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committees and get them working on issues of interest to our neighborhoods. These committees are Education, Transportation, and Public Safety. Membership on these committees is open to any individual who is a member of a neighborhood organization that belongs to INC. You do not have to be a delegate from your neighborhood.

Many of you have concerns, knowledge, and experience related to issues addressed by these committees. The Education Committee is concerned with early childhood education, improvement of public schools, increasing enrollment in Denver Schools, volunteer and mentoring programs, and school consolidation. The Transportation Committee is concerned with pedestrian safety, sidewalks, bicycle paths and trails, availability of transit, traffic patterns in neighborhoods, and the ability to cross streets safely. The Public Safety Committee is concerned with community policing, broken windows methodology, nuisance abatement, cruising impacts, graffiti, drug use, excessive signage, alley and street lighting, residential housing occupancy, and building relationships between neighborhoods and the police.

If you have an interest, please contact any member of the EC. Also, if you would like to work on the Newsletter; Dollar Dictionary Drive; or Programs, Meeting Planning, and Setup committees, please contact one of us. Our contact information is on the back of the newsletter. This is your organization. Take an opportunity to participate and influence INC activities."

Page seven reveals that there are several councils, boards, and commissions relating to City matters that need active citizen participation. And on page eight, it is noted that the Citizens Advisory Committee to the Denver Board of Water Commissioners is interested in dedicating a position on the Committee specifically to an INC designated representative. Any citizen belonging to one of INC's member RNOs is welcome to volunteer. And there are volunteer opportunities at DPS. See page nine. ●

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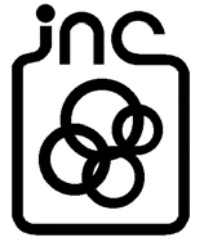
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Your neighborhood association, INC, the City and County of Denver, and Denver Water all need and want your volunteer service. While everyone is invited to serve, retired persons in particular are especially invited since they often have the time and possess valuable knowledge and experience to contribute to the community.

From INC's Chair, Dave Webster: "Many of you attend our Delegate Meetings on the second Saturday of each month and some attend the Zoning and Planning Committee meetings normally held on the fourth Saturday of each month. All of you, I hope, are familiar with our Dictionary Drive and the excellent work they do to provide dictionaries to the third-graders in Denver.

One of the objectives of your Executive Committee (EC) is to revitalize INC's other

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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.

Cherry Hills Vista Community Assn.
 Cherry Point Homeowners Assn
 City Park West Neighborhood Assn
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 Clayton Neighborhood Assn
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 Congress Park Neighbors
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 Denver's Art District on Sante Fe
Downtown Denver Residents Org
 Driving Park Historic District
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 Assn.
 Far Northeast Neighbors, Inc
 George Washington Homeowner's
 Assn. Inc.
 Globeville Civic Assn I
 Godsman Community Neighborhood
 Org
Golden Triangle Arts District
 Golden Triangle Assn
 Greater Mar Lee Community Org
Greater Park Hill Inc.
 Hampden Heights Civic Assn
 Hampden South Neighborhood Assn
 Harkness Heights Neighborhood Assn
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 Inspiration Point Neighborhood Assn
 Ivy Street Neighbors Assn
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 Lowry Community Master Assn.
 Lynwood 7 & 8 Neighborhood Assn
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 Mayfair Park Neighborhood Assn
 Montbello United Neighbors
 North City Park Civic Assn
 Overland Neighborhood Assn
 Park Forest Homeowner's Assn
 Platt Park Peoples Assn
 Sloans Neighborhood Assn
 South City Park Neighborhood Assn
 South Hilltop Neighborhood Assn

South Jackson Street Reg Denver
 Neighborhood
 Southern Hills Community Assn.
**Southmoor Park East Homeowners
 Assn**
 Stapleton United Neighbors
 Summerfield at Indian Creek
 The FAX Partnership
 The Five Points Historic Assn
 The Unsinkables
 University Neighbors
University Park Community Council
Upper Downtown Development Org
Virginia Vale Community Assn
 Virginia Village/Ellis Community Assn
 Warrens University Community
 Council
**Washington Park East Neighborhood
 Assn**
 West Highland Neighborhood Assn
 West University Community Assn
 (WUCA)
**West Washington Park
 Neighborhood Assn**
 Whittier Neighborhood Assn

