

Call to the Annual Meeting

The March 14th meeting is the Annual Meeting of Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation required by Article V.B. of the By-laws; the Annual Meeting includes the election of officers and the consideration of amendments to the By-laws. The officers include the Chairman, Vice-chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and five Delegates-at-large. Only a delegate from a member RNO may serve as an officer. The following are the duties of the officers:

The Chairman is responsible for seeing that the purposes of the Association are carried out, presides at all meetings of the Delegation and the Executive Committee (EC), proposes the agenda for all meetings, appoints the Audit Committee, appoints the chair of all committees with the approval of the EC, and serves as an ex-officio member of all committees. As of this writing, there is one candidate for Chair—Karen Cuthbertson.

The Vice-chairman performs the duties of the Chairman in his/her stead and those duties assigned by the Delegation. There is one candidate for this position—Bradley Zieg.

The Secretary records the proceedings of all meetings and keeps and preserves the records of the organization. Currently, there is no candidate for this position.

The Treasurer is the custodian of all funds, keeps and preserves accurate and complete records, disburses funds at the direction of the Delegation, and presents a quarterly financial report to the Delegation. As of now, there is one candidate for this position – Steve Nissen.

The Delegates-at-large perform such duties as assigned by the Delegation. As of now, there are three candidates for the five positions. They are Anthony Thomas, Don Tressler, and Penelope Zeller.

Nominations for officer positions, including the current candidates, shall be made from the floor at the meeting.

The following amendments to the By-laws will be proposed:

Article IV. – Officers. In paragraphs A., C.1., and C.2., change the words “Chairman” and “Vice-Chairman” to “Chair” and “Vice-Chair” respectively to conform to current usage.

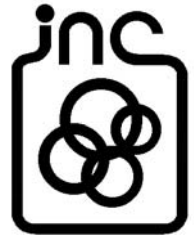
Article IV. – Officers. In paragraph C.4.b., change the wording from “Disburse funds at the direction of the Delegation; and” to “Disburse funds at the direction of the Delegation except that the Executive Committee may authorize the reimbursement of monies spent by INC committees in the accomplishment of their approved tasks; and.”

Article VII. – Committees. Change subparagraph “A” from “A committee shall consist of two (2) or more individuals.” to “A committee shall normally consist of two or more individuals. However, a single person may chair a committee when additional persons are not available.”

Article VII. – Committees. Change subparagraph “C” from “Standing Committees. The Standing Committees shall be: Budget, Education, Membership, Newsletter, Public Safety, Transportation, and Zoning.” to “Standing Committees. The Standing Committees shall be: Budget, Education, Membership, Newsletter, Parks and Recreation, Public Safety, Transportation, and Zoning.”

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 Cherry Hills Vista Community Assn.
 Cherry Point Homeowners Assn
 Civic Association of Clayton
 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
 East Montclair Neighborhood Assn
 Far Northeast Neighbors, Inc
 Globeville Civic Assn #1
 Golden Triangle Assn. of Denver
Golden Triangle Museum District
 Greater Mar-Lee Community Org
 Hampden Heights Civic Assn
 Harkness Heights Neighborhood Assn
 Highland United Neighbors Inc.
 Hilltop Heritage Assn LLC
 Historic Montclair Community Association, Inc.
 Hutchinson Hills/Willow Point HOA
 Inspiration Point Neighborhood Assn
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Lighthouse at the Breakers
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 Lowry United Neighborhoods
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 Rangeview Neighborhood Assn
SWIC Southwest Improvement Council/Westwood
 Sloan's Lake Neighborhood Assn
 South Hilltop Neighborhood Assn
 South Jackson Street Registered Neighborhood
Southmoor Park East Homeowners Assn
 Stapleton United Neighbors
University Park Community Council
Upper Downtown Development Org
Virginia Vale Community Assn
 Virginia Village/Ellis Community Assn
 West University Community Assn (WUCA)

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INC 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.



Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods (CHUN) – The 2009 CHUN Capitol Hill Peoples Fair is June 6th and 7th at Civic Center Park. Volunteers are needed. Call 303-830-1651.

