

Zoning and Planning Committee Motion

By the Committee

The INC Zoning and Planning Committee unanimously passed the following motion on June 26th regarding City notification to registered neighborhood organizations. Delegates should come to the Delegation meeting on July 10th prepared to discuss and vote upon the motion.

“WHEREAS since 1979 Denver has had a neighborhood registration and notification ordinance (Section 12-96 of the Denver Revised Municipal Code) that requires various City departments and agencies to notify registered neighborhood organizations (RNOs) of various significant proposed actions affecting neighborhoods; and

Whereas some City organizations have not been fulfilling that requirement for some time; and

Whereas someone in City government has apparently recently decided to make changes in the notification process without adequate information to or any discussion with RNOs; and

Whereas some contact persons for RNOs have not been receiving many required notices for some time; and

Whereas a recent communication by City Council advised RNOs that they must opt-in to receive the required notices of zoning language amendments, City Council meeting agendas, and City Council meeting schedules from a City e-mail subscription service although the ordinance does not provide for such an opt-in process; and

Whereas, in addition, the City e-mail subscription process has failed to send some notices to those asking for notification of some items; and

Whereas the neighborhood notification process about proposed City actions has been extremely important to RNOs and neighborhood residents since 1979;

THEREFORE Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation should communicate with the Mayor’s Office and the Denver City Council the following requests:

1. The Mayor should designate one person in the City administration with overall accountability for ensuring that all of the notification requirements of Section 12-96 are effectively and consistently performed and with establishing communications with RNOs about the administration of 12-96, including ensuring that the different agencies are trained in their responsibilities;
2. In particular, the administration should ensure that a) notices of “properties identified and being processed through nuisance abatement procedures” should be given by the “nuisance abatement coordinator” and b) notices of “sale of City owned land” should be given by Asset Management or its successor, neither of which has occurred for several years, despite requests by INC.”

INC, however, does wish to express appreciation to Julius Zsako of Community Planning and Development for effectively handling the registration of RNOs on an annual basis. The issues raised by INC relate not to registration, but to notification.

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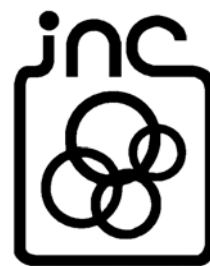
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Sad News

By Diana Helper

INC has lost a great friend with the sudden passing on June 23rd of John Simi, a resident of the Heritage Club (HC) in University Park, an active member of the INC Parks and Recreation Committee, our host at HC meetings, and a staunch advocate for neighborhood causes. He is truly missed.

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Member Organizations

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 Alamo Placita Neighbors Assn
 Athmar Park Neighborhood Assn
 Baker Historic Neighborhood Assn
Ball Park Neighborhood Assn
 Belcaro Park Homeowners Assn
 Bellevue-Hale Neighborhood Assn
 Berkeley-Regis United Neighbors
 Bonnie Brae Neighborhood Assn
Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods Inc
 Cherry Creek North Neighborhood Assn
 Cherry Hills Vista Community Assn.
 Cherry Point Homeowners Assn
 Civic Association of Clayton
 Colfax on the Hill, Inc
 College View Neighborhood Assn
 Congress Park Neighbors
 Cook Park Neighborhood Assn
Cory-Merrill Neighborhood Assn
 Cranmer Park Hilltop Civic Assn
Crestmoor Park Homeowners Assn
2nd filing
 Crestmoor Park Homeowners Inc Filing One
 Cultural Arts Residential Org (CARO)
 Curtis Park Neighbors
 East Montclair Neighborhood Assn
 Elyria Neighborhood Assn
 Elyria Swansea/Globeville Business Assn.
 Far Northeast Neighbors, Inc
 George Washington Homeowner's Assn. Inc.
 Globeville Civic Assn #1
 Golden Triangle Assn. of Denver
Golden Triangle Museum District
 Greater Mar-Lee Community Org
Greater Park Hill Community, Inc.
 Green Valley Ranch Citizen's Advisory Board
 Harkness Heights Neighborhood Assn
 Highland United Neighbors Inc.
 Hilltop Heritage Assn LLC
 Historic Montclair Community Association, Inc.
 Humboldt Street Neighborhood Assn
 Hutchinson Hills/Willow Point HOA
 Inspiration Point Neighborhood Assn
 Lighthouse at the Breakers Homeowners Assn
Lower Downtown Neighborhood Assn (LoDoNA)
 Lowry Community Master Assn
 Lowry United Neighborhoods
Master Homeowner Assn for Green Valley Ranch

Mayfair Neighbors, Inc
 Mayfair Park Neighborhood Assn
 Montbello 20-20
 Morrison Road Business Association of Denver
 Neighbors and Friends for Cheesman Park
 North City Park Civic Assn
 Northwest Quadrant Assn
Overland Park Neighborhood Assn
 Park Forest Homeowner's Assn
 Platt Park Peoples Assn
 Rangeview Neighborhood Assn
 Rosedale Harvard Gulch N.A.
 Ruby Hill Neighborhood Assn - RHINO
 Sloan's Lake Neighborhood Assn
 South City Park Neighborhood Assn
 South Hilltop Neighborhood Assn
Southmoor Park East Homeowners Assn
 Southmoor Park Homeowners Assn
Southwest Improvement Council - SWIC
Stapleton Master Community Assn
 Stapleton United Neighbors
 Sunnyside United Neighbors, Inc
 The Unsinkables
University Hills Neighborhood Assn
University Park Community Council
Upper Downtown Development Org
 Villa Park Neighborhood 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

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Delegates' Meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. See this issue for location.

