

From The President

You will be pleased to know that the leadership of INC went back to work on the Neighborhood Conference, originally scheduled for July 21 but furloughed to a future date. The INC/City and County of Denver Neighborhood Conference will now be held Saturday, October 13 at the Webb Building from 8:00 am to 12:30 p.m.



At a July planning meeting with City representatives, our beginning discussion focused on INC/City partnership for the upcoming Neighborhood Conference and in the future. A partnership implies benefits to

all and there was a productive discussion of what this would mean for INC and the City. With the facilitation of the Mayor's Director of Neighborhood Relations, Michael Sapp, here are some of the key elements we have defined for the upcoming Conference:

Goals of Partnership between INC and the City

1. Collaboration
2. Communication
 - a) Shared Information
 - b) Early community involvement/engagement in City planning processes in all departments
 - c) Empowerment
3. Helping neighborhood organizations be successful
 - a) Grants
 - b) Capacity Building - understanding the obstacles that keep INC and the City from realizing mutual goals while enhancing the abilities to achieve able and sustainable results
 - c) Shared responsibility

Desired Outcomes of the Neighborhood Conference

- Growing neighborhood organizations
- Capacity Building for RNOs
- Better understanding of city process and neighborhood concerns

Conference Overview

The Neighborhood Conference will begin with a

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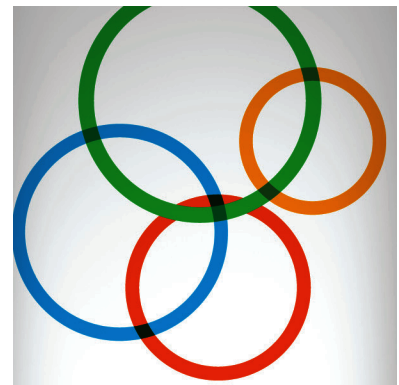
scrumptious breakfast the protein and caloric content of which will be intended to tide everyone over through the Keynote presentation and two, one-hour and fifteen minute breakout sessions. The breakfast Keynote will feature a speech by INC founding member and governmental veteran, T. Michael Smith. Following Mr. Smith's speech a panel will address "City vs. Neighborhood Perspectives on the Planning Process" to be followed by a question period. The breakout session on current topics of interest will soon be announced along with a detailed program.

So, please save the date of October 13, watch your emails and check the INC website (www.DenverINC.com) and invite all interested members from your and other's RNOs. Y'all come cuz yur all welcome! (Provided you RSVP!)

Public Comment At Council Committee Meetings - Follow-up

Regarding the City Council decision on public comment at Council committee meetings that I wrote about in the last month's Newsletter, all I can say at this point is, there was one. The outcome was neither a rule nor an ordinance, but a "standard" for automatic public comment on all policy changes heard in committee. It's not very clear as to how it will be carried out, what "policy" issues will be allowed for comment or who and by what process the limited number of citizens who will be allowed 2 minutes out of 15 minutes will be chosen.

"Public comment will happen after presentations and before discussion". So, maybe we can declare a very small step for democracy. Perhaps, the new standard can be made clearer at a City Council breakout session at the Neighborhood Conference.



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AUGUST DELEGATE MEETING AGENDA

INC Business Meeting

Dace West, Denver Office of Strategic Partnerships: Introduction: How the public and non-profit sectors can strengthen Denver's communities?

Olga Garcia and Doug Linkhart, Denver Health and Environmental Health: About Denver Health and Community Health Improvement Plan

Dana Miller, Grow Local Colorado: Produce and Pantries - connecting food pantries with school community and home gardens

Tour of Denver Health (Optional)

Committee Corner

INC has many special interest committees who meet to address areas of specific importance to the Denver community. The following reports were submitted for recent activities. Please see www.denverinc.org for committee postings and the calendar of meetings.

Communications

The communications committee has received no response to its request for more members or request for help with the newsletter mailings. The committee reports it is bogged down in 'detail' to a point it cannot move forward as planned with web designs, collateral development, better communications to members, etc.

Education/Dollar Dictionary

Book labeling will occur Wednesday August 15 and Thursday August 16 are labeling days for the books at 9th and Emerson Sts at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in the basement.

If voters approve a mil levy increase in November there will be a property tax increase to fund Denver's public school system. DPS needs to upgrade technology, add teachers and add other important elements for the education system.

Zoning & Planning

There was no meeting held in July. The next meeting will be on Saturday, August 25, 2012 at 1201 Williams St., 19th Floor at 930AM-noon. Please see notes under Executive Committee Recap on page ____ for a recap of activities.

