

INC Annual Dinner

Get involved to help and it's time to submit award nominations

The INC Annual Awards Dinner will be held at The History Colorado Museum, 1200 Broadway on February 5th. The Dinner Committee needs help with the following:

- Lead and manage the silent auction collection, exhibit setup, money management
- Help with decorations and room setup the night of the event
- Help with invitation design, labeling, mailing
- Lead and manage registration sign up, badge making, welcome check-in table

For more information or more importantly, to

volunteer please contact Co-chairs: Judy Schneider at judy.ballpark@gmail.com or Josh Davies at daviesjt@gmail.com

Each year, INC awards exemplary efforts made by Denver residents and organizations. To nominate a person or organization for one of the following awards, please use the following guidelines and send your nominations to membership@denverinc.org or mail to INC Annual Awards, PO Box 300684, Denver, CO 80218

Award Nominations:

- Any person can nominate a person for any one of the four major awards. Deadline: January 25, 2013.
- Neighborhood Stars must be nominated by the board of an INC member RNO per existing criteria
- Recipients must fit the category and meet criteria of the award for which they are nominated.

Virginia Oredson Award: Virginia was the secretary of INC for several years in the 1980s and was active with the Montclair Civic Association. She was a gentle lady with firm ideas about protecting her neighborhood from crime and problem bars, and she encouraged neighborhoods to work together through INC. The Virginia Oredson Award is given to a person who:

- Has encouraged Denver neighborhoods or citizens to work together in a common effort to solve community problems.
- Has established a record of selfless community service and has encouraged and motivated others

Happy Holidays!

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to volunteer their services to engage in community improvement.



Bill Gross Award: Bill was the chair of INC in the early 1990s, was president of the Whittier Neighborhood Association, and was an organizer of the Northeast Denver Congress. His passion was for building partnerships between neighborhood groups and the Denver Police Department to improve neighborhood safety. The Bill Gross Award is given to a person who:

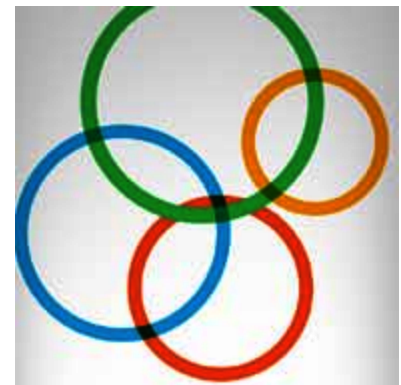
- Has a strong record of working with neighborhoods to better public safety in the community.
- Has made Denver a safer place in which to live.

Walt Kembel Award: Walt was treasurer of INC in the late 1990s and was active in the Cherry Creek North neighborhood where he constantly worked to maintain the neighborhood character of smaller, modest homes in the North Cherry Creek area. The Walt Kembel Award is given to a person or group who:

- Is an INC delegate or a member of a member RNO.
- Has contributed to INC during the past year over and above normal expectations to develop and promote the organization, or has moved INC forward or in new directions in creative or unexpected ways.

Nancy Jackson Memorial: Nancy Jackson was one of the original founders of INC's Dollar Dictionary Drive who worked tirelessly to get the program going. The program has provided dictionaries to all

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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

Randle Loeb has agreed to take over the INC Newsletter beginning in January 2013. The committee seeks individuals to help with web updates, mailing the newsletter and other light chores!

Parks & Recreation

By Diana Helper, PARC member

INC PARC (Parks and Recreation Committee) met November 20. Present: Co-chairs Maggie Price and Katie Fisher. Attendees: Steve Fisher, Diana Helper, Larry Ambrose, Kathleen Wells, Ray Ehrenstein, James Sample, Ronnie Crawford, Cindy Johnstone, Dave Felice, Kay LaFontise, Annette Woodward, Brad Cameron, Michele Fuerst, Gete Mekonnen, Polly Reetz, Casey Davenport, Levi Krey, and Nancy Stocker; and from DPR Manager Laurie Dannemiller, Mark Tabor, Angela Casias, and Jeff Green.