Cook Park – On February 7th, the Third Annual Crime Summit was held at Denver Police District 3. It was a free all-day event with speakers from various areas: DNA, Gang, Nuisance Abatement, Narcotics, Traffic, and etcetera. Why not hold a Crime Summit in each police district or citywide? It is informative and a chance for people to learn and communicate.

Highland United Neighbors, Inc. (HUNI) – HUNI will be bringing a farmers market (weekly) to Highland this June to October on Saturday mornings from 9 to 11 on Boulder Street between 16th and 17th Avenues.

South City Park N.A. – Construction will resume soon, we are told, on the low-income housing project at 1601 Colorado Boulevard. An adult bookstore next to the Bluebird Theatre has closed and has become an interesting topic of local conversation. City Park looks lovely with a light sprinkling of snow.

Southmoor Park East H.O.A. (SPEHA) – One of our neighbors stepped out of her front door on South Oneida with her 70-pound Labrador Retriever and was quickly confronted by a pack of three adolescent coyotes who surrounded her dog and started to attack. The neighbor tried to defend her dog but was bitten several times and scratched over her arms and face by the coyotes. She escaped the attack only by running down the street with her dog to a friend's house on South Poplar where she punched in the garage code, threw her dog and herself in the garage, and locked the attacking animals out. The friend took her to the hospital where she was treated for her injuries and given various shots including the first of a set of rabies treatments. She was then interviewed by animal control officers who professed that they did have authority to do something about these particular animals once there has been a documented attack and bite of a human. She suffered a negative reaction to the rabies shot but appears to be recovering. Our thoughts are with her and her family.

Some of you may know that the coyote problem was the main topic at our annual homeowners meeting in Janu-

ary where there was a brief but vigorous debate between State Senator Joyce Foster and representatives of the City's Department of Parks and Recreation (Jude O'Connor and Ashley Delaup) over the City's "tolerance" policy. Joyce's bill to beef up enforcement in the Denver metropolitan area had just been killed in committee on the strength of surprise, opposing testimony from the Department's resident wildlife biologist.

The City does not get it. This is the SPEHA Board's unambiguous position on the coyotes: "We have had it with the coyotes and are not going to wait for the next attack to cripple or kill one of our children. In Southmoor Park, we are declaring war on the coyotes and the City of Denver has to decide which side of that war it wants to take. From what we can tell, up to this point the City has been on the side of the coyotes. We recognize that coyotes cannot readily be exterminated but, because of the ill-advised tolerance policies of the City and, to a lesser degree, the Colorado Division of Wildlife, they have lost their fear of humans. Unless and until we have asserted a constant level of lethal or violent force against these dangerous animals, they will continue to endanger our homes and our lives."

We intend to fight hard to make SPEHA's position the official policy of the City and the State as soon as possible and we urge all INC organizations and members to support us in those efforts. We consider the Denver Department of Parks and Recreation and its policies on this issue to be ingenuous, misguided, and foolhardy. We hope that the City has the good sense to overrule the opinions of these "experts" and instead take immediate steps to protect its citizens from this clear and present danger.

Whittier N.A. – Community Game Day ~ every second Saturday of the month. Everyone is welcome; every kind of game is available. Gamer hosts are happy to teach you the rules of new games. Come to the Whittier Community Center, 2900 Downing Street, suite 1B. Contact Cathy Calder at 303-296-1680 or chc@blondedesign.com.

Grace Period Expired

Article III of the By-laws states: "A grace period for the receipt of dues paid in full shall be given until the start of the March meeting. Any member organization not paid in full by such time shall be dropped from membership and their Delegates shall not be allowed to vote or run for office until such time as the dues are paid in full, thereby reinstating membership."

Therefore, member RNOs that have not yet renewed are not shown in the member listing on page two. As stated on page one, there are important officer positions available and important voting will occur. If your RNO is not listed on page two, we urge you to bring your renewal form to the meeting. We need your continued participation. Working together is more powerful than separately.

