

Denver Public Library

By Jen Morris

BUDGET UPDATE Denver Public Library has been in discussions with the City Administration about the 2012 budget but has not received the final budget yet. The Library is hopeful that they will not have to cut the full \$2.5 million from our budget; we expect the final budget numbers from the City in September.

Regarding sustainable Funding, the Mayor and the Library Administration agreed on August 11 not to pursue a ballot measure in November for a dedicated mill levy or a library district and will resume discussions about long-term funding once the Structural Financial Task Force makes its recommendations for the City as a whole. Both solutions could be considered for the November 2012 ballot.

SUMMER OF READING PARTICIPATION IS AT AN ALL TIME HIGH

We just ended our *Summer of Reading* program on August 6th with record-breaking participation of over 38,000 total registrants. This was twenty percent more than last year, partially attributed to the new Green Valley Ranch Branch Library that had the second highest participation of about 2,800.

The Library strives to make *Summer of Reading* fun for families. This year we had over 450 programs at our various branches with over 18,200 in attendance. The variety of programs offered included sports clinics with the Colorado Rapids, arts and crafts, magic shows, story times, and even a *Harry and the Potters* "wizard rock" concert that attracted a packed house of kids and teens alike. Denver Public Library has been doing summer reading programs for over 80 years and has seen tremendous growth year-to-year.

LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETINGS A reminder that Library Commission meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month and are open to the public. The schedules, agendas, and minutes from previous meetings can be found online at <http://denverlibrary.org/content/library-commission>. The next meeting will be held at the Central Library on September 20th at 8:30 a.m. in the Library Commission Room on Level 7.

Bicycle Safety

By Sgt. Carter, District 6

The Denver Police Department recognizes the need to educate both motorists and cyclists in safe driving and riding behavior in order for them safely to coexist on the roadways of Denver.

In the summer of 2009, District Six engaged in an educational effort to educate bicyclists on safe riding techniques and the applicable laws pertaining to riding bicycles on the roadways. In cooperation with Bicycle Colorado, Bike Denver, Denver Cruisers, and many other public and private sector bicycle advocacy groups, District Six started handing out spoke cards containing safe-riding tips in an effort to help cyclists understand their responsibilities when riding and to encourage voluntary compliance. The educational campaign

was followed with an enforcement effort aimed at creating a climate of compliance with the hopes of stemming the rising number of bicycle-involved accidents occurring in Denver.

In 2010, there were 252 accidents involving bicycles. From January 1 through June 30, there have been 135 bicycle-involved accidents; there were 32 accidents in June alone. Eight of these bicycle-involved accidents resulted in serious bodily injury to the involved cyclist. During the same time frame, there have been 592 citations issued to cyclists within the city of Denver. Five-hundred

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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.

thirty-two or 89.3 percent of these citations were written by District Six Officers. Cyclists are cited most often for failure to stop at red lights or stop signs and for riding their bicycles on the sidewalk (prohibited in Denver).

We have a few reminders from Bicycle Colorado for making the roads safe for motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians:

- 1) Bicycling continues to be a safe and appropriate form of transportation. Legally, bicycles are vehicles with the same rights to our roads as motorized vehicles.
- 2) All road users - motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians - are expected to follow the rules of the road, stopping fully at red lights and stop signs.
- 2) Drivers are asked to be extra attentive during summer months to avoid crashes with bicyclists and pedestrians as many children and teenagers are walking and bicycling in our neighborhoods.
- 4) Following the rules of the road reduces crashes for all road users, both motorized and non-motorized. Traffic tickets continue to be issued to motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians who break our traffic laws. Bicyclists and pedestrians are particularly vulnerable in a crash with a car so drivers are asked to do all they can to avoid crashes with people walking or riding bicycles.
- 5) Enforcement will continue to focus on improving traffic safety for all by monitoring drivers, bicyclists, and pedestrians at intersections and locations with the highest crash rates. Again, those that break our traffic laws will be ticketed, whether driving a car, riding a bike, or walking.

District Six will continue to respond to citizen concerns regarding cyclist behaviors and will continue our education efforts in cooperation with bicycle advocates. Our goal is to create an enjoyable riding experience for cyclists in the downtown area and to promote a safe environment for cyclists, motorists, and pedestrians alike.