DPR Matters:

DPR Manager Laurie Dannemiller spoke about numerous Cultural Bond projects in parks—The Levitt Pavilion at Ruby Hill Park is being included in Phase 2 of this park plan, which completes the top portion of the park. An amphitheater is to be built in the natural bowl near the pavilion, playground enlarged, parking improved, community garden, mountain bike skills course, an enclosed area for liquor sales at fee-based events, and more. These funds require that at least 53 performances per year be given at this amphitheater site, which is to use the grassy slope for seating (no chairs provided). The bond money has not yet been formally approved, but this is expected soon. Improved parking at City Park for the Zoo and Museum. No parking structure is to be built, but present lots will be reconfigured to add some 180 more spaces. Trees removed will be replaced by new trees elsewhere. Traffic patterns will be improved. Laurie will check to be sure that no grass areas are taken for added parking. Mark Tabor concurred that both of these projects will include considerable neighborhood discussion sessions with DPR, and PARC input.

Dave Felice is the INC PARC rep for Parking and Commercial Use. He spoke to the need of educating the public, with signage and other

means, to park in the provided parking spaces IN parks, rather than in the residential blocks nearby.

Jeff Green, DPR Communications, said that one task of this new committee is formulate a set of minimum notification/communication standards, checking with those that are presently required. He has copies of our previous DPR "civic engagement" policy attempts. INC reps are Cindy Johnstone and one other (Ray Ehrenstein will attend the next meeting). Cindy said a meeting agenda should be sent to committee members in advance, as well as a schedule of future meetings. She will provide a copy of the FANS (Friends and Neighbors) of Washington Park communication policy.

Kathleen Wells and Cindy Johnstone are INC PARC reps to DPR's RAPP (Resources, Applications and Priorities Plan) committee, which is developing a chart showing percent of cost recovery for a large variety of park uses. For the first time in many years, there has been a thorough study of cost analysis at DPR, thanks to Laurie's efforts. This will help in fee-request decisions. Other revenue sources will be discussed, as will the benefit of having parks. Policies are needed regarding use by fitness groups, baby-stroller groups, boot camps, with the main parks under discussion: Sloans Like, Stapleton, Ruby Hill, Washington, and City Park. RAPP will discover what, and where, uses are working. When ready, RAPP task force will present recommendations to general meetings for all to discuss.

Laurie reported on funding for Recreation Centers, which will allow all children to have general use of the centers without charge. This does not include special classes. Also in the budget is gradual addition of Park Maintenance staff, over the next six years, to reach the needed number.

Larry Ambrose presented a comment from Cathy Donohue, regarding plans for the south side interface of the McNichols building with City Park. Laurie said this project has not yet been funded, and although the building is not in the park, DPR does want to be closely involved in the plans. She will look into methods of gaining public outreach, and let PARC members know.

There was discussion about park designation. In 1956 all the parks presently in use in Denver were deemed "designated." Since that time, some new parks have, and some have not, been so listed. The list of all parks and their

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INC CALENDAR

JANUARY MONTHLY MEETING

January 12, 2012
8:30am - 11:30

West End Flats

1490 Zenobia

SE corner, Colfax and Zenobia
2nd floor Community Room

West End Flats is a facility of the
Colorado Coalition for the Homeless and
home to the West Colfax Cop Shop.

Sponsored by
Sloan's Lake Neighborhood Association
Sloan's Lake Citizens Group

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

January EC Meeting
January 14, 2013
1201 Williams St., 19th Floor

February Monthly Meeting
February 9, 2013
Heritage Club
2020 S. Monroe.

February EC Meeting
February 11, 2013
1201 Williams St., 19th Floor

March Monthly Meeting
March 9, 2013
Denver Museum
of Nature & Science
Ricketson Auditorium

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third-grade students enrolled within Denver Public Schools for the past 17 years.

This award is given to a person who has made an outstanding or innovative contribution to the Dollar Dictionary Drive such as financial, personal time, public relations, fundraising, etc.

Neighborhood Stars: Neighborhood Stars are nominated for that award by the Board of an INC member RNO. A Neighborhood Star is awarded to a person who has:

- A person who has made a difference in their neighborhood
- Worked individually or with a group to make "Denver a Better Place to Live."
- Worked individually or with a group over the past year on a cause or a project that has improved the appearance or the quality of life in their neighborhood.

Want to help with the dinner?

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status is on line. Laurie said DPR does not treat parks differently (designated or not), but by the needs of any specific park. It was mentioned that Ruby Hill Park is not "designated" yet it is an "Event Park." Laurie will look into this situation. Also, there was confusion about the designation of natural areas, and the amount of actual acreage there is. Laurie said the Paul Hentzel Park land is partly designated, partly not, and DPR wishes to have all of it designated, and to maintain it as a natural area in a way that is best for the site. "Designated" parks do not need a public vote for changes, "Dedicated" parks do.