Executive Committee

by Larry Ambrose

The meeting was called to order by Karen Cuthbertson on February 9th, 7:00 p.m., at 1201 Williams Street. Other Executive Committee (EC) members present were Larry Ambrose, Paul Benington, Katie Fisher, Steve Nissen, Anthony Thomas, Don Tressler, Penelope Zeller, and Brad Zieg. Also present were Zoning and Planning Committee Chair Mike Henry and Membership and Newsletter Chair, Ken Beaudrie.

A motion to approve the minutes of the January meeting was passed by acclamation.

The December ending balance for all accounts was \$14,199.86. The Dollar Dictionary year-to-date balance is <\$1,571.29>. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was passed by acclamation.

Committee Reports

Education Committee - Larry reported that he spoke with DPS Board member Arturo Jimenez regarding the tremendous contribution the Dollar Dictionary program has made to the welfare of DPS students. Larry suggested that the rest of the Board of Education be approached to make them fully aware of the work INC and the Dollar Dictionary have been doing over many years and that INC would like to receive more support from DPS Administration than it has in the past. Jeannie Kaplan is receptive to trying to help and Arturo was very receptive to helping. He mentioned that Board members have some money they can spend on projects like the DDD. He would like to have Board members go to the schools in the fall to help hand out dictionaries. He indicated he would be willing work with Ms. Kaplan to get more done. Mike will speak with Ms. Kaplan and Steve will follow up.

Ken Beaudrie reported on membership.

Zoning and Planning Committee Chair Mike Henry asked that Ken send out an email regarding Awilda Marquez' appearance at ZAP on February 28th to explain her new liquor application policies. There is a new ordinance coming out about sandwich boards being placed in public right-of-ways. Mike has asked that all RNOs be notified.

Francine Rew, a former member of South Hilltop Neighborhood Association, was present and talked about a series of "Topic Talk Walks" that she and her husband sponsor. She also does a year-around gardening project called "Permaculture Gardening." Karen suggested she bring this information to the General Membership meeting.

Steve reported DDD took in \$1,272.33 in January. The current loss is <\$839.37>. Larry informed Steve that someone from Pueblo would be contacting him regarding the Kiwanis Club there paying \$14 for each dictionary and thesaurus that they distribute. Steve will point them in the right direction so that they get a much better price on

books. Regarding fundraising, Ken suggested that sports teams would be good to approach. Mike suggested CANPO has lists. Penelope and Anthony will work on mini-grants from the Denver Foundation.

The Parks and Recreation Committee co-chairs reported that the Committee is studying information on the changeover from potable Denver water to non-potable water for lake water and irrigation in the majority of Denver parks. There have been questions raised regarding the sources and safety of the water. The Committee had a visit from a businessperson wanting to put up biodegradable, disposal bag dispensers for doggie-poo in Denver's parks by selling advertising signage above the dispensers. The committee will submit a motion to be published in the newsletter for consideration of the membership to make Parks and Recreation a Standing Committee.

Karen was reminded to bring check for \$30 for Miracle Center church parking lot fee to February 14th meeting.

New Business

Karen spoke about preparing for a face-to-face meeting with the Mayor and City department heads regarding "best practices" in Denver's planning processes. Paul Benington thought that there are issues of both "procedural due process" and "substantive due process." Neighborhoods should be viewed as stakeholders and there should be common courtesy extended to neighborhoods regarding rezoning applications. The meeting with the Mayor is scheduled for Thursday, February 19th, at 5:00 p.m. Karen, Brad, Penelope, and Don will be attending.

Karen will send flowers to the Dinner Committee and Heather Barry for their work on the President's Dinner. A motion to authorize spending up to \$100 on a gift to thank Paul Kashmann for his wonderful speech passed by acclamation.

Last year, a published motion to amend the By-laws was not voted on. It should be re-published and voted on this year; see page one for details.

Regarding emails received from Elyria/Swansea neighborhood's Tom Anthony, there was a consensus that Tom should join INC and work through the processes INC has set up to resolve such issues.