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 Morrison Road Business Association of
 Denver
 Neighborhood Resource Center
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 The Greens @ Pinehurst HOA
 Transportation Solutions
Xcel Energy

Minutes of September Executive Committee

By Karen Cuthbertson, Secretary

Chair Dave Webster called the meeting to order on September 11th at 6:38 p.m. In attendance were Executive Committee (EC) members Karen Cuthbertson, Al Habercorn, Harriet Hogue, Bill Johnston, Monique Lovato, and Anthony Thomas. Also in attendance were Standing/Special Committee Chairs Ken Beaudrie, Billie Bramhall, Cathee Fisher, Michael Henry, and Steve Nissen. The August Minutes were approved. There was no Treasurer's report.

Karen submitted a bill for overtime expended to complete the revised *Denver Neighborhood Handbook*.

Regarding the meeting with the Mayor, the Mayor invited INC members to contact Infrastructure Task Force sub-committee members. Dave is to follow up with Diane Barrett to find out who is on the various sub-committees and will send a "Thank You" letter to the Mayor that also will include the action items and items that were agreed to.

Regarding the Presidents' Dinner, Elizabeth will work on this. She is meeting with the Colorado Visitors Bureau. The EC discussed INC's fund raising efforts:

- File for Life: Still Files available.
- People's Fair: Dave to follow up to get the Beer Booth money from CHUN.

Committee Reports:

- Audit: The audit for last year has not yet been completed.
- Dollar Dictionary: The committee has sold almost 100 Macy's tickets; Steve is getting 100 more. Steve is sending a letter to all RNOs who have not donated to Dollar Dictionary and is including an INC application for those RNOs who are not INC members.
- Education: The Committee is following up on Happy Haynes' request for volunteers. Billie will put together a blurb for distribution to spread the word and will include a request for people to let INC know what they are doing regarding education issues. Monique will send information to the local newspapers.
- Membership: Current INC membership stands at 82 RNOs. There are 25 INC Associates.
- Newsletter: No report was submitted. It was suggested to have the meeting location and agenda in the body of the email distributing the newsletter.
- Public Relations: No report was submitted.
- Public Safety: No report was submitted.
- Transportation: Harriet tendered her resignation as Chair. She will start attending the Buchtel Boulevard Committee. Dave will ask Charles Howard if he can

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Minutes of September 9th Delegates Meeting

By Karen Cuthbertson, Secretary

Congresswoman Diana DeGette spoke about events in Congress and answered questions. Dennis Gallagher, City Auditor, confirmed that the Auditor will remain independent. Michelle Wheeler from the D.A.'s office conducted a survey to gauge interest in a Citizen's District Attorney Academy.

Margaret Browne gave a preview of the proposed City budget for 2007. Ms. Browne relayed that in mid-2005, Denver's economy started growing so the City budget does not need further reduction; however, expenses are growing faster than the 4.5% growth in tax revenue so the City continues to find ways to streamline without cutting services. The budget includes \$3.6 million for utilities and \$5.5 million to restore the DPD/City workers' fleet. Certificate of participation debts to pay include \$1.1 million in additional DPD officer salaries (separating the training and operating budgets), \$1.1 million for jail improvements, \$3 million to restore the DFD fleet, and \$7 million in services restoration. The Mayor's Blue Ribbon Task Force recommended that the City maintain more reserves. The capital maintenance funds are the lowest in many years so the City does not have the capacity to add small capital improvement projects. Public Works has developed a capital development fund to respond to parking and traffic issues related to Union Station and the new light rail stations. On Friday, the Mayor submits his budget to Council's review. On October 16th, the Mayor submits the final revised budget to Council and the public hearing is scheduled for October 23rd.

Some budget questions include:

- Problems with City worker retirement benefits: Margaret said that they are fully funded but that costs did increase. Now employees have to cover more of those costs.
- The mechanism for "catching up" on maintenance and the long-term strategy for sustaining infrastructure: Margaret spoke about the seven sub-committees formed to study individual areas and make recommendations back to the Infrastructure Task Force. The sub-committees are meeting through October. In December, the full Task Force will meet to act on the work of the sub-committees. In October, the denver.gov website will begin publishing Task Force related information and there will be two public participation meetings. Ms. Brown encouraged the public to contact and develop relationships with sub-committee

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Zoning and Planning Committee Report

By Diana Helper, Member

The INC Zoning and Planning Committee (ZAP) met September 16th. Copies of a Home Builders Association poster listing construction regulations were distributed. Those present voted to send a letter to Councilman Charlie Brown and Home Builders asking for their help with this project aimed at emphasizing regulations.