The INC Executive Committee meets monthly at 1201 Williams Street in the 19th floor meeting room.
 RNOs are welcome to reprint the articles in their own newsletters.

Delegation Recap

By Ray Ehrenstein

Chair Steve Nissen called the June INC Delegates Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on June 12th in the Moltery in Montclair Park. Moved by Brad Zeig and seconded by Karen Cuthbertson, May's meeting minutes were approved. The Chair informed the Delegates that they should record their neighborhood's events on the clipboard being circulated if they wished such information in the newsletter's "Around the City" column.

The first speaker was Kevin Patterson of the Denver Parks and Recreation Department. Kevin welcomed us to The Moltery situated within Montclair Park and administered by his department. We learned that the Moltery was once a cow barn connected to a hotel designed to treat residents with tuberculosis. It was believed that fresh milk was part of an effective regimen for the patients.

Councilwoman Marcia Johnson welcomed us as well and announced the groundbreaking of work on the modification of Quebec Street. She also warned of a prostitution sting operation on Colfax Avenue targeting the men who utilize such professionals. She indicated that these fellows could have their cars confiscated and find it very difficult to explain to their wives just why this had occurred.



Councilwoman Johnson welcomes INC.

Photo by Ken Beaudrie

We then proceeded with "Around the City" taking us to the break.

After the break, Gordon Robertson, also of the Parks and Recreation Department, gave us a presentation with slides of six parks being worked on with bond money as well as other parks. The six parks first described were Sloan's Lake Park gaining a new wetlands filtration system before water empties into the lake; Ruby Hill Park gets a new Pavilion, restrooms, and playground (Ruby Hill's Railyard was considered a success with an hourly count of 80 to 100 people throughout the run of this winter attraction); City Park with the Darlington Fountain repairs coupled with a lightning detector that would shut down the fountain in advance of inclement weather; Cheesman Park's completion of paths and irrigation; Civic Center Park where structural leaks are being sealed and murals



Gordon Robertson discusses park work.

Photo by Ken Beaudrie

cleaned up; and a new park called Parkfield. About half of the money being spent on each was on irrigation upgrades that would save the City money with greater watering efficiency. The savings achieved by planting native vegetation was touted as well as the use of non-potable water delivered by the purple pipes to irrigate Denver parks. Savings were also to be realized by a change to Astroturf at the playing fields.

Mr. Robertson also described work on Berkeley Lake Park where the lake will be shrunk and the berm adjusted. He said Highland Park would be getting a makeover. Valverde Park would receive work as well as City of Axum Park in advance of a visit by the Mayor of Axum, Ethiopia; Axum is one of Denver's sister-cities.

Our next speaker was Phil Washington, the new Manager of RTD. We learned that RTD has over 1,000 busses and 130 light-rail cars. Over the next 12 years, "fast tracks" will add over 50 stations. It seems that 60 percent of RTD's revenue is from sales taxes. The renovation of Union Station should result in space for 20 busses. Eagle P-3 is a public private partnership that should be able to finance light-rail eastward to the Airport, the Gold line to Arvada, and part of the northwest rail-line that has a 2015 completion date. Mr. Washington said RTD's goal is to be "construction ready" on all projects to be able to gain any available federal funding when it becomes available. Mr. Washington said capital projects are being deferred rather than increasing fares or cutting service.

Committee reports were brief: Anthony Thomas reported from the new Public Safety Committee that Merce Lea had joined him as Co-Chair and that he had met with new Manager of Safety, Ron Perea. Dave Webster reported from the Transportation Committee that, at their last meeting, they worked on safe routes for bike paths. ZAP's Michael Henry reminded us of Denver City Council's all day hearings on the new zoning code on June 21st. The Parks and Recreation Committee Co-chairs Larry Ambrose and Katie Fisher spoke highly of the work done by its sub-

committee members, Carolyn Etter, Cathy Donohue, and Diana Helper, in working with the Denver Parks Department regarding the Public Notification Policy.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair before the noon hour.

Executive Committee Recap By Karen Cuthbertson

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chair Steve Nissen on June 14th at 1201 Williams Street. Also present were Executive Committee (EC) members Larry Ambrose, William Cornell, Karen Cuthbertson, Eugene Howard, Randle Loeb, George Mayl, and Brad Zieg. Committee Chairs Ken Beaudrie, Katie Fisher, Mike Henry, and Anthony Thomas as well as Education Committee member Bill Johnston were also present. Karen recorded the minutes because the Secretary was not in attendance.

Motions to approve the May EC minutes, the April Treasurer's report, and the May Treasurer's report passed unanimously. Steve noted that the access codes to the bank accounts have been changed.

