

INC's Position On Public Comment At Council Committee Meetings

The following letter was introduced to the Delegates at the June meeting and final wording was approved by INC's Board for forwarding to Councilwoman Robin Kniech regarding Public Comment at Council Committee Meetings.

INC's executive committee strongly supports a written policy or ordinance which provides for public comment opportunities at Council Committee meetings. The ability for the public to weigh in on changes to policy, municipal code and rezoning at the early stages of committee discussion supports an open process in decision making.

We support the opportunity to have public comment 'after' the presentations giving the public an opportunity to respond to the committee discussion in a thoughtful and informed manner and providing members of City Council the opportunity to be more fully informed and diligent in their deliberations.

We support a defined process to request public comment for other items scheduled for committee consideration.

Have a happy and safe Fourth of July!



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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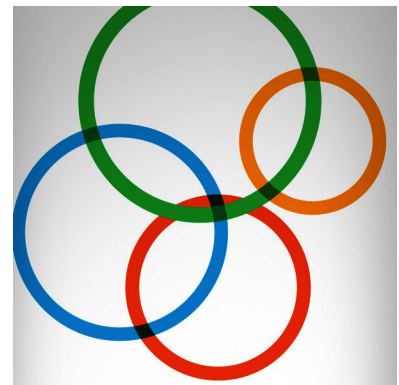
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INC and the City of Denver Neighborhood Conference

The Neighborhood Conference that was scheduled for Saturday, July 21 INC hosted by INC and the City of Denver (Mayor's Office) has been canceled.

According to the Director of Human Rights and Community Relations, Derek Okubo, it turned out that the City simply did not have the money they thought they were going to have to help INC sponsor the Conference. The City, however, according to Neighborhood Relations Director, Michael Sapp, is willing to reschedule the Conference for early fall.

The theme will be about community development and government relations: Building Partnerships.



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NEED HOSTING GROUPS FOR INC MONTHLY MEETINGS IN 2012 *If your RNO or organization would like to host one of INC's monthly meetings, please let us know! If you are interested, contact either Larry Ambrose, President at LDA@earthnet.net. Meeting space should accommodate up to 60 people, have handicap access and parking.*

June Delegate Meeting Recap

Denver Health

INC's newest member group is Denver Health. Olga Garcia, Community Relations Representative from Denver Health, spoke about DHHA's 15 school based clinics and eight community based clinics. DHHA provides level one care for all, regardless of ability to pay. Twenty-five percent of all Denver residents, or approximately 150,000 individuals, receive their health care at Denver Health. One in three children in Denver is cared for by Denver Health physicians as well. Ms. Garcia also offered tours of the central health center for INC members.

Talking Trash

Denver Solid Waste is responsible for providing weekly trash collection services, residential recycling and large item collection services. Charlotte Pitt, Recycling Program Manager, and Michael Lutz, Senior Environmental Specialist, from Solid Waste Management talked about the proposed changes in pick up and potential of new fees associated with a more sophisticated recycling system. INC learned that Solid Waste spends 50% less to haul tonnage of recycled materials to a site than to haul trash to the dump. Denver uses a voluntary recycling program (you can opt to recycle or not).

Ms. Pitt advised that only 13.4% of Denver residents have opted into the recycling program as compared to a national average of 35%. The savings options would be tremendous if we all encouraged our neighbors to join the recycling program.

Denver is considering a compost container addition and is pilot testing this option in select neighborhoods. This option would include food and organic waste. If this were to go city-wide, there would be an attached fee.

There was a lively discussion about alley pick-up, dumping issues and questions and concerns related to charges for composting. Many INC attendees were wondering why Denver didn't just make recycling mandatory so that operating costs would be reduced overall and then trash pickup would remain "free" to Denver residents. No answer to that inquiry!

Tickets and Towing

Sean Macon, Cindy Patton (Sr. City Planner) and Matt Wager (director of operations for traffic-engineering) talked about how the City is planning for parking management and accommodation given the increased

Minutes From The Delegates Meeting

Submitted by Randle Loeb

Saturday June 9, 2012 at the Water Department in Three Stones Building
Larry Ambrose, President, presided and a quorum was present.

