project. Steve reminded the Committee that some years earlier the Dollar Dictionary fund transferred \$1,000 to INC. He stated that it might now be appropriate for INC to donate a substantial amount to the Dictionary project. Steve made a motion that INC would contribute \$1,500 to the Dollar Dictionary fund. After much lively discussion, much of which reconfirmed the Committee's commitment to support the project, Larry offered a friendly amendment that would have INC donate \$1,000 now and pledge to make up any possible shortfalls for the 2008 Dollar Dictionary fund drive. The motion passed with 6 in favor, none opposed, and Steve abstaining.

Ken reported that 20 RNOs and 13 Associates had paid their 2008 dues. INC currently has 79 RNO members and 28 associates.

Larry had pledged to make recommendations regarding an INC email policy. He explained that he did not expect the Committee to endorse any particular recommendation at this time but rather to consider options over a period of 6 months to a year. He believes that the issue of what information is disseminated by INC and in what manner is complicated and any adopted policy should incorporate the use of an interactive website as a means to inform and communicate to members and constituent RNOs. He presented a draft of an "INC Internet Information Dissemination Policy" which spelled out potential features of the web site and suggestions for management of email lists and priorities for email blasts. After discussion, it was decided that Karen, Ken, and Larry would work on the issues of how best to set up the INC communication system and make recommendations to the 2008 Executive Committee.

Mike reported that the January 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of the ZAP Committee would be hearing about pro-active examples of how neighborhoods are trying to change zoning.

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## Delegates Meeting Recap by Larry Ambrose

Dave Webster called the first 2008 meeting of the Delegates to order at the Harvard Gulch Golf Course Club House at 9:02 a.m. on January 12<sup>th</sup>. Katie Fisher, INC Delegate-at-large from the West University Community Association, welcomed the overflowing crowd and gave a brief overview of the neighborhood which boasts, among other assets, Porter Hospital, the DeBoer House, and Rosedale Elementary School - closed now for the past two years.

Mike Henry introduced new Denver Excise and Licenses (E&L) director, Awilda Marquez. Ms. Marquez, formerly an attorney at the law firm Hall and Evans, came to Denver via Washington D.C. where she served in the Clinton Administration. She informed INC members and guests that E&L issues more than 100 different licenses, among them being taxi, peddlers, ice trucks, massage parlors, and of course liquor licenses (of which there are 15 different types). Ms. Marquez has changed the system at E&L so that instead of certain clerks doing certain licenses, now all clerks are supposed to be able to do all licenses (business and liquor). E&L has 23 employees and a \$1.5 million budget, approximately 50% of which goes for salaries. Alarm licenses are a large source of income. There are about 1,500 liquor licenses in Denver, 100 of them are in LoDo.

The two largest issues facing E&L are 1) the expansion of liquor licenses into new neighborhoods and 2) the effect of the smoking ban on bars and restaurants. Under the new no-smoke law, patios can be constructed that allow smoking and consumption of liquor. This has resulted in late night noise that in some cases has affected surrounding neighbors. Ms. Marquez said her cause and love is "community development." She is, therefore, working with Denver vice police and the offending businesses to resolve adverse impacts on the community.

Other reforms at E&L under the enlightened leadership of Awilda Marquez include work on reviewing Municipal Codes, a task force to review policies and procedures, and wireless laptops for the four E&L inspectors that will allow them to have immediate data base access in the field. Ms. Marquez said she is never bored inasmuch as "businesses, restaurants, and neighborhoods always have creative ways of looking at things."

During a question and answer session, the questioners and the E&L Director revealed:

- There is a bill before the state legislature to create an art gallery permit that would allow galleries to give liquor to the public 4 hours per day, 15 days per year. Galleries will not be able to sell booze, just art.

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## Miscellaneous

The Denver Office of Strategic Partnerships is proud to announce that Shirley Tafoya has joined the DOSP staff as a Strategic Plan Analyst.

Denver Botanic Gardens presents *A Plantsman in Asia*, thirty-two compelling color photographs that tell vivid stories about the importance of plants in the lives of Asian peoples. Visit [www.botanicgardens.org](http://www.botanicgardens.org)

Denver Office of Strategic Partnerships presents our next quarterly workshop – *Marketing for Nonprofits* featuring the *Extreme Marketing Makeover*. Win a \$25,000 marketing makeover for your organization. To obtain more information and to register, please visit [www.denvergov.org/strategicpartnerships](http://www.denvergov.org/strategicpartnerships).

