

From The President

October 13 marked the 2012 INC/City & County of Denver Neighborhood Conference. Just in case you didn't attend, I thought some highlights and a summary would be in order. You may remember we had set some pretty lofty goals for this confab and, based on the reaction of many in attendance we reached some goals and in some cases exceeded expectations. Here were some of the goals we set for the INC/City partnership:

- Collaboration
- Early community involvement/engagement in City planning processes
- Helping neighborhood organizations be successful
- Capacity Building for INC and the City - understanding the obstacles while enhancing the abilities to achieve mutual goals
- Growing neighborhood organizations
- Better understanding of city process and neighborhood concerns

I am happy to report that the unstated goal of having a scrumptious breakfast was attained thanks to Feeding the Multitudes Catering, Ball Park Neighborhood Association and Conference Committee Chair, Judy Schneider. After breakfast and a welcome from INC President, Me, Mayor Hancock greeted the attendees and took the opportunity to speak to the City's need for additional finances in the form of Ballot issue 2A.

Keynote speaker, T. Michael Smith told of his involvement in founding INC. He said on an average most people in their lifetime will volunteer in five different organizations, including their own community. In reference to government planning processes he emphasized the importance of "early involvement" of the community as the only way to avoid problems down the road.

Michael said he could not overemphasize the importance of going door to door when issues arise affecting the community and never, he said, forget to use four very important words when organizing a neighborhood or any part thereof: "Can you help me?" Neighbors who know each other are there to help each other when really needed.

Following T. Michael Smith's keynote speech was a panel consisting of Derek Okubo, Executive Direc-



tor for the Agency for Human Rights & Community Partnerships, Dr. Stephen Griffin, who, while working on his doctorate at DU over the past several years, has been an observer of INC and City of Denver relationships and, once again, me, Larry Ambrose,

JD who has been involved in the Denver neighborhood movement for the past 39 years.

I began by positing that early involvement of RNOs should be defined or redefined as involvement at the conceptual stage of planning. Secondly, the City experts would be wise to take the example of political and corporate marketing and public relations experts who spend millions of dollars on "focus groups" to discern public opinion, flush out new ideas find out how to make projects successful. I suggested that our RNOs and INC provide "an ongoing focus group" and better yet, it is free! Better outcomes and community ownership are but two of the benefits of the City recognizing how we can help in the planning processes of most agencies. When

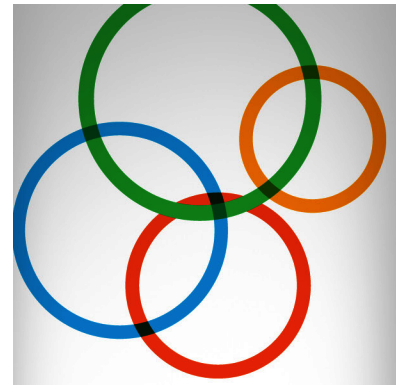
this type of collaboration takes place (and I truly believe it will) INC and the RNOs (will) need to have built our own capacity to fulfill this most important civic responsibility.

Dr. Stephen traced the history of the trend to hire and use "experts" to do planning to the "Progressive Movement" and suggested that experts see community/neighborhood involvement as sort of a pain which, inevitably will slow down the process. Elected officials, on the other hand, perceive themselves as experts by virtue of being democratically elected to represent the peoples' collective needs and desires. All of this leads to government

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NOVEMBER DELEGATE MEETING AGENDA

- 8:30am Coffee, meet and greet
- 9:00am Welcome from Councilwoman Susan Shepherd, District 1
- Approval of September 8, Minutes of the Delegates Meeting
- Treasurer's Report, Committee Reports
- New Business
- 9:30am Planning INC's Future
- 10:00am BREAK
- 10:15am Planning INC's Future (Continued)
- 10:45am Presentation by the Denver City Attorney's new Neighborhood Prosecution Team; City Attorneys: Chris Gaddis and Frank Ingahm, Prosecution and Code Enforcement Section

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 Committee

This committee needs help with compiling monthly newsletter, updating the website and sending our weekly community news. Our news team consists of two people who are overwhelmed. Newsletter content duties include reporting happenings from monthly meetings, compiling committee minutes and other tidbits that go into the newsletter. Ray Eherenstein generally takes the photos-thanks to him! Website updating is easy and includes posting events for INC and neighborhoods. Weekly news will soon be an automated function and will be updated directly on the website so it's not complex to do. We just need warm bodies to help and for backup so when we are out of town, INC news doesn't stop!

