# Mayoral Election Forum Saturday at INC By Michael Henry

Denver Mayoral finalists Michael Hancock and Chris Romer have agreed to participate in a one-hour forum at the beginning of the INC Delegation meeting beginning <u>promptly</u> at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, at the Denver Community Church at 1101 South Washington Street. (Please do not park in the Whole Foods parking lot.) You are strongly encouraged to invite other members of your registered neighborhood organization to attend.

This may be the best opportunity for neighborhood representatives to learn from both candidates their positions on such neighborhood-related issues as:

- How will they balance the need to improve Denver's employment and tax receipts with the need to maintain services and quality of life in all of Denver's neighborhoods?
- How do they intend to improve communications with registered neighborhood groups and all Denver citizens?
- How will they assure greater participation in decision-making regarding Denver neighborhoods by residents of the neighborhoods?
- Do they support INC's Parks Platform?
- Do they support INC's Statement of Principles regarding citizen involvement? The mail-in ballots will be sent to registered voters on approximately May 20 by the Denver Election Division and the votes must be turned in to the Election Division no later than June 7<sup>th</sup>. The new Mayor, the Auditor, Clerk and Recorder, and City Council members will be inaugurated in mid-July.

This is one of several candidate forums co-sponsored during this municipal election season by INC, the Denver League of Women Voters, Historic Denver, and televised by Denver 8 TV. This partnership required an enormous amount of volunteer work from all of the partners, including a large number of neighborhood groups that worked on individual forums in their neighborhoods and has helped to improve voter awareness throughout the City.

# Denver County Fair, A Call for Volunteers By Albert Gallo

The Denver County Fair is coming to Denver and INC will be the Welcome Pavilion Partner!

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#### **Highlights of the Welcome Pavilion**

- INC will showcase all of the Denver Neighborhoods.
- City organizations giving out information on all sorts of cool things.
- Westword booth and Kenny Be Art Exhibit.
- Denver Steampunk Society's Victorian County Fair headquarters.
- County Store Gift Shop where you can purchase our posters, aprons, and more!
- Denver Zoo exhibit with live animals.

Volunteers are needed to help staff the INC booth. INC will have neighborhood maps showcasing all the Denver neighborhoods, discussing:



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# Connection

## INC Member and Associate Organizations (Patrons in Bold)

Member Organizations

ABC Streets Assn

Alamo Placita N.A.

Athmar Park N.A..

Baker Historic N.A.

Ball Park N.A.

Belcaro Park H.O.A.

Bellevue-Hale N.A.

Berkeley-Regis United Neighbors

Bonnie Brae NA

Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods,

Cherry Creek North N.A.

Cherry Hills Vista Community Assn.

Civic Association of Clayton

Colfax on the Hill, Inc

College View N.A.

Congress Park Neighbors

Cook Park N.A.

**Cory-Merrill Neighborhood Assn** 

**Country Club Historic** 

Neighborhood

Cranmer Park Hilltop Civic Assn

Crestmoor Park HOA 2nd filing

Crestmoor Park Homeowners Inc

Filing One

Cultural Arts Residential Org

(CARO)

Curtis Park Neighbors

Downtown Denver Partnership, Inc.

East Cheesman N.A.

East Montclair N.A.

Elyria N.A.

Elvria Swansea/Globeville Business

Far Northeast Neighbors, Inc

Friends and Neighbors of Washington

George Washington H.O.A., Inc.

Globeville Civic Assn #1

Godsman N.A.

**Golden Triangle Museum District** Golden Triangle N.A.

Grandview N. A.

**Greater Park Hill Community, Inc** 

Green Valley Ranch Citizens'

**Advisory Board** 

Harkness Heights N.A.

Hilltop Heritage Assn LLC

Historic Montclair Community Assn.

Humboldt Street N.A.

Hutchinson Hills/Willow Point HOA

Inspiration Point N.A.

Ivy Street N.A.

Lighthouse at the Breakers H.O.A.

Lower Downtown N.A. (LoDoNA)

Lowry Community Master Assn

Lowry United Neighborhoods

Mayfair Neighbors, Inc

Mayfair Park N.A.

Neighbors and Friends for Cheesman

Park

North City Park Civic Assn

Northwest Neighbors Coalition

**Overland Park Neighborhood Assn** 

Park Forest H.O.A.

Platt Park Peoples Assn

Rangeview N.A.

Rosedale Harvard Gulch N.A.

Ruby Hill N.A. - RHINO

Sloan's Lake Neighborhood Assn

South City Park N.A.

South Hilltop N.A.

Southmoor Park East H.O.A.

Southmoor Park H.O.A.

**Southwest Improvement Council -**

**SWIC Stapleton Master Community Assn** 

Stapleton United Neighbors

Stokes Place Green Bowers H.O.A.

The FAX Partnership

The Unsinkables

United Community Action Network

University Hills N.A.

**University Neighbors** 

**University Park Community** 

Council

**Upper Downtown Development** 

Virginia Village/Ellis Community Assn

Washington Park East N.A.

West Highland N.A.

West Washington Park N.A.

Westwood Residents Assn

Whispering Pines West

Condominium HOA

Whittier N.A.

Wyman Historic District

Neighborhood Assn

#### Associates

Bernie Jones PhD

Bill Johnston, Assoc.