Denver Human Services has kicked off the 2007-2008 *Low-income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP)*. LEAP helps qualifying low-income families pay their heating bills each winter. Applications are available by calling toll-free 1.866.HEAT.HELP.

January is National Mentoring Month and the Youth Mentoring Collaborative is looking for a few good mentors. If you are interested in making a difference in a young person's life, please call United Way's 2-1-1 or visit the Metro Volunteers website at [www.metrovolunteers.org](http://www.metrovolunteers.org).

The HealthBridge Alliance has three offices and a shared common area for sub-lease at 1600 Downing Street. It's a great location and cost. For more information, call 303-642-5995, extension 101.

Eat, drink, and shop at a jewelry sale presented by Jewels for Hope to benefit the Children's Diabetes Foundation on Thursday, February 7 from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. at the Grant-Humphreys Mansion. For information, call 303.628.5103.

The HealthBridge Alliance is offering the *F.I.R.S.T. Workshop* for victim advocates on February 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Learn how to deal with emotional stresses and burn-out in your work. For more information call 303-643-5995, extension 101.

Mental Health America of Colorado hosts training on Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. You will learn about proposed mental health legislation and how to become an advocate for mental health programs. visit [ww.mhacolorado.org](http://www.mhacolorado.org) for more information.

### NONPROFIT JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Volunteer Services Coordinator**, Governor's Commission

**Manager of Information Systems**, Planned Parenthood  
[www.pprm.org](http://www.pprm.org)

**Executive Director**, Center for Native Ecosystems  
[www.nativeecosystems.org](http://www.nativeecosystems.org)

**Youth Development Coordinator**, Byrne Urban Scholars  
[www.byrneurbanscholars.org](http://www.byrneurbanscholars.org)

**Vice-president of Development**, Museum of Nature and Science, [www.dmns.org](http://www.dmns.org)

**Executive Director**, Mi Casa Resource Center

[www.micasadenver.org](http://www.micasadenver.org)

**Program Manager**, SafeHouse Denver

[www.safehouse-denver.org](http://www.safehouse-denver.org)

## Zoning and Planning

At the January 26<sup>th</sup> INC Zoning and Planning (ZAP) committee meeting, Steve Charbonneau of Community Mediation Concepts (Denver Mediation) stated that he and his staff had contracted to do nearly 100 mediations in Denver this past year. Referrals come from the police, councilpersons, City departments, neighborhoods, and elsewhere. They deal with a large variety of matters from property problems to pigeons, from fights to foxes. Contact Steve at 303-717-2167 or [steve@findsolutions.org](mailto:steve@findsolutions.org). Visit the website [www.findsolutions.org](http://www.findsolutions.org).

Examples of efforts in progress to obtain "right-zoning" by neighborhoods were presented by Paul Bennington of San Rafael neighborhood and Steve Kite of the Sloans Lake/West Highlands area. San Rafael's work to place "Overlay District 9" over 20 square blocks of their neighborhood north of the former Children's Hospital was supported by the Planning Board. Sloans Lake/West Highlands' application to rezone R-2 to R-1 was approved by the Community Planning and Development (CPD) department but was rejected by the Planning Board; efforts continue. The ZAP members present voted to recommend support of the San Rafael rezoning to the INC delegation but took no action on the Sloans Lake/West Highlands rezoning. Visit [www.rightzoningnorthwestdenver.com](http://www.rightzoningnorthwestdenver.com) for information from the sponsors of the down-zoning effort.

Dave Robinson and Don Tressler of Cory-Merrill described the two-page neighborhood vision statement they have sent to the Mayor, City Council, and CPD. No reply had been received at the time of the ZAP meeting.

Tina Axelrad of the Zoning Department presented three zoning code language amendments in progress:

- L-1154 R2 uses in R0 and R1 zones
- L-1167 Landmark Preservation Commission authority to determine zoning exceptions for Historic Structures.
- and L-1170 accessory banking services or other business uses in R-3 zone

The ZAP members had numerous questions and brought up a variety of concerns for consideration.

The Zoning Code Task Force was urged to include "solar access" in its rules for residential dwelling sites. A draft of the Task Force's residential standards should be ready for public review by May.

The next ZAP meeting will be February 23<sup>rd</sup>.



**Athmar Park N.A.**—The Denver District Attorney's office is helping to abate graffiti along our perimeters (Federal Boulevard and Federal Avenue). Juveniles who have a community service obligation will be fulfilling that obligation by cleaning signs, light poles, dumpsters, and etcetera.