Welcome: Joe Sloan, Water Department, and host greeted the delegates.

Minutes: Minutes from May meeting (recap) were approved by the delegates.

Special Announcement Primary Election

Debra Johnson, Clerk and Recorder, spoke about the upcoming primary election (for registered Democrats, Republicans and American Constitutionalists). The primary election June 23 was a mailed ballot. Ms. Johnson advised there were also 13 open drop-off centers for ballots.

Committee Announcements

Dollar Dictionary Drive has to raise \$5,000.00 by July 1 to be able to afford both the thesauruses and dictionaries for the 6500 third graders in Denver Public Schools.

Report from the President Budget and Finance Committee of the City Council presided by Council Woman Kneich, met on Wednesday June 6 to consider the process of inclusion of public testimony in committee meetings. The conversation revolved around whether to have public comments at the start of the meetings or have a period at the conclusion of the meetings. Larry requested any input from delegates on this topic come to him by Jun 11 so that INC can send its position by June 15.

Library Committee reported that the library district and a mill levy were being considered as possible means to reorganize and raise revenues for the public libraries. If a library district is proposed the City Council will appoint members of the board of the library district.

Parks and Recreation announced their June 19 meeting details. Underlying all of the meetings is the system of communicating to the community neighborhood groups what is happening throughout city government.

Neighborhood Conference will take place at Coors Field on July 21. Registration will begin at 7 a.m. City and neighborhood relations will be a key issue of the conference.

Zoning & Planning announced its June 23 meeting time, place.

Education Committee reported that a school mill levy proposal will be on the November ballot with respect to instructional supports, early childhood education and upgrading buildings.

Crime Lab Tours Jennifer Tomeny obtained and distributed free tickets for tours of the new Denver Crime Lab for 2:20PM and 2:10PM on Sunday, June 10.

Guest speakers: Denver Health, Solid Waste, Parking Management – see story on this page

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.

Parks & Recreation

Submitted by Diana Helper

INC PARC (Parks and Recreation Committee) met at 6 p.m. June 19, at the Heritage Club. Present were: co-chair Katie Fisher, Steve Fisher, Ronnie Crawford, Cathy Donohue, Diana Helper, Marlene Johnson, Cindy Johnstone, Kay LaFontise, Kathleen and Jay Rust, as well as Angela Casias from Denver Parks and Recreation (DPR) and DPR Manager Lauri Dannemiller.

Topics included: City Park Playground proposals, report from Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) meeting, park use by businesses- Hot Mamas group, Gladiators group, and others; need for rules and regulations, fees and enforcement; limiting number of permits for over-used parks; need for healthy activities in Civic Center Park; DPR public engagement policy; DPR "allocation plan" which necessitates getting financial records in order; proposed use of Rec Centers for homeless shelters; theft of plants from parks; turf conditions, water, and repair of irrigation equipment; fire safety plan for native grass parks; staff cuts and need for volunteers.

DPR Requires Permits for Group Meetings
Kay LaFontise, presented information about DPR requirements for group who meet in parks. The Hot Mamas group learned it is now required to get a permit because it meets regularly at Washington Park. Any group that is commercial, OR meets regularly, OR has more than 25 members, OR announces its meetings in advance, must have a permit. Group members pay to participate and do not always honor the welfare of others in the park. DPR will try to assign rangers in this matter and require payment for a permit.

Urban Gold Mining at South Platte River
Ronnie Crawford reported a group called Urban Gold Mining, which has set up in the South Platte River at Grant Frontier Park. He reports it is harming the natural habitat because it operates equipment driven by gasoline motors, dredges sand, and adversely affects fishing and ecosystems. Councilman Nevitt, Denver Health, Denver Water, and other agencies are being advised about this

matter and because it is believed that the group has no permit.