There will be a Neighborhood Conference planning meeting February 24th at 5:30 p.m.

There was a motion to reimburse \$454.11 plus \$10 for filing of INC's annual report to the state plus flowers for the dinner committee and Heather. The motion was seconded and passed by acclamation provided that Karen buy flowers for herself.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.
Respectfully submitted by Larry Ambrose, Secretary.

Delegates Meeting by Larry Ambrose

INC Chair, Karen Cuthbertson, called the meeting to order on February 14th, 9:01 a.m., at the Heritage Club at 2200 South Monroe Street. Councilman Charlie Brown welcomed the delegates to his district. He reported that City sales tax revenues are down \$57 million for last three months. In addition, housing starts dropped from 48,000 in 2007 to 12,000 in 2008. Absent his usual cowboy hat but wearing a white and red western shirt, he said "We all have to cowboy up" in dealing with the economic downturn. He also spoke to the mill-levy being frozen in June 2008 that will have the effect of raising property taxes for this year and next year. Asked what the City is going to do to lower taxes, the Councilman admitted that it will be two years before taxes will go down because assessment was frozen. Councilman Brown stated that because of the economy, this would be a bad time to raise fees and that he will oppose any fee increases.

Bill Winn of University Park Community Council greeted the delegates. He said that Pat Cashen of University Park sent his regrets. Bill pointed out that delegates should look for the public art along Evans Avenue and Buchtel Boulevard that was funded by the commercial developer of the shopping area on Colorado Boulevard out of his own funds.

Mayor Hickenlooper's Neighborhood Liaison, Heather Barry, cautioned that dogs off leash would be ticketed by Environmental Health. There will be a meeting to address the issue of coyotes in the City coming up. There will be a "Neighborhood Census" that will be a part of 2010 Census.

Manager of Human Services, Patricia Wilson Pheanious, introduced Dr. Jamie Van Leeuwen, Director of Denver's Road Home. Jamie asked, "How do we create housing for the 5,000 people who are on the streets?" He gave an example of the benefits of housing the homeless: A man, who never had housing or treatment, died outside after costing the taxpayers \$1 million. In a study, 100 of the most hardcore homeless, after two years in housing, went from an average income of \$180 to \$431 per month. He



Councilwoman Boigon, Ms. Pheanious, and Mr. Van Leeuwen field questions from the Delegation.

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.

said there has never been a more important time to help the homeless and to have a plan. Cities that did not invest in a plan a few years ago are experiencing huge numbers of homeless on the streets. There was a question regarding whether the homeless plan is a City or regional project. Van Leeuwen's answer: Denver, but the majority of those served are from Denver. Other jurisdictions are working on their own plans. Homeless family numbers are going up.

Ms. Pheanious then got back up to speak explaining that she is a Denver native, a social worker, and an educator. Homelessness is not just an issue for Denver. She proposed that the image of the homeless is a stereotype that is only part of the homeless continuum. There must be a shelter and food component before there can begin to be any self-recognition. Help people get a little bit stable, then eventually to be self-sufficient and some will actually thrive. The homeless are no different from other elements of the poor. They do not have the stability to deal with what the Social Services system requires. The City is trying to integrate "Denver's Road Home" into all the agencies that deal with homeless issues. What is needed is a sustainable plan that does not vary from year to year depending upon the budget. There was a comment from the delegation that "Homeless housing works if there is good management of the property and ongoing social services."

Councilwoman-at-large Carol Boigon got up to explain that she initiated an ordinance that made assisted living a use-by-right in some zone categories or by "review of the zoning administrator." She says, what Denver Road Home does is intervention. Boigon's personal quest is to increase the effectiveness of Denver's prevention services.

Robert Bond, Program Manager for Denver Digs Trees, explained that there are 21 targeted neighborhoods in this year's program intended to increase the urban canopy. April 18th is the distribution day for Street Trees to be planted in public rights-of-way in these areas. April 19th is the Earth Day Tree Sale.