Bonna Gayhart

Councilwoman Jeanne Robb

Councilwoman Peggy Lehmann

David J. Webster

Dennis Gallagher, Auditor

**Denver Health Medical Center** 

**Denver Mayor's Office** 

**Denver Water** 

**Gertie Grant** 

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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.

- How important RNO's are and what they do for neighborhoods.
- How we interact with the variety of City offices such as Zoning, Denver Parks and Recreation, and Public Works to protect the integrity of our neighborhoods.
- What works in another area of town, may not work in all areas.

This is why it is important to be involved in your local RNO and Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation. We are looking at some type of fundraising opportunity as well to support our Dollar Dictionary Drive and other charities.

#### **A Little History:**

The Denver County Fair will honor the fine traditions and values of America's county fairs that have been enjoyed by millions of people for over 100 years. The Fair is part of the Colorado State Fair system; winners of our competitions will be eligible to compete at the state level in Pueblo this August.

But, this Fair will be NEW. Although land was bought for a Denver Fair in the 1800s, that plan was interrupted by a little thing called the "Civil War" and no fair was ever launched. (That land is now City Park, by the way.) Somehow, the idea never came to fruition until NOW – in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, when Denver is a modern, bustling metropolis, forging a reputation as "the new creative capital."

So, expect the unexpected from the fairs that were established last century, or the century before. This Fair is new, urban and will have the pioneer spirit!

The Denver County Fair will happen indoors at the National Western Stock Show Complex from July 28<sup>th</sup> through the 31<sup>st</sup> in ten connected Pavilions. Each Pavilion will have its own theme (some traditional county fair themes, some unique to Denver): Animal, Buy Local, Farm and Garden, Craft, Holistic, Fashion, Fine Arts, Green, Kitchen, Youth, and Welcome.

Each themed Pavilion will feature:

- Competition Entries on display from local residents, complete with the winning ribbons. Everyone's bringing out their best, and you get to see it!
- Vendors and Exhibitors that fit the Pavilion Theme.
- A stage area for workshops, lectures, demonstrations, and entertainment.

For more info: visit the Denver County Fair at www.denvercountyfair.org

This should be an excellent forum to discuss neighborhoods and how important they are to the fabric of the City. Please give Albert Gallo a call at 303-704-8289 or email to gallo\_albert@hotmail.com and let him know that you are interested in volunteering. Feel free to share with your RNO at upcoming meetings that INC will be the Welcome Pavilion Partner. Save the date, this will be a "Not to Miss" event of the year. Also, please include information

in your upcoming newsletters and emails about the Denver County Fair and the INC booth!

## **Create Denver Week**

#### Thursday, May 12 through Sunday, May 15.

Create Denver Week is a series of programs and happenings that showcases Denver's talented and dynamic creative community, recognizes the creative sector for making Denver vibrant and economically vital, catalyzes the community to become a cohesive collective, and supports it by providing educational programming, inspirational dialogue, and ideation.

**Download**: www.denvergov.org/portals/701/documents/create

**r.s.v.p.**: http://bit.ly/CDWeekExpoRSVP

#### Thursday May 12th

Launch opening night celebration of new ideas.

## Art Installation by Matt Scobey, music and video, and new product designs.

Location: Spire Building, ground level, 14<sup>th</sup> and Champa Streets. Time: 7 to 10 p.m.

#### Friday May 13th

Local network: Gathering of new pioneers, a multiplatform event sponsored by the Downtown Denver Partnership (an INC member RNO).

#### **Counterpoint: One Ouestion, Fifteen Voices**

"How will technology shape tomorrow's new economy?"

Location: Spire Building, 9<sup>th</sup> floor, 14<sup>th</sup> and Champa Streets.

Time: 6 to 7:30 p.m. A reception will follow.

#### Frame of Mind: Curation of Visual Art Pioneers

Location: Outdoor LED presentation, 14<sup>th</sup> and Champa Streets.

Time: 8:30 to 9 p.m.

#### **Design Pioneers: 3D Video Projection Showcase**

Outdoor presentation on the Ellie Caulkins Opera

Location: 14th and Champa Streets.

Time: 9 to 9:30 p.m.

#### Saturday May 14

6<sup>th</sup> Annual Create Denver Expo.

#### Mix and Assemble

Live music, fashion, poster art auction, performance art, and video.

Location: Behind City O' City, 13<sup>th</sup> and

Sherman Streets.

Time: 6 to 10 p.m. with after-party at Beauty Bar from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

#### **Sunday May 15**

Your Sunday Best

Creative Community Brunch, Fashion Denver Market, Handmade Alliance Crafty Ballyhoo Additional Programming by the Denver Art Museum and Flobots.org.

Location: The Grant Humphreys Mansion, 770 Penn-

sylvania Street.

Time: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### **Small Business Forum**

The Denver Office of Economic Development has partnered with the Mile High Business Alliance to host the Small Business Week Forum, Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, at the Wellington E. Webb Municipal Office Building, 201 West Colfax Avenue. This free event will feature numerous workshops and sessions in four tracks related to starting and strengthening small businesses in Denver.

The forum will provide an opportunity for small business owners to receive valuable training for their business, meet other small business owners, and ask important questions of experts in their field. Sessions will cover a wide variety of topics, including human resources, financing, community engagement, communications, marketing, search engine listings, and more.

The event is held in celebration of the Small Business Administration's National Small Business Week, May 16<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup>, a national effort to train and support small businesses.

The Small Business Week Forum is co-sponsored by the Denver Office of Economic Development, Colorado Small Business Development Center Network, Denver Community Credit Union, and other small business organizations.