Committee Reports

- Dollar Dictionary Drive (DDD) – Steve noted that the DDD will need \$22K to provide both books plus \$1K for miscellaneous expenses and that only approximately \$14K has been raised. Steve and Karen reported that they are writing grants. Various other potential funding sources were discussed.
- Education – Bill Johnston reported on the potential presentation on education reform at the August 14th DDD labeling meeting with a panel of Alan Gotlieb (Editor of Education News), Michael Johnson (Mapleton principal as a representative of a school that is successfully reforming), Nate Easley (President, Denver School Board), Henry Roman (President, Colorado Education Association), and someone from A+ Denver. William Cornell suggested including Dr. Shelly Zion. There was discussion about having a second panel forum expanded to several hours and inviting parents of DPS students for a question and answer discussion.
- Membership/Newsletter – none
- Parks and Recreation – Steve reported on his June 2nd meeting with Kevin Patterson and Angela Casias of the Parks and Recreation Department. All agreed to listen as well as speak. Larry reported that the upcoming INC Parks and Recreation Committee meeting will cover Open Air Cinema and its plans for City Park. The Committee will also be reviewing the new Parks and Recreation Department's public participation policy, dog waste dispenser implementation, and mobile food-

vendors permitted to serve in specific parks (especially concerning health standards).

- Public Safety – Anthony Thomas reported that he will Co-Chair the Public Safety committee with Merce Lea of the Broadway COP Shop. Anthony and Merce will be attending the various Police Commander's meetings around Denver. Mike expressed frustration that the Nuisance Abatement Oversight Committee has yet to meet and that Capt. Wills is not sending out nuisance abatement notifications as required by the notification ordinance.
- Transportation – Brad Zieg reported that Emily Kreisa of Public Works attended the last committee meeting and spoke about the Denver Moves project to have the various council districts identify biking needs. She is trying to get a Bike Master Plan together that would identify ways to make it easier for cyclists to stay off of the busier streets. There was a question about what the City wants from the public. Brad suggested contacting Public Works. Anthony reported that he has been asked to be on the I-70 Realignment Committee.
- Zoning and Planning – Mike Henry reported that the regular ZAP meeting on June 26th will be discussing the change in the RNO notification policy. Mike also noted the new zoning code Public Hearing is June 21st and he suggested that Steve testify using INC's position letter.

Old Business

Ken Beaudrie reported that he distributed the amended by-laws to the membership. Brad suggested that INC distribute the RNO Notification Ordinance. Karen reported that Al Habercorn, Brad Zieg, and she completed the annual financial review and that the records looked to be in order. Karen reported that she will be filing the IRS Form 990 by the end of June. Steve asked that all Committee Chairs submit their proposed budget ASAP. Mike noted that we need to include budget for a new Neighborhood Handbook. Larry noted that we need to include budget for developing a website. Eugene Howard suggested that folks check out the new Sunnyside website that is interactive and has the capacity for committee chairs to manage the information on their respective pages. Steve would like to get the budget approved at the next meeting. Creating a new INC brochure was discussed. Steve would like to include a map of the member RNOs in the brochure. Steve showed a sample map that an East High student had started; it was suggested to have him finish the map.

New Business

The Neighborhood Conference was discussed; it was noted that the Conference was possibly not as effective as last year. It was suggested that the keynote speaker was disappointing and that attendees needed more time to visit vendor tables. Karen noted that it was not as relevant to INC members as in previous years. It was suggested that this feedback go back to the debriefing meeting. Randle sug-

gested that INC should work to make itself more attractive to younger people, renters, transient, and other populations that are not usually "joiners." A motion to contribute \$1,000 to the Conference passed with five in favor and three opposed. Steve, Brad, Karen, and Mike met with representatives from the League of Women Voters of Denver and Denver 8 TV on June 1st. Mike reported that Denver 8 TV's budget has been cut in half and they will need help raising funds to put on candidate/issues forums at the same level as in previous years. INC and LWVD have agreed to help raise funds. William suggested asking each INC member RNO for \$50.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

From the Chair

By Steve Nissen

Because of the enormity of the task of creating the new zoning code approved by City Council on June 21st and the myriad of details involved, all parties concerned admit that it is not a perfect code and that amendments may be needed in the future. Those amendments can only be addressed after factual information is received by the appropriate agencies, that is, Community Planning and Development, Zoning, City Council, et cetera. I encourage any and all who believe they have identified any 'imperfections' to seek proper clarification first and then be certain the proper agencies are notified. This is essential particularly if the same issue arises throughout the City; it will be more apparent of the need for redress. Please keep documentation of notification for your records. Remember, everyone has three personal City Council (CC) persons who should be notified on any issue where it is appropriate to notify CC. I encourage INC members and member RNOs to also notify INC's Zoning Committee as well. Please see page 12 for contact information.