Billie Bramhall stated that neighbors and the Denver Art Museum support the temporary cold-night shelter for the homeless near the Civic Center. The only opposition came from the two persons quoted in the Post.

Councilwomen Carol Boigon and Jeanne Robb spoke in favor of a proposed change for Dog Care (overnight) Facilities. Two owners of such a facility reported they have had no complaints. ZAP members voted to support the ordinance.

An ordinance regarding "Residential Care Uses" was discussed briefly and will be on the ZAP agenda for October 28th.

Jim Lindberg of Platt Park discussed ways to determine a neighborhood's physical character by the preponderance of lot sizes, house sizes, attributes such as brick, porches, raised basements, setbacks, tree lawns, garages, sidewalks, and street widths. When determined, this "character" information can be submitted to the City's Zoning Code Task Force for inclusion in its rewriting project. Charlie Busch of Washington Park West distributed information about a September 19th meeting held there to discuss similar matters.

Molly Urbina and Kent Strapko of the Denver Community Planning and Development Department (CPD) spoke about the state of the INC *Residential Zoning and Construction Report* published in November of 2005. Several issues have been dealt with and others such as the porch issue are in the works. CPD is working to improve its website and to streamline processes. The issue regarding tree preservation is shared with the Public Works Department and is on the agenda for Blueprint Denver's second meeting in October. The Zoning Code Task Force also has the INC document as a resource. ZAP members commented further.

Mary Myers of University Park spoke regarding the City's new Sidewalk Policy and distributed copies of the portions dealing with the implementation and enforcement of required sidewalks. ZAP voted to support the ideas expressed by University Park and Cory-Merrill neighborhoods which include a need to add sidewalk repair to this ordinance, to oppose to the vague proposal

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Athmar Park – We are working with Excise and Licenses (E&L) to determine what happened to five now missing petitions that APNA filed with E&L in opposition to a cabaret application. Graffiti is proliferating along South Federal Boulevard.

Clayton – We are having our third annual coat drive for children in Gande School (K-7). This year, we also need shoes and boots. If you have anything these children can use, please bring those items to the October INC meeting or call Anthony Thomas, 303-399-1379, for a pick-up.

Cory-Merrill – There are ongoing issues with traffic speeds within Cory-Merrill and subsequent safety issues for pedestrians. Related to this is the need for more sidewalks because of heavier pedestrian usage. Zoning issues continue with the number of scrape-offs occurring and lack of short-term solutions for abuses.

Golden Triangle – The Art Museum is opening in October. The Justice Center design is almost complete. We are looking at two new major developments in the neighborhood.

Greater Mar Lee – Our Zoning Committee is working with Peter Park's office to resolve an ongoing issue. NIS and the Building Department are not following their own ordinances.

Lowry – September 9th and 10th was the Seventh Annual Glory Days celebration of our old Air Force base. The merchants, volunteer groups, and residents joined to explore the old buildings and new ideas. Dances, food, entertainment – it was all fun. It ended with Lannie Garrett's USO Show of World War II era music.

University Park – The focus for the fall meeting is the continuation of updating work on the UP Neighborhood Plan. Considerable residential and retail redevelopment is happening.

Whittier – Many of our community members are continuing to volunteer in the Manual redesign process. An ongoing issue in our neighborhood is graffiti. We look forward to the October 18th Graffiti Summit. We also have a lot of small infill developments but our lot sizes – so far – have not led to the "McMansion" problem. ●

Free Concerts

School is back in session and the music students of the University of Denver are once again displaying their talents in concert at the University's Newman Center for the Performing Arts located at 2344 East Iliff Avenue. The concerts are free and open to the public. Free parking is available in the Center's parking garage.

October 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th, 5 to 7 p.m.

Flo's Underground Jazz Combo in the Williams Recital Salon, Room 121.