**Ball Park Neighbors Assn.**—A major university's architectural college is going to make a portion of our neighborhood a semester project for "Visions of Future Development."

**Bow Mar Heights I.A.**—The Bow Mar Heights Improvement Association was proud to provide a \$500 donation to Mary S. Kaiser Elementary School. The Board voted unanimously to direct the funds towards teacher recognition and the school's computer lab. Excess money earned by the Board from advertisements in the neighborhood newsletter and from donations goes back to the neighborhood and its school to foster community goodwill. The Bow Mar Heights Improvement Association partners with Rich Sinclair, Kaiser principal, and the school on a regular basis. The now annual Movie Night brings students and neighbors together for a fun evening of entertainment during the summer. In April of 2007, the Rocky Mountain News recognized the BMHIA's partnership with the school and its efforts to distribute fliers about the school's positive steps. As a result of this and other efforts by the school, more students enrolled and Kaiser avoided closure. This new \$500 donation continues a tradition of work and financial support to the school by the Board.

**Cherry Creek North (CCN)**—In December, forty-eight CCN residents prepared Salvation Army holiday food baskets for the needy. All had a wonderful time filled with holiday spirit to assist those with the greatest need.

**Cory-Merrill**—A neighborhood plan (more of a statement of identity and preferences) is currently being sent to the City's various zoning entities and to City Council.

**Greater Mar Lee**—The community is working with community members and the police department on graffiti. We now have several cameras donated and will be installed along Federal Boulevard to catch the taggers in the act. Also, there is coordination with the city of Lakewood on tightening the sale of spray paint to minors.

**Lowry United Neighborhoods (LUN)**—LUN held its first annual meeting on January 7<sup>th</sup> with election of new officers. LUN will be working on forming new committees to deal with issues of concern as well as community based projects. Hot topics include proposed development, crime, and communications with the Lowry HOA.

**North City Park/Skyland**—President James Brown resigned effective December 31<sup>st</sup>. Vice-president Forrest Hobbs is now acting president. Skyland zoning is beginning work on sidewalk installation and developing a program to address the destabilization of neighborhoods – identifying all factors and working on grass root efforts to teach communities how to offset some destabilization due to the increasing foreclosures of homes.

**Ruby Hill N.O. (RHINO)**—RHINO is working with other neighborhood organizations to get those power lines buried on Ruby Hill. We have not given up our quest!

**Southwest Improvement Council (SWIC)**—We beat back a retail liquor store license application (Liberty Liquors at Morison Road and Kentucky Avenue) through grass roots organizing and coalition politics.

## Access Bond Information



In November, 2007, Denver voters passed 9 ballot initiatives aimed at maintaining the city's critical infrastructure now and into the future.

Issues 1A - 1I focus on ongoing yearly capital maintenance, health and safety, transportation, libraries and cultural facilities and parks and recreation. The "Build a Better Denver" website will have continuous updates on our progress in the areas of construction, new facilities, and maintenance. Please check this page frequently for ongoing updates." <http://denvergov.org/bondprojects/homepage/tabid/379045/default.aspx>

### 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 also communicate their desire to obtain this newsletter or submit address changes to the editor at 303-798-9306 or [kbeaudrie@totalspeed.net](mailto:kbeaudrie@totalspeed.net)

## Better Denver

Mayor John Hickenlooper has announced the selection of locally based engineering and construction firm CH2M HILL as the City's private sector partner to assist in managing *Better Denver*, the sweeping infrastructure maintenance and improvement program approved last fall by Denver voters. Hickenlooper also announced the appointment of Don Hunt, former chief executive of engineering firm BRW Inc., as director of the bond program.

"CH2M HILL is known worldwide as an outstanding program management company," Hickenlooper said. "We are extremely fortunate to have them as our partner in maintaining Denver as one of the most livable cities in the country."

City Council President Michael Hancock, who will serve on the executive committee overseeing implementation of the *Better Denver* program, added, "We look forward to working closely with CH2M HILL and the Administration to deliver quality projects as quickly and efficiently as possible."

The *Better Denver* program emerged from a package of nine ballot initiatives (A through I) approved by voters in November. Passage of the initiatives creates reliable, ongoing funding to address the City's critical maintenance and infrastructure needs including streets, parks and recreation facilities, City buildings, health and human services facilities, libraries, cultural facilities, and public safety facilities. A 115-member Infrastructure Priorities Task Force developed the nine bond proposals with input from more than 1,500 residents in a process that lasted more than a year.