INC is recognized as a viable and valuable source of grassroots information and planning in the development of public policy. That has been exemplified in our involvement in the work of the new zoning code as well as our many contributions throughout the course of INC's history. That only happens because of the dedicated commitment of the many selfless people within our member organizations. There are currently 240 RNOs registered with the City and 81 are members of INC. It is my desire, and I know that desire is shared, that INC will increase its RNO membership substantially. I encourage each one of us to reach out to anyone we know in the various RNOs and welcome them into a greater representation of our common vision that speaks for all of us. Remember that our bylaws offer a pro-rated membership fee after the March meeting. We can reach out and bring in a new member RNO at this time for the bargain rate of \$17.50 for a full fledged membership. I would like to see us achieve a membership of 110

members by year's end. Bringing a new member into the fold can be another way of adding strength to the attention given to an issue in your neighborhood.

Our many INC committees are great assets, focusing on common issues that concern all of us city-wide. We have active and engaging committees, namely; Zoning and Planning, Parks and Recreation, Education, Newsletter, Membership, Transportation, and Safety. It is my hope to have more folks become involved in the Transportation and Safety committees. There are lots of issues confronting neighbors in these areas and we do need new blood, ideas, and commitment. Anyone is welcome and we invite you to become a part of any committee that would be of interest to you. What is happening, and is not happening, in your neighborhood can be an inspiration to you to become more involved. We need your great ideas for membership recruitment as well -- see the paragraph above.

State of the City



Mayor Hickenlooper invites you to attend the "State of the City" address on Tuesday, July 13th at 4:15 p.m. in the Denver Justice Center at Elati Street and Colfax Avenue. Spread the word; no invitation is needed. You are encouraged, of course, to take public transportation. Plan your trip at www.rtd-denver.com, call 303-299-6000, or plan to take a Denver B-Cycle at www.denver.bcycle.com. If you do drive, free parking is available on a limited basis at the Justice Center garage on Delaware just south of 14th Street. (Please do not park in the marked Post Office spaces.)



Alamo Placita Neighbors – The board of directors of Alamo Placita Neighbors held our monthly meeting on June 9th. Plans for National Night Out and our Annual Cottonwood Festival were discussed in preliminary detail along with other neighborhood issues. We concluded our meeting with a celebratory mood as it was the 10th anniversary of the Alamo Placita Historic District.



Alamo Placita Historic District cake. Photo submitted by Steve Nissen

Athmar Park (AP) – AP is home to seven schools, four parks, a branch library, and more that make us quite unique in this City. We are also trying hard to attract a Sunflower Market to join Lowe's at Alameda Square. If you have friends looking for a home, prices are reasonable and their kids have lots of choice for schools.

Berkeley Regis United Neighbors (BRUN) – Yates yard sale all along Yates Street from 38th to 46th Avenues.

Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods (CHUN) – CHUN had a very successful 39th Annual Peoples' Fair on June 5th and 6th.

George Washington H.O.A. – Our annual Ice-cream Social will be on August 8th at Denver Green School. Our streets have been paved two years ahead of schedule; new street signs are a nice addition for the grand opening of Denver Green School. We are approaching George Washington H.S. liaison to have a better bond with the new principal and the school. We are discussing the next steps to oppose keeping the old Finance Center at Buckley Annex. We prefer the original plan.

Golden Triangle Museum District (GTMD) – The laying of the foundation has begun for the Clifford Still Museum. The First Friday Free Bus connects GTMD with the Santa Fe Denver Art District from 5 to 9 p.m.

Lowry United Neighborhoods (LUN) – LUN passed a resolution asking City Council and City Planning to correct a mistake on the new draft zoning map that fails to rezone over 400 acres of land currently being used as golf and wetlands to the new OS-B and OS-C open space zone districts. We are watching changes to the Buckley Annex Redevelopment Plan. We are meeting with developers this

week on Hangar Two's new plans – storage and restaurants.

Mayfair Park N.A. – We are looking forward to having the Denver Language School occupy Whiteman Elementary School that has been closed for three years. Our annual Ice-cream Social will be held on July 10th.

Sloan's Lake N.A (SLNA) – SLNA, West Highlands, and BRUN will be sharing a booth at the Highland Street Fair. The Third Annual Return of the Pelicans Plant and Yard Sale in May raised money to do the Third Annual Thank-you Picnic for the Northwest District Parks Maintenance Crew.

South City Park N.A. (SCPNA) – Parking continues to be a huge problem in SCPNA. We have one parking place per every three homeowners. Once the bars and restaurants open, the neighborhood fills up. Mornings and weekends bring cars into the neighborhood and City Park "Jazz on Sunday Nights." We continue to work the issue with the City.

Stapleton United Neighbors – The Symphony in the Park free concert will be in Central Park on July 18th. The old Stapleton airport parking structure will be demolished in August and the RTD transfer center and parking will move four blocks north to 36th avenue and Central Park Boulevard. Ground breaking for a new DPS school at 35th Avenue and Roslyn Street occurred on June 8th.

University Park – Sidewalks are being constructed on the east side of Buchtel Boulevard as part of the last bond issue to ease access to light-rail.

Denver Recycles By Tom Strickland

Are you a committed recycler that wishes you had support to get your neighbors, family, friends, and community more involved in recycling and other waste reduction efforts in Denver? Well now you do. We would like to introduce you to the Denver Recycles Action Network!