Ronnie Crawford announced the annual Solstice Party at Pond Park, 2 p.m. December 21. All are invited.

The next PARC meeting will be its annual holiday gathering at the home of Cindy Johnstone and Gil Gonzales, Dec. 18 at 6 p.m. Notices will be sent or contact: Parksandrec@denverinc.org

From The President

Did you know that INC has been in existence for more than 35 years?

During that period of time INC has accomplished a great deal and has become sort of a household name at least among those active in their Registered Neighborhood Organizations (RNOs). In fact, the impetus for the Denver City ordinance that set up RNO's came from INC, so without INC, there would be no RNO's. A recent survey commissioned by INC was sent to both INC members and non-members. It had an impressive 29% overall response rate and it found that INC, as an organization, is positively viewed by the majority of neighborhood folks who responded.

Did you know that INC is a completely volunteer organization (no staff), has not an iota of office or storage space, borrows rooms for its committee meetings and also spends a good amount of time looking around the City for hosts for its monthly delegate meetings?

Now, I am very aware of the benefits and challenges of change, but just imagine what kind of impact INC could have if it were an more than an organization....if it was an "institution". It has been my goal for several years while on the INC Board and as its President to help take that next step. It is with this in mind, and with the help and support of the Executive Committee, which is made up of the Board of Directors and committee chairs, that we had a first retreat in November 2011 to develop a mission statement and strengthen our goals, and we had a second retreat on November 17 this year to identify our opportunities, strengths, and priorities and from that to develop a strategic action plan.

The group met for most of the morning and afternoon at Taxi 2 Community, located in River North on the site of what was the Yellow Cab depot. Conference Room space was provided through the gracious donation of avant garde, Taxi 1 and 2 developer, Mickey Zeppelin. The meeting was professionally facilitated by Carol Nickell, Executive Director of the Community Resource Center whose mission is to provide Colorado nonprofits with strategies for success.

It was the consensus of the group that INC's top five benefits to neighborhoods are:

1. educating and informing,
2. rotating meetings throughout the community,
3. involving RNOs in decision making,
4. gaining City attention for neighborhood issues and
5. Solving problems and obtaining ideas



from a greater number of members citywide.

This led to further discussions regarding what the gaps might be in terms of benefits from INC and what more are needed. The most important gaps in the INC organization identified by the working group were:

1. Lack of funding
2. A need to increase tools which would be helpful for RNOs to grow their own organizations and to be more effective
3. Growing the membership of INC and increasing its diversity.

As a result of the many ideas and priorities which were discussed, the Executive Committee will be embarking on a number of strategies to affect change over the next year and beyond. Strategies include:

- Develop an "INC Presentation" about its values, accomplishments and goals which will be made available and, where possible, presented to both member and non-member RNOs
- Apply for grant funding for specific projects and programs
- Define and develop an INC "Tool Box" for use by RNOs
- Simplify INC on-line membership registration
- Organize a new city-wide social/cultural event
- Publicize activities, issues and accomplishments of INC through traditional and social media.

All Executive Committee members have pledged to work on developing and implementing the above strategies. However, accomplishing these projects and programs and attaining success, will be made easier the support and participation of INC delegates and Denver RNO members. So, I am putting out another reminder that participation in INC Committees and volunteering with INC is open to all RNO members anywhere in Denver. Please remember to let all of your RNO members know about INC on an ongoing basis and if possible, make a bit more time in 2013 for your contribution to your own RNOs and the city-wide voice of the neighborhood movement—INC.

Executive Committee Recap

The Executive Committee is comprised of the Board of Directors and Committee Chairs. This group met Monday, November 12, 2013, 7 p.m. 1201 Williams St, 19th fl.

Present: BOD: Larry Ambrose, Cindy Johnstone, Katie Fisher, Randle Loeb, Jennifer Tomeny, Raphael Espinoza, Judy Schneider
Committee Chairs: Michael Henry, Karen Taylor, Jane Lorimer, Joel Noble, Steven Nissen and guest Michael Sapp from the Mayor's Office

Strategic Planning Retreat

Strategic Planning Retreat will be on Saturday, November 17, 2013 at 3457 Ringsby Court. The Executive Director of the Community Resource Center, Carol Nickell will be facilitating the retreat from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Every member of the Executive Committee and the Board will be attending.

October EC Minutes

Minutes from the October meeting of the Executive Committee were approved by acclamation. Judy Schneider moved and Cindy Johnstone seconded the motion.