"We welcome the opportunity to manage this portfolio of projects. It represents an important investment by the Denver community," said CH2M HILL President and Group Chief Executive Don Evans. "We are excited to partner with Denver's exceptional staff and dedicated community volunteers to help make the Better Denver vision a reality for all."

Denver-based CH2M HILL will manage a team that also includes Matrix Design Group Inc., and several other firms including local minority and women-owned businesses. They will function as an extension of City staff and, as part of their management role, will be responsible for providing day-to-day customer service to end-users. The CH2M HILL project team for *Better Denver* is made up entirely of Denver-area residents.

Denver Public Works Manager Bill Vidal praised the selection of CH2M HILL that resulted from a professional procurement process launched immediately after passage of the *Better Denver* initiatives. "We are delighted to have CH2M HILL on our team," Vidal said. "This is an innovative public-private partnership that allows us to maximize

the outstanding expertise of our City staff and that of a top private sector firm."

"The citizens of Denver can expect every opportunity to continue their involvement in the *Better Denver* program," CH2M HILL's Evans said. He added that his team will share program milestones and other key developments with residents through stakeholder meetings and other forms of communications, including a detailed Web page that will debut soon at [www.denvergov.org/betterdenver](http://www.denvergov.org/betterdenver).

In a related announcement, Hickenlooper named Don Hunt director of the *Better Denver* bond program. Hunt, the former chief executive officer of national, Denver-based engineering firm BRW Inc., now leads The Antero Co., a real estate ownership and advisory firm. He served as chair of the Transportation Subcommittee of the City's Infrastructure Priorities Task Force. During implementation of the bond program, Hunt will chair the *Better Denver* Executive Committee that will develop program policy and manage performance and accountability.

"Don's expertise, experience and involvement in the *Better Denver* process equips him well to serve as our "Bond Czar," Hickenlooper said. "He will be a tremendous asset as we enter the implementation phase of *Better Denver*."

"I am pleased to join with Mayor Hickenlooper and the City-CH2M HILL team that will implement this ambitious and impressive bond program for Denver residents," Hunt said.

## More on Zoning

The following Language Amendments to the Denver Revised Municipal Code will be heard before the Blueprint Denver Committee on Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in City Council Room 391 of the City and County of Denver Building at 1437 Bannock.

- LA-1167 - Exceptions to Zoning Bulk Requirements for Historic Structures;
  - LA-1170 - Accessory Banking Services in the R-3 Zone; and
  - LA-1171 - Modify Sky Exposure Provisions in B-5.
- Please check with the City Council office at 720-865-9534 or with Tina Axelrad, Case Manager, at 720-865-2937 or [tina.axelrad@denvergov.org](mailto:tina.axelrad@denvergov.org) for any further information.

The applications and staff reports for the above-referenced rezoning map amendments may be accessed in Adobe \*.pdf format at: [www.denvergov.org/Zoning\\_Changes/PendingRezoningApplications/tabid/427304/Default.aspx](http://www.denvergov.org/Zoning_Changes/PendingRezoningApplications/tabid/427304/Default.aspx).

[Please note that during the weekend of February 1<sup>st</sup>, the applications and staff reports usually found on this page may not be available due to server maintenance.]



## Sing-a-long

The following anthem was sung with great gusto by the attendees of the INC Presidents Dinner on January 29. It was written by Diana Helper, a delegate from the University Park Community Council and past secretary of INC.

### HICKENLOOPER HAS A TOWN

---by Diana Helper

(tune: Old MacDonald...)

Hickenlooper has a town, D E N V E R

And that town has a zoning code

Much too long, by far!

With a subsection here, a cross-reference there,

Here confusion, there omissions,

Now committees meet in sessions,

On and on and on and on,

EEE! AY! EEE! AY! OOOOOH!

In that town there is a park, Ruby Hill by name,

And in that park there was a view

'til Bigger Power-poles came.

Adversarians Here, Utilitarians There,

Here contrary, very wary,

Everywhere a "Bury! Bury!"

With a subsection here, a cross-reference there,

Here confusion, there omissions, now committees meet in sessions,

This town has another park, the Civic Center tract,

A master plan had been proclaimed, --

Then others joined the act!

With a Libeskind here, a Museum there,

Here historians, there uproar-ians,

Modernists and mid-Victorians!

Adversarians here, Utilitarians there,

Here contrary, very wary, everywhere a Bury! Bury!