DPR Updates

Angela Casias is working on a calendar of DPR public meetings to improve coordination and avoid overlaps. This will be posted online, and the DPR website is being redesigned for easier access. She reported that there will be committees including INC members to study the Public Engagement policy and the Allocation Plan. There is an effort to clarify terms such as Policy, Plans, Hearings, etc.

Lauri Dannemiller made it clear that the first priority of DPR is the Allocation Plan, an inventory of DPR value, price, and cost recovery. There are no prior records available, so this will be accomplished now with RAPP—Resources and Applications Priorities Plan to define such things as what the costs are to DPR in various situations, what is the net gain, what do other venues charge for the same things DPR offers, where are the needed policies for use, concessions, how can they be enforced, etc. RAPP will include two INC members, and will deal with partnerships, funding, fees, contracts, sponsorship and naming rights. (INC has long requested cost analysis benefit information and thanks DPR for realizing this Plan is top priority. Katie Fisher urged that a letter be written especially in support of clarifying the needed policies for park use.)

The Public Engagement Committee will create policy for communicating various "levels of engagement based on activities." It also will include two INC members. Lauri will send a letter to INC requesting the names of two INC members to serve on this communication committee, and two on RAPP. INC members are welcome to submit their names to Katie or Maggie for consideration. There will be a number of public meetings for input for these new DPR committees, and to ascertain what is really important to the public for their parks.

Regarding thefts of plants from parks, Lauri advised that anyone in the plant beds who is not wearing a Parks shirt, should be reported to DPR. This is a serious concern.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The next meeting of PARC will be July 17. See www.denverinc.org calendar for details.

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INC CALENDAR

DELEGATE MEETING

There is NO
July Delegate Meeting

July EC Meeting

Monday, July 11, 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

August Delegate Meeting

Mark your calendars
August 11, 2012
8:30 - Noon
Location : TBD

August 13 EC Meeting

Monday, August 7:00PM
Also see www.denverinc.org
for committee calendar of events

Committee Corner cont.

Transportation Committee

Submitted by Brad Zieg, Chair.

Thanks to host: Transportation Solutions, the "Transportation Management Association" for southeast Denver.

Update on I-70 PACT new option (trench with covered "lid" area of 800' or less between Columbine and Clayton), connecting Elyria and Swansea.

Introduction to Denver Public Works Department by Jose Cornejo, Manager. Committee stated to him that it is important to create our priorities together.

Two main PW focuses:

Maintain infrastructure that we have.

Plan for the future.

Presentation by Crissy Fanganello

Director of Policy & Planning, Public Works and nearly all of her staff were in attendance. Presentation highlights:

Growth and development will continue to happen to the city, and how we plan for it, building consensus around our priorities, will make a key difference. Existing adopted plans set the high level goals for how we respond to and direct the inevitable growth of the city. The primary work of Public Works is to maintain the infrastructure in conjunction with other city departments. They have very little discretionary capital project money per year. It was fortunate that citizens passed the Better Denver Bonds, so that despite the recession many projects have happened/are happening. Challenge: How do we create a multi-modal transportation system that stimulates the growth we want to see, functions well, and contributes to the community health? Alternative choices to driving must be better and more seamless in order for people to choose them, and service frequency is a key for choosing public transit. Denver is generally not building more roads, and isn't widening roads, so to keep up with demand there must be better multi-modal choices. Looking to increase "mode share" to 20% by 2020. Strategic Transportation plan is a key document. Working on many bike amenities, such as bike lanes, sharrows, cycletracks. Often paired with other planned work on the same road sections to be efficient and opportunistic.

Reviewed many recent projects/successes including the south Broadway reconstruction,

downtown signal retiming, and bike signals in front of City & County building. Generally, we've done all the "easy" changes; further changes all involve tradeoffs that need discussion and prioritization. The "right of way game" as a great way to talk about priorities in neighborhood/corridor discussions. Public Works has estimated 2013 \$4M city-wide for discretionary capital improvement projects.