Parks & Recreation Committee

By Diana Helper, PARC member
The INC PARC members met September 18 at 6 p.m. at the Heritage Club. Present were co-chairs Maggie Price and Katie Fisher, Steve Fisher, Kay LaFontise, Sonia John, Ronnie Crawford, Joe Anderson, Cindy Johnstone, Diana Helper, Ray Ehrenstein, James Sample, and guest Steve Griffin.

Park Memorial Process There was brief discussion of memorials in parks, the need to update DPR records, and to clarify that there is a formal park-memorial process. Diana spoke of a current situation in University Park.

Steve Griffin's Doctoral Thesis-Citizen

Decision Making Steve Griffin presented a summary of his doctoral thesis, "Just a Mutt: A Narrative Ethnography of the Denver Dog Park Master Plan Process," (2009-2011). His study found many cities similar to Denver, where citizen decision-making is not happening, in spite of mandatory "citizen input" opportunities. Many other cities have developed a successful culture where citizens make decisions and the city implements them. Although this process is not as fast, and costs more, those city administrators believe in having a happier citizenry through participation, good city/public rapport, and smooth-running results. To achieve this in Denver, he said, will take election of citizen-friendly officials, who will encourage and implement the process of citizen-decision-

making, and hire outside experts to run such a citizen-friendly process.

PARC members presented numerous examples of the present situation in Denver, and suggestions for working to get the attention of the present administration through the media and a large support group.

Stapleton Central Park's "Taste of Puerto Rico" is one more example of the need for DPR to require and monitor adherence to strict rules at such "festivals." It is a problem for the surrounding residents of neighborhoods near many Denver Parks. It is embarrassing for the city to have its parks become sites of a large amount of illegal activity (fights, drunkenness, noise, parking and urination on lawns) and detrimental to the tax base when these areas become undesirable and property values decrease. Denver parks generally are suitable for local, not regional events that bring people with no vested interest in the park itself, or the neighborhood.

Rapp Cindy reported that RAPP, Resources, Allocations and Priorities Plan stakeholders have one meeting. There was an overview of the project. She and Kathleen Wells are INC neighborhood representatives outside of downtown Denver.

Mis-planted Plants! Ronnie reported that DPR suddenly planted about a hundred shrubs and trees at Overland Pond Park, inappropriately for its well-planned nature zones. Many of the new plants are dying, because of the inoperative irrigation system. These plants must be removed. Citizens are trying to set this straight, and find out how it happened. It is an example of wasted effort, time, money, and of citizen outrage.

Urban Drool Tom Anthony has sent emails about the dire situation at Heron Pond and surroundings, and the engineer's description of the "urban drool" which finds its way to the Platte, along with much other nastiness. This is an ongoing situation PARC needs to address.

DID YOU KNOW?

There were originally three separate towns, with three separate names, where Denver now stands. In 1859, the other names were dropped in return for a barrel of whiskey to be shared by all.

See if you can find the names of the three towns elsewhere in this newsletter!

INC CALENDAR

DELEGATE MEETING

November 10, 2012
8:30am - 11:30ish

Willis Case Golf
Course Clubhouse
4999 Vrain Street
Denver 80212

Hosted by Harkness Heights,
Inspiration Point,
Berkeley Regis United Neighbors

NOTE: Meeting time changes

8:30am Coffee & networking
9:00am INC program

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

The INC newsletter has changed its
publication rotation timing to a mid-month
release. For up-to-the-minute news, please
visit INC's website: www.denverinc.org

November EC Meeting
November 12, 2012

December Monthly Meeting

There will be no INC monthly
meeting in December in honor
of the various holidays during
this month.

December EC Meeting
December 15, 2012

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minimizing the role of neighborhood groups and not taking too seriously their opinions until it's too late to affect the outcomes. The ensuing conflicts lead to the perception by the government of neighborhood activists being NIMBY's rather than as citizens wanting to help.

The third presenter, Derek Okubo pointed out that there are different types of decision making models and presented a matrix to demonstrate them. 1) There are situations where the problem is clear, the outcome is clear and there is agreement on how to proceed. Such a situation might be a water main break where the experts do know best and the community need not and does not want involvement. 2) Another scenario is where the problem may be clear, the outcome is clear but it requires the community to "buy in" to affect the outcome; a drought for example where less water use is the needed outcome and



Photos from the Neighborhood Conference, October 13, 2012



the public needs to practice conservation. 3) A third situation is one where the problem may not be clear, the desired outcome may not be clear. This situation requires the experts to reach out to the community and ask as T. Michael Smith said, "I need your help". Such situations for example could include problems like 9th and Colorado redevelopment, 32nd and Lowell density and height, and development in North Cherry Creek.