The Denver Recycles Action Network is your chance to help increase Denver's recycling rate and commitment to reducing waste by using your enthusiasm and creativity to inspire and educate those around you about the Denver Recycles program and how they can participate. Like you, about 100,000 other Denver households recycle with the purple cart. However, about 68,000 eligible households still do not participate at all in Denver's free curbside recycling program. Additionally, some participants are somewhat confused about what is recyclable and many others

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.

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.

are not aware of the additional resources Denver Recycles offers such as our online Recycling Directory, Household Hazardous Waste program, LeafDrop, Treecycle, and the Mulch Giveaway and Compost Sale. You can help change all that.

The Denver Recycles Action Network is a volunteer program designed to be flexible and take advantage of each individual volunteer's skills and connections within the community. All we ask is that you commit to dedicating 15 minutes a month to educating those around you about Denver Recycles and to how they can reduce their waste. How you achieve that goal is up to you, whether it be by knocking on your neighbors' doors, sending out announcements through a list-serve or blog, organizing a recycling sign-up drive or workshop at your child's school or your church, or some other outreach method of your choice. Denver Recycles will assist in your volunteer efforts by providing you with the training, informational resources, and staff support you need. We will communicate with you regularly about what special recycling events we have on the horizon and what results we are achieving together as an Action Network.

To become a member of the Denver Recycles Action Network, attend our group Action Network training on **July 20th, 6 to 8 p.m. at Denver Recycles.** You will gain the knowledge you need to be an effective advocate for Denver Recycles and you will meet other committed recyclers with whom you can share your ideas and experiences. **Space in the July training is limited so please r.s.v.p. by July 13th in order to secure your spot.** You can r.s.v.p. by calling 720-865-6810 or signing up online at DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles (**Please note:** Participants in the Denver Recycles Action Network must be at least 18 years old or be accompanied by a parent or guardian). *Together we can help Denver recycle more!*

Sign up Now for a FREE Learn to Compost Class

Have you always wanted to start your own home composting pile but were not sure how to get started? Alternatively, have you been composting at home but feel you are not quite getting it right? If you answered yes to either, then you are just the person that should sign up for a **free** "Learn to Compost" class. These classes are a great way to learn how to turn your food scraps and yard waste into a wonderfully dark, rich soil amendment called compost. Compost made in your own backyard and applied to your yard or garden is a fantastic way to save money by reducing your need for store-bought fertilizer. Compost is also great at increasing your soil's ability to retain moisture thereby saving you money on watering your plants and yard as well.

Each two-hour class is hands-on and teaches the basics of backyard composting. Classes are held at the Denver Backyard Composting Demonstration site located in the Gove Community Garden at East 13th Avenue and Colorado Boulevard. Pre-registration is required and can be

accomplished at www.DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles. Review the class schedule and then complete the online registration form. To register by phone, call the Denver Recycles hotline at 720-865-6810, listen to the class schedule, and then leave a message with your contact information and the class you would like to attend.

This program is a partnership between Denver Recycles (a program of Denver Public Works/Solid Waste Management), Denver Urban Gardens, and the Metro Wastewater Reclamation District. For more information about this program or other Denver Recycles programs, call 3-1-1 or visit us online at DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles.

Cultural Council Vacancy By City Council

City Councilwoman Peggy Lehmann, Chair of the Council's Public Amenities Committee, announced that application forms are available for citizens interested in filling a vacancy on the Denver County Cultural Council (DCCC), a board authorized by the State to distribute Scientific and Cultural Facilities District Tier III revenues to cultural organizations.

In filling this vacancy, City Council is looking for an individual with active community involvement at the neighborhood level and professional, volunteer, or advocacy experience in an art, cultural, scientific, or historical organization. Councilwoman Lehmann indicated that applicants should have a citywide perspective and be willing to commit at least 15 to 20 hours per month to DCCC. The workload peaks during the annual grant-application review period, March through June.

The Cultural Council is comprised of eleven voting members. Three are ex-officio, representing citywide organizations, and eight are community representatives selected from interested applicants. The vacant positions are for a two, three, or four-year term beginning October 1st, renewable for an additional term for a total of six years by mutual agreement. The appointment will be made by resolution of City Council.

Applicants must be:

- Denver residents,
- at least 21 years of age,
- not currently a board member or paid staff of any organization applying for Tier III funding, and
- willing to disclose any conflict of interest.

Duties of DCCC members and the application form are available at websites described below. Applications may also be obtained by calling Jane Potts at 303-860-0360 or in person at the City Council Office, City and County Building Room 451, 1437 Bannock Street.

- DCCC Duties 2010: [www.denvergov.org/portals/695/documents/DCCC Duties 2010.pdf](http://www.denvergov.org/portals/695/documents/DCCC%20Duties%202010.pdf)

- DCCC Application 2010: [www.denvergov.org/portals/695/DCCC Application 2010.pdf](http://www.denvergov.org/portals/695/DCCC%20Application%202010.pdf)
Completed applications should be submitted to gretchen.williams@denvergov.org; to Gretchen Williams, City Council, Room 451, City and County Building, Denver, CO 80202; or faxed to 720-865-9540 **by 5:00 p.m. on August 6, 2010.**

Zoning and Planning Notes By Diana Helper

INC's ZAP (Zoning and Planning) Committee met June 26th.