Parks & Recreation

Submitted by: Diana Helper, PARC member

INC Parks and Recreation Committee (PARC) met at 6 p.m. July 17, 2012, at the Heritage Club, 2020 S. Monroe Street.

Present: Co-chairs Maggie Price and Katie Fisher, Steve Fisher, Bonita Lahey, Cindy Johnstone, James Sample, Ronnie Crawford, Larry Ambrose, Marlene Johnson, Diana Helper, and from Denver Parks and Recreation (DPR) Angela Casias.

City Playground Designs

Bonita presented concerns regarding the proposed City Park Playground designs. These include its height, three-acre expanse, insufficient parking, and "Disneyland" look. This park and play area already are "activated," and parking is already a problem. More

important is concern with the "process" by which this type of design was decided, which did not include neighborhood input from the start. PARC sees this as another example of the City's exclusion of public information and ideas at the start of a project which will impact neighborhood residents.

Angela pointed out that DPR is trying to improve its policies. After considerable discussion, PARC agreed to write a letter to DPR regarding the need to establish public process, and PARC's lack of support for the proposed City Park Playground plans. It was suggested that the "Disney" type of playground would be better suited to a Festival Park, a concept successful in other cities and much needed in Denver.

Related comments centered on the need for good signage to lead park visitors to preferred parking sites. DPR has said there is no money for signage. This expense should perhaps be included in park fees for large events. At times there is parking space which is unused because visitors don't know where it is, so they park in surrounding neighborhoods.

DPR has invited PARC to submit the names of two INC members to be included in its new study groups, one on financial allocation and one on public engagement. PARC suggested several names for each group, pending commitment agreement by those suggested. It is believed that these groups are "a step in the right direction" for INC inclusion.

Parks & Rec Advisory Board

Katie reported on Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) topics. The idea of using Rec Centers for Shelters needs more planning and thought. The Land Trust is writing grant applications for "Outdoor Centers" (activities for adults). The police are conducting sting operations regarding gangs and for alcohol use in parks.

Standards need to be established for vendors, to allay health, clean-up, and parking violations in parks. Doug Linkhart will look into frequency and reporting of inspections. Larry asks everyone to take pictures of vendors in your parks, good and bad. Sloan's Lake annual lunch for park workers, local police and a number of neighbors is July 20. The Direct Phone No. for PARK RANGERS is 303-331-4040. Call to report problems in parks.

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INC CALENDAR

DELEGATE MEETING

August 11, 2012

8:30 - Noon

Denver Health Rita Bass Trauma
and EMS Education Institute

190 W. 6th Avenue
(6th & Bannock)
<http://mapq.st/MLaf2h>

Parking: The entrance to the facility parking lot will be open and free parking available for the meeting.

There are two entrances into the building, it's very easy to enter either direction (north or south). The closest entrance to the parking lot is the south entrance. The auditorium is very close to both entrances and on the same, main level. Handicap parking is available.

August EC Meeting

Monday, August 13, 2012 7:00PM

1201 Williams St.

Contact communications@denverinc.org
if interested in hosting a future meeting.
Hosting guidelines can be found under
Events>Meetings on our website

September Delegate Meeting

September 8, 2012

September EC Meeting

September 10, 2012

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, October 13

Neighborhood Conference

700am-800am Registration

800am Breakfast and Keynote

945am to 1230pm Breakout Sessions

Wellington Webb Building 201 W. Colfax St.

Complimentary parking

and continental breakfast

This date has been selected to replace
the postponed Jul 21 Conference

Executive Committee Meeting Recap

Monday July 9, 2012

Submitted by Randle Loeb, Secretary

Attending -Board Members: Larry Ambrose, Cindy Johnstone, Jennifer Tomeny, Randle Loeb, Cathy Donohue, Judy Schneider, Anthony Thomas, and Katie Fisher Committee Chairs: Michael Henry, Bradley Zieg, Steven Nissen

June 11 EC minutes were approved by The meeting was called to order by INC President, Larry Ambrose at 7:10 p.m. A motion was made by Katie Fisher, seconded by Anthony Thomas to approve the May 14 minutes. Minutes were approved by acclamation.

Jennifer Tomeny presented the Treasurers Report. A motion to approve the May 31st report was made by Randle Loeb, seconded by Judy Schneider. The May Treasurer's Report was approved by acclamation.

#1 Motion made to schedule a Neighborhood Conference in September and raise \$1,500 for the event. Moved by Randle Loeb and seconded by Judy Schneider. Executive Committee agreed to serve as a resource for making the conference possible. A protocol of responsibilities will be developed for assigning tasks for planning and executing the conference at the Webb Building. The motion carried five in favor, one opposed and one abstention.