From the Chair

By Steve Nissen

This spring and summer season has been very full of INC activities. The spring started out with our involvement in nine candidate forums for City offices. We were pleased to co-host the forums with Denver TV8, the League of Women Voters of Denver, *The Denver Post*, and Historic Denver. We are again teaming up with Denver TV8 and The League of Women Voters of Denver to host a forum for the upcoming fall election.

We, at INC, encourage all citizens to involve these newly elected officials, along with previous sitting officials, in the issues and concerns regarding neighborhood 'quality of life' issues. Remember, citizens can be front line forces for issues down on our neighborhood streets. Our elected officials cannot be everywhere all the time so it is up to us to bring our concerns to their attention for

proper redress, if need be. Do not forget that we all have three councilpersons representing us; you will find them willing to listen to neighborhood concerns. It is always wise to get all your information in order so they can provide the most thorough response.

Our new mayor has appointed several persons to key City positions but that process is not yet complete. We have met and welcomed two of those key people - Michael Sapp is the new Director of Neighborhood Relations and Tom Downey is the new director of Excise and License. Both have promised to provide efficient services to our citizens and both have welcomed positive input from neighborhoods.

There was a lot of neighborhood activism in May and June as citizens reacted both pro and con to the Food Producing Animals Ordinance. Neighborhoods were able to add input and make some changes to the ordinance. INC offered some proposed procedural amendments to the ordinance in response to the input of citizen concerns from neighborhoods across the City. Those amendments were not adopted when the ordinance was approved on June 13th.

A rising tide of interest in Denver Public Library issues was cause for INC to create a Library Committee. That interest was supported by thirty-six people who enthusiastically signed-up to be involved. The committee has met on two occasions and will be meeting again with time and place to be announced. We welcome anyone who wishes to participate in the committee.

In July, INC participated in the first ever Denver County Fair. Yes, there were chickens and goats at the fair much to the delight of many youthful Denver citizens. INC had a booth at the fair to inform citizens about who and what we are; hundred of visitors were greeted by enthusiastic and informative volunteers from INC. A great interest was shown in our network of RNO members and the issues we address across our great city. We were successful in recruiting a new INC member as well as volunteers for the Dollar Dictionary Drive (DDD) labeling and even some donations to the DDD.

The DDD labeling event was a total success in August. There is more about that in the DDD column.

Delegation Recap

By Randle Loeb

The Delegation met on August 13th as the guest of Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods at 9th Avenue and Emerson Streets. Michael Sapp, the new Director of Neighborhood Relations, spoke about being available and working together with the community. The new Community Liaison is Kendra Sandoval. Michael Sapp will be sending a newsletter to all RNOs. A meeting is scheduled with Mayor Hancock.

Books for the third-graders will be arriving Tuesday and labeling and repacking will be done Wednesday and

Thursday at the church in the same place as the meeting. People are needed to help prepare the books and to distribute them on Friday to the nearly 100 schools.

The proposed ballot for the library districts has been withdrawn. The nine-member commission of the library has not been forthcoming with information to the neighborhood groups. A letter is being drafted to request more openness in the process of notifying neighborhood groups.

There are 96 neighborhood organizations and INC is looking for at least 100 registered neighborhood organizations to be members of INC. There are about 240 neighborhood organizations. Not all of the associates have joined. Ask your counsel people to join.

The Library and the Parks and Recreation Commissions have the same difficulty getting information to the neighborhoods. Michael Sapp was urged to encourage all of the groups to communicate to all of the neighborhoods. There is no outreach and no public input. The Parks and Recreation Committee of INC is developing policies to the commission. The annual meeting takes place in September. The contracts and cost analysis of expenses was raised as a vital area of concern. How does the selection process occur? The Parks and Recreation Committee's next meeting will be held in the Heritage Club at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, August 16th.

The Zoning and Planning Committee is meeting on August 27th at 13th Avenue and Williams Street on the 19th floor. The new Director of Excise and Licensing, Tom Downing, will be at the meeting. The main agenda for all committees is to educate the officials about what INC does and what are the expectations for open communications with neighborhoods.