Fred Schultz of Trammel Crow and Martin Eiss of Fentress/Architects discussed construction plans for the new Colorado Judicial Center, Colorado History Museum, and Denver Union Station. The Museum is to be finished in 2012 and the Judicial Center in 2013. Many details were presented. The Center will be named for Ralph L. Carr who championed objection to Japanese-American Internment Camps during World War II. It was suggested that the Center include some landscape or other remembrance of this history. Mary Chandler, who is writing a book on the construction project, was also present.

Cindy Patton, of the Department of Public Works, discussed the status of the Living Streets/Complete Streets and the Strategic Parking Plans. She said Public Works needs direction from Planning, Parks, Greenprint, the Bike Plan, Pedestrian Plan, and others. Public Works, Planning, and Parks are trying to leverage funds and work together. "Denver Moves" is a new plan to coordinate Bike/Pedestrian routes including gulch trails. If you would like to be involved, please contact your City Councilperson and ask to be appointed to work on this. Public meetings will be scheduled later. Regarding sidewalks, Cindy said that all suggestions to create an assessment to cover maintenance and construction have been "shot down." Most sidewalk funding is now connected with access to transit stops.

The Strategic Parking Plan (SSP) includes shared parking, now allowed in the new zoning code. Businesses can lower their City parking requirement by sharing, and others such as churches, schools, cafes, et cetera, can work out shared parking on their own. (It is hoped that such arrangements would include notice to and input from adjacent RNOs.) The SPP draft is on line. Visit www.denvergov.org/infrastructure for more information.

ZAP discussed changes in the City's Notification System that appears now to require RNOs to register individually at www.denvergov.org/subscriptions for every sort of notification they wish to receive rather than honoring the policy which has previously listed all notification to be sent automatically to all RNOs. The group unanimously voted to draft a letter to the Mayor regarding RNO Notifica-

tion. This letter will be discussed and voted on by INC delegates at the July 10th INC Delegation meeting.

Topics brought up by ZAP members included problems with the Urban Land Conservancy; the need to preserve the Denver Parkway System as part of Denver Parks and formation of an ad hoc subcommittee; DU's Boettcher Science Center charette with Landmark Commission and neighbors to plan remodeling of the site when the east wing is removed; the listing of houses on Vacation Rentals By Owner whereby houses are rented by the night, or week, in areas where the legal rental time is a minimum of one month.

Next ZAP meeting is July 24. All are welcome.

Parks and Recreation Notes By Diana Helper

The INC Parks and Recreation Committee met June 15th at 6 p.m. at the Heritage Club. Present from INC were committee co-chairs Larry Ambrose and Katie Fisher as well as Cindy Johnston, Cathy Calder, Cathy Donohue, James Sample, Ray Ehrenstein, Kathleen Wells, William Cornell, Steve Nissen, John Simi, and Diana Helper. Also present were Darrell Watson of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB), Angela Casias of Denver Parks and Recreation (DPR), Julie Frahm of Open Air Cinema (OAC), and Kevin Scott of Denver Organization of Cultural Arts (DOCA).

Julie said OAC will begin to set up in City Park on July 7th and should have all its equipment out of the park about eight weeks later, by August 26 to 29. The area will then be sodded. The films will run nightly for a month and cater to women or couples, not to families. Movie tickets are \$15. Many local restaurants will offer meals to purchase on site. Available parking in the park is sufficient for the moviegoers as well as folks just coming to the park for other activities. The OAC area will be fenced the entire time, to protect the equipment. The exact site has not yet been decided, nor the exact arrangement, nor the procedures for emergency shelter or evacuation.

OAC was told early on that its plan was not permitted in Denver parks, but later, City attorneys said it would be allowed. Julie stated that OAC's reason for canceling the 2010 season was its need to provide public information and receive public response that had not been met. (Later in the meeting, after Larry pointed out that OAC had said publically said they cancelled 2010 because of lack of sponsorship, Julie said, "That too.")

Julie was cautioned to explain up front in her presentations that this event is going to happen; groups should not believe there is still a possibility it will not happen. Larry indicated that because a tavern license has never been used for a special event and that parks should not be considered as taverns, it might have to proceed without liquor. Julie

said they had looked at many sites in Denver but had not looked at Burns Park (which truly needs activating). Diana suggested that would coordinate with usage of posh Cableland for the meals and drinks, catered by many great Cherry Creek North restaurants, thus not having to have food and drink in the park.

Angela announced the Colorado Symphony Orchestra will give a free concert at Civic Center on July 3rd. She also will set up the next DPR Notification Policy Meeting on July 6th, if that fits schedules. This subcommittee is working with DPR and PRAB on the best ways to notify everyone of DPR plans and projects and to elicit public response.

The dog-bag dispensers DPR purchased from Poo-Free Parks are being converted from locks to latches in the hope that residents will agree to keep on-hand supplies of the special bags for them and keep the dispensers filled. It is a larger task than simply to stuff plastic bags into an open dispenser when it is easily seen that it needs filling. Neighborhoods already doing this would like to continue as is. Larry told Angela that being responsible for restocking the commercial dispensers was not what INC had in mind when it proposed to promote stuffing recycled bags into the PVC dispensers. It was suggested that stewardship should be mentioned in every DPR/neighborhood meeting.