Questions and comments to the panel followed and included incidents of particular intransigence in reaching out in the planning process by Denver Parks & Recreation and how RNOs might get funding to better effect growth. At the panel's conclusion I Mayor Hancock said that he had come up with an idea while listening to the discussion, whereby he would like to convene his cabinet and INC and RNO representatives to talk about how to best change the City culture to make early involvement happen.

Breakout sessions with panels and workshops followed. We will cover the topics and discussions in upcoming issues of the INC Newsletter.

For now, I am listing below the topics and the gracious presenters who we want to thank, with whom we were able to interact and from whom we learned new approaches in dealing with urban issues:

SESSION 1

Topic I: Government Round Table

Executive Branch of the City: How the Executive Branch Works
Managers of Excise & License, Public Works, Community Planning and Development

Panel: Tom Downey, Director of Excise and Licenses, Jose Cornejo, Manager of Public Works and Molly Urbina, Interim Manager of Community Planning and Development

Topic II: The Dynamics of Neighborhood Planning

Trends and Planning for Denver's Aging Population
Presenter: Loretta Martinez, Director of the Denver Office on Aging

Topic III - Building Leaders and Growing Neighborhood Organizations

Keys to Successful Neighborhood Projects and Issues
Moderator: Derek Okubo, Director of Human Rights and Community Relations

Panel: Judy Schneider Ball Park NA, Catherine Wise, Newsletter editor for Rosedale/Harvard Gulch Neighborhood Association and Joel Noble, Curtis Park Neighbors

Topic IV- Transiting Denver

Alternate Methods of Transportation within the City and Neighborhoods

Presented by: Transportation Solutions and Public Works- Alex Mehn, Communication & Events Manager, Transportation Solutions and Crissy Fanganello, Director of Policy & Planning, Denver Department of Public Works

SESSION 2

Topic I: Government Round Table

How City Council Members Make Decisions and Vote

Panel: Councilwoman At Large Debbie Ortega, Councilwoman At-Large Robin Kneich, Councilwoman Jeanne Robb District 10

Topic II: The Dynamics of Neighborhood Planning

New Zoning Code and Impact on Communities

An overview of the Denver zoning code, with a focus on areas of change, including current examples of the varied investments in Denver's areas of change (density, transit station activity) vs. areas of stability (adaptive reuse of existing building)

Steve Gordon, Planning Services Manager, Community Planning and Development

Topic III - Building Leaders and Growing Neighborhood Organizations

Developing a Neighborhood Action Plan

Group Leader: Derek Okubo, Director of Human Rights and Community Relations will guide participants in creating an action plan for their neighborhood associations

Topic IV- Transiting Denver

Connecting People with Public Transportation within and Between Neighborhoods

Learn how RTD Service Planning decides what routes go where, how often they run, where they connect, and how they adjust to changing circumstances. Find out the most effective ways to get service changes made in your area based on neighborhood's needs.

Presenters: Jeff Becker - Sr. Manager, RTD Service Development and Kevin Flynn - Public Information Manager, FasTracks Eagle Project



Photos From The Neighborhood Conference

A collection of photos from the conference held October 13, 2012.

Check and see if you're in one of the pictures.



City Requests Endorsement For De-Brucing

Michael Sapp, Director of Neighborhood Relations and the Deputy Chief of Staff, Evan Dreyer, made request from the City and County of Denver about Referred Measure 2A. Denver Ballot Issue 2A – will allow the city to retain \$68 million in taxes that would otherwise need to be refunded under the Taxpayers' Bill of Rights and apply the funds to add new police recruits, replace many city vehicles and restore public library hours in addition to increasing activities provided to unsupervised children when they're not in the classroom.



Evan Dreyer, Michael Sapp

They asked INC to endorse the measure and sign a letter of support and to take that vote at this meeting. They passed out a copy of a letter from the Mayor stating the reasons for passing this vote and standing behind "deBrucing." INC bylaws indicate that delegates must receive voting matter issues prior to meetings and this could therefore not happen at this meeting. There is no Executive Committee meeting in September. This will be discussed at the October Executive Committee meeting, October 8.