Treasurer Report

The treasurer's report was presented and accepted. Balances in treasury will cover planned expenses for the retreat, ballot forum sponsorship and miscellaneous other expenses for newsletter and membership campaign.

Neighborhood Conference Wrap up

Neighborhood Conference was a success. Action Item: Jane will process the post evaluation survey results by end of week. (done) All invoices have been covered for this event and are reflected in the treasurer's report.

City Board Task Forces

City Board Task Forces wish to ensure that citizens are represented. Individuals involved with INC wish to participate but have scheduling issues. Questions that were raised include: when meetings are scheduled, who (makeup) is on the committees, and what will be INC's role in these meetings?

The following boards and task forces have INC representatives and are looking for additional participation.

Parks Public Engagement
Parks and Recreation
City Park Playground (City Loop)
Resource Allocation
Parking Lots
Charging Business Permitting in Parks
Block Party scheduled timeline for the Summer
Dog Park off leash
Green Neighborhoods

EveryBlock.com Denver Mailing from Mayor's Office

Every Block Denver is a web based networking strategy that Michael Sapp sent a memo out about through the Mayor's Office. He said that

the Mayor's office is not endorsing this concept. There are other similar web based networking organizations such as NextDoor.com. The intent is to put neighbors in touch with other neighbors with respect to events, issues, information and personal concerns. One chief concern is how privacy is protected and that INC respects the rights of members to maintain confidentiality. The person managing EveryBlockDenver.com offered to speak to the delegates and to be a sponsor for the annual dinner. Judy Schneider is going to ask Visit Denver, who is a sponsor, what their perspective about this is and report back to the Board. Michael Sapp plans to send out a clarification letter this next week. [Michael sent an email the the EC on 11/15 to indicate that no clarification letter would be sent.]

Membership Proposal

The 5% increase in membership for 2012 has been achieved. Jane presented a suggested change to bylaws that would be voted upon at the January delegate meeting. The changes are intended to permit membership classification additions and clarifications going forward. Michael Henry offered to review the suggested language before submitting to members for review.

For the 2013 renewal process, Board approval was asked which introduces a tiered Patron dues structure (Patron Gold \$500, Silver \$250, Bronze \$100, Patron \$75) and an addition of Student membership to the Associate classification. Randle Loeb moved and Jennifer Tomeny seconded a motion that carried 5 in favor and 2 abstaining: The by-laws will be refined and presented to the December meeting of the INC Board, which will be offered for voting by the delegates in January, 2013. The suggested Patron tier structure will be offered in the 2013 renewal process and a student membership will be offered under the Associate classification. Dues for Associates will be categorized as Organizations at \$50 per year, individuals at \$25 per year and students at \$10 a year.

Annual Dinner

Annual Dinner will take place tentatively on January 21, 2013. Judy Schneider would like participation of members on committees including registration, decorations, Invitations, and Silent Auction. There was a discussion of the awards that led to planning a more thorough discussion at the next meeting. It was decided that we stick with the nomination process and awards for 2012 with the intention of exploring what we do in 2013. The dinner will take place at the Colorado History Museum, 1200 Broadway on the fourth floor. Parking in the lot to the north is \$5.00. Action item: Jane is to send award descriptions, criteria to EC as follow up. (done)

Transportation Committee

Transportation Committee is meeting in January, 2013. Subjects they are planning on having meeting about include: public works, City on

Colfax connections, how to move more people on through bus rapid transit. They are reserving the room on the 19th floor where the INC Board normally meets.

Newsletter

Publication of the newsletter is rotating to permit capture of committee meetings (PARC, ZAP, etc). Committee requested that calendar scheduling for monthly meetings has to be done further in advance to meet member needs and timely announcements of meetings.

Delegate Workshop

Cindy Johnstone lead a series of brainstorming exercises designed to give useful feedback for an upcoming Executive Committee planning retreat scheduled for next Saturday. Questions included:

All delegates worked on these questions: What are the benefits for becoming a member of INC whether as an individual or a neighborhood organization? As you define the benefits, also think about and record an answer to this question: What if you could add benefits for membership; what would those be? That is, what additional benefits would you want to have?

Various groups worked on these questions: In our recent member survey, many said they wanted "more effective meetings." What comprises an effective meeting, what would effective meetings look like?