A DPR Vendor Policy is needed and public input is requested. There are concerns about licensing, screening, supervising, advertising, assistance from police, use of park rangers, matching the character of a park with its type of vendor, advising the Health Department where the vendors are situated so inspections can be made, and discussing plans with neighborhoods. Larry said it is unwise for DPR to proceed without a thorough policy. Cindy pointed out that it is a privilege to be allowed to vend in a Denver park—ask what the vendor is willing to pay. Cathy Donohue has had experience as a vendor and has written an educational paper on the subject.

The idea of a “Manager on Duty” for DPR was raised. Whom does one call when something happens in a park, especially at night or on a weekend? Can there be a number posted in a park? Or should one just call 911 to have it relayed to a park employee – or the police non-emergency number? Can citizens be trained to know who to call (for their own area parks) or is this too large a liability issue?

Kathleen mentioned that skateboarders are ruining the marble of the Cheesman Park pavilion. Angela said most calls to DPR concern sprinkler problems.

DPR recently stated that it is going to use recycled water for all parks and is changing all ball fields to artificial turf. These topics are of huge importance and the pros and cons of both are important to sort out. There is also the matter of reducing water usage and putting in natural plant areas. Of immediate impact is the salt content of the water that can adversely affect the park trees and the health of dogs, small children, and anyone in contact with it. Angela

said there is a new forester and a new environmental-concerns staff member and we agreed it would be good to have them talk to INC. Perhaps the new artificial turf is not as hard and contains less lead but can still produce hot spots detrimental to the surroundings. The committee voted to push hard on the purple pipe water issue with an educational program to tell people where the water comes from, by whom and for what elements it is tested, what is in it, et cetera. A co-sponsor for this major effort is needed.

The meetings adjourned about 8:20 p.m.

US Open Air Does PR

By Parks and Recreation Committee

Open Air Cinema is doing what it calls “community outreach” in regards its summer, 2011, 45-day lease of the City Park Meadows in front of the Denver Museum of Nature and Science to stage the first admission-based event in a Denver city park. The for-profit company has a lease, passed by Denver City Council and signed by the Mayor, to charge admission to first-run movies and to sell food and alcohol. Julie Frahm, an owner of Open Air Cinema USA, touts the company's sophisticated “pop up” screen that lies flat on the ground until the movie is to be shown and then, miraculously, rises to be the world's largest outdoor movie screen. Ms. Frahm claims most neighborhood concerns such as parking and noise problems have been solved. According to Frahm, the current outreach program by Open Air is not intended to allow for changes but to let people ask questions and to better inform the public of what the promoters and the City are going to be doing. At a recent meeting, she stated that, as yet, the exact location has not been chosen, no drawings of the “theater” set-up are available, and no plans for emergency shelter or evacuation are yet in place. All interested parties are invited to contact US OpenAir at info@usopenair.com to schedule a presentation and feedback session.

Controversy still surrounds Open Air Cinema. Many RNOs, including INC, have taken official positions in opposition to admission-based events in Denver's parks. Concerns continue to be raised by the INC Parks and Recreation Committee about the legality and precedent of a lease of park land to a private entity. Most recently, City Councilwoman Carla Madison made a statement at a North City Park neighborhood meeting that the lease is really a concession and is, therefore, allowable under the Charter. This is a claim not previously made by a City official. Open Air's attempt to have City Park designated as a tavern and to apply for a year-to-year tavern license for the event is also a matter of concern since it sets a precedent for future promoters to designate parks as locations for permanent and or temporary taverns.

Dollar Dictionary Drive

By Cathee Fisher

Got a few hours? Got a few dollars? Do you know a kid – past, present, or future? The kid could be you, your ancestors, your progeny, or a relative, friend, or neighbor. Did they become the person they were, the person you are now? When did each of us become what we were then? As a third-grader, would owning the simple resource of a dictionary and a thesaurus of their own make a difference then, now, or later?

Since 1996, INC has been collecting money and organizing this annual quest to help our youngest citizens have the knowledge at hand with their own books. It is now two books; a dictionary, with added resources of over 500 pages, and a Thesaurus of over 300 pages. They provide real knowledge for real kids that they are able to access even if the electrical power takes a break.

Free would be great but, as adults, we know free always has its costs. This year's Dictionary Drive got off to a great start but the momentum has stuttered in our fund raising efforts. This community effort is supported by grants, neighborhood associations, and individuals. Free to third-graders, these books come with the student's promise to take care of the books and use them often. Our purchase

cost is \$3.20 per student. Please help us reach our goal for this year's 6300 third-graders.