The Small Business Week Forum runs from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. VIP online registration is available for \$5 at www.milehighbiz.org/smallbusinessweek. Individuals can also register free at the event or by visiting the Mile High Business Alliance, 1045 Acoma Street, Suite 3.

#### **About the Mile High Business Alliance (MHBA)**

The MHBA is a non-profit membership organization committed to building a stronger local economy comprised of more than 200 members including Denver area businesses, non-profit organizations, individuals, and community leaders. MHBA works to build a thriving local economy that ensures that economic power resides locally and sustains vibrant, livable communities and healthy ecosystems. MHBA has worked with local businesses since 2007 with programs such as "Buy Local Week," "Eat Local First," and "Local Flavor Guides" that feature local businesses in Denver-metro neighborhoods.

#### **About the Denver Office of Economic Development**

The Denver Office of Economic Development (DOED) is dedicated to advancing economic prosperity for the City of Denver, its businesses, neighborhoods, and residents. Working with a wide variety of community partners, DOED operates to create a local environment that stimulates balanced growth through job creation, business assis-

tance, housing options, neighborhood redevelopment, and the development of a skilled workforce.

# **Executive Committee Recap**By Randle Loeb

The April 11<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee (EC) Meeting was called to order by Chair Nissen at 7 p.m. at 1201 Williams Street on the 19<sup>th</sup> floor. All were welcomed and guests were introduced. In attendance were officers Larry Ambrose, Randle Loeb, Steve Nissen, Jennifer Tomeny, and including Delegates at Large William Cornell, Jane Lorimer, George Mayl, and Andrew Schurger. Cathy Donohue was absent. Committee Chairs in attendance were: Katie Fisher, Michael Henry, Karen Taylor, Anthony Thomas, and Brad Zieg. Ken Beaudrie and Merce Lee were excused. Guests were Jason Ackerman and Michael Smilanic of the new website project.

A motion to approve the March EC Minutes was made by Jane Lorimer and seconded by George Mayl. A correction to the minutes is to reflect that the recently acquired slide projector is an "INC" expense. The motion to approve minutes as amended passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the March Treasurer's Report was made by Larry Ambrose and seconded by Randle Loeb; the motion passed unanimously.

**Committee reports:** A discussion about printed committee reports concluded that said reports would be appropriate to publish in the newsletter.

<u>Audit Committee</u>: An audit committee has been formed consisting of Larry, Jane, and Jennifer. The committee is awaiting the transfer of the Treasurer's records prior to conducting the audit.

Budget Committee: A budget committee has been formed consisting of Jane, George, and Jennifer. The first meeting was held following the Delegate Meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup>. The budget is conceived through the work of each committee projecting their expenses and requirements. A discussion of a budget ensued and it was requested of Chair Nissen to have a unified budget proposal presented at the May meeting for approval. It was recommended that INCs 'fiscal year' be changed from April 1st through March 31st to the standard calendar-year of January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>. Most INC income is received as members renew in January. The Dollar Dictionary Drive has always operated on a calendar-year basis. It was agreed that this proposed change would be a Bylaw change and thus could not occur before March 2012. A motion was made by George Mayl and seconded by Larry Ambrose to raise the RNO Membership fee of \$35 to a new level of \$40 and to raise the Associate Membership fee of \$20 to a new level of \$25. The motion passed unanimously. Patron Membership fees are to remain at the current rate of \$75

Dollar Dictionary: No report was submitted.

<u>Education</u>: Karen reported that a meeting of six members was held on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Meetings will be held every fourth Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m.

Membership: Ken provided a report indicating we have 82 RNO members (15 patrons) and 19 Associate members (7 patrons). Steve reported one new RNO member to bring that total to 83.

<u>Parks and Recreation</u> (P&R): Katie reported that P&R would not have a meeting in April. She reported that Chantal Unfug is the new Director of Denver's Parks and Recreation Department.

<u>Safety</u>: A brief report was provided about the oversight procedures of Denver's Department of Safety.

Website/Communications: The Website Committed presented a proposed look of the new website with a proposal including a change of INC's logo. The Committee is to check on the potential for copyright infringement. A motion was made by Randle Loeb and seconded by Larry Ambrose to accept this rebranding of INC, to continue with the second phase of website construction, and to approve the second payment of \$1000 for the project. The motion was approved unanimously.

Zoning: Mike reported that Don Roberts has been appointed as new Director of Excise and Licensing. Because of the Easter weekend, the April INC ZAP Meeting has been moved to April 30.

Andrew provided a synopsis of the 'INC Meetings Survey' as taken during the April 9<sup>th</sup> Delegate Meeting. Recommendations are to be made at the May meeting after analyzing the information.

Mike reported that the Neighborhood Handbooks are in progress.

It was noted the City election is on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and it is anticipated there will be run-offs in several positions. INC is a co-sponsor of candidate forums as produced by Denver Decides with several forums in progress throughout the neighborhoods. At this date, the late Carla Madison's District 8 seat has 17 write-in candidates.

County Fair Booth: Andrew announced that space has been donated and that he will write an article for the May newsletter including volunteer recruitment. The fair will run for three days, Friday through Sunday, in late July.

Email blasts were briefly discussed. Current email blast authority rests with Ken. Jason Ackerman pointed out there is an email blast service that is free and provides greater frequency of emails.