October 11th, 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Jazz Night featuring three large jazz ensembles in the Gates Concert Hall.

October 27th, 7:30 to 9 p.m.

The Lamont Wind Ensemble performs in the Gates Concert Hall.

Fifteen \$1,000 Grants

Yourhub.com announces the launch of a community grant program that will award \$1,000 to local non-profits in 15 different neighborhoods. Post a story on yourhub.com about your favorite non-profit including information on what the organization is doing to better your community and why you think they should receive one of these awards. All submissions will be reviewed and will be seen by yourhub.com users and some will be selected for display in the Thursday print editions. Let yourhub.com know about the charitable organization that are making a difference in your community.

The deadline for posting your nominations on yourhub.com is Friday, October 20th.

Denver Neighborhood Connection Article deadline

is the 20th of each month. Submit articles, letters, etc. to the editor at

kbeaudrie@totalspeed.net

Recycler's Corner

Leafdrop 2006--Recycle those leaves & pumpkins too!

It's that time of year again – time to rake up and recycle those leaves in your yard and this year you can recycle left over Halloween pumpkins too! The City and County of Denver's Solid Waste Management Division will be conducting their annual "LEAFDROP" program starting in October. On October 29th, November 5th, and 12th residents may drop-off an unlimited amount of leaves for recycling at one of three locations. Also, there will be two weekday drop-off locations where residents can bring their leaves between October 9th and December 4th. Also, on November 5th only, they will be accepting left over Halloween pumpkins for recycling. So clean out that Jack-o-lantern and recycle it!

Please make sure your loads contain leaves only (except for November 5th when pumpkins are accepted) -- no branches, sticks, trash, or other wastes. Anything other than leaves can damage the composting equipment. Leaves dropped off at one of the weekday sites will need to be in tied or secured bags. Remember to never sweep your leaves into the street. This clogs up storm sewers and street sweeper vehicles.

Removing yard waste such as leaves from our waste stream is important in reducing our impact on the environment. Also, consider recycling your leaves by digging them into your garden, composting them at home, or using a lawn mower to mulch small amounts into your grass. Don't forget to reclaim your leaves at next year's Treecycle Mulch Giveaway and Leafdrop Compost Sale. Call 720-865-6810 or visit www.DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles after April 1st, 2007 for more details on when and where the Mulch Giveaway and Compost Sale will be held next spring.

SUNDAY DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:

When: Sundays only (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) on October 29th, November 5th, and 12th.

Where: Northwest - Sloan's Lake Park

Southwest - John F. Kennedy High School

East Central - Cranmer Park

WEEKDAY DROP-OFF LOCATIONS (CLOSED WEEKENDS):

When: Monday through Friday (7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.)
October 9th through- December 4th (Closed November

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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 communicate their desire to obtain this newsletter or submit address changes to the secretary at 303-936-9206 or athmarpark@ecentral.com

DAM Grand Opening



Rendering of the Denver Art Museum's new Frederic C. Hamilton Building. Image by Miller Hare.

The Denver Art Museum is celebrating the grand opening of their new Hamilton Building by offering free admission ("Art at All Hours") from 10 a.m. Saturday, October 7th, through 9 p.m. on Sunday, October 8th. Whether you're a night owl, an early bird, or a middle-of-the-day kind of person, come browse the art during any of these very extended hours.

In addition to art displays, there will be live entertainment, tours, and family activities. There is a free shuttle running every 15 minutes from the Cherry Creek shopping center's valet area starting at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday.

You do need to pick up a free timed ticket at the museum starting October 7th at 9 a.m. Plus, did you realize that general admission to the museum is free to Colorado residents on the first Saturday of every month? No more excuses for not visiting!

A Living Canvas

A Living Canvas of the West is a free event presented as part of the Hot DAM: Arts at Altitude celebration of the expansion of the Denver Art Museum. The Old West of Frederic Remington, Charles Russell, and George Catlin come to life as mountain men, musicians, Indians, craftspeople, and soldiers demonstrate their lives and skills at the Buffalo Bill Museum between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Sunday, October 15th.