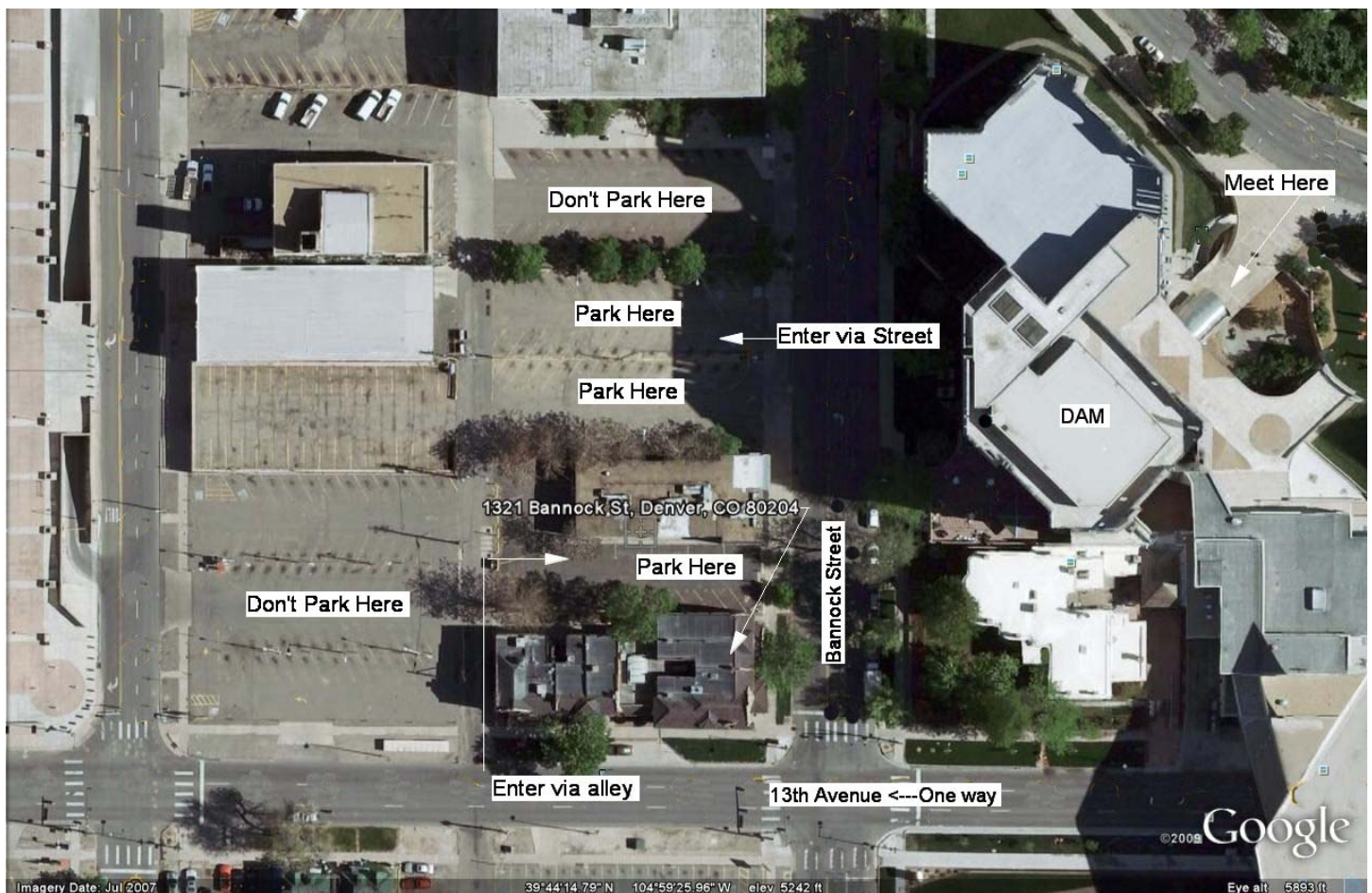
Two hundred individuals have contributed thus far. Can we add your name to that list of generous folk? Thirty-three RNOs have shared their commitments to this effort so far. New RNO donors are Bonnie Brae Neighborhood Association, CHUN, and Cultural Arts Residential Organization. We greatly encourage and welcome the support of all our member RNOs.

Labeling of each book, with school and neighborhood association information, will take place on Thursday and Friday, August 12th and 13th, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. The location will be Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 915 E. 9th Avenue (corner of 9th & Emerson) in central Denver. Lunch and snacks will be provided. Drop in for a couple hours and enjoy the day with both old and new friends.

August Meeting

By Billie Bramhall

The Delegates Meeting in August will feature an education forum, a panel of experts providing objective information about current DPS performance and the progress of present and future reforms. The panel discussion will begin at 10 a.m. followed by a question and answer period.



Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation

2010 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 for details. The names of Patron members and associates are listed in bold in our newsletter.**

We wish to donate \$_____ to the Dollar Dictionary Drive.

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

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Join as a non-voting supporting Associate : Regular (\$20) ☐ Patron (\$75) ☐

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**Meeting Saturday
July 10th**
The public
is welcome to attend.

**Denver Art Museum
100 W 14th Avenue**

See map on page 10

8:30 a.m.

Coffee and Chat

9:00 a.m.

Welcome by Robin Lima and
Councilwoman Jeanne Robb

9:10 a.m.

INC Business

9:15 a.m.

Around the City

10:00 a.m.

Break

10:15 a.m.

Ed Scholz, Budget Director
Comments and Q&A

10:45 a.m.

Bridget Coughlin
Denver Museum
of Natural History
Progress Report and Q&A

11:15 a.m.

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