The Dinner Committee was meeting after this meeting. The date for the President's dinner is January 19th at the DoubleTree Inn.

A forum for school board candidates and ballot initiatives will be held on October 1st.

The County Fair was successful for INC; there were 160 hits on the website. Many of the 20,000 attendees visited INC's booth. One-hundred dollars was collected for the Dollar Dictionary Drive. The Cole neighborhood took an application to become a member of INC.

Council Bill 11-404-8 will be voted on in City Council on Monday night. The bill will change the name of the Northeast Park to the Jay Langston Boyd Park. There has not been adequate information, time, and input into the decision by the neighborhood. Call your representatives and tell them to oppose this decision.

Brendon Hamlin, from the Acting Director of the Budget Office, spoke about the issues of the 2012 budget, about the process of deciding what to do to balance the budget, and of a Structural Financial Task Force to decide what fiscal policies are needed to improve the finance strategies over the next two decades. There is a 100 million dollar deficit. A final proposal is due by mid-

November. The budget proposal will be released by the middle of September. Mr. Hamlin will send reports to the neighborhood organizations on the progress of the budget proposals.

Executive Committee Recap

By Randle Loeb

The Executive Committee met on August 8 in the usual place. In attendance were Chair Steve Nissen, vice-Chair Larry Ambrose, Secretary Randle Loeb, and Treasurer Jennifer Tomeny; Delegates-at-large Cathy Donohue, Jane Lorimer, and Cindy Johnstone; committee chairs Michael Henry (Zoning), Brad Zeig (Transportation), Karen Taylor (Education), Ken Beaudrie (Membership and Newsletter), Will Cornell (Website/Communications), Anthony Thomas (Safety), and Katie Fisher (Parks and Recreation).

The July minutes were moved for approval by Cindy Johnstone with a second by Jennifer Tomeny.

Jane Lorimer moved with second by Cindy Johnstone to move funds as needed from savings to checking.

The Dinner Committee will be meeting after the INC meeting on Saturday. The Presidents Dinner will be held at the DoubleTree on January 19th, 2012.

The Dollar Dictionary Drive books will be arriving next week. They will be labeled on Wednesday and Thursday at Our Savior's Lutheran Church at 9th Avenue and Emerson Street. Volunteers are needed to pack and handle the 600 boxes of books. The Dollar Dictionary Drive Committee will meet expenses for the books. It was suggested that there be press coverage for the event.

The Education Committee wishes to connect schools with their neighborhoods.

Library: Thirty-four people signed on with the Library Committee. On Thursday, August 11th, they are meeting at the CHUN office. The City Auditor has made a proposal concerning the library.

Membership: One RNO application was received from Highland United Neighborhoods. There currently are 96 RNO memberships with a few pending applications.

The Denver Parks and Recreation Department made their plans without consulting the community and without being open to suggestions. A list of questions will be formed for the new manager of the department.

The Public Safety Committee reports that Gary Wilson has been named the new undersheriff. The fire chief has been reappointed. A committee is making a recommendation concerning the new police chief. Community Emergency Response Training is open to the public. COP Shops are open during the week but not weekends because it is staffed by volunteers. Nuisance abatement notices are not being uniformly sent out to the neighborhoods. The committee never met with Judy Will.

The Transportation Committee is meeting at the Blair Caldwell Library August 26th. The reconstruction of the I-70 corridor is being considered.

The Website/Communications Committee reports that there have not been many responses. There were 150 responses to the site after Tuesday. The site is being developed to have a donation button and current meeting dates. Michael Smilanic is uploading information but, in the future, you will be able to submit information directly from your committees.

Regarding the County Fair, there was a lot of positive feedback from the booth. There were prizes offered for those who went to the website. A lot of public relations information is free.

The Zoning and Planning Committee will investigate the protocol for neighborhood notification? The new director of excise and licensing is coming to the meeting on August 27th from 10 a.m. to noon. There will be a discussion of neighborhood agreements and their enforcement.

The City website is not working well.

Registered Neighborhood Organizations could have a sign-in sheet that is turned in at the annual meeting recording who belongs to the organizations. Julius Zsako registers the applications. If they are an RNO, there has to be a procedure to demonstrate that they meet the city ordinance requirements.