Buffalo Bill's Wild West show influenced the art of painters like Frederic Remington and Charles Russell. Remington captured the spirit of Buffalo Bill's Wild West in illustrations for Harper's Weekly and one of his paintings was used to advertise the Wild West. Art by Remington and other western artists will be prominently featured in the new wing of the Denver Art Museum. *Buffalo Bill Presents...A Living Canvas of the West* celebrates the West that Buffalo Bill knew and western artists portrayed.

Lasting from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on October 15th, "A Living Canvas of the West" will feature the people that western artists painted. Fur trappers, frequently de-

picted in western art, will show the skills needed to survive in the early Western frontier. An artillery crew will demonstrate cannon firing and Annie Oakley will provide trick shooting. Indians will do tribal dances and talk about their culture. Buffalo soldiers will talk about their role in the West and a Civil War era band will provide music. Presiding over it all will be Buffalo Bill, a man who became a legend in his own time.

During this special event, admission to the Museum will be free. Currently, the Museum has a special exhibit *Out of Disaster...Hope: Buffalo Bill in New Orleans* which features artifacts from Buffalo Bill's Wild West and from New Orleans. Sitting Bull's headdress and other Indian artifacts are compared to Mardi Gras Indian outfits and posters from the Wild West contrast with posters from Mardi Gras. Artifacts, sound, videos, and photographs tell the story of a critical season in the life of both a show and a city.

The Buffalo Bill Museum and Grave is a City and County of Denver facility for preserving the memory of William F. "Buffalo Bill" Cody. For this purpose, the Museum staff maintains the Cody gravesite and related structures within Lookout Mountain Park; collect, care for, interpret, and exhibit artifacts associated with Buffalo Bill's life and times between 1846 and 1917; provide educational opportunities; and record Cody's ongoing influence on American and foreign cultures. For more information, call (303) 526-0744 or visit the museum website at www.buffalobill.org.

Mayor's Summit on Graffiti



Mayor Hickenlooper invites you to discuss how we can work together to address Denver's graffiti challenges and keep our City clean and safe. The summit is free to the public. It is sponsored by Xcel Energy, the Denver Office of Cultural Affairs, and Denver Public Works. To R.S.V.P. or for more information, contact Neddra Niblet at 720-865-6846 or neddra.niblet@ci.denver.co.us Wednesday, October 18th
7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Denver Botanic Gardens
909 York Street
7:30 a.m. Registration and breakfast
8:00 a.m. Mayor's opening remarks
8:30 a.m. Presentation: Current social context and challenges of ad-

ressing graffiti

9:30 a.m. Breakout discussion: Graffiti abatement, enforcement, and prevention

12 noon Lunch and presentation: Other cities share their experiences addressing graffiti

2:00 p.m. Next steps followed by adjournment

Denver Gets it Done

Since the launch of 311 in early July, the knowledgeable agents in the 311 call center have been able to provide one-stop assistance to Denver residents thus revolutionizing Denver's approach to customer service. A total of 72,000 citizen inquiries, including email and web forms, have come to 311, with 69% of concerns answered directly by the call center.

When calls come in to 311, trained customer service agents provide helpful information on the spot or assign a tracking number to the inquiry if a service is requested such as fixing a broken traffic light or reporting a lost dog. The tracking number allows citizens to follow their requests for service through the City system online at www.denvergov.org. By referring to their assigned 311 tracking number, callers can also check on the status of a specific request or add more information or comments by phone, e-mail, or fax.

By using a single number for all City services, residents no longer need to sift through over 1,200 listings in the phone book's "blue pages." In fact, many of the agency numbers listed in a variety of community directories now roll directly into the 311 system. To date, the phone numbers listed for the corresponding agencies are redirected to 311:

- Animal Control
- Auditors Office
- City Operator
- Clerk and Recorder
- Excise and License
- Mayor's Office
- Parks and Recreation
- Public Health Inspections
- Public Works Solid Waste Management
- Public Works Street Maintenance
- Tech Services

Through 311, the City is working to find opportunities for greater efficiency and accountability. To meet the needs of Denver residents, a business analysis is being conducted to determine which agency phone numbers will go directly to the call center in 2007. When additional numbers are rolled into 311, the City will address any additional call center staffing needs to ensure calls are answered quickly and professionally.

311 has brought customer service to a new standard in Denver. If we can provide additional information to your group about how 311 not only offers improved service to the citizens of Denver but also how the day to day tasks are completed in a more efficient and cost effective manner, please contact 311 Operations Manager, Mike Major, at 720-913-8469 or by email michael.major@ci.denver.co.us

Denver Needs You

Mayor Hickenlooper seeks volunteers to help move Denver forward. Every day, Denver employees deliver vital services to Denver residents – maintaining our streets and parks, keeping our neighborhoods safe, and creating economic opportunities for our citizens and community.

Another special group of Denverites is hard at work behind the scenes making recommendations to the City's departments and elected officials. Approximately 1,000 Denver citizens serve on 125 City boards, commissions, task forces, and councils that provide an opportunity for citizens to get more involved with local government and the community.

Advisory councils are the eyes and ears for the Mayor and the City for key issues in the community.

Appeals boards hear citizens' complaints or requests for variances from City laws such as zoning or building codes.

Policy commissions act in an advisory capacity to City agencies about management, policies, and budget.

Short-term task forces research specific issues to make recommendations to the City.

Mayor Hickenlooper and the Denver Office of Boards and Commissions are seeking qualified and excited applicants for positions. The Office of Boards and Commissions is currently accepting applications for the following vacancies:

Current vacancies

Commission on Aging (seeking two City employees over 60 years of age)

Denver Parking Commission

Lowry Community Advisory Committee (seeking residents of Lowry)

Board of Adjustment for Zoning, (seeking alternate position with zoning/development experience)

Community Corrections Board (victims advocate)

Workforce Investment Board (business owners or business HR specialists)

Vacancies in November and December

Cherry Creek North Design Advisory Board

HIV Resources Planning Council

Bicycle Advisory Board

Board of Appeals

Board of Environmental Health

Botanic Gardens Board of Directors (must live within 1 mile of the Botanic Gardens)

Business Improvement Districts – Downtown, Colfax, Cherry Creek North, Cherry Creek Subarea-Central Platte Valley, and Old South Gaylord (must be a property owner or tenant in the Business Improvement District)

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There soon will be openings on the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) to the Denver Board of Water Commissioners (Water Board). **It has been proposed that one position**

on the CAC be permanently reserved for an individual specifically from INC's membership. While serving in such a position is honorable, it does require commitment. Please study the following information and notify the INC Executive Committee Chair, Dave Webster, if you are interested in serving. See the last page for contact information.

The CAC exists as a result of the Foothills Agreement. In the late 1970s, Denver Water found itself in need of a new treatment plant and operating reservoir. Public concern over growth issues and potential environmental impact in the canyon where the reservoir was to be built led to the Foothills Agreement -- a pact between Denver Water, federal agencies, elected officials, and the environmental community. Among other things, terms of the 1978 agreement required the formation of a citizen group charged with representing public interests.

Scope of Work and Role of the CAC

- Provide advice on the use and effectiveness of citizen participation techniques used by the Denver Board of Water Commissioners (Water Board).
- Assist in and facilitate public review and discussion of Water Board plans.
- Participate with the Water Board in developing a program of making plans, records, information, and studies available to the public.
- Advise the Water Board in planning for issues of interest to the CAC including but not limited to supply, treatment, and distribution of water.
- Provide consultation to the Water Board for establishing a mechanism for assuring that the reaction of interested agencies and individuals to Water Board proposals (such as rate changes, conservation activities, recreation issues, distribution system extensions, construction of projects to develop or expand supply facilities, and etcetera) will be recorded and made available early in the planning process to the Water Board members and staff responsible for formulating decisions.
- No later than April of each year, the CAC may develop an annual work plan with specific activities defining its scope of work. The CAC is not limited to these activities during the course of the year.

The Water Board recognizes that there is a need for full and timely public participation in the decision-making process of the Water Board on important Water Board decisions and, to insure that participation, it has agreed to

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recommend anyone to be Chair and Allison Billings to see if anyone from Transportation Solutions would like to join.

- **Zoning & Planning:** The EC signed the two letters representing the motions that were passed at the September Delegates meeting and a letter recommending Billie Bramhall as a candidate for the Planning Board.

The meeting adjourned at 8:28pm.

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members.

- The number of adopted Neighborhood Plans that were not being considered as the prioritization happens: Especially as the City's own Zoning Code consultant was so complimentary about the content and amount of information contained in those Plans. Margaret said that only certain plans were going to be reviewed.