Mark Ver Hoeve (Corey-Merrill) spoke in opposition to lifting the deBrucing limitations citing it was a 'tax increase' carefully buried in clever wording and that the City's spending should be reviewed whether or not it passed. Mark's primary concern was that about 17% of the General Fund is for personnel compensation and means most City employees have a total compensation package of about \$90,000 a year which he felt is "a tad rich" compared to the private sector where average is \$45,000. "I was surprised by the cost per employee and it indicated to me that the city had not really addressed the effectiveness and efficiency of city government. Further, the de-Brucing was being billed as a compromise, with city trimming costs 5% and de-Brucing providing the rest." Presenters from the Mayor's office were also asked questions about how Denver's spending compared to other cities and if a specific budget will be released to the public to consider prior to the vote.

Please see INC's position on this in the article on page 7.

PARC Minutes

10/16/12 -Diana Helper, PARC member

The INC Parks and Recreation Committee (PARC) met October 16 at 6:00 p.m. at the Heritage Club. The Agenda included City Park Playground, Herron Park, and Hentzell Park Open Space/DPS proposal.

Present::Co-chairs Katie Fisher & Maggie Price. Regular members: Larry Ambrose, Kathleen and Jay Rust, Ronnie Crawford, Marlene Johnson, Cindy Johnstone, Diana Helper, and Dave Felice. Guests included representatives from city RNOs: Trent Thompson, Linda Dowlen, Drew Dutcher, Karan Nesbitt, Deborah Fard, and Laurel Raines; those regarding DPS: Benita Duran, Will Lee Ashby, Becky Williams, Andrew Robinson, Susan Ouellette, and James T. Allen, a member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) who is Sr. Director, Bond Program & Construction Services at DPS and has taken the lead in trading park land for office space; Keith Pryor, President of PRAB; and Denver Parks and Recreation (DPR): Scott Gilmore, Britta Herwig, and Angela Casias.

A Need for RNO Participation

In brief, the discussions focused on the need for strong RNO (Registered Neighborhood Organization) participation to be included at the beginning of project planning and throughout, and on the importance of assurance that a precedent is not being set when there is a special case decision made.

City Park Playground

Scott Gilmore advised that the City Park Playground plan is still in discussion, no commitments are yet made, and there will be much more public input over the next year or more. Britta Herwig said all stakeholder meetings are open to all, and there will be workshops as well. PARC requested that when the public is invited to comment, there be no pre-drawn plan presented, giving people an opportunity to express their wishes, opinions and ideas with a blank slate. There is \$270,000 budgeted for initial design, and a goal of \$5 million from private donors is needed for the playground. PARC pointed out that public funds are being spent for the DPR staff time.

Heron Park

Drew Dutcher expressed a need for RNO inclusion in planning for Heron Park. He explained this area is hard to reach and the water is contaminated. Gilmore said the idea is to clean it up, and especially because it will receive storm water run-off. He said contaminated water exists in many park lakes, and he hopes Public Works will help with improving the serious problems at Heron Pond by dredging to make a deeper lake. He proposed it could be a place for recreation and watching wildlife. Dutcher said the impression is that this is mainly a way to help development projects of NW Denver. Gilmore responded the project is just in the beginning stages and there will be public outreach.

New DPR Communications Rep

Angela Casias reported that there is a new DPR Communications person, Jeff Green. He will attend PARC's November 20 meeting. No INC rep attended the first meeting of the new communications group, so we must make sure INC is represented from now on.

DPS/Hentzell Park-Recommendation

DPS wishes to build a new school in a portion of Hentzell Park's which is now a dedicated Wildlife Open Space. A hearing at PRAB is scheduled Thursday, November 8, 2012 at the Wellington Webb Municipal Building, 201 W. Colfax Ave, 4th Floor, Room 4.F.6 at 5:30 p.m. The school is deemed as "much needed as population is booming there", and no other location has been found for a new school. If a bond issue passes on November 6, funds for this construction will be available.

In exchange for park land, DPS will give the city a building downtown which the Mayor very much wishes to have. PARC does not condone giving up Park space unless similar park or open space is established elsewhere, and pointed out that a growing population also needs more open space, not less, and that this "trade" would set a very bad precedent. PARC also requested all Denver residents be informed that this would be part of the bond issue vote; as it affects us all, and that should this trade go through, it must be clearly designated as for this particular case only. INC's PARC recommended if a school is built adjoining the remainder of the open space, learning about and using this natural area become an integral part of the curriculum, as well as fostering preservation of natural open space and wildlife territory. [CLICK HERE](#) to read the proposal.