Larry announced there will be free tours of the Golda Meir House on the Auraria Campus on Sunday, April 17th. Free parking will be available in Lot 'H'.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

# Delegation Recap By Randle Loeb

The Delegation met on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, at Cure d' Ars Parish Center at Martin Luther King Boulevard and Dahlia Street. Our host, Sally Edwards of Ivy Street Neighborhood Association, opened the meeting with a welcome and a description of her neighborhood boundaries and the issues pressing in the community.

Attendance of Delegates: Larry Ambrose, Charlie Busch, Elaine Carr, William Cornell, Sally Edwards, Ray Ehrenstein, Dave Felice, Paul Fiorino, Katie Fisher, Al Gallo, Gertie Grant, Al Habercorn, Diana Helper, Mike Henry, Gerald Horner, Marlene Johnson, Bill Johnson, Sally Kurtzman, Randle Loeb, Jane Lorimer, Mary Myers, Steve Nissen, George Mayl, Brad Zieg, Sandra Sage, Andrew Schurger, Tim Sheahan, Raymond Sturns, Karen Taylor, Anthony Thomas, Beth Trudgeon, Linda Rea, Jennifer Tomeny, Don Tressler, and Penelope Zeller.

Also in attendance: Angela Casias of Denver Parks and Recreation, Joe Sloan of Denver Water, and Michael Smilanic of the website committee.

There was a brief moment of silence in honor of the late Councilwoman, Carla Madison. Michael Henry pointed out her extensive community service. There is a celebration of the life of Carla on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Museum of Nature and Science Building at 4 p.m. A bicycle brigade will be riding from her office on Welton Street at 3 p.m.

Andrew Schurger made a motion to approve the minutes of the March meeting; the motion was seconded by Katie Fisher and approved as written.

Mike Henry, Chair of the Zoning Committed, introduced the following motions relating to Council Bill 11-0151:

- 1. The ordinance should not remove the currently required notification to Registered Neighborhood Organizations and abutting neighbors and posting of a sign regarding a person's desire to have no more than eight chickens or ducks (combined) and no more than two dwarf goats. The motion passed by a vote of 24 in favor, three opposed, and one abstaining.
- 2. When Animal Control is developing rules and regulations for this ordinance, Denver standards should closely follow "Storey's Guide to Raising Chickens", third edition, by Gail Damerow, the recognized authority on urban chicken care since 1995. The motion passed by a vote of 24 in favor, zero opposed, and six abstaining.
- 3. INC strongly encourages City Council to treat Food Producing Animals (FPA) in the same manner as for Accessory Dwelling Units in the Zoning Code Update. The existing code for FPA should remain in effect and the new ordinance should be rewritten to allow individ-

ual neighborhoods to opt-in if they wish to be covered under the new "Use by Right" FPA ordinance, as areas of neighborhoods were able to opt-in for ADU's. The motion passed by a vote of 14 in favor, seven opposed, and eight abstaining.

Andrew Schurger is doing research regarding what is preferred about the INC Delegate meetings and what could be improved. Everyone was invited to fill out 'post-it notes' and these suggestions will be collated and reported at the next meeting of the Executive Committee on Monday evening at 7 p.m.

Two public presentations were made by City representatives:

- ◆ The Better Bonds Project by Michelle Majeune, the Deputy Project Manager, and Stu Williams. 291 projects were leveraged from the original list of 68 and of 550 million dollars voted in 2007.
- ◆ ARRA (Stimulus Funding) by Michaela Turner and Laura Kane. 83 million dollars was designated in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of which 60 percent has been spent, or 49 million dollars. Much of this allocation goes to housing, a fundamental purpose of ARRA, to keep people working and in their homes.
- ◆ Angela Casias announced a revision of the Alcohol Guidelines for Parks that will be discussed at a meeting on May 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Look at the Parks and Recreation website for more information.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Zoning See the three motions above.

<u>Dollar Dictionary</u> We have \$15,000 and we need \$10,000 more funds.

<u>Education</u> The Committee will publish something in the next newsletter.

<u>Membership</u> We currently have 82 RNO members. We need to be more forthcoming in notices of renewals.

<u>Parks and Recreation</u> The Committee will not be meeting in April.

Transportation Meetings will be held quarterly.

<u>Website/Communications</u> Activation of new website will be in May. Check what is on your 'committee page' of the website and get back in touch with Will.

**Around the City**: There was a report by Brad concerning the cost per square foot of the area around Gove Middle School that was sold for about 14 dollars as opposed to the value of 60 dollars a square foot. He talked about the efforts to sell the University Hospital grounds that would mean a loss of land due to the placement of streets back in the land use.

Vickie G. reminded us about Open Doors Denver on April 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

## **Zoning Committee**By Diana Helper

INC's Zoning And Planning (ZAP) committee met April 30. Committee members signed a card to be sent to Paul Weiss, the husband of City Councilwoman Carla Madison, who died on April 5<sup>th</sup>. She was a frequent attendee of ZAP and INC meetings and, before her election to Council in 2007, she had been the president of City Park West Neighborhood Association and had been a pioneer in rightzoning neighborhoods.

It was announced that the public hearing at City Council to consider Text Amendment 6 to the Zoning Code regarding keeping of chickens, ducks, and dwarf goats in residential zone districts has been delayed to June 13.