Committee Reports

Zoning and Planning Chair Michael Henry announced that the ZAP Committee meeting would be February 28th at 9:30 a.m. Awilda Marquez will explain her new liquor hearing policies. The Zoning Code Update draft was received three days ago. It will be put up on the City web site in about two months.

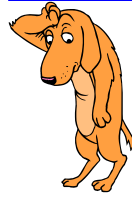
Parks and Recreation co-chair Katie Fisher announced that they would be meet February 24th, 6 p.m., at District 3 Police Station.

Steve Nissen reported that the Dollar Dictionary Drive "needs all the help we can get."

The Meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

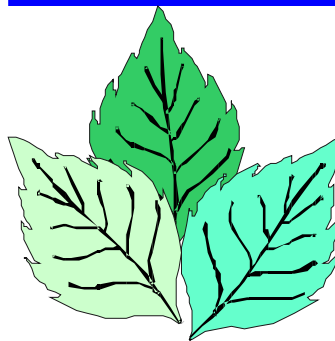
Respectfully submitted by: Larry Ambrose, Secretary

Animal Fines



Denver's Department of Environmental Health is proposing an ordinance that will authorize the department to impose and process administrative fines (called civil penalties) for many animal-related violations. This process is currently handled through the court system. The ordinance would allow the department to adjust or increase some fines such as failing to pick up pet waste, failure to spay or castrate, and fines for having dogs off-leash. The change will also affect the cost of some service fees at Animal Care and Control and the Denver Municipal Animal Shelter. The new fee structure is being proposed after the city completed an extensive cost analysis and comparison with 12 other municipal animal care and control agencies. Sample fee changes include increasing adoption fees and creating a tiered animal adoption fee structure similar to that of other metro area shelters. Under a tiered structure, adoption fees for younger animals will increase while the adoption fees for older animals will decrease to encourage older pet adoption. Additional sample fee changes include an increase in pet vaccination fees, license fees, and daily boarding fees after an off-leash or lost pet has been impounded. Environmental Health staff will provide a presentation on the proposed ordinance change at the March 14th delegate's meeting. A public input process will also occur prior to the ordinance moving forward. To obtain more information about the proposed changes or to provide input, visit www.denvergov.org/animalcare.

Denver Green Festival



Green Festival is coming to Denver May 2nd to 3rd in the Colorado Convention Center to celebrate what is working in Denver's community – for people, business, and the environment. Volunteer to help put on an amazing two-day event that will educate and activate people to make choices for a just and sustainable world! Volunteers receive free admission to the event all weekend, an exclusive organic and sweatshop-free Green Festival t-shirt, free one-year membership to Global Exchange and Green America, and discounts at the festival! Volunteer positions last 4.5 to 5 hours and include bike valet, box office, speaker registration, fair trade pavilion, green team, and more! To sign up and for more information please visit www.greenfestivalvolunteers.org/denver. Please email Nancy Schoemann at denver-volunteer@greenfestivals.org with questions.

Why Dictionaries?

For thirteen years, INC has been providing a free dictionary and thesaurus for every third-grade student attending Denver Public Schools (DPS). Third-grade is the level at which students transition from "learning to read" to "reading to learn." To date, one-hundred-thousand DPS students have been the recipients of these most useful learning tools. Students in DPS need all the support they can get from us to reach adequate achievement levels.

Each year we receive hundreds of thank-you letters from the students, their teachers, and principals. There are many heartwarming stories and, of course, letters of all styles of prose, grammar, and spelling. We have shared two student letters in a past newsletter and we would like to share the following with you.

We appeal to you, our readers, to help us reach our funding goals to make this year's project a success. We especially reach out to our fellow RNOs. Last year, 34 neighborhood organizations contributed and it is our goal to double that number in 2009. Please consider this worthy effort when you decide which of your projects will be funded this year.

We are grateful for the numerous contributions received from individuals, businesses, and grants in the year 2008. Any helpful suggestions are most welcome and can be directed to us through the contact information on the back of this newsletter.