October 1st would be a good date to have a forum of school board candidates and the ballot issues. A site has to be selected and supporting organizations must be consulted.

A board retreat will be held to brainstorm future directions for INC and other issues. Suggestions were made about a place to hold the retreat.

Parks and Recreation Cmte **By Diana Helper & Cindy Johnstone**

The INC Parks and Recreation (PARC) Committee met Tuesday, August 16th, at the Heritage Club. The PARC meetings are open and the committee invites and encourages broad representation at the meetings including representatives from Denver Parks and Recreation Department (DPR) and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB).

Announcements:

- Adrienne Anderson, an environmental researcher and a PARC member is gravely ill. We wish to express our thanks for all the effort and work she has done to bring attention to the issues of recycled water quality and contamination from the Metro Sewage District's Lowry Bombing Range Project. A resolution of appreciation will be drafted for the committee's approval and emailed by Larry.
- PARC requests that the PRAB report to PARC their study on Denver's regulations, permit, and inspection pol-

icy for the safety and stability of temporary stage structures erected for admission-based events in Denver parks.

- PARC requested a list of consultants and their costs for park projects in recent years; we are awaiting the information. Is this a potential area for budget reduction?

Discussion items:

- PRAB and its responsibility of interacting with the community.

Background: The PRAB was added to the City Charter in the 1970's. It was the alternative to an elected Parks Board that would have directly represented the Denver citizens.

Comments: The PRAB's role at this time seems to lack the avenue for the community to have a meaningful connection through their appointed board members to City government regarding park issues.

How can the PRAB become more effective in representing the communities and assist DPR to be responsive and accountable to the Denver citizens? It was proposed that PARC look into how other cities nationally and internationally manage their systems to include public engagement in park policy and planning.

- Need to complete DPR's Public Notification and Civic Engagement Policy. A preliminary policy was being edited by representatives of PARC with DPR in 2010 but was dropped by DPR. In light of past and present issues surrounding the adequacy of public involvement in DPR decisions, the PARC will proactively renew the effort to develop an inclusive public process policy and push forward on its completion.

- PARC will renew efforts to focus on educating all member neighborhoods of Denver Park policies, process, plans, and concerns. Such efforts may include presenting the INC Park Platform at neighborhood meetings. When necessary and with the approval of the INC delegation, advocacy is also appropriate.

The next PARC meeting will be on Tuesday, September 20th, 6 p.m., at the Heritage Center, 2020 South Monroe Street.

Budget & Dinner Committee **By Jane Lorimer**

The Budget Committee reports that INC is following its approved budget. The Dinner Committee is honored to report that VISITDenver will continue to serve as our major sponsor for the 2012 Annual Awards Dinner. The 2012 Awards Dinner will be Thursday, January 19th, at Doubletree Hotel. The committee has just begun to formulate 2012 planning. Be thinking of neighbors to honor and let us know of companies who might donate sponsorships. ejlorimer@aol.com or 303.388.9224

Dollar Dictionary Drive

By Steve Nissen

The book labeling process was a wonderful success. Eighty persons showed up to label the 14,400 dictionaries and thesauruses. Great enthusiasm was shown by all during this two-day event at Our Savior's Lutheran Church on August 17 and 18. All of the books were labeled and re-packed by 11:00 a.m. on the second day. This was our best performing labeling event ever. We missed our greatest stalwart, Cathee Fisher, this year. A special thank you is extended to EC Member Jane Lorimer and Education Co-Chair Karen Taylor for stepping forward and assisting in keeping this chaotic event as efficient as possible. They can still hear the voices in their sleep; "We need more books." Nine other INC Delegates came to lend a hand as well. Of course, our gratitude is extended to all who gave donations and grants to make this a successful DDD year.

The books are, or soon will be, in all 98 Denver Public Schools that have third-grade students. We encourage all neighborhood organizations to contact their local school and organize a personal event of presenting the 'Gifts of Words' to the third-graders. This is a great opportunity for interaction between the school and the neighborhood. Everyone who has ever done this is gratified by the enthusiastic response of the students.