Caryn Wenzara of Community Planning and Development (CPD) spoke about conservation overlay districts, as addressed in Article IX of the Zoning Code. Individuals or neighborhoods may work with CPD to develop applications for such districts at a fee, or these districts can be instigated legislatively by City councilpersons. The owners of at least 51 percent of the geographic site need to sign the individual/neighborhood application. The site must be at least two acres in size, such as facing sides of a Considerations include distinct character, size, block. style, the need to preserve, et cetera. If an entire, varied neighborhood wishes to preserve its particular variety, a design overlay may be appropriate. It can have provisions for future variations from the Zoning Code. If a neighborhood has a "pattern book," this might be useful in planning. Tim Boers of Highlands United Neighbors spoke about efforts and discussions to work on a conservation district or design district in Highlands. Greater Park Hill Community is also considering a conservations district. The INC ZAP committee will share with INC members any progress in these efforts.

Zoning Administrator Michael O'Flaherty spoke about pergolas – outdoor, open-frame, roofless structures. These are not counted as part of one's land coverage but do require a zoning permit to build. The Board of Adjustment for Zoning Appeals has had numerous requests for variances for pergolas, many of which were erected without the required permit. The question of chicken coops arose; Mr. O'Flaherty said they do not need a zoning permit if they

#### **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.

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are not permanently attached to the ground and they meet all lot zone-limits. He also indicated that CPD would request that INC publish in our newsletter and e-mails notices/reminders that certain items need permits.

Ms. Wenzara addressed legislative Text Amendment Number 8 regarding the process to amend General Development Plans (GDPs). Councilman Hancock has brought this amendment to facilitate such amendments by lowering the requirement that 100 percent of the owners of property within an existing GDP must sign the amendment application; some ZAPpers believe it should not be easier to do this.

Information was distributed from Charlie Busch of West Washington Park Neighborhood Association about notification to RNOs (Registered Neighborhood Organizations) regarding Zoning Code Text Amendments. Currently, only seven days notice of the exact text is provided before the Planning Board meeting where it will be considered. Ms. Busch was not present, but after considerable discussion, ZAP members agreed to send a letter to CPD Manager Peter Park and all City Council members stating ZAP believes and requests that 30 days advance notification of the exact text be sent to RNOs before the Planning Board meeting. (Many ZAP members agreed that 45 days would be even better but were informed that this would not be considered by the City because it would create too much delay in the process for developers.)

Chris Citron of Byers Library Friends and Neighbors spoke about the Denver Public Library's (DPL) plans to meet its mandated budget cut. She said that the three options the DPL Commission considered were to shorten the hours at all libraries, to cut back on technology and staff, or to close a number of libraries and use the savings to keep others up to full capacity. DPL stated the first two options were unacceptable. ZAP members found the third option also unacceptable and agreed to write a letter to DPL to that effect, and asking DPL to find better alternatives, notify neighbors of its ideas and plans, and come to INC delegates to discuss these matters. Ms. Citron read aloud the letter that INC sent to DPL in June 2010 outlining INC concerns about notification, keeping libraries open, and the need for libraries especially in low-income neighborhoods. Her contact information is 303-777-2242 or BookingDenver@msn.com.

The next ZAP meeting will be June 25<sup>th</sup>. There will be no meeting in May.

# **Zoning Motions**By Zoning Committee

The INC Zoning and Planning Committee passed the following motions to be considered by the Delegation meeting on May 14. Delegates should come prepared to vote.

- Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation should write to Peter Park, the Manager of the Denver Community Planning and Development Department (CPD), with copies to the members of the Planning Board and City Council, to encourage CPD to give 30 days notice to registered neighborhood organizations and other citizens of the text of zoning text amendments before the date when such amendments will be considered by the Planning Board. Currently, CPD only gives 7 days notice of the text before consideration by the Planning Board, which does not allow neighborhood groups adequate time to analyze the text and, if necessary, have a meeting to discuss whether the neighborhood wishes to take a position and communicate its position to Planning Board. A summary of the amendment does not adequately inform RNOs, particularly when the text amendment is lengthy and complex, such as Text Amendments 6 and 7. The Planning Board should be able to hear the considered opinions of RNOs before deliberating on its recommendation to City Council.
- 2) Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation should communicate the following to Shirley Amore, Chief Librarian of the Denver Public Library, with copies to the Library Commission, the Mayor, and members of City Council:
  - a) INC is disappointed that it received no reply to its June 10, 2010 letter that, in part, encouraged the Library Commission "to develop and implement a more satisfactory process to solicit and give more meaningful and respectful consideration to public involvement and comments in library planning discussions from the general public, including users and neighbors. One example would be to have the Library Commission meetings at a time when the public can more easily attend."
  - b) INC opposes the decision by the Library Commission on April 20, 2011 to approve, without public outreach or community discussion an option for the Library's 2012 budget to "close some branches and use the savings to maintain adequate service hours at other branches and at the Central Library and to maintain minimally acceptable acquisitions and technology budget. The Library is preparing budget scenarios involving closure of from 7 to 12 branches." INC opposes this option and requests the Commission to reconsider it after full community discussion, because it will most heavily impact poorer neighborhoods. INC repeats its 2010 opposition to the closure of Byers Library.
  - c) INC recognizes that the Denver Public Library and its branches are a vital community resource and repeats its request that the public must be involved in planning and prioritizing for the public's Library. In particular, if the Library wishes to propose an amendment to the City Charter to change

the funding mechanism for the Library, it must have adequate discussion with the public before the proposal is finalized and any such mechanism must have accountability to the voters of Denver.