All donations are tax deductible and can be made to: Dollar Dictionary Drive at INC's post-office box. You can also make a donation on a secure online site: www.neighborhoodlink.com/denver/inc (click on "Dollar Dictionary Committee").

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Dear INC,

Thank you for giving us the
dictionary and thesaurus. I am haveing
a great time looking up words and finding
new ones. I can't thank you anough.
I will read them as much as I can.
Stuting is my favorite subject. And
I have always wanted a thesaurus
for stuting. Now I can do a bunch more
spelling on the computer. I was hardaly
geting eny spelling right last time.
It is siting on my dresser waiting
for me to read it again.

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Are You Ready?

What would you do if a disaster hit close to home? If you are not sure, consider this:

What: “Are You Ready?” *An In-depth Guide to Citizen Preparedness* (IS-22) is FEMA’s most comprehensive source on individual, family, and community preparedness. The Program provides in-depth information on what to do before, during, and after each disaster event.

Why: “Are You Ready?” a two hour program, is a step-by-step approach to disaster preparedness by walking the participants through how to get informed, identify hazards that affect our area, develop and maintain an emergency communications plan with family and friends, and build a disaster supplies kit. Other topics covered include evacuation, emergency shelters, animals in disaster, and information specific to people in the ageing population and with disabilities.

Who: This training is open to anyone.

When: April 9th, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Zion Senior Center, 5151 East 33rd Avenue

When: April 18th, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. at Park Mayfair, 955 Eudora Street (first floor party room)

How much: NO COST/FREE

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Too Many Phone Books?

From Councilwoman Jeanne Faatz's Office—How to Stop Unwanted Phone Books. If you receive unwanted phone books, you have the right to opt out of getting these or you can request just one per year. Call the companies directly at the following numbers:

- DEX: 1-877-243-8339
- Yellow Book: 1-800-929-3556
- Verizon Phone Book: 1-800-555-4833

Zoning and Planning

Dianna Helper

The INC Zoning and Planning (ZAP) committee met February 28th. Zoning Code update news included that the Task Force will get Part Two (commercial, business, mixed-use) of the draft on March 11th and quadrant-area public meetings likely will be held in May. It was questioned if this would provide ample time for Registered Neighborhood Organization (RNO) members and others to read and

review the document before the public meetings. The need for more intermediate residential districts was expressed.

There will be a public meeting on the Strategic Parking Plan Tuesday, April 14th. Watch for an announcement of this important meeting.

Dan Roberts, Denver's Director of Development Services, spoke on progress being made in the longtime effort to consolidate and improve the permit and inspection processes for those who wish to build, repair, remodel, or demolish structures. At present there is support from the Mayor, a budget item, and a strategic framework that encourage success for this effort. It includes an assigned coordinator for larger projects, consolidated inspections to look at many aspects at once, on-line permitting for many projects, realistic time-frames, and better administration. Mr. Roberts plans to return to ZAP in a few months to update this program. ZAP members suggested including RNO members in zoning matters and inquired about enforcement when issues arise such as whether a certificate of occupation exists or does not exist.

City Councilman Chris Nevitt of District 7 presented a proposal to permit and regulate the use of temporary “sandwich board” advertising in the Denver Right-of-Way. Concerns regarding enforcement, placement, size, number, and text were raised by ZAP members. The proposal is scheduled to go to Council for first reading March 9th with final reading on March 16th. ZAP members generally agreed with it, hoping some of their ideas may be incorporated.

Brad Cameron of Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods circulated a letter for all to sign who wish Rocky Mountain News writer (on art, design, and preservation) Mary Voelz Chandler to be hired by the *Denver Post*. It is felt that the *Post* has no one at present to serve these topics well. This letter will be e-mailed to ZAP folks so they can get more signatures to be sent to Mr. Cameron or to Michael Henry (1201 Williams St., #5-C, Denver, 80218) and forwarded to the *Denver Post*.

Anne Lindsey of Golden Triangle spoke about creating more community input for development projects. Some other cities have design review committees or boards that include city staff, developers, and citizens from various neighborhoods. She said we also need to have input on city street design and right-of-way.