Subsection here, cross-reference there,

Here confusion, there omissions, now committees meet in sessions,

This town has development, T.O.Ds and More!

Propensity for density, building plans galore!

With a demolition here, a building-crane there,

Here a duplex, there a high-rise, everything is heading sky-wise!

A Libeskind here, a Museum there,

Here historians, there uproar-ians, Modernists and mid-Victorians,

Adversarians here, Utilitarians there,

Here contrary, very wary, everywhere a Bury! Bury!

Subsection here, cross-reference there,

Here confusion, there omissions, now committees meet in sessions,

Hickenlooper, Lucky He, has... the I.N.C. !  
It sings its chorus lustily: Please pay heed to me!  
With a Great Idea here, a Fine Suggestion there,  
Here a letter, there To-Do List,  
Everywhere a Neighborhood Activist!  
Toward a great community, with the I.N.C.!!!!

## One Person One Dog



One Person One Dog Partners in Life. Paws up to our Congress Park Neighbor, Ingrid Hovland. Award winning Canine Partners of the Rockies, Inc. had four founders—one is Ingrid Hovland, a Congress Park Neighbor of 32 years.

Canine Partners of the Rockies, Inc (CaPR) is a small, non-profit organization that raises, trains, and places service dogs with Colorado residents who have severe mobility limitations. Ingrid and her co-founders founded CaPR in 2002 with the expressed intent of enhancing the quality of life for Colorado residents with severe mobility impairments and a philosophy of "One Person, One Dog, Partners In Life". Although all four founders had worked with national service dog organizations, Ingrid and her co-founders wanted to focus exclusively on Colorado residents. Geographic proximity of trainers and recipients offers cost and quality benefits such as:

- reduced transportation costs associated with advanced dog and partnership training; and
- local expertise to tailor training to meet the unique needs of client's home or work environment and providing post-placement support to the partnership.

CaPR has evolved from a concept to a solid organization in five years, has raised more than 60 puppies, and trained and placed 23 highly skilled dogs with mobility-impaired partners who use wheelchairs, walkers, or crutches. Over half of their placements are with clients who have spinal cord injuries.

Canine Partners' service dogs learn up to 65 commands that enable their owners to have lives that are more independent. CaPR service dogs assist their partners by picking up dropped articles and phones, turning light switches on or off, and opening and closing doors and drawers. Dogs also learn a range of additional skills unique to the applicant's needs.

This past year has been marked with great successes for CaPR. Thus far, CaPR graduated five canine partnerships and will place four dogs with applicants by year's end. CaPR was the recipient of the 2007 Service Animal Award presented by Denver Commission for People with Disabilities, partnered with the Girl Scouts in creating a patch program to educate girls about disabilities and the

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- The 500-foot-from-a-school rule is based on Colorado Rules and is measured by how one would walk to a school “safely and properly,” not on “how the crow flies.”
- Only a “Party of Interest” is allowed to testify at liquor license hearings. A party of interest must live within a certain number of blocks of the proposed license location. The number is based on whether they reside downtown or elsewhere. A representative of an RNO may speak at any liquor license hearing if that RNO’s boundaries are within the certain number of blocks. The RNO representative must live in the RNO but not necessarily within the certain number of blocks. Only direct testimony may be admitted as part of the record at a hearing. Letters from RNOs or interested parties will not be presented or made part of the record. The INC website has a copy of the *Denver Neighborhood Handbook* that contains a section on protesting liquor licenses.
- Who is notified and who is allowed to testify may be different. How does RNO notification take place? Government Information Services tells E&L who the RNOs are.
- According to comments from neighborhood representatives, the timing of notification for liquor license hearings by E&L has not been consistent.
- According to Ms. Marquez, “Decisions are made on ‘a seat of the pants’ basis.”
- Complaints are handled in a responsive and personalized manner by calling 311. Or, of course, you can always email the Mayor at [www.milehighmayor@ci.denver.co.us](mailto:www.milehighmayor@ci.denver.co.us).

Next on the agenda was Mark Najarian, a Senior Engineer with Denver Public Works Traffic Engineering who came to INC’s meeting to update us and provide what information is available at the time about the Strategic Transportation Plan (STP). We also learned that, in order to study what should be planned, the planners have divided the City into “Travel Sheds.” This term has the distinction of being coined by Denver Planners as a result of their familiarity with “watersheds,” the area of land where all of the water that falls in it and drains off of it goes into the same place. Mark passed out a map of Denver’s “travel sheds,” presumably, areas where all of the cars tend to funnel into. He stated that 41% of all trips are internal to Denver or 59% are regional or into and away from Denver.