Q & A with Crissy Fanganello

Presentation very well received by the audience. Concern from the audience that with so little discretionary improvement money, "areas of stability" that want to see improvements might have a harder time getting improvements, since no big changes/reinvestment is occurring (not many obvious sources of "other people's money." Crissy says that PW does have ways of finding small sums for improvements, which happen regularly, but need to be coordinated with planning activities to ensure alignment.

There is a master coordination plan cross-entity (Xcel, PW, Denver Water, etc.) so that maintenance is done intelligently - e.g. not resurfacing a road right before another entity tears it up for their planned work. Inter-city coordination is limited but improving. Good with CDOT, good coordination on West Corridor, good on bike route/lane connections. More progress on coordination with other jurisdictions planned.

INC Transportation organizational session Possible recommendation to the INC Executive Committee that this committee be renamed the "INC Transportation and Infrastructure" committee, since many of the topics relevant to coordination. Collect appropriate RNO contact points for Transportation related issues Determine a regular meeting schedule Considering 2nd Thursdays Focus for the committee - ie joint working with other related committees as appropriate, pedestrian traffic as well as other transportation issues. Example: Scope could be "everything in the right of way", perhaps focused more on the surface, and less focused on sewer lines and other underground topics

Michael Henry suggests Land Use and Transportation need to work together. Brad suggested that INC ZAP and Transportation Committee may sometimes want to have joint meetings. Downtown Denver Partnership as also a "Transportation Management Associa-

tion", tends to focus only on downtown businesses, but tends to not work with neighborhoods in their area, such as Golden Triangle.

Brad reviewed the new option for I-70 as a real community involvement success, with the persistence of Elyria-Swansea and Globeville. "It's the right solution; it's the right process because it finally included the input of neighbors." Following on the success with neighborhood opposition to the proposed sign, Joel Nobel will be Secretary for INC Transportation Committee, and will capture bullet-item notes from the meetings.

DRCOG

DRCOG MetroVision 2035 is setting the vocabulary for the discussions. We need to be informed, educated, and comfortable with this, because we must speak the language to participate in the discussions and help guide City decisions.

Denver PW is making decisions this month on what four projects will go to DRCOG to pursue funding for. At the moment it's totally done at a staff level, but it would be good if the neighborhoods -- this committee -- could talk with PW about these priorities.

Future of INC's Transportation Committee Call is open for co-chair for INC Transportation Committee. Vision ideas from attendees: We want to work collaboratively with neighborhoods and Public Works.

Get information; take positions as a group that can be recommended to INC Delegates.

Mike Henry: The underlying principles of INC are to share information and work together, and to urge that the government involve us in decision making -- not for the government to make decisions and plans on their own and just tell us what they're doing. As part of INC, we need to carry these principles into the transportation/infrastructure space. In particular, the public has some awareness of Public Works planning, but after the plans are done it becomes very opaque what does and doesn't get done and when.

We want to have input into bike planning that we're hearing about, and this meeting has already been successful in putting people in touch with Public Works (the bicycle planner, in this case).

Next Transportation meeting: July 12th, 6pm-8pm - location TBD. See www.denverinc.org for updates.

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Executive Committee Meeting Recap

Monday June 11, 2012

Submitted by Randle Loeb, Secretary

BOD Present: Larry Ambrose, Cindy Johnstone, Randle Loeb, Jennifer Tomeny, Anthony Thomas, Judy Schneider, Katie Fisher. **Committee Chairs:** Steve Nissen, Michael Henry, Jane Lorimer, and Bradley Zieg.

Motions Approved Minutes from May EC meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report for May 31 was approved. Balance: \$35,636 (\$19,100 is DDD fund).

A motion was adopted unanimously to send a letter to City Councilwoman Robin Kniech to support her effort to allow public comment at City Council committee – see letter on page 1. INC Budget for remainder of 2012 was approved with a change to reflect \$190.00 for bulk mailing permit to come from Dollar Dictionary Drive expenses.

Neighborhood Handbook Update

It was proposed that the Handbook be published electronically and physical copies be made available for Registered Neighborhood Organizations on an "as needed" basis. There is a limited money amount for this expenditure in the budget.