Awilda Marquez, Director of the Department of Excise and Licenses, spoke about updated policies and procedures she recently has published. The new “Policies and Procedures” document relates to liquor licenses in Denver and went into effect January 14th. It is on line as is a “highlights” page regarding the changes from the previous document. Changes include the time between the date of notification to RNOs and the date of the hearing. The new time-frame is 20 days but within that time any RNO or resident within the designated neighborhood of the license-request address may request extension to 45 days in order

to study and assess the license request. Ms. Marquez also spoke again briefly about how to testify at a hearing. Karen Cuthbertson will post on the INC website the information-sheet already available on this topic.

The next ZAP meeting will be Saturday, March 28.

--Diana Helper, ZAP member

Coyote Conflicts

While coyotes are found throughout the West, they are extremely adaptable and can thrive in urban areas, including yours. From downtown Denver to the smallest suburb, coyotes are not new to residential communities. They can and will be found in any neighborhood that provides their basic needs — food, water, shelter, and space.

Coyotes range in size from 20 to 50 pounds. They may travel alone or in groups. Coyotes typically eat rodents, rabbits, and fruit but they will eat small pets if the opportunity exists. They have their pups in dens - a hidden cavity that can be under rocks, stumps, ground, or even porches. Coyote attacks on humans are very rare and can often be attributed to people feeding them. Adults should teach children never to approach any wildlife.

The Colorado Division of Wildlife (DOW) wants to help you avoid conflicts with coyotes in your neighborhood. Please read and use the tips below.

Your Home and Coyotes

- Never feed coyotes!
- Remove attractants from your yard, including pet food, water sources, bird feeders, and fallen fruit.
- Secure trash in a container with a locking lid or put trash out on the morning of pick up.
- Fully enclose gardens and compost piles.
- Trim up vegetation to reduce hiding places.
- Deter coyotes from entering your yard with a 6-foot privacy fence.
- Work with your neighbors to discourage coyotes in your entire community.
- If you meet a coyote, make it feel unwelcome by yelling, throwing rocks and sticks at it, spraying it with a hose or a vinegar-filled water gun, or banging pots and pans.

Your Pet and Coyotes

- Keep pets on a 6-foot leash when walking.
- Never allow your pets to “play” with a coyote.
- Pick up small pets if confronted by a coyote.
- Do what you can to discourage a coyote’s approach—yell, stomp your feet, throw rocks, or sticks at it.
- Always supervise your pet when outside, especially at dawn and dusk.
- Never leave cats or dogs outside after dark.
- If you must leave your pet outside, secure it in a fully enclosed kennel.

If a Coyote Approaches you

- Be as big and loud as possible.

- Wave your arms, clap, and throw objects at the coyote.
- Shout in a loud and authoritative voice.
- Do not run or turn your back on the coyote.
- Face the coyote and back away slowly.

Did you Know?

- Coyotes are active year-round and become more visible during their breeding season that occurs from February through March.
- Coyotes can be seen throughout the day but are especially active at dawn and dusk.
- Coyotes are highly adaptable and can live and den in parks and yards.
- Coyotes may perceive other animals, including pets, as a threat, competition, or food.
- Coyotes keep watch near their dens to keep threats away from their young.
- Coyotes are curious and are known to stare at humans. They sometimes follow humans out of natural curiosity or to keep them away from their pups.

You can learn more on the web at www.wildlife.state.co.us. For further questions, or to report people feeding coyotes, contact the Denver DOW office at 303.291.7227.

Housing Assistance



The City of Denver and Enterprise Community Partners will receive \$2.25 million in funding by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation to support affordable housing rental preservation for Denver families near mass transit. The funding invests into the City’s soon to be established Denver Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Fund that is targeting to preserve and create at least 1,200 units of affordable for-sale and rental housing along Denver mass transit corridors over a ten-year period. The MacArthur Foundation funding includes a \$250,000 grant to Denver and \$2 million in low-interest loans to Enterprise Community Partners to capitalize the Denver TOD Fund.