Saying that the Strategic Transportation Plan (STP) will be taking a “Multi-Modal” approach, Najarian also divulged that the Denver STP will:

- Support Fast Tracks
- Leverage State and Federal Funds
- Lead regional transportation
- Support Blueprint and Greenprint Denver

- Support Next Tracks and work with RTD in future light rail development
- Encourage behavioral changes away from the automobile

Mr. Najarian also distributed a “Draft of Preliminary STP Strategies” for the “West Side Travel Shed,” listened to neighborhood concerns, and answered some of the questions posed to him.

Steve Nissen made a report on the Dollar Dictionary Drive saying that Rocky Mountain SER will not be available in August to organize the distribution of books for the Drive. He asked members to be on the lookout for a new location large enough to accommodate INC’s fabulous elementary school education project.

Mike Henry announced the Zoning and Planning meeting topics for January 26.

The February INC meeting will be held at the Crossroads Theatre in Five Points near the RTD light-rail station at 27th and Welton Street on February 9<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

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There ensued a discussion regarding three possible INC Bylaw changes that might be proposed to the General Membership in March.

- Emergency votes of the Executive Committee could be made via email.
- The provision that committee chairs have to be INC delegates would be changed to allow any person appointed by the Chair to be a committee chair.
- Committee Chairs would be required to request email approval of the Executive Committee before the dissemination of any position statements

It was agreed that Bylaw amendments would be developed by email communication among the Executive Committee and a vote as to recommendations may be taken by phone.

There was a discussion regarding the need for long-term planning regarding locations of and speakers for future INC meetings. Regarding location, factors such as size, ADA compliance, parking, and proximity to neighborhoods should be considered.

The Executive Committee (absent award nominee Karen) went about the business of selecting the winners of awards to be presented at the Presidents Dinner on January 29<sup>th</sup> from the many qualified nominations submitted.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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supportive role of service dogs, and moved into its first office and training space.

Canine Partners received its 501(c) 3 status in 2002. Their next volunteer and puppy raising orientation is February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Following the orientation, you can observe a CaPR puppy training class at 12:30 p.m. Please call 303-364-9040 or visit [www.caninepartnersoftherockies.org](http://www.caninepartnersoftherockies.org) for more information.



# Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation

## 2008 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ President is a voting delegate: ☐  
 E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Send newsletter via: E-mail [ ] U.S. Mail [ ] Don't want newsletter [ ]**

Voting Delegate Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Voting Delegate (if President is not a voting delegate)  
 Delegate Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Join as a non-voting supporting Associate : Regular (\$20) ☐ Patron (\$75) ☐**

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Organization Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Agent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Bring this form to an INC meeting or mail to:

Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation  
 PO Box 181009  
 Denver, CO 80218-1009

## Presidents Dinner

The President's Dinner was held at the Doubletree Hotel Denver at Quebec and Martin Luther King on Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>.

INC presented special awards to former City Council members Sal Carpio, Cathy Donohue, and Cathy Reynolds in recognition for their strong support of Denver Neighborhoods in City Council and, in particular, for their efforts in sponsoring the 1979 Neighborhood Registration and Notification Ordinance that presenter Michael Henry described as the "lifeline" for the neighborhoods.

The following INC Awards were presented

Virginia Oredson Award, that honors those who have encouraged neighborhoods or citizens to work together, have a record of community service, and have encouraged others to volunteer for community improvement efforts to **Karen Cuthbertson** of Athmar Park for her neighborhood work.

Bill Gross Award, that is given to an individual who works with neighborhoods to better public safety and has made Denver a safer place to live, to **Kathy Struble** of the Whittier Neighborhood for establishing the Park Avenue Cop Shop and working with the St. Francis Center to provide a permanent home for the Cop Shop in their new shelter. She also created successful good neighbor agreements with a number of the public service providers in the area.

Walt Kembel Award to an INC Delegate or RNO member who has contributed to INC by moving it in new directions to **Billie Bramhall** of the Golden Triangle Neighborhood for her efforts in chairing the INC Education Committee to ensure INC participation with DPS in addressing education issues, particularly A+ Denver and the evaluation of school closures.

Neighborhood Stars were awarded to the following individuals on the nomination of their neighborhoods.

**Leta Sharpe** of the Whittier Neighborhood for her work in organizing the neighborhood to support the revitalization and reopening of Manual High School

**Rosemary Stoffel** of University Park for her work chairing the neighborhood Small Area Plan Committee, service as a past president of the Neighborhood Association, and working with DU to resolve issues with the use of the historic Buchtel House.