PARC thanks all those who attended and contributed to this very important PARC meeting. Next meeting will be Tuesday, Nov. 20, at the Heritage Club, 2020 S. Monroe St.

September Delegate Meeting

September 8, 2012 - Sam Gary Branch of the Denver Public Library
Submitted by Randle Loeb

Welcome & Introductions

Meeting was called to order at 9:10am by Delegate-at-Large, Judy Schneider, who thanked our hosts, Stapleton United Neighbors for arranging the space and City Councilman Chris Herndon's office for supplying the bagels and coffee.

Councilman Albus Brooks welcomed everyone on behalf of Councilman Chris Herndon, who had a schedule conflict.

Mark Barringer, President of Stapleton United Neighbors welcomed the assembled delegates and talked about Stapleton area's



Treasurer Report

Treasurer's report was tabled because the treasurer was absent. Budget chair, Jane Lorimer, indicated "there are no major financial changes since the last newsletter report."

Committee Reports

Membership has remained the same from last month with 95 RNO members and 26 Associate members.

Communications Jane Lorimer indicated she had been "interim" news person for a year and would like to step down by January 1 of this next year. She called for volunteers to step in to replace her. She advised that local neighborhood community events will be posted to the INC online calendar, but not



and join them. Anyone from a neighborhood group can solicit members to attend these meetings. Please share this with your neighborhood groups.

Chatfield Dam water rights are an issue in changing the landscape at the dam. City Park Playground is another matter that they are considering the Director has been helpful in responding to requests and concerns.

Zoning and Planning had a robust meeting with the new Neighborhood Inspections person. Zoning wishes to know what types of complaints have been reported and where they take place. NIS has been asked to provide an update.



At the meeting: Left, Exterior of Library; Center, Judy Schnieder, directing the meeting; Right, Councilman Albus Brooks, welcoming the horde.

progress and how proud this neighborhood was to have this beautiful new library.

Special Announcements

Due to multiple travel schedules, the September 10 Executive Committee meeting has been cancelled.

Judy reminded all about the citywide Neighborhood Conference partnered by the Mayor's Office and INC to be held Saturday, October 13 from 8am to 12:30pm. This conference replaces the regular INC monthly meeting and all Denver residents are welcomed to attend and participate in the conference. She offered up a challenge to award prizes to the neighborhood(s) that brought in the most attendees. Parking will be provided on Court St. in front of the building for handicapped accessible vehicles. At 65 W. 12th Ave there will be parking available. Help is needed to prepare and manage this event. There will be a contest to see which neighborhood group effectively brings the most people to the conference.

Minutes

Quorum present. Minutes of the August 11 Delegate meeting were approved without exception.

published in the weekly news. She urged all to review the website.

Education Committee urged members to learn about the Mill Levy Tax Proposal and to come out to Montview Presbyterian Church and listen to the pros and cons of this issue. DDD: Steve Nissen made a final report on the Dollar Dictionary and reported the finances are still being determined because book billing has yet to be received. Michael Henry called attention to the recent article in the newsletter that indicated only a scant list of RNO's who contributed to the Dollar Dictionary Drive. He encouraged members to look at the list in the newsletter. Steve Nissen thanked the individuals and neighborhoods who made contributions that made the drive possible.

Steve also announced he has resigned as program chair of the Dollar Dictionary after this year. He advised he would be willing to consult to whoever decided to take it over.

Parks & Recreation Katie Fisher, co-chair, reminded all that this committee meets at the Heritage Club at 2020 S. Monroe St. again on September 17 at 6 p.m. She emphasized that all of INC's committees need people to come

Landmark Preservation Committee is going through changes in costs of fees raising the application fee from \$250 to \$1,000 and requiring the person requesting a change of status to file instead of a third party.

Next ZAP meeting is September 29 rather than September 22. Check the INC online calendar for details. Urban Renewal Authority will speak about the development of the Colorado & 9th Ave. 28 acres, the tax increment financing and process of determining how the property will be developed. Neighborhood groups will have a chance to be counted as to how they all stand on this development.

Survey Results

Jane Lorimer made a limited presentation about the recent INC Opinion Survey. Because of technical difficulties, the planned PowerPoint overview was not presented so the report was sent electronically to members. If any didn't receive it or missed it, please contact DenverINCNews@aol.com for a copy.