This year, we sent a letter to the teachers containing a survey for them to return to us. We are inquiring if the books are still an appropriate learning tool for third-graders. The world is rapidly changing around us and I am sure that is happening in the elementary classroom as well. When visiting your local school, please encourage the teacher(s) to return the survey promptly. Note that we only sent one letter to each school but would like a reply from each third-grade teacher in the school. Some schools may have up to five teachers.

The fund-raising effort for this project is a year-round effort. If you have not contributed and would like to, it would be greatly appreciated. Donations, memorials, or bequests can be directed to Dollar Dictionary Drive, P.O. Box 18347, Denver, CO 80218 or may be made online at: www.DenverINC.org. Click on '\$Dictionary Drive, scroll down, et cetera.

The following e-mail message was received from Mary L. French, Director of the Dictionary Project (www.dictionaryproject.org): Steve, thank you for sending this newsletter {August edition of *Denver Neighborhood Connection*} to me. We will add the article to our website to share it with our visitors. Cathee left an amazing legacy by sharing her love of words. We are proud to be part of the good work that she did in her community. This is a beautiful tribute to Cathee and her accomplishments in her lifetime. Your writing is very touching and heartfelt to everyone who reads it. Cathee's life shows that ordinary

people can leave a lasting impact on their community by sharing their passion and love for what they believe in.



Augustana Arts – Gather community, support the arts, and delight the spirit. We gather the community through our concert series and outreach programs; support the arts through music education, workshops, and performance opportunities for emerging artists; and delight the spirit through outreach performances at prisons, nursing homes, hospitals and hospice centers. Augustanaarts.org.

Ballpark – A Rockies Game Mixer will be held on September 19th when Denver plays San Diego. Thirty-five dollars will get you food and beer before the game and a ticket.

Berkeley Regis United Neighbors (BRUN) – Tennyson Street is still under construction but progress is being made. The new utilities are in place and they are in the process of installing the new roadway. Many of the news agencies have covered disruptions to the business. BRUN had a great ice cream social on Tennyson Street with about 200 neighbors in attendance as well as a few of our elected officials. It was great to have such a turnout to support our local businesses.

Downtown – "From Smoke to Text: What's Next," the telecommunications history exhibit at the Denver Main Library is extended to September 28th.

Green Valley Ranch CAB – The 5th Annual Gobble Wobble will be held at the Green Valley Ranch Golf Course Clubhouse on September 19th with a 9 a.m. start time. Contact Vice-Chair Thad Jacobs or www.mygvr.org for more details.

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Harkness Heights N.A. – We held our annual summer picnic on August 7th and had a great turnout.

Cook Park – There will be a free halloween party at the Cook Park Recreation Center on October 29th with a costume and already-decorated pumpkin contest.

Overland – All are invited to the Autumn Equinox Party at Overland Pond Park on September 21st at 2:00 p.m. (between South Santa Fe Drive\ and South Platte River Drive on Florida Avenue).

Sloan's Lake Neighborhood Association – Ribbon cutting and dedication for the new marina in Sloan's Lake will be in September. Look for details at www.denverinc.org. Michael Similanic was elected President as Larry Ambrose ends his six-year reign. Ambrose becomes vice-president.

University Park Neighborhood (UP) – UP will celebrate its 125th Anniversary on September 25th from 3 to 7 p.m. at Observatory Park. At 3 p.m., Don and Carolyn Etter will lead a walk past historic houses surrounding the park. People will gather at the park for music, look at memorabilia, crafts for kids, neighborliness, and chat with Councilman Charlie Brown at 3:30 p.m. There will be a short program at 4 p.m. with UP history by Steve Fisher and Robert Stencil, recognition of various generations, a tree dedication, and then a potluck supper. Salads and casseroles are suggested. For details, visit www.upcc.us/125.

Zoning Committee **By Diana Helper**

The INC Zoning and Planning (ZAP) committee met August 27th. Tom Downey, the newly appointed Director of the Denver Department of Excise and Licenses, talked about needs and improvements in this department that deals with over 180 categories of licenses including liquor, cabaret, and medical marijuana licenses. Consistency and communication are two major focuses. Mayor Hancock has asked for a number one focus of "Best Customer Service" that refers both to individual clients and residents of all Denver neighborhoods. Inter-agency coordination will be improved among this department and permitting, zoning, parks, and others. Citizens now will be greeted and quickly advised if their concern needs referral elsewhere, more paperwork, et cetera. If it applies to Excise and Licenses, the citizen is given a number for prompt attention.