In our recent member survey, many said they wanted more opportunities for networking? What types of opportunities would work and still leave time for business meetings and speakers at our monthly meetings and what other types of networking opportunities can you think of that are low or no cost?

INC's income without the Dictionary program is about \$6,000 a year. What ideas do you have that INC could utilize to help generate more income for its operations?

What role should INC play in major neighborhood issues when asked to participate in or support a specific issue?

November Delegate Meeting

The last meeting of delegates and members for 2012 was held on Saturday, November 10 at Willis Case Golf Club, Denver and hosted by Inspiration Point, Berkley Regis and Harkness Heights neighborhoods.

Quorum Present: 29 voting
Included seven Board members and four Committee Chairs

Call To Order / Welcome Larry Ambrose called the meeting to order and thanked the three neighborhood groups who hosted the meeting.

welcomed INC attendees. She said the Willis Case Golf Club/Course is the "best kept secret in our district!" She pointed out the great view off first tee. She also mentioned her district also includes Inspiration Point Park which is a Historic Landmark in the City of Denver and that one of the State's highest profile residents is Interior Secretary Salazar lives in this area. El Jebel, a building to the north of the course, originally owned the course and at one time the area used to all be orchards. She wished all Happy holidays.

Minutes Minutes for the last delegate meeting held on September 8, 2012 at the Sam Gary

Call to action: Judy needs help – someone to manage the silent auction portion, help with decorations, manage registration, etc.

Parks & Recreation/PARC Katie Fisher advised the next meeting is November 20 at 6PM at 2010 S. Monroe St. Please see minutes in recent newsletter as well. Three hot topics:

Scott Gilmore (Parks) came to last meeting and talked about the "reimagined" playground at City Park (City Loop) and that the selected design group is looking for RNO input. \$5mil needs to be raised for this project.



In the photos, left to right: Karen Taylor, Harkness Heights; Al Gallo, Berkley Regis (Larry Ambrose); Jerry Guida, Inspiration Point

Karen Taylor, Al Gallo and Jerry Guida presented information about their respective neighborhoods. We learned that the northwest part of Denver goes beyond I70, which many think is the cut-off to Denver County.

The Golf Club (with the spectacular view looking west) was remodeled and reopened about three years ago.

Harkness Heights is a small area within the greater area of Berkley Regis and while was founded in the early 1900's, was incorporated in 1989. Karen talked about the fun-loving neighbors who love to get together for things like picnics and Luminaria Walk held on the Sunday before Christmas each year. Jerry informed us that Inspiration Point has been an RNO since 1987 and the RNO was formed because there was a belief that the City didn't remember this area was part of Denver! It is a quiet neighborhood with little commercial business.

Al told us that Berkley Regis is full of craftsman style homes and is going through the 'scrape-off' phase, and that his RNO is coordinating programs with Cesar Chavez Academy.

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Branch Library were approved with no exceptions. Al Habercorn made the motion; Gilbert Gonzales seconded. Motion carried 28 for, no opposed, no abstentions

Treasurer Jennifer Tomeny, Treasurer, reported INC's balance as of October 31, 2012 to be \$15,161.82. This balance also reflects completed payments for the dictionaries and thesauruses distributed this past month to Denver's third grade students.

Committee reports Membership: Jane Lorimer reported 97 RNO, 39 Associate members as of end of October. Need only 3 more neighborhoods to join for us to reach 100 RNOs. Overall membership is up 6% over last year and our goal for 2013 is another 5% increase.

Neighborhood Conference Larry Ambrose reported the overall response to the post event survey was very positive. He made special thanks to Judy Schneider as conference chair and to Joe Sloan and Denver Water for supporting the printed materials for the conference.

Awards Dinner Judy Schneider reported the event will be held at the Colorado History Museum midweek during the last week of January with a date TBD.

Heron Park: toxic sludge; what are access points; how it will be managed; where it is now going.

DPS wishes to build a new school in a portion of Hentzell Park's which is now a dedicated Wildlife Open Space.

Dave Felice reported two other issues:

- Leftover money from Denver Bond recommended spending \$2mil as a match for Lederman Foundation for Ruby Hill Park and needs to come up with \$1 mil in matching funds.
- Bond Steering Committee to spend \$4.4 million for City Park (Zoo and Museum of Nature & Science) to improve and reconfigure added parking. Concern is that both groups made commitments that no more park land would be used for parking. Delicate balance between growth and keeping park lands dedicated to open space.

Katie urged all to keep in contact with PARC and to insist Denver Parks & Rec keