

Two Questions and their Answers

INC recently wrote letters to Mayor John Hickenlooper and other City officials asking for information about the Strategic Transportation Plan and the 2008 City Budget. The letters appear on pages seven and eight and the City's response to the Strategic Transportation Plan question appears in a letter from Guillermo V. Vidal on page nine. The question regarding the Budget should be answered at the INC Delegates meeting at Windsor Gardens on November 10. See also the related article on page four. See page twelve for the agenda and page eleven for a map.



Mayor John Hickenlooper, the Denver Office of Cultural Affairs, and the Denver Commission on Cultural Affairs continue the annual tradition of the Mayor's Award for Excellence in the Arts recognizing individuals and organizations that have made significant and lasting contributions to the arts in the City and County of Denver. Additional details and the nomination form are online at www.denvergov.org/mayorsawards.

It's a Matter of DNA

You are invited to join the Board of Directors of The Denver Justice Council for *DNA at the DNA* on November 8 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Denver Newspaper Agency, 1001 West Colfax Avenue in the auditorium. Refreshments will be served from 5:30 to 6 and the program will start at 6:15. Mitch Morrissey, Denver District Attorney, and Gregg LaBerge, Commander of the Denver Police Crime Laboratory, will host a program on Forensic DNA. Other hot topics will include Familial Searches, Denver's award winning Cold Case Project, and the DNA Burglary Project.

Denver Parks Allocation

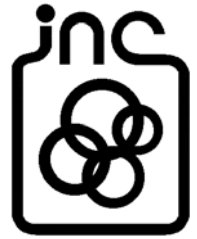
Denver's Parks and Recreation (DPR) is looking for community feedback on how to allocate recreation center hours to meet the needs of local residents. The hope is to better understand the community's needs and preferences at the centers listed below. DPR and City

Council will use the feedback in structuring programs and hours. During these meetings, the City will unveil its plans for a new city-wide recreation center task force which will help determine the "Future of Recreation Centers" in Denver. Your participation is important to the process. Please contact Jeff Stawicki at 720-913-0667 for more information. All meetings will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

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 Cherry Point Homeowners Assn

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 Congress Park Neighbors
 Cook Park Neighborhood Assn
Cory-Merril Neighborhood Assn
Crestmoor Park Homeowners Assn

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Downtown Denver Residents Org
 Driving Park Historic District
 East Montclair Neighborhood Assn
 Eastmoor Park Condo Assn.
 Elyria Swansea/Globeville Business Assn.

Far Northeast Neighbors, Inc
 George Washington Homeowner's Assn. Inc.

Globeville Civic Assn #1
 Golden Triangle Assn

Golden Triangle Museum District
 Greater Mar-Lee Community Org
Greater Park Hill Community, Inc.

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

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

Executive Committee Recap by Larry Ambrose

The meeting was called to order on Monday, October 8, at 6:30 p.m. at its usual location at 1201 Williams Street on the penthouse floor. There were eight (8) board members present.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes without additions or corrections.

Our treasurer, Al Habercorn, was not in attendance. Although no Treasurer's Report was approved, there are \$14,484 in the bank. A \$3,500 grant for the Dollar Dictionaries was received from Xcel. The Board extended its thanks.

The Chair of the Education Committee, Billie Bramhall, and the Chair of the Membership and Newsletter Committees, Ken Beaudrie, were not present.

The Chair of the Public Safety Committee, Karen Cuthbertson, was present and announced that a letter resolving support from INC for the Nuisance Abatement Ordinance was sent to City Council prior to its passage. Karen also announced that Mayor Hickenlooper has appointed her to the Graffiti Oversight Committee. One of the tasks of this group will be to monitor the Graffiti Fellowship whose job it will be to implement the recommendations of the Graffiti Task Force.

The Chair of the Zoning and Planning Committee, Michael Henry, announced that, in lieu of its regular meeting, ZAP would have a special briefing on the Zoning Code Update on October 27 from 2 to 4 p.m. Larry Ambrose asked if ZAP would be addressing the Civic Center/Colorado History Museum land use issue. Mike would like to address this important issue sooner rather than later and will try to schedule a discussion for the November ZAP meeting.

Regarding the President's Dinner, Dave Webster had not been successful getting in touch with Bill Mitchell of the DMCVB. However, Mike Henry ran into him and entreated that he give us a date for the dinner. Larry Ambrose suggested a committee begin to work on the event prior to the next Executive Committee meeting. Karen Cuthbertson will talk to Elizabeth Hamilton to see if she will chair or co-chair the Dinner Committee. (Editor's note: Ms. Hamilton has agreed.) There will be an open invitation for members to get involved at the General Membership meeting October 13.

The October 13 meeting, sponsored by the Ivy Street Neighbors, will be held at the District 2 Police Station. Speakers include Jacky Morales-Ferrand regarding the Full Housing Plan and Debbie Ortega and Roxanne White regarding the Homeless Plan. The November 10 meeting at Windsor Gardens will feature Ed Scholz, Denver Deputy Budget Director, and perhaps Dr. Patty Gabow, CEO of Denver Health. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Delegates Meeting Recap by Larry Ambrose

INC Chairman, Dave Webster, at the Denver Police Department District 2 Headquarters in Northeast Denver, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Sarah Foster from the Ivy Street Neighbors, who graciously hosted the meeting, welcomed the delegates and guests.

"Around the City," an information and exchange of ideas and a member/guest interchange, ensued for the next hour. Some highlights include: the introduction of a new delegate from the Westwood Neighborhood Association, Cassie Branstrom; Marlee is working on a ballot issue regarding burying Xcel transmission lines in all City parks; a representative from Hilltop reported that development continues at a rabbits pace in her neighborhood - the view of a whole section of the block at 1st Avenue and Dahlia Street was being obstructed by a fabric fence presumably to scrape off more houses; delegates were urged to get involved in the issue of building a huge above- and underground Colorado History Museum at the southwest corner of Civic Center Park. Another new delegate, Ray Ehrenstein from Overland Park, introduced himself.

Pat Coyle from Denver Human Services spoke about "Denver's Road Home," the City's long term plan to deal with the homeless population. Mr. Coyle explained that dealing with the homeless requires a multi-pronged approach involving employment, shelters and housing, mental health and medical needs, and prevention. Each homeless person costs the City \$43,000 in services such as detox, medical services, and law enforcement. The cost drops three-fold when they get into housing and the costs are shifted from the City budget to the Federal budget, e.g., entitlements and veteran's benefits. The City's plan is to finance 200 units of housing over the next two years through Certificates of Participation. Every 200 units of housing cost \$20 million.

Jacky Morales-Ferrand from the Denver Housing Authority spoke to the issues of Denver's housing stock, present and future. She described the predicament today in the City whereby one can sell a home for a good price but cannot replace it at an affordable cost. The question is, therefore, according to Ms. Morales-Ferrand, "how to make Denver's housing stock competitive with the suburbs?" The answer lies in expanding and remodeling housing stock and making Denver competitive with regard to public safety, schools, and job proximity.

Based on DHA studies, Denver will need an additional 25,000 rental units in the next 5 years. Ms. Morales-Ferrand said the agency's policy is to work with community land-trusts to purchase housing and provide subsidies to larger developers rather than to non-profits, individuals, or smaller investors. Regarding priorities, DHA has an eye

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Mayor Submits Budget



Mayor John Hickenlooper delivered a balanced budget plan to Denver City Council, reflecting the administration's focus on effective and efficient delivery of core services to citizens of the Mile High City.

The \$866 million FY 2008 Budget Proposal represents three percent growth over 2007 and includes \$44.5 million for capital projects. "The proposed 2008 budget reflects our continued efforts to generate efficiencies within our existing programs and align limited additional resources with critical priorities that best and most directly serve the needs of our citizens," says Hickenlooper in a letter to City Council and Denver residents. "The 2008 budget continues our focus of making strategic investments in the areas we believe will bring us the highest return relative to our priorities as a community as well as constantly seeking improvement and efficiency in our operations."

A combination of economic factors, including the downturn in the housing industry, continues to impact forecasted revenue growth. Still, the Mayor's office says Denver and the metro region continue to benefit from growth in tourism, the commercial real estate market, and jobs, leading to expected moderate revenue growth.