Happy Haynes, Assistant to DPS Superintendent for Community Partnerships, spoke on volunteer opportunities in the schools. Ms. Haynes reported that DPS has almost 73,000 students and that 72% do not speak English as their first language (138 languages are spoken in DPS). DPS has re-organized the English Language Department to move students into English language more quickly. DPS is starting an aggressive campaign to acquire 250 mentors to partner with every student identified as being academically or socially at-risk. There is a 95% graduation rate among kids who have mentors. Happy spoke about the Parent Empowerment Council where the focus is on involving parents in all aspects of education. A DPS goal is to have a 97% attendance rate (no more than 6 absences) for each student. They would like volunteers to help follow up on absences. In addition, the tutoring programs are being retooled.

Helen Kuykendall, Parks and Recreation, presented the proposed plan for updating the Civic Center. Historic features are deteriorating, there is crime, the homeless hang around, and it is not being used to its potential. The Master Planners researched the history of the existing structures, the early Olmstead plans, and conducted surveys and public input sessions. The Master Plan recommends:

- preserving exiting historical structures,
- revitalization,
- enhancment (adding features that were never implemented from the early plans; e.g., central gathering place, restaurants, etc.),
- improving connections to neighborhoods, and
- establishing partnership with Civic Center Conser-

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create the CAC with a substantial degree of independence. Under the Denver City Charter, the Water Board has not and legally cannot delegate to the CAC any responsibility placed upon the Water Board by law.

CAC members may serve two terms of three years. Membership is comprised of three Denver customers, one suburban customer, one Western Slope member, one environmental representative, one public interest group representative, one representative from the Home Builders' Association, and one suburban distributor representative. Committee members are selected as a result of CAC recommendations to the Water Board.

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that builders can pay a fee to the City in lieu of including a sidewalk, and to oppose the idea that no sidewalk need be built if it has no contiguous walk in place. The City needs to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements or face a possible lawsuit. Alternative methods of funding sidewalks are needed. The public hearing on the proposed Sidewalk Policy is likely to be Tuesday, October 24th. Call Public Works for confirmation.

Wayne New of Cherry Creek North discussed a construction problem resulting from a Permit Desk error. Rich McGinn of Curtis Park announced that CPD's Dave Becker is leaving. He stressed the need for knowledge transfer between the departing and incoming planner to insure continuity of operations. RNOs are encouraged to focus on neighborhood typology and what tools are needed to maintain the neighborhood's character. These topics are on the agenda of the Zoning Code Task Force meetings October 4th and 17th at the Webb Building.

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10th and 24th)

Where: Havana Nursery, 10450 Smith Road (just south of I-70 on Havana)

Denver Solid Waste Transfer Station, 7300 East Jewell Avenue (Quebec Street and South Cherry Creek Drive)

Do not drop leaves except during the times and dates specified. Leaves left at other times will not be recycled.

FLUORESCENT TUBES ARE NOT FOR THE TRASH!

Fluorescent tubes and bulbs, called "lamps," are big energy savers and environmentally preferred. However, while safe and efficient to operate, fluorescents lamps contain mercury and should be properly recycled. The average four-foot fluorescent lamp contains about 11.6 milligrams of mercury based on a National Electrical Manufacturers Association 1999 survey. That might not sound like a lot but even small quantities of metals re-

leased when fluorescent tubes are mishandled or broken can be potentially harmful to our environment, human health, and trash collectors. City of Denver residents may properly dispose of fluorescent tubes and bulbs by recycling them utilizing the City's free Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program. Eligible residents may simply call the Curbside, Inc. toll-free hotline at **800-449-7587** to make a collection appointment. Residents are permitted one collection per year not to exceed 125 pounds and must have a minimum of three different materials before calling for a pickup. {Editor's Note: Neighborhood Associations might want to instigate a program to enable their residents to pool hazardous waste materials to avoid this problematic once-a-year, three-different-kinds restriction.}

You will receive a collection kit in the mail a few days before your scheduled appointment. The kit includes a bag to contain your materials, instructions, labels, and a tie to secure the bag. Assemble all of your HHW according to the instructions provided in the kit. Use the labels that are provided to ensure that your materials are clearly marked. Containers must have lids and be of less than five-gallon capacity. Materials without lids or those that are leaking will not be accepted. The bag will hold approximately 125 pounds. Up to 5 auto batteries and 5 fluorescent tubes may be set outside the bag once it is full. If you have more waste than will fit into the bag and are willing to pay for its collection, please call the hotline for instructions.