There was no executive committee meeting in September

INC and 2A

An explanation on INC's position on proposition 2A. For more information see the story on page 5.

Evan Dreyer
Deputy Chief of Staff

Dear Evan:

At the October INC Executive Committee meeting there was a very lively and thorough discussion of taking an "exceptional action" as allowed by the organization's Bylaws, regarding the City's De-Brucing Amendment 2A. For your information the applicable section of the Bylaws which enables this action is below.

C. Powers of the Delegation.

The Delegation shall have full power and authority over the affairs of INC. No MO, Delegate, committee, or individual shall obligate or bind INC to any commitment or position without the approval of the Delegation.

When timing requires immediate action, any INC Officer may propose that INC take a position or choose to act on any matter by making a recommendation for "exceptional action" to the INC President. The President will telephone, email, or meet with the members of the Board of Directors to obtain their approval of the Officer's proposed action. If the action is approved by the Board of Directors, the President will direct the Membership Chair to immediately notify the member RNO Delegates by email and/ or telephone of the proposed action and to request a reply within 24-hours recommending approval or disapproval of the action. If a majority of the member RNO Delegates recommends approval of the exceptional action, the President shall authorize the action and inform the Delegation of the action at the next monthly Delegation meeting.

There was a discussion of the substantive matter of whether a position on a ballot tax issue was appropriate; whether Board members could fairly represent their own RNOs positions; whether INC's role had been at least partially fulfilled through its involvement with the League of Women Voters in informing the public, the timing of the ballot issue versus timing of INC delegate meetings over the past two months where the issue could have been more fairly presented; and whether, based on the process proscribed in the Bylaws, taking an "exceptional action" on this particular issue at this time would even result in getting a 50% of the 192 delegates to respond.

Confident that the voters of Denver will express their will with or without INC's involvement in endorsements, there was, therefore, a unanimous Board decision not ask the delegation to take a position on ballot issue 2A. We do however; always appreciate the City staff consideration of INC's opinions and involvement.

Respectfully yours,
Larry Ambrose

INC Co-Sponsors Ballot Issues Forum

A Ballot Issues Forum was held at the Montview Presbyterian Church in the basement on September 24 from 6pm to 9pm. All are invited It is co-sponsored by INC and the League of Women Voters. All were invited to learn more about the statewide measures that will appear on the November 2012 ballot—citing that this is your chance to hear from both proponents and opponents of these measures, get a copy of the LWVCO guide to the 2012 ballot.

A second forum will take place Wednesday, October 10, from 5:00pm – 7:30pm at the same location as above. This second event is co-sponsored by League of Women Voters and the Colorado Legislative Committee

Inc Meets Denver's Independent Monitor

At the monthly INC September meeting, Nicholas Mitchell, Denver's newly appointed Independent Monitor, made a presentation concerning his office's purpose and what they are proposing to accomplish. His role is to mediate and carefully follow the course of all disputes whether they are



critical incidents or those of a less serious level.

In a nutshell, The Office of Independent Monitor investigates cases of misconduct in the police and sheriff's departments and recommends discipline. The Safety Manager (Alex Martinez) then decides on discipline, which can range from a written reprimand to termination. Mitchell stressed the mission was to provide fair and objective oversight of the Denver Police and Sheriff's Departments.

Formerly, Mitchell was a federal and state commercial litigator at Silver & DeBoskey law firm in Denver. He also has worked as an investigator for the New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board for the city police department.

They will issue 4 quarterly reports and an annual report in March. His office is on the 12th floor of the Wellington Webb Building. If you Google the words Independent Monitor Denver you can view the reports that are filed. He also passed out a new form that gives citizens ability to present complaints as well as to make commendations for Police, Sheriffs and Fire Fighters.

Answers to Did You Know?

Courtesy of Dennis Gallagher, Tom Noel, Jerome Smiley

Here is why some folks say Denver was found on a claim jump.

Per Dennis Gallagher, it would more accurate to identify the names of the original founding towns as four: 1. Denver City, 2. Auraria City 3. Briefly- St Charles; and 4. Highland. Denver City was set up by General William Larimer. Larimer arrived at confluence of Cherry Creek and Platte on November 16, 1858. Larimer squinted across Cherry Creek and got worried when saw another town, Auraria City. So he lusted for more developable land elsewhere. Charles Nichols hailed from St. Charles, Missouri and put four logs together to set up the town of St. Charles.