Some budget highlights include:

- A continued focus on safety as the foundation of our quality of life and economic health including increased efforts to reduce crime through the Crime Prevention and Control Commission, the use of DNA technology in the Crime Lab, ongoing investments in personal protective equipment, and increased safety recruitment efforts to diverse populations.
- Funding for the purchase of two new fire trucks to maintain our replacement schedule and ensure that our Fire Department is equipped to provide effective and timely responses.
- Maintaining sustainable neighborhoods by adding new graffiti removal crews.
- Restoring Library services by adding additional eight-hour days to six Denver Public Library branches that specialize in children's programming.
- Enhancing sustainability efforts by replacing some inefficient irrigation systems, enhancing recycling efforts, and supporting multi-modal transportation.

As currently constructed, the proposed 2008 capital budget assumes the status quo in terms of funding but the administration has also prepared a detailed plan of how – pending voter approval – the additional resources generated by the maintenance mill levy would be used to address the City's currently unfunded maintenance needs.

"This balanced budget addresses Denver's key needs in a fiscally prudent manner," said Claude Pumilia, chief financial officer for the City and County of Denver.

New City Attorney



"David Fine has enjoyed an impressive career as a local attorney specializing in civil litigation, employment litigation, constitutional law, and election law," Hickenlooper said in appointing Mr. Fine as the City Attorney. "He has represented and advised businesses, individuals, nonprofits, and government entities on a broad range of issues relevant to services the City of Denver provides and the people we serve. We look forward to having someone of his experience and expertise join our talented team in the City Attorney's Office."

Fine will assume his new post October 29. He is currently a partner with Kelly Garnsey Hubbell + Lass LLC, a Denver law firm that focuses on public policy, civil advocacy, family law, and alternative dispute resolution.

"I am honored and excited to have been selected by Mayor Hickenlooper to serve the people of Denver as City Attorney," Fine said. Referring to the Mayor, Fine stated, "He is a dynamic and innovative leader with a great vision for the City. I share his commitment to excellence in government, and I look forward to working with him and with the first-rate team of attorneys and staff in the City Attorney's Office. Together, we will continue to ensure the highest possible quality of legal counsel and representation for our partners in the City."

Fine, who has been recognized twice by *Colorado Super Lawyers* for his work in employment litigation, constitutional law, and business litigation, joined Kelly Garnsey Hubbell + Lass (KGHL) in 1994.

Prior to joining KGHL, Fine was staff attorney for three years at the Legal Aid Society of Metropolitan Denver. He also worked as an associate at Hill & Robbins, P.C. from 1988 to 1991. He began his career in 1987 as a law clerk for Colorado Supreme Court Justice George E. Lohr.

Fine also has been active in many legal and civic organizations throughout his career. He served as director of Habitat for Humanity Colorado from 1998 to 2004 and he is currently a mentor at Denver's East High School through the A+ Angels mentoring program. He serves on the executive committee of the Colorado Lawyers Committee, a civil rights organization of the Colorado legal community.

A fourth-generation Coloradoan and a Denver native, Fine graduated from George Washington High School in Denver and received his bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin where he graduated with distinction and was elected to membership in the Phi Beta Kappa academic honor society. He earned his law degree from Northwestern University, graduating cum laude.



Athmar Park Neighborhood Association – Athmar Park is pleased that one of our own, Karen Cuthbertson, has been appointed by the Mayor to the Graffiti Oversight Committee. This Committee reports to the Graffiti Fellows and together are tasked with implementing the recommendations from the Graffiti Task Force.

Cory-Merrill – Cory-Merrill reports good board growth with new volunteers and they have experienced no zoning variance-requests in over six months.

District 6 Police – They are looking for volunteers to help with their 13th Annual Halloween Party where over 1,500 kids go through “Trick or Treat Alley” and then meet Commander Dilley and his officers.

Golden Triangle Museum District – GTMD sponsored a very successful High Plein Air Festival for Denver Arts Week as a gift to the Denver Metro Convention and Visitors Bureau. Over 150 artists participated in the seven day event painting outdoors at various locations in the Golden Triangle. The artists’ work will be juried by Rose Fredericks, Jil Rosentrater, and Dean Sobol to select works to be displayed at the Colorado History Museum, Byers-Evans House, and the Denver Public Library. The shows will open on First Friday, November 2nd. Robin Riddel Lima and Chris Serr are responsible for the planning, implementation, and tremendous success of the En Plein Air Festival. High Plein Air will be an annual event.

Greater Marlee Community Organization – Greater Marlee is having typical problems with graffiti, home foreclosures, rezoning problems, and liquor license applications.