INC Operations Report on follow up meeting with Dace West and Dody Ericson, Office of Strategic Partnerships and how they might help INC find permanent office space at reasonable rates. Jane Lorimer has offered to write grants for space and staffing once a strategic plan is adopted. It was proposed that a strategic planning meeting to follow the mission statement retreat be convened in September. The purpose of this meeting will be to move forward in guiding INC.

Meeting with Mayor Hancock's Administration Report on meeting with the officials of Mayor Hancock's Administration concerning communication and outreach. Derek Okubo, Michael Sapp, Rosalyn Alston and Kendra Sandoval met with INC leaders. Topics of discussion: 3-1-1 public relations issue, communicating

to the public what they have achieved through 3-1-1. INC recommended several changes: a direct number be offered to callers and direct reference to the department person responsible for the call; an option to skip the messaging; reasons for the call should be tracked with follow up on the matter; a master list of telephone contacts needs to be distributed throughout the neighborhood organizations and the city.

INC Election Forum Sponsorships

There is no money in the City budget for TV8 to cover the Fall Candidate and Issue Forums. Michael Henry and Larry are working on alternative funding or plans to encourage attendance at forums as they occur.

Neighborhood Conference Date: July 21 at Coors Field. Registration begins at 7 a.m. There will be a key note speaker. Tracks will begin at 9:45 through 11 a.m. and at 11:15 until 12:30 p.m. The committee will meet together at to continue planning the neighborhood conference at 6 p.m. on June 18. INC has committed \$1,000.00 for the conference and the City will pick up remaining costs. Coors Field has donated the space.

Member Survey A member survey was developed by Jane Lorimer several months ago and the BOD wants to introduce it to members this summer. The EC was asked to do a refresher review and offer edits no later than July 2. This survey will delve into perceptions, what objectives neighborhood organizations, delegates and community members want INC to accomplish and other areas. The survey will be used to help with strategic planning at the Board of Directors Retreat in the fall.

Newsletter It was requested that page numbering be placed at the bottom of the pages and that the stories flow as a continuous entry on one page or to route to the next page. Another idea: page numbers appear in the same place on each page to make it easier to find the page numbers whether top or bottom and if for design purposes a story continues to another page to indicate

"continued from Page #" along with title of the story.

Monthly Meetings Around the City announcements have been discontinued due to not enough time for all to speak. Last year, there was a board where announcements and posting could be made available. Jane is to locate or replace the display board for future meetings.

Committees Transportation Committee is having a meeting July 12. Planners from Denver Regional Council of Governments will be attending from 6 – 8 p.m. Location to be determined.

Membership A membership report was handed out. Total RNO's 88, Patron members 13, RNO members 75, Associate patrons 7, Associate members 23

Dollar Dictionary We are at \$19,100 and need about \$5000 more for both books.

Help Wanted

INC's Communications Committee seeks someone or persons who are willing to manage the printing and mailing of newsletters to about 40 members who receive by postal service. We will walk you through steps for printing, furnish mailing labels and reimburse any out of pocket expenses for postage and printing. Please contact Jane Lorimer 303.388.9224 or email DenverINCNews@aol.com

GO GREEN: INC provides newsletters and weekly updates by email. If you would like to be added to this distribution via email (blind copy privacy), please notify DenverINCNews@aol.com with email, name, name of RNO or organization and which publications you want to receive electronically (Newsletter, weekly Community News).

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ZAP Committee

By Michael Henry, Committee Chair

The INC Zoning and Planning (ZAP) Committee met on June 23 at the (former) Emerson School at 1420 Ogden Street, which opened in May as the new joint headquarters for the Colorado chapter of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Historic Denver and Colorado Preservation, Inc. Rosemary Stoffel, a ZAP member and Historic Denver board member, explained the history and re-use of the Denver-land-marked building, designed by Robert Roesslaub, which opened as an elementary school in 1885. Approximately \$3.5 million was donated and spent to renovate and re-use the building. Thanks to Rosemary and the 3 groups for allowing us to see the fine old building, which has served the Capitol Hill neighborhood for 137 years.

Michael Guiet, president of Jefferson Park United Neighbors, spoke about a Block Party at West 25th Avenue and Eliot Street taking place today where several vacant storefronts will be temporarily used for "pop-up" stores and neighbors will be encouraged to brainstorm about how the area can be re-vitalized for community-serving uses. He also informed the committee about a discussion with officials of Sports Authority Field about the degree of lighting (lumens) recently announced by the officials for the proposed new signs at the field. Denver's Zoning Administrator, Michael O'Flaherty, described the city ordinance which prohibits "glare," which is not easy to enforce.

Michael O'Flaherty then presented a map (as of June 1, 2012), indicating the sites of shelters, community correctional facilities and "large residential care uses." He and Michael Henry described the 1993 complicated ordinance which requires spacing between such facilities to prevent over-saturation of neighborhoods with such fa-

cilities, for the benefit of the neighbors and the residents of such facilities. However, all of the facilities which existed in 1993 are "grandfathered" in their locations. Some committee members commented that the limitations of the definitions of such facilities are unclear and encouraged the city to inspect such facilities periodically to ensure that they are operating in compliance with the definitions of the ordinance and that their operations are as originally presented in the applications for each facility. Some committee members also suggested that neighbors can try to develop good-neighbor agreements with operators of such facilities. The city must give notice to registered neighborhood organizations of each application for a new shelter, community correctional facility or large residential care use (9 or more residents). District 8 City Councilman Albus Brooks commented on the city's efforts to locate and designate locations in government and non-profit buildings and churches for temporary emergency shelter beds. City recreation centers are currently being considered for such uses. He and Michael O'Flaherty assured the committee that registered neighborhood organizations will be involved in the discussions.

Molly Urbina, Manager of the Denver Community Planning and Development Department, and Principal City Planner Tina Axelrad discussed with the committee the relationship of the city's process for developing neighborhood plans or area plans and zoning. In particular, they stressed that discussion of economic development or return on investment will be considered in the planning process, but that those are not factors or criteria for determining whether rezoning applications will be approved by City Council. The ZAP committee had discussed this in April and was and is very concerned that economic considerations should not be used as cri-

teria for rezoning, at least without a broad citywide discussion. Wayne New of Cherry Creek North Neighborhood Association gave some background about the ongoing Cherry Creek Area Plan process, in which economic considerations were considered and the issues that resulted between neighbors, residents and planners. There was brief discussion about the proposed Walmart store near East 9thth Avenue and Colorado Blvd. and also the possible redevelopment of the Buckley annex at East 1st Avenue and Quebec and the existing general development plans (GDPs) for both of those areas.

Education Committee

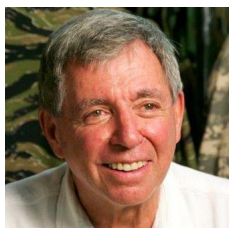
INC had the opportunity to send a delegate to represent neighborhoods on the 2012 DPS Community Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC). The committee began meeting in February to discuss the school system's pressing needs in areas such as creating more preschool and full-day kindergarten programs, increasing enrichment opportunities, updating the city's aging school buildings and upgrading the learning technology available to serve students and teachers.

Over the past three years, state funding for DPS students has declined to \$6,872 for the current school year from \$7,672 per student in the 2009-10 school year. This is a loss of \$800 per student, and is a cut of more than 10 percent to the districts per pupil funding. In total, this reduction equates to a loss of more than \$70 million for the upcoming school year.

Approval of a Mill Levy Override would provide \$49 million to fund academic support and student enrichment opportunities to help improve student achievement. This includes expanded arts, music and physical education opportunities, tutoring support for students who are behind and expanded

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From The President



The Neighborhood Conference has been “furloughed”. We are very sorry to have to reschedule the much anticipated INC/ City and County of Denver Neighborhood Conference that was to be held at Coors Field on July 21. Like this year’s drought and forest fires, it appears we too are subject to forces beyond our control. According to the Director of Human

Rights and Community Relations, Derek Okubo, it turned out that the City simply did not have the money they thought they were going to have to help INC sponsor the Conference. The City, however, according to Neighborhood Relations Director, Michael Sapp, is willing to reschedule the Conference for early fall. This year’s Conference theme is to be “The meaning of partnership between the City and neighborhoods.”