As backup to his own east Platte diggings, Larimer walked across the ice to the Northwest side of the river and set up the town of Highland on December 11, 1858 or sometime in 1859. Then the story goes that in spring of 1859 Larimer and his cronies bullied Nichols by telling him that he should simply give up his four log claim to St. Charles or face the end of a rope. In exchange for such urban cooperation, Larimer said he would give him some choice lots in Denver. Nichols accepted the deal rather than a hanging. So Larimer claim jumped St. Charles. This is long before memoranda of understandings and long before Aurora and Denver started fighting over the Gaylord project.

Did Nichols give up his town for a barrel of whiskey?

Tom Noel, Denver's pre-eminent historian, thinks the whiskey story that Nichols sold out his town for a barrel of whiskey, is probably apocryphal. Dennis Gallagher thinks we can promote the whiskey story as more prophetic since there is still a lot of whiskey being drunk in LoDo! Many historians say the bully rope threat story is more accurate. Nichols then sold his lots and left such unfriendly territory. This was before multiple-use zoning rules. No setbacks. No dispute resolution office.

Was Montana City one of the founding cities?

Remember, Montana City was a bit further down south from the confluence area located at Florida Avenue and the Platte. Tom Noel says he would leave Montana City out of the list of four names considered above.

Just imagine what those founding folks could have done with some creative tax increment financing. And some say the early Denver founders may have lusted in their corporate hearts to gobble up the town of Glendale, but it was thought to be too far out in the country to bother.

MEMBERSHIP NOTICES *Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation membership renewals for 2013 will be mailed and/or emailed in early December. This change is a result of member input on our recent survey—we hear you! Please watch for your renewal mailing in the near future. Dues will remain the same for 2013.*

Currently, we have 95 RNO member organizations and 39 Associate members. We'd love to reach 115 RNO's for 2013. If you know neighborhoods who are not members now, please encourage them to consider adding their voices to make this organization even stronger in the future.

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

INC members as of October 25 2012

RNO PATRON LEVEL MEMBERS (15)

Ball Park N.A.
Capitol Hill United Neighbors
Cherry Creek North N. A.
Country Club Historic Neighborhood
Crestmoor Park HOA (2nd filing)
Downtown Denver Residents Org.
Golden Triangle Museum Dist.
Hampden South N.A.
Lower Downtown N.A.
Old San Rafael Neighborhood Org Inc
Overland Park N.A.
Southmoor Park East HOA
University Park Community Council
Upper Downtown Development Organization
West Washington Park N.A.

RNO MEMBERS (80)ABC Streets Association

Alamo Placita N.A.
Baker Historic N.A.
Bellevue-Hale N.A.
Berkeley Regis United Neighbors
Bonnie Brae N.A.
Cherry Creek East Assn.
Cherry Creek North BID
Cherry Creek North N.A.
Cherry Hills Vista Community Assn.
Civic Assn. of Clayton
Colfax on the Hill
College View N.A.
Congress Park Neighbors
Cook Park N.A.
Cory-Merrill N.A.
Crammer Park-Hilltop Civic Assn.
Crestmoor Park Homeowners Inc (Filing 1)
Cultural Arts Residential Org.
Curtis Park Neighbors
Downtown Denver Partnership
East Cheesman N.A.
East Montclair N.A.
Elyria N.A.
Elyria Swansea/Globeville Bus. Assn.
Far Northeast Neighbors
Federal Blvd. Corridor Improvement Partnership
Friends & Neighbors of Washington Park
George Washington HOA

Globeville Civic Assn #1
Globeville Civic Assn #2
Godsman N.A.
Golden Triangle N.A.
Grandview N.A.
Greater MarLee Community Organization
Greater Park Hill Community
Green Valley Ranch Citizens' Adv. Board
Hampden Heights Civic Assn.
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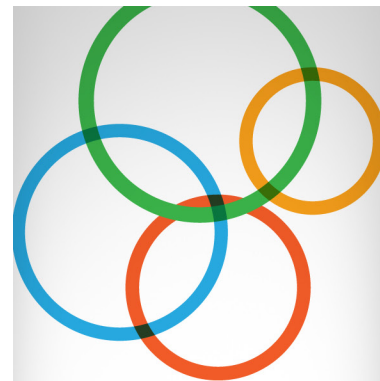
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