Ivy Street Neighbors – The Ivy Street Neighbors will co-host the National Red Ribbons Essay Contest on October 29th for area youth from neighborhood schools on the subject *Why I Choose to be Drug Free*. Prizes, gifts, and

brunch provided by the Denver Police, Fire, and Sheriff departments.

Platt Park Peoples’ Association (3PA) has instigated monthly get-togethers where neighbors meet at various locations. On Friday, October 19, neighbors met at Capelli Floral for a night of wine tasting featuring wines from Divinos. For Halloween, 3PA will host a costume parade down Pearl Street celebrating the ghosts and goblins who participate in the Pearl Street Merchant's Halloween Ball on Saturday, October 27. The former Gates Rubber Factory is being torn down for redevelopment though the companies awarded the development opportunities have not set a date to begin building. McStain Homes have purchased several homes in north Platt Park and have begun the demolition and building of new duplexes on the 1100 block of South Logan, Grant, Sherman and Lincoln Streets.

Ruby Hill Neighborhood Association RHINO – Ruby Hill is working to inventory the large and growing number of vacant homes. They want to prevent these vacant properties from becoming magnets for illegal criminal activities.

State District 1—Jeanne Labuda's next Town Hall meeting for House District 1 (Southwest Denver) will be Saturday, November 3, at the Bear Valley Library. Beginning at 10:00 a.m., she will introduce a representative of the Governor's Office who will talk about the progress of Governor Ritter's Colorado Promise.

Westwood Neighborhood (SWIC) – Westwood is currently fighting a liquor license application on Morrison Road and Kentucky Avenue. The group is hosting an alternative Halloween event at the Boys and Girls Club on Kentucky Avenue on October 30th from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

Leaf Recycle

On three consecutive Sundays (October 28, November 4 and 11) from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Denver residents may drop off unlimited amounts of leaves at: Sloan’s Lake Park, Cranmer Park (3rd and Clermont), South High School (Louisiana and Franklin), or John F. Kennedy High School (Newland St. and Brown Place). Also, between October 8 and December 3 from 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., two weekday drop-off locations will be available at Havana Nursery, 10450 Smith Road or Denver Solid Waste Transfer Station, 7300 East Jewell Avenue. October is National Energy Awareness Month. Aluminum cans, pie tins, and foil can all be recycled. For more info about acceptable materials, call 311.

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

Public Art Tours

This winter, the Denver Office of Cultural Affairs introduces its Public Art Tours—free, one-hour tours of small segments of the City's public art collection. While much of the City's collection is out in plain view to see and experience every day, some incredible pieces are housed indoors. These guided tours will give citizens and visitors the opportunity to venture inside venues such as the Ellie Caulkins Opera House and Colorado Convention Center to view works and hear the intimate details of their creation and installation.

Denver Performing Arts Complex (DPAC)

Tour highlights include artwork in the Ellie Caulkins Opera House (Dale Chihuly, Herbert Bayer, Stephen Batura and John DeAndrea), the Buell Theatre (George Woodman and Vance Kirkland), atrium and exterior artwork (Fernando Botero, Victor Contreras, Jonathan Borofsky, Marcus Ak-inlana, and John Powell), and others. This tour will gather in the atrium near the Contreras sculpture (large abstract bronze in the center of the complex) fifteen minutes prior to start time.

- Friday, November 16, 1:00 p.m.
- Saturday, December 1, 12:00 p.m.
- Friday, December 14, 1:00 p.m.

Colorado Convention Center

Tour highlights include artwork by Lawrence Argent, Jonathan Bonner, Barbara Jo Revelle, Eric C. Johnson, Jim Green, John McEnroe, Kirk Johnson and Jan Vreisen, William Mathews, Trine Bumiller, and Bernar Venet. This tour will gather in front of *I See What You Mean* (a.k.a. the Big Blue Bear) fifteen minutes prior to start time.

- Saturday, November 24, 12:00 p.m.

To sign up, please contact Rudi Cerri at rudi.cerri@denvergov.org or 720-865-4307.

Miscellaneous

9Cares Food and Clothing Drive: Join 9News and Goodwill as a volunteer at this event on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Clothing donations from this drive help Goodwill support programs and services for more than 19,000 people in our community. Goodwill needs 40 to 50 volunteers for the day. For more information, call 303-650-7756 or email aoyler@goodwilldenver.org.