On another important topic, there is a perception that sometimes City Council decisions are made in committee before public hearings. The City’s legislative branch has been having a very lively and constructive discussion on an issue of utmost importance to citizens, neighborhoods and the democratic process. City Council will be considering whether and how committee hearings will allow testimony from others than representatives of City agencies and directly interested parties. Some Council members want a formal rule allowing a period of time at the beginning of committee meetings for public input. Other Council members say that committee chairs already have the discretion to allow anyone to speak and no ordinance or rule is needed.

The effort, initiated by At-Large, Council Government and Finance Committee Chair, Robin Kniech, is a major breakthrough for those of us who have had to sit quietly, like wallflowers, at Council committee meetings unable to speak on important issues being discussed. The INC Executive Committee wrote in support of a written policy or ordinance providing for public comment at the formative stage of decision making. The EC also recommended to Councilwoman Kniech that, just as important as allowing public testimony, is when it takes place. If testimony occurs at the beginning of meetings without a chance for rebuttal, the citizens will be at a disadvantage.

The idea for public comment which Councilwoman Kniech has raised will do great deal to provide even more fairness to the legislative process. As neighborhood associations and individuals, please contact your council person and let them know that you support a written proposal to allow public comment at council committee meetings.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Larry Ambrose".

Larry Ambrose, INC President

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opportunities for full-day kindergarten and early childhood education.

If approved by Denver voters in November, a Bond would provide \$457 million to fund critical school renovation, maintenance and repairs, including necessary upgrades to school roofs, heating and cooling systems, water systems, accessibility needs and fire detection systems across the nearly 14 million square feet of district facilities. The funds would also help alleviate overcrowding and provide facility space for new students by funding new schools to accommodate DPS’s growing enrollment. Over the past four years, DPS has seen an enrollment jump of more than 8,400 students, with projected growth of another 5,000 to 6,000 students by 2016.

If the DPS Board of Education approves the measures recommended by the CPAC and both measures are approved by voters in November, the DPS portion of the property-tax bill of a typical Denver residence valued at \$225,000 would increase by \$143 per year, or about \$12 per month. With this change, Denver residential property taxes would still rank below most metro-region school communities.

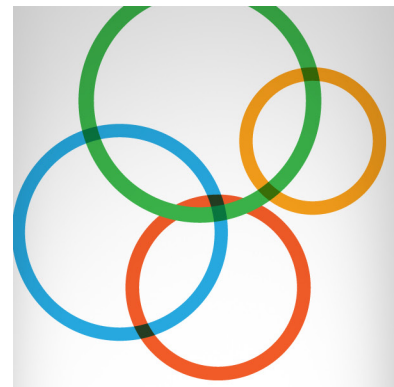
Recent news reports mention that the district tied teacher salary increases to passage of the 2012 Bond/Mill effort. We would like to clarify that the proposed increase for our teachers is in no way funded by bond or mill levy override dollars the CPAC recommended to the DPS Board this past Monday. The passage of these efforts would, however, release pressure on the general fund in one area (backfill of a portion of the current subsidies being provided to support preschool and full-day Kindergarten), which can support providing a well-deserved cost of living increase for teachers.

Please email Karen Taylor, Co-Education Committee Chair with any questions or concerns, at education@denverinc.org.

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density and finite street parking availability. Although many areas were stated to have 25% to 50% open spaces available per current parking utilization studies, many expressed concerns that the areas measured did not realistically relate to immediate access needs closer to the destinations (i.e. many were 5 blocks away), and that the study did not consider handicap access at all.

The team also advised INC about new Smart Meter technology and a new street sweeping schedule which now allows for the Overnight Program to be implemented downtown. Smart Meters are electronic meters powered by solar energy that accept cash or credit cards.



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