## Dollar Dictionary Drive By Steve J. Nissen

Fund raising efforts are well under way for the 2011 Dollar Dictionary Drive (DDD) as we seek funds to provide a dictionary and a thesaurus to each of the 6,500 Denver Public School third-graders this coming fall. We are about half-way to our goal for the year. We need the generous support of our INC members in the style you supported us last year. We welcome support from our readers and the general public as well. Tell your friends about this great project. Check us out on our website.

The DDD lost two loyal supporters during the last few months. George Masunaga died recently at the age of 94. George and his charming wife Mary helped label the dictionaries and thesauruses for many years. They, along with their niece Lara, enthusiastically appeared every year to help label and pack books. George was a retired pharmacist and had a great repertoire of stories and experiences. He was a personal friend of Minoru Yasui (Minoru was the first to test the constitutionality of the internment of 120,000 Japanese Americans solely because of their ancestry). George's amusing personality made the book labeling process a fun experience for all who worked at his side.

Our second loss was that of Lena Archuleta, a member of the Colorado Women's Hall of Fame, who died on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at the age of 90. Lena joined us for many years, along with several of her friends, to label the dictionaries and thesauruses. Lena was the first female Hispanic school principal in DPS and was honored to have a school named after her - the Lena Archuleta Elementary School at 16000 East Maxwell Place in the Montbello and Far-Northeast neighborhoods. Ten years ago, the Denver Public Library Commission established the Lena Archuleta Community Service Award in honor of Lena, a longtime educator, civic leader, and former Denver Public Library Commissioner. Her hard work and dedication to the community created a strong bond between the Hispanic Community and the Denver Public Library. Lena's Love of Literature, a Celebration Honoring Lena Archuleta will be held on May 24<sup>th</sup> at the Denver Central Library. Contact the library for details.

The greater Denver community has lost two of its stellar citizens. The DDD is honored to have had their support. Labeling the books will not be the same without these two great, humble, unpretentious, caring, sharing supporters.

You too, can be a part of the fun, socializing, chatter, and camaraderie as we label the books in August. We would appreciate any donation you can make. No contri-

bution is too small. Memorials and bequests are welcome as well

INC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and all donations are fully tax deductible. Donations can be mailed to Dollar Dictionary Drive, P.O. Box 18347, Denver, CO 80218 or can be made online at our website; DenverINC.org (due to open for log-in this month)..



**Baker Historic N.A.** – Detours at Alameda Avenue and Santa Fe Drive can cause delays. Some redevelopment of stores along Broadway is planned but zoning and money concern are causing delay.

**Cory-Merrill N.A.** – Cory-Merrill voted for the INC proposal on FPA notification as reported in this newsletter.

**Denver Parks and Recreation Department** – The Spring in Health event will be May 12<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Denver Zoo with fitness events and exposition for active, older adults.

**Denver Water** – Denver Water has suggestions on ways to conserve water including rebates at www.denverwater.org.

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**Five Points Historic Assn.** – The Five Points Jazz Festival is May 21<sup>st</sup> along Welton from 25<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> Avenues. It is free!

**Golden Triangle Museum District** – Golden Triangle Museum District received the Best of Denver award from *Westword* newspaper as the Best Gallery District.

**Green Valley Ranch Citizens Advisory Board** – One new library opened March 12<sup>th</sup> and 1,000 new library cards were issued in the first seven days. An Earth Day celebration will be on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Lowry United Neighbors** (LUN) – The all-Lowry garage sale (more than 100 families) is set for Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; it begins at 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Syracuse Street. LUN has theatre plans, walking tours, and a visit to the Stapleton Firehouse on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Overland Park N.A.** (OP) – OP is looking forward to the May INC meeting where Casey Davenhill and Ronnie Crawford will display a Powerpoint presentation on Overland Pond Park that is close by the South Platte River (much good fishing).

Park Hill – Bike Denver is closing East 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue from Colorado Boulevard to Stapleton on August 14<sup>th</sup> from 10

a.m. to 2 p.m. for "Ciclovia," a bike/pedestrian parkway. Detail can be found at www.vivastreets.org or Becky-Grupe@LiveWellColorado.org.

**Sloan's Lake N.A.** – Sloan's Lake cleanup with be held on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Go to www.sloanslakecleanup.org.

**Stapleton United Neighbors** – Earth Day celebration is on April 23<sup>rd</sup> in Central Park.

# **Budget Committee**By Jane Lorimer

#### **Report to Executive Committee, April 11**

First committee meeting held April 9<sup>th</sup> following INC Delegate meeting at Doubletree Hotel from noon to 1:45 p.m. Present were Jane Lorimer (Chair), Steve Nissen (INC Chair), Will Cornell, guest, and committee members George Mayl, Susan Morrison, and Jennifer Tomeny.

#### The Purpose of the Budget Committee

The Budget Committee oversees and guides the financial management of the INC organization to include proper use of funds associated with annual operations and special needs.

#### **Objectives**

1. To enable INC to continue serving the Denver RNO's at an appropriate level

2. To "paint a picture" of INC that enables INC leaders to better understand where money is spent, where it can be saved, and how to best plan for future growth

#### How the budget was conceived

- Committee chairs were asked to submit expense plans for years 2011-12 expenses.
- Treasurer reports for past fiscal year.
- Dinner committee expenses for the dinner 2011.
- Fiscal year fourth quarter detail from past treasurer Karen Cuthbertson.

#### What we found

- Committees and projects are planned one-at-atime rather than looking ahead with a plan for a year.
- Income is not projected on an annual basis.
- Membership is on a calendar year, the Dollar Dictionary Drive (DDD) keeps its private books on a calendar-based fiscal year, but INC is on a non-calendar-based fiscal year.
- A new Executive Committee (EC) is in place in March that creates overlap with treasurer duties and no clean slate for the incumbent treasurer.

#### Initial recommendations

- Action Item: That the EC votes to change reporting from non-calendar-based to calendar-based fiscal year year, and to plan the 2011 fiscal year from April 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>.
- That the Membership Committee works with the budget group to keep membership income statistics up to date so we can better project income from membership classifications.
- DDD has breakdowns of income sources; we suggest this be part of the reporting to the EC.

#### **Next Steps**

- The Audit Committee will complete audit contingent on the treasurer's transfer of information needed to conduct this task.
- The Audit Committee may make further recommendations based upon the audit..

March 1 – 31, 2011 Treasi	urer's Report by Karen Cuthbertson
Certificates of Deposit	
2-28-2011 Balance	\$11,118.63
Interest earned	+\$ 10.02
3-31-2011 Balance	\$11,128.65
Savings	
2-28-2011 Balance	\$2,611.06
	- \$1,000.00 Transfer for web deposit
Interest earned	+\$ 0.17
3-31-2011 Balance	\$1,611.23
Dollar Dictionary Drive	
2-28-2011 Balance	\$12,678.10
	\$1,955.00 Donations
	(includes Silent Auction)
Interest earned	+\$ 1.12
3-31-2011 Balance	\$14,634.22
Checking	
2-28-2011 Balance	\$2,859.02
	+ \$635.00 Memberships
	+ \$1,000.00 From savings for web develop
	- \$1,000.00 Web Development
	- \$299.98 INC P.O. Box renewal, stamps
	- \$614.98 INC Parks & Rec Committee
	- \$121.20 Presidents Dinner Expense

March 31, 2011 Ending Balance — INC Liquid Assets \$4,069.09

\$2,457.86

3-31-2011 Balance

# Denver Animal Shelter By William Cornell

Denver's pet population will soon to get a new "leash" on life thanks to the new, state-of-the-art animal shelter built as part of the Better Denver Bond program. On June 11<sup>th</sup>, Denver's Department of Environmental Health will kick off the opening with a ribbon cutting event followed by an open house with door prizes, reduced adoption fees, and tours from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

While the new location of the Denver Animal Shelter at 1241 West Bayaud Avenue sits less than a mile from the existing site on Jason Street, the new site on the South Platte campus offers better visibility from I-25, and at just under 36,000 square feet, has more than twice the space of the old facility. The extra room allows for more amenities and features, including people and animal-friendly pet adoption spaces with "real life" pet visitation rooms for dogs, and cat colony rooms.

The facility was designed and built to reflect Denver Animal Care and Control's commitment to animal welfare and health, and the City's commitment to sustainability. Shelter architect Animal Arts specializes in animal shelter and veterinary hospital design with the goal of changing old misconceptions of what animals need and focusing on inspiration.

A few of the new amenities include:

- Separate lobbies for adoption services and lost and found.
- Energy efficient heated flooring will keep paws warm and natural daylight throughout the building will keep the space bright and airy.
- A new education/community room.
- Additional housing for dogs and cats:
  - Short-term housing for urban wildlife (raptors, raccoons, snakes, et cetera).
  - Medical isolation areas designed to reduce disease transmission.
  - A state-of-the-art surgery suite that will allow for on-site spay/neuter of shelter animals and care for injured animals.

Under the City's commitment to sustainability through Greenprint Denver initiatives, the shelter was designed and constructed with the goal of achieving Certification in Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) through sustainable construction approaches recognized by the U.S. Green Building Council. The shelter is on track to achieve Gold certification with potential to obtain LEED-NC Platinum. This rating that would make the shelter the only City facility and the first animal shelter in the country to achieve Platinum certification

Some of the sustainable features include:

• The building is comprised of at least 20 percent recy-

- cled content and at least 20 percent of the materials come from within 500 miles, tracked from point of extraction or harvest through the manufacturing process;
- More than 90 percent of the wood used in this project was certified by the Forest Stewardship Council to be harvested through sustainable practices to ensure long term health of the forests;
- Every paint, sealant, adhesive, or coating was reviewed for its volatile organic compound (VOC) content and only approved for use if it met rigorous standards; plywood, millwork, and other pressed wood products used special glue that does not contain urea formaldehyde, a commonly used compound that may be harmful to occupants.

The Denver Animal Shelter, Animal Care and Control, is a division of the Denver Department of Environmental Health. For more information about the Denver Animal Shelter, visit www.denveranimalshelter.org.

## Recycler's Corner By Tom Strickland

The City of Denver, through the Denver Recycles program, is now accepting more plastics for recycling. Denver Recycles customers can now recycle rigid plastic bottles, jugs, jars, cups, trays, tubs, and containers marked with a number 1 through 7. The City has always accepted plastic bottles for recycling but this switch to rigid plastic containers opens the door to recycle so much more plastic packaging from Denver homes, Denver Public Schools, and City buildings.

Recycling plastics can be tricky because not all plastics are the same. While it is expected that this change will simplify plastics recycling for most Denver Recycles customers, it remains important that recycling participants pay close attention to guidelines about what is and is not accepted.

Examples of acceptable materials are:

- Soda, water, shampoo, and soap bottles.
- Milk, laundry detergent, and cat litter jugs.
- Yogurt, sour cream, cottage cheese, and butter tubs.
- Peanut butter and mayonnaise jars.
- "To-go" or "take out" plastic drinking cups.
- Plastic trays like those used for microwave dinners.
- "Clam-Shell" containers like those used to package strawberries, blueberries, and bakery goods.
- Plastic containers like those used to package salad mixes

All plastic containers should be empty with lids removed when possible.

#### **Denver Recycles cannot accept:**

- No plastic bags.
- No Styrofoam.
- No plastic shrink-wrap.

- o No tovs.
- o No tubes.
- No plastics marked as "PLA", compostable, or made from plant based materials.
- o No plastic containers larger than three gallons in size. Recycling plastics is great but waste reduction is also very important. Denver Recycles encourages participants to continue their efforts to reduce waste; think before purchasing items, prioritize buying in bulk, and use refillable container whenever possible. Residents will be receiving information about this change through a direct mail postcard. Residents wishing to receive updates from Denver Recycles are encouraged to connect with Denver Recycles on Facebook, Twitter, DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles, or call 3-1-1.

#### FREE Learn to Compost Classes. Sign up now!

Have you always wanted to start your own home composting pile but were not sure how to get started? Or have you been composting at home but feel you are not quite getting it right?

Well, then you are just the person that should sign up for one of our FREE "Learn to Compost" classes. These classes are a great way to enhance your knowledge of how to turn your food scraps and yard waste in to wonderfully dark, rich 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 as well.

The FREE "Learn to Compost" classes are available for Denver residents to attend from May through October. 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 to attend the classes.

Special "Build-a-pile" and "Worm Composting Workshops" will be offered again this year.

- O BUILD-A-PILE CLASSES: There will be five "Build-a-pile" classes held this year where class participants will help to build an entire compost pile. These classes will stress the hands-on experience of incorporating different materials in a compost pile, chopping ingredients (reducing particle size), watering techniques, and turning the pile.
- WORM WORKSHOPS: There will be six special Worm Composting Workshops held this year (one each month, May through October). The Worm Workshops teach and discuss techniques for home indoor worm composting (also called vermicomposting).

#### How to register for a class:

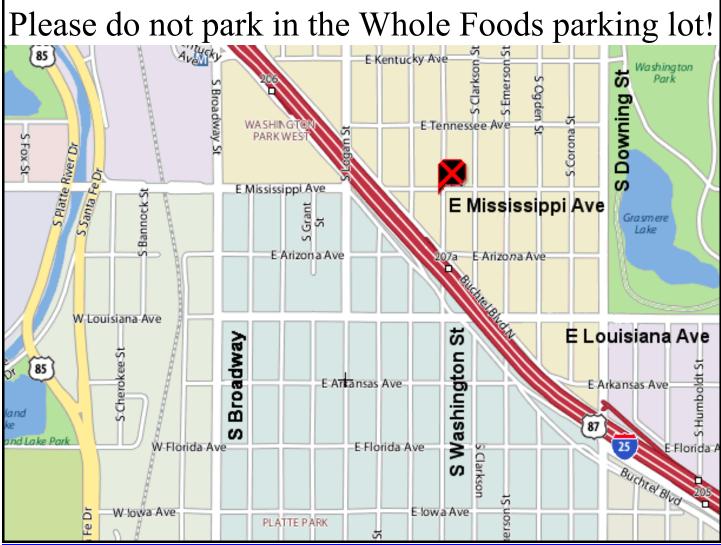
<u>ONLINE</u>: Visit www.dug.org/compost, review the class schedule, and then complete the online registration form. **BY PHONE**: Call the Denver Recycles hotline at 720-865

**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.

Please note: Class registration is first come, first served, and residents may sign up for classes no more than one month in advance.

This program is sponsored by Denver Recycles (a program of Denver Public Works/Solid Waste Management), in partnership with 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.







## Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation



## Membership Application

INC is a consortium of Denver's registered neighborhoods 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 neig	hborhood organization: Regular Member (\$35) ☐ Patron (\$75) ☐ See below to apply as an INC Associate
Address: Website: Borders: North South  President's Name: Address: Phone: (	East West
	o voting delegates. If the president is one, appoint one below; otherwise, appoint two.
	Cell: ( E-Mail Address:
Voting Delegate (if President	is not a voting delegate)  Cell: ( E-mail Address:  [ ] U.S. Mail [ ] Don't want newsletter [ ]
Join as a non-vo	ting supporting Associate : Regular (\$20) ☐ Patron (\$75) ☐
Organization Name:Organization Address:Address:Phone: ()_	

Bring this form to an INC meeting or mail to:

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

## Meeting Saturday May 14th

The public Is welcome to attend.

# Denver Community Church 1101 S Washington St.

See map on page 12

8:30 a.m.

Coffee and Chat

9:00 a.m. Sharp!

Mayoral Forum with Michael Hancock and Chris Romer

10:15 a.m.

Break

10:30 a.m.

Welcome by West Washington Park Neighborhood Assn. and Councilman Chris Nevitt

**INC Business** 

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Adjournment

You can always view upcoming INC meeting locations and get information about presentations on our website. Click on the "meetings & more" link. www.neighborhoodlink.com/ INC/home

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