7th Annual Alternative Holiday Fair: More than 50 local and international nonprofits will be selling artwork, gifts, jewelry, fashions, food, and more on November 10 and 11 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Evergreen Lutheran Church on highway 73. The event is a fundraiser and 100% of the proceeds go directly to these groups. Your shopping can make a huge difference in the lives of many. For more information, questions, or to participate as a nonprofit, call 303-670-4490.

Historic Preservation

Join us for a conversation about Historic Preservation

Wednesday, November 28

Webb Municipal Building, 201 W. Colfax Avenue

Open House from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Panel Discussion from 6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

Meet with experts to discuss your questions and concerns about researching your property, design review, historic designations and alternatives, energy conservation, and demolitions.

Submit questions about the future of Historic Preservation in Denver.

RSVPs Required By Thanksgiving

Please e-mail valentina.guereca@denvergov.org or call 720-865-3223

Event Co-Sponsors

Historic Denver, Inc and Denver Department of Community Planning and Development

Denver adopted the Landmark Preservation ordinance 40 years ago. Learn more at: www.denvergov.org/Default.aspx?alias=www.denvergov.org/Historic_Preservation

Free Concerts

The Lamont School of Music offers free student concerts at the Newman Center for the Performing Arts at 2344 East Iliff Avenue. Park free in the Center's parking garage on Wesley Avenue.

Nov. 2, 9, 16 from 5 to 7 p.m. Flo's Underground Jazz Combos in the Williams Recital Salon.

Nov. 3, 4 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Lamont Opera Scenes in the Hamilton Recital Hall.

Nov. 5 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Three Lamont Jazz Ensembles in the Gates Concert Hall.

Nov. 6 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Lamont Percussion Ensemble in the Gates Concert Hall.

Nov. 10 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Lamont Vocal Arts Ensemble in the Hamilton Recital Hall.

Nov. 11 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Lamont Chorale Ensemble in the Gates Concert Hall.

Nov. 11 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Lamont Composers in the Hamilton Recital Hall.

Nov. 12 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Lamont String Chamber Ensemble in the Hamilton Recital Hall.

Nov. 13 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Lamont Guitar Chamber Ensembles in the Hamilton Recital Hall.

Nov. 14 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Lamont Men's and Women's Choirs in the Gates Concert Hall.

Nov. 15 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Lamont Wind Chamber Ensembles in the Hamilton Recital Hall.

Nov. 15 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Lamont Symphony Orchestra in the Gates Concert Hall. This is also a free concert but tickets are required and can be obtained in advance at the Newman Center box office.



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October 16, 2007

TO: Mayor John Hickenlooper
Claude Pumilia
Bill Vidal
Peter Park
Ed Scholz
Members of City Council

RE: 2008 Budget

At the meeting of the delegation of Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation on October 13, 2007, the delegation voted unanimously to request that you consider during the development and passage of the City of Denver's 2008 budget:

- 1) more budget resources for the Community Planning and Development Department in order to provide neighborhoods with assistance in developing their small area plans. Many neighborhoods do not have any neighborhood plans or have very outdated plans and are concerned that they will be at a great disadvantage in applying the new zoning code tools to individual neighborhoods without having current plans to guide the application of the new zone districts and typologies.
- 2) better and quicker abatement actions for the large number of empty dilapidated houses that plague many neighborhoods and
- 3) greater budget resources for implementing the city's Pedestrian Plan through better sidewalks, with no areas of the city being permanently exempted.

In addition, INC strongly encourages you, in the future, to engage Denver citizens, including, but not limited to, registered neighborhood organizations in the early stages of developing Denver's budgets.

Sincerely,

David Webster
Chair, Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation



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October 13, 2007

TO: Mayor John Hickenlooper
Bill Vidal, Manager of Public Works
Peter Park, Manager of Community Planning and Development
Mark Najarian, Public Works Department
City Council Members

RE: Strategic Transportation Plan

As you are aware, a very large number of citizens, including many leaders and members of registered neighborhood groups participated in many meetings in 2005 and 2006 regarding the city's Strategic Transportation Plan. The original schedule called for a "town meeting" and the final report in the summer of 2007. However, these have not occurred and there is no up-to-date information on the project's website. Apparently the project was completed in March of 2007, according to an application for an EPA grant submitted by the city and signed by the Managers of Public Works and Community Planning and Development.

Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation has been attempting to get a briefing about the plan for many months without any success.