**Odessa Burch** of North City Park for founding and continuing to lead the neighborhoods "Welcome New Neighbor Committee" which personally welcomes each new resident with a gift basket of goodies and information about the neighborhood. She has organized block captains and encourages many new residents to join the association.

**Jack Harper** of the Eastgate Neighborhood for organizing his neighborhood of 80 homes to a formal organization for the first time. Working with a new group home in the neighborhood to resolve issues and become a good neighbor, and working with an adjacent neighborhood or-

ganization in Arapahoe to resolve liquor license issues proving that political boundaries do not have to stop cooperation.

**Dennis Humphrey** of the Golden Triangle for organizing and chairing their Urban Design Committee and working to improve projects in the Triangle, for his work on the Justice Center Task Force, and for his activity with the Civic Center Conservancy.

**Paul Kashmann**, Publisher of the Washington Park Profile, for his continuing articles and editorials on neighborhood issues in the City especially for those neighborhoods east of Broadway and from Hampden to at least East 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue.

Dr. Tom Noel gave an interesting, humorous, and brief slide presentation on the Democratic Convention of 1908 in what was the new Auditorium Theater (now the Ellie Caulkins Opera House). We certainly realized how much Denver and City Government has changed.

Mayor John Hickenlooper spoke to us about the upcoming 2008 Democratic Convention in Denver and its impact on the city in terms of economics and publicity. He pointed out that the press delegations will be more numerous than convention delegates. He also pointed out that Denver frequently, with sporting events and charitable events, has more people downtown than we will see at the convention. He hopes that neighborhoods and citizens will play a role in the convention.

We are all appreciative of the excellence service and food provided by the Doubletree Hotel Denver. We must thank our sponsor, the Metro Denver Convention and Visitors Bureau, and its Chair, Richard Scharf, and Community Affairs Vice President, Bill Mitchell, for their support and assistance. And finally, the Presidents Dinner Committee led by Karen Cuthbertson with the help of Past Chair Elizabeth Hamilton for making it all come together.

## Thoughts from the Chair

We frequently do not think of the impact of state government on neighborhoods in the City and County of Denver. But now there are two bills in the legislature which, if passed, could make changes in liquor laws that impact our neighborhoods,

The first would allow Sunday sales that, on the surface, might not be a big deal since almost everything else is sold on Sunday. There is, however, what is often referred to in liquor licensing as "need and desire," i.e., do we really want the neighborhood liquor stores open on Sunday? Do the small operators really want to work on Sunday? Can't individuals plan ahead to ensure they have liquor at home such as today for the Super Bowl? Will liquor stores have to apply to sell on Sunday if this law passes? If so, will we in the neighborhoods have a voice in the issuance of a Sunday license?