A reduction in staff is being alleviated at no cost by finding an intern from CSA, police cadets, and a fellowship position to create a case management system. This will web-enable appropriate applications and help communication; cases are now all handled on paper. Neighborhoods are urged to consider Good Neighbor Agreements (GNAs) when possible and to be pro-active in checking with the department on license issues that you are concerned about. You can reach the department via 311 or Mr. Downey at 720-865-2763 or tom.downey@denvergov.org.

Julie Connor of Groundwork Denver described the "Strive Not to Drive" project that is a "community based social marketing program." It is currently in place in North

Denver as an attempt of transportation management to reduce driving. It provides information about walking, biking, and riding – bus schedules, trails, car-pools, and so on – as well as special offers, rebates, and tax credits primarily in neighborhoods of Northwest Denver. For details visit www.GroundworkDenver.org or call 303-455-5600.

Zoning Administrator Michael O'Flaherty, Assistant City Attorney Kerry Buckey, and Community Planning and Development planner Tina Axelrad discussed Denver's residential care use ordinance. This involves housing for special populations including group living, special care, residential care, transitional housing, and homeless shelters. There are many regulations, spacing requirements, and other considerations for these various categories.

The biennial renewal system, that sent notices to RNOs inviting comment, has been eliminated. RNOs will be notified of new facilities or changes in operators or operations of a facility that must re-apply for its license; a sign is posted on site. Concerns at any time about specific residential care uses should be addressed to 311 that will forward information to Neighborhood Inspection Services or Zoning.

ZAP members urged the availability of a map or a list of sites as a way to do GNAs concerning specific residential care uses with Zoning and that Zoning encourages applicants for residential care uses to contact and engage in discussions with RNOs before posting.

Michael Sapp, Mayor Hancock's new Director of Neighborhood Relations, attended this meeting and pledged to take RNO concerns to the Mayor and to be available to talk with all residents. He said "RNOs make Denver special." Lance Benninghoff, a Senior Policy Analyst for the Mayor's Office, gave a brief talk about his work that includes reviewing citywide plans and analyzing best budget practices. A Mayor's Summit for RNOs is being planned for October.

Rosemary Stoffel reported that there is still time for RNOs to apply to be a pilot neighborhood in the Historic Survey of all Denver buildings. Contact Alice Gilbertson of Historic Denver at 303-534-5288.

The meeting opened with a birthday greeting, song, and cake for Diana and John Helper, whose 80th birthdays were a few days away. Diana announced her gift (to a lucky writer) is turning over this monthly ZAP report to some deserving Zapper.

NOTE by Michael Henry, Chair of ZAP Committee: On August 27, the ZAP committee enthusiastically celebrated the 80th birthdays of Diana Helper (September 2) and her

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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husband of 57 years, John (September 1). Diana has been the faithful and accurate minute-taker for the ZAP Committee for many years. She also takes minutes for the INC Parks and Recreation Committee, served as INC Secretary in the past, has been an active volunteer for the University Park Community Council for decades, writes monthly neighborhood-centered articles for the *Washington Park Profile*, and has periodically written wise and humorous topical poems, songs, and limericks for INC events.

Transportation Committee

By Bradley Zieg

The meeting was called to order on August 26th at 4:15 p.m. in the Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library. Among the guests were Councilwoman At-Large Robin Kniech; Chy Montoya, Aide to Councilman Albus Brooks; and neighbors from Bellevue-Hale Neighborhood Association, Civic Association of Clayton, Elyria Neighborhood Association, Globeville Civic Association #1, Greater Park Hill Community, and Swansea.

Subject: A report on the Preferred Alternative Collaborative Team (PACT) efforts to identify a preferred realignment of Interstate 70 from Brighton Boulevard east to approximately Steele Street.

Presenters: Reza Akhavan, P.E., CDOT Program Engineer and Kirk Webb, CDOT NEPA Program Manager.