The undersigned delegates of INC believe that the public should be informed of the status and the content of the city's Strategic Transportation Plan.

We hope that INC can have a full presentation of the Plan and the strategy for its implementation in the near future. In addition, all of the attendees at the numerous meetings in 2005 and 2006 should be informed of the progress of the Plan.

Signed by all Delegates at October 13, 2007 INC meeting



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October 29, 2007

David Webster
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Dear Mr. Webster:

We regret there has been a delay in the final publication of the Denver Strategic Transportation Plan (STP). We agree that the public should be informed of the STP contents and look forward to embarking on that process shortly.

While the initial research is complete, there are many other factors to consider and evaluate. During our research, we discovered many additional components to this process that must also be researched and integrated into our previous analysis. The STP will not only be based on infrastructure needs, but also on behavioral changes, environmental focuses and other factors related to transportation planning.

Public Works is grateful to have the input of the INC and each of the neighborhood organizations represented in the organization. The input and feedback we have received during our meetings over the last couple of years has been a valuable and essential part of this ongoing process.

We fully intend to move forward with a presentation of the STP for INC. We hope to have an updated presentation completed by January 2008, at which time we would be happy to schedule a meeting with you. We are committed to meeting our long-term multi-modal transportation needs and look forward to further citizen engagement in the STP. We appreciate your patience while we finish our work on this comprehensive plan.

Sincerely,

Guillermo V. Vidal
Manager

cc: Mayor John Hickenlooper
Peter Park, Manager of Community Planning & Development
Mark Najarian, Public Works
Denver City Council

Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation

2008 Membership Application

INC is a consortium of Denver neighborhood representatives who believe that neighborhood organizations deserve a greater participation in city government and possess a shared vision that individual neighborhoods are stronger when they work together and learn from one another. **To join as a member neighborhood organization, the organization must be registered with the city as a Registered Neighborhood Organization. Log on to Denvergov.org 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

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toward promoting Transit Oriented Developments around new light rail lines rather than to help existing or new homeowners to improve their property.

Mike Henry, chair of the Zoning and Planning Committee, made a motion to send a letter to the City asking for better information to registered neighborhood organizations regarding the Strategic Transportation Plan. The motion passed unanimously. The letter and the City's response are included in this newsletter.

Mike Henry presented the following motion that came out of the Zoning and Planning Committee:

The City shall adjust the budget to provide for 1) More funding for neighborhood planners in the Community Planning and Development Department; 2) More funds for better abatement actions for empty/abandoned housing; 3) Increased budgeting for pedestrian planning with no neighborhood being permanently exempt from sidewalk improvements.

A motion to adopt was made, seconded, and passed - 29 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

Billie Bramhall reported that the criteria recommended by INC's Education Committee for how to spend money

saved by school closings were generally supported by the Board of Education. The gist of INC's position was that such funds should be spent to allow students affected by school closures to receive the best educational opportunities. INC will now be sending DPS questions and answers regarding the proposed school closures.

Billie asked the membership to approve a resolution to the following effect:

INC wishes to thank Denver Public Schools and the Board of Education for working with neighborhoods and following the criteria recommended by our organization. The following are issues identified by INC: 1) Proceed with negotiations regarding the DPS Pension Plan; 2) In regard to dealing with closures, put in place alternatives for each affected child by April 2008; and 3) Improve the quality of education and provide a better academic experience for the other 92% of the students in schools that will not be closed.

The motion to adopt the resolution was made, seconded, and passed - 27 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention.



The public is welcome to attend the meeting.

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

**Windsor Gardens
595 S Clinton St**

See map on page 11

8:30 a.m.

Coffee and Chat

9:00 a.m.

Welcome by
Linda Hargrave
of Windsor Gardens

9:05 a.m.

Acting Denver Budget Director
Ed Scholz will give a preview of
the Denver budget for 2008 high-
lighting the changes from 2007

9:50 a.m.

Break

10:00 a.m.

Dr. Patricia Gabow, CEO of Den-
ver Health, will discuss citywide
issues facing Denver's health,
hospital, and clinic system includ-
ing the impact on Denver's hospi-
tals of the recent moving of Chil-
dren's Hospital and University
Hospital to Aurora

11:00 a.m.

Around the City

11:45 a.m.

Committee reports, breakout
meetings, and updates on issues.

12 p.m.

Adjournment

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