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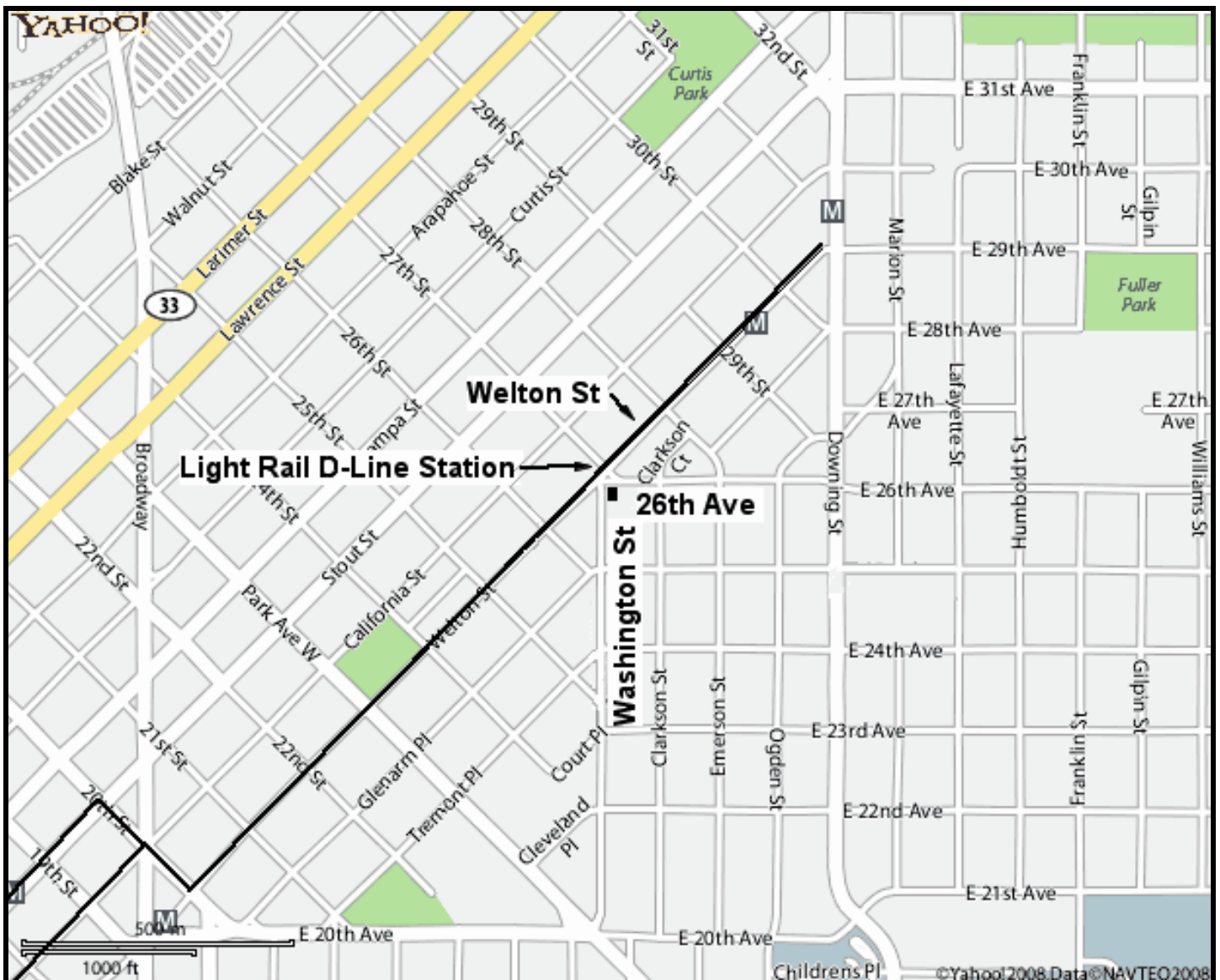
The second bill would allow grocery store chains to sell liquor. Currently a chain can have only one store selling liquor, wine, and beer. An example is the Whole Foods store with its Merchants of Vino Outlet on East Hampden. Under current law, the liquor-selling portion of the operation is a separate room with an entrance directly from the parking lot and one from the store. All purchases must be paid for within the liquor selling space, not at the normal store cash registers. Will the proposed state law keep this requirement that I think is a good one? Will each grocery store outlet have to apply for a license or will the state license all of the chain's outlets across the state at one time? I think we in the neighborhoods would like a needs-and-desires hearing for each outlet. What will be the impact on our existing local outlets? Some may be bad in our view but others run a responsible business.

Finally, if the legislature wants to open up the discussion of liquor licensing, what about giving all home-rule

and even statutory cities the right to have cabaret licenses? What if state law was the minimum requirement and cities could have a stricter requirement? Representative Alice Madden, in the last legislative session, was trying to get a law addressing a change in character of a bar or restaurant. The problem, at least in Boulder, would be that a bar all of a sudden would be having late night happy hours and loud music without having to go through a hearing. What if every community could have a cabaret licensing system? Wouldn't it be great if someone applied for a cabaret license and stated they wanted a piano or light jazz and the approved license limited them to that?

If these issues are concerns for you, I suggest you contact your state representative and state senator.

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The public is welcome to attend the meeting.



**Meeting Saturday  
February 9<sup>th</sup>**  
The public  
is welcome to attend.

**Crossroads Theater  
at Five Points  
2590 Washington St.**

**See map on page 11**

**8:30 a.m.**

Coffee and Chat

**9:00 a.m.**

Welcome

**9:15 a.m.**

Chief Nick Nuanes  
Denver Fire Department

**9:45 a.m.**

Katherine Clarkson  
Mayor's Design Award

**9:55 a.m.**

Carolyn Bluhm  
Office of Emergency Management  
Emergency Snow Removal

**10:10 a.m.**

Drew O'Connor  
Neighborhood Vital Signs

**10:30 a.m.**

Break

**10:40 a.m.**

Around the City

**11:20 a.m.**

Committee Reports

**12:00 p.m.**

Adjournment

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