A primary goal of the TOD Fund is to lower the housing and transportation cost burden among Denver families and households. According to a 2006 study by the Center for Housing Policy, Denver working families who earn between \$20,000 and \$50,000 annually spend 59-percent of gross income on housing and transportation costs combined.

Denver was one of just two cities selected for the MacArthur Foundation funding and joins 10 states in receiving support totaling \$32.5 million. The recipients are launching innovative projects to preserve more than 70,000 affordable rental homes nationwide. MacArthur’s investment – \$9.5 million in grants and an additional \$23 million in low-interest loans – will help all levels of government coordinate their efforts and target places most in need of

intervention; track the state of rental housing; preserve affordable homes in communities with good access to schools, transit, and other amenities; and leverage more than \$147 million in other funding. State and local governments in 40 states competed for MacArthur's support, indicating broad, national interest in preserving affordable rental housing.

The Denver Office of Strategic Partnerships (DOSP) was created by Mayor John Hickenlooper five years ago as part of his commitment to working with Denver's nonprofit sector. DOSP is the connecting bridge between the City and its nonprofit and philanthropic organizations. The mission of the DOSP is to support Denver's nonprofits, empowering them to improve the Metropolitan area and everyone's quality of life. We build innovative partnerships between the City, nonprofits, foundations, and corporations in order to strengthen nonprofit capabilities, and ultimately, enhance how well Denver serves its residents.

Preventing Foreclosure



The Denver Office of Economic Development (OED) recently received \$25 million in funding to launch a Mortgage Credit Certificate Program to prevent foreclosures and spur the revitalization of neighborhoods impacted by foreclosure. The program, to

be launched in May, is funded through \$15 million from Denver's Private Activity Bond (PAB) capacity and \$10

million from the State of Colorado PAB capacity provided through the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008.

The certificate program will target homeowners with high-cost or sub-prime loans that are at risk of foreclosure. Additionally, the program will benefit purchasers of foreclosed homes that will be acquired and rehabilitated by the City through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP). OED expects to assist approximately 180 households through the Mortgage Credit Certificate Program.

Created through the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008, the NSP is providing Denver with approximately \$9.6 million to acquire and redevelop foreclosed properties that might otherwise become sources of abandonment and blight. Federal guidelines require that program funds be implemented in areas that have experienced the greatest incidence of residential foreclosures. In Denver, these neighborhoods include Green Valley Ranch, Montbello, and Westwood. Additional neighborhoods may be added to the program, contingent upon additional federal NSP allocations and the leveraging of funds with collaborating organizations.

A Mortgage Credit Certificate provides residents with a tax credit for a portion of their annual mortgage interest. Unlike an itemized deduction, the credit enables qualified owners or buyers who owe federal income taxes to benefit from a dollar-for-dollar reduction of their tax bills.

Metered street parking is available and paid parking (\$1.50) is available in nearby lots. The light-rail station is a five-block walk.



Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation

2009 Membership Application

INC is a consortium of Denver neighborhood organizations 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.**



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: _____
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Send newsletter via: E-mail [☐] U.S. Mail [☐] Don't want newsletter [☐]

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 Phone: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____ E-mail Address: _____

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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: _____

Send newsletter via: E-mail [☐] U.S. Mail [☐] Don't want newsletter [☐]

Included in our payment is a \$ _____ donation to the Dollar Dictionary Drive

Bring this form to an INC meeting or mail to:

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**Meeting Saturday
March 14th**
The public
is welcome to attend.

**Merchants Office
Furniture
2261 Broadway
See map on page 10**

8:30 a.m.

Coffee and chat

9:00 a.m.

Welcome from Councilwoman
Judy Montero and Judy Schneider
of Ballpark Neighbors

9:10 a.m.

Election of Officer and Proposed
By-law Amendments

9:30 a.m.

Daniel Alexander, Director of the
Mayor's Office of Emergency
Management and Homeland Se-
curity

10:15 a.m.

Break

10:30 a.m.

Kelly Brough
Mayor's Chief of Staff

11:15 a.m.

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