For more information on how to reduce your use of household hazardous waste, please visit **www.DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles**.

DPS Activities

This is a follow-up to Happy Haynes' (Denver Public Schools) talk at the September INC Delegate's Meeting about opportunities to help the DPS achieve their goals of keeping children in school until they graduate and giving every child a quality education. Here are some of the things she suggested INC neighborhood organization members could do in their public schools: mentor children to stay in school, join one of the new Parent Empowerment Councils, volunteer in a school, be a tutor, help provide material for a Community Study Hall in the neighborhood, be a spell-binder (tell stories, act out plays, etc.), sponsor a chess club, work on attendance (call homes when children are not in school), help Spanish-speaking children learn and learn English. Contact your school principal. The INC Education Committee will be emailing to you a listing of all of the school clusters and how they feed into each other. Please let us know what you are doing and how you are received. We hope this activity will be productive and we are eager to track it.

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Maintenance Districts (must be a property owner or tenant in the Maintenance District)

Workforce Investment Board of Directors

A member's commitment and scope depends on the specific board or commission that can meet yearly, monthly, or weekly. Most appointments are unpaid voluntary positions.

If you are interested in applying, please visit the Boards and Commissions Web site at www.Denvergov.org/boards_and_commissions to learn about each board and its qualification requirements, meeting times, and locations. Send the one-page application, cover letter, and resume or biography to Chantal Unfug, Board and Commissions Director, at Chantal.Unfug@ci.denver.co.us. If you have questions or want more information, she can be reached at 720-865-9032.

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vancy (private/business partnership) to bring in vendors and small events, provide private funding, and decide on enhancements.

The plan includes:

- adding a water plaza,
- adding a bridge to the 16th Street terminus at Broadway,
- adding a translucent coverings that would be lighted at night for much of the east-west civic promenade,
- little modification to the cultural north-south prome-

nade,

- adding a canopy over the Greek Theatre,
- removing on-street parking along 14th Avenue,
- adding a bar/restaurant to the McNichols building,
- adding a 72-foot tall "icon" in the center,
- adding a gazebo café, and
- adding a festival court/garden to commemorate where the Art Museum was originally slated to go.

Some concerns raised included overlaying someone's disparate vision on top of the original concept, selling Denver's public spaces to corporate entities, installing park features in what is a center of Denver's civic space, covering up so much of what is meant to be open space, and using an overkill approach to solve a problem. For more information see denvergov.org/parksandrecreation. A tape of a public presentation can be viewed on Channel 8 (TV or website). A summary of public input will be publicized in January of 2007.

Two motions were placed before the Delegates for a vote (per the August 2006 INC Newsletter). Motion One regarding amending the City's construction noise ordinance to prohibit construction noise after 8 p.m. and on Sundays passed 14 in favor with 1 abstention. Motion Two regarding implementing policies governing placement of bus stop billboards passed 13 in favor with 2 abstentions.

There is a Planning Board vacancy coming up. INC members are urged to find a neighborhood representative to fill the position.

The public is welcome to attend the meeting.



Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation (INC)

2006 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.

Join as a voting neighborhood organization: Regular Member (\$35) ☐ Patron (\$75) ☐

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. Patron names are listed in bold in our newsletter.

Organization name: _____
Address: _____
Borders: North _____ East _____
South _____ West _____

President's Name: _____
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Phone: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____ President is a voting delegate: ☐
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 ☐

Bring this for to an INC meeting or mail to: Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation
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**Meeting Saturday
October 14th**
The public
is welcome to attend.

**Whittier
Community Center**

2900 Downing Street

See map on page 10

Election Forum

AGENDA

8:45

Coffee and Chat

9:00

Welcome and Introductions

9:10

Denver Election Commis-
sion Briefing about the
Election Process

9:20

Pre-school Funding

Amendment 38
Citizen Initiative

Amendment 42
Minimum Wage

Amendment 41
Ethics in Government

Amendment 44
Marijuana Possession

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