The PACT Committee completed its work at its July meeting. The preferred realignment decision was to construct a new, elevated section of I-70 adjacent to the existing right-of-way that would be widened by approximately 100 feet to the north. This would allow the existing interstate to remain open in both directions while the current elevated portion of the highway could be demolished and replaced. In the final configuration, the new structure north on the current alignment would become the westbound lanes of I-70 and the replacement structure would become the eastbound lanes. The new interstate will probably appear much like the portion of I-70 between Federal Boulevard and Pecos Street with concrete sound walls along both sides of the highway. CDOT's intention is to construct a livable and neighborhood friendly structure with 46th Avenue remaining in its current alignment.

After the July meeting, Elyria and Swansea withdrew their support for the PACT, raising several unmet concerns. The City of Denver is mediating this continuing discussion between the neighbors and CDOT. Time is of the essence in resolving these matters as CDOT has a short time-window to receive \$200,000,000 from the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for this construction project.

The discussion was lively, insightful, respectful, and highly educational.

Library Committee

By Christiane Hyde Citron

The newly formed INC special committee on library issues has been formed with over thirty people signed up to participate. Chris Citron and Chris O'Connor are co-chairs of the Committee. The Committee has met twice and has decided that it will generally meet once a month on the second Thursday of the month in the evening. Anyone wanting to volunteer on this committee is welcome to join. The Committee has begun to identify the issues that it hopes to work on with the new Mayoral Administration and the Library.

The next meeting will be in the Ross University Hills Library Community Meeting Room at 4310 East Amherst Avenue (that is just east off of South Colorado Boulevard). Contact Chris Citron at BookingDenver@msn.com or Chris O'Connor at Mitz_4@mac.com.

Inter - Neighborhood Cooperation



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Parks and Recreation Committee

A Resolution in Honor of and Respect for Adrienne Anderson

Whereas, the Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation Parks and Recreation Committee (INC PARC) has had the distinct honor and privilege of having as a guest and member, Adrienne Anderson, and

Whereas, Adrienne Anderson has been a woman who throughout her life has stood for justice and progressive social change, worked with labor, farmers, students and community-based groups throughout Colorado, the Midwest and the Western United States, and

Whereas, she has spent many years working to protect communities from radioactive contamination, to raise awareness for and implementation of preventive public and occupational health policies, and

Whereas, she has performed exhaustive research and has been a tireless advocate for the public interest regarding environmental hazards and an enlightened national environmental policy, and

Whereas, she has spent more than two decades fighting the plan and subsequent flushing of the the Lowry Landfill, plutonium-contaminated, Superfund site into the publicly owned Denver Metro Sewage District treatment works, and

Whereas, recycled water containing only effluent from this treatment works and from this contaminated Superfund site is being used in Denver's Parks, on Denver parkways and at the Denver Country Club, and

Whereas, Adrienne Anderson has educated and made aware the INC PARC members as to the public health and safety concerns with regard to possible environmental hazards and need for preventive community health policy reform posed by Denver's recycled water;

Now Therefore, be it resolved that INC PARC expresses its everlasting gratitude to Adrienne Anderson and pledges to her that it will continue to diligently pursue and act on issues surrounding unanswered questions as to the long term safety to animals, plants and humans from recycled water which is distributed in many areas of Denver through the "Purple Pipe".

Offered this 20th day of August, 2011, by the members of Denver's Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation (INC) Parks and Recreation Committee (PARC), with gratitude and affection.

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

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

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

See below to apply as an INC Associate

Organization name: _____

Address: _____

Website: _____

Borders: North _____ East _____

South _____ West _____

President's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____

E-mail Address: _____

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

President is a voting delegate: ☐ Do not publish my information to other RNOs: ☐

Note: Each RNO is allocated two voting delegates. If the president is one, appoint one below; otherwise, appoint two.

Voting Delegate Name: _____

Address: _____

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

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Meeting Saturday September 10th

The public
Is welcome to attend.

Our Savior's Lutheran
915 E. 9th Avenue
See map on page 8

8:30 a.m.

Coffee and Chat

9:00 a.m.

Welcome by
Capitol Hill

United Neighborhoods
and Councilwoman Jeanne Robb

9:15 a.m.

INC Business
Committee Reports

10:00 a.m.

Break

10:15 a.m.

Brendan Hanlon
Denver Budget Office
Q & A

10:50 a.m.

Breakout Session by
Committee

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