#2 Motion was made to indemnify \$2,800 to place an order for the books for the Dollar Dictionary Drive covering the remaining costs for the books for third graders. Randle Loeb moved and Anthony Thomas seconded the motion. The motion passed four in favor and three abstentions.

Wednesday August 15 and Thursday August 16 are labeling days for the books at 9th Avenue and Emerson Street at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in the basement.

Members of INC EC were invited to the Mayor's press conference on "Debrucing". If voters approve in November there will be property tax increases. The Mayor is also proposing to reduce personal business property tax on new equipment. As a result of the Mayor's decision about the recommendations of the Structural Financial Task Force, at this time, a library district is not being placed on the ballot and there track pick up fees will not be implemented. This and other ballot issues and candidates will be covered in the Fall Election Forum (Denver Decides) being sponsored by INC and the League Women Voters. It will likely be held at the studios of Channel 8. More information will be forthcoming.

Dace West from the City Office of Strategic

Partnerships met with INC representatives concerning a strategic plan for the organization. Larry has proposed that at some point, office and meeting space as well as staffing and volunteers will be needed for the organization to grow. There will be a date chosen for Executive Committee to hold a retreat to develop a strategic plan. The date for the meeting will likely be at the end of September.

The neighborhood survey is ready to send out and results will be available by the time of a possible rescheduled Neighborhood Conference.

Committee Reports

The Budget Committee Summary prepared by Jane Lorimer was distributed and discussed.

Two appointments will be made by the Board President to the Parks and Recreation Department, Resources Allocations Priorities Project and two more appointments will be made by Parks and Recreation Committee Co-chairs for a civic engagement and community outreach policy. Members of the PARC tried to help the City with the policy in 2010 which was started but never finished under the previous administration. The new Parks and Recreation Department Director, Laurie Dannemiller came to the last meeting and she responded to suggestions for changes recommended by the members. A World Class Playground design competition being planned by City staff at City Park is being given a lot of publicity. Funding for the project is not known.

The INC Zoning and Planning Committee will continue working on the distances between shelters and large group homes. They have maps of the placement of the structures.

Notification of liquor licenses by Excise and Licensing is still being sought. Tom Downey, the Excise and Licensing Director is being asked to send out notices in a timely manner. Some neighborhoods are still not being informed in adequate time about these meetings.

As soon as the new Planning Director (Community Planning and Development) is named there will be an effort to inform the person about the role Registered Neighborhood Organizations have in the zoning decision making process.

Transportation has decided to ask the committee if they want to add to their role by adding Infrastructure to their name. They are meeting Thursday.

Public Safety has been scheduling meetings every month on the third Tuesday. The next scheduled meeting is at the Broadway Cop Shop at 6 p.m. is on July 17.

Larry will appoint a Dinner Committee soon to begin work on the next Annual INC Dinner.

New Business

A WalMart is being proposed in the Belleview Hale Neighborhood near east 9th Ave. and Colorado Blvd. It was the consensus of the EC that there is a great deal of neighborhood opposition to the proposal.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

THERE WAS NO DELEGATE MEETING IN JULY (No minutes to report)

Committee Corner

Parks & Recreation (cont.)

Gold Mining

Ronnie reported on the outcome of the Urban Gold mining/diving operation in the S. Platte River at Grant Frontier Park. After pictures were sent to DPR and others, he calculates that within 52 hours the operation was shut down. Citations were that no motors are allowed on the river, and no swimming is allowed in the river. PARC gave a round of applause to Ronnie for his good work, and agreed to send a Thank You letter to DPR and others who helped in this effort.

Educational Work by University Park

Diana said an enthusiastic new group of Univ. Park residents is forming to work toward an educational walk with native plants in Prairie Park. Angela provided names of helpful contacts at DPR for this garden, which has long been in the plan for that area but so far not realized.

Next meeting is August 21.

Survey From INC

Inter Neighborhood Cooperation's Executive Committee sent you a survey the week of July 23 that originated from an email invitation fromDenverINCNews@aol.com.

The survey was initiated to enable INC leaders to better understand your expectations of our organization and to gain insights about areas we do well and ones we should add or improve.

Please take the few minutes required to complete the survey. All responses are confidential and the survey is being managed by a third party provider on our behalf. Response deadline is August 10. Full results will be presented in September.

INC's Overriding Purpose

MISSION STATEMENT *Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation's mission is to advocate for Denver citizens by bringing together, informing and empowering Denver neighborhood organizations to actively engage in addressing City issues.*

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This list is updated quarterly. If you're not on this now, you will be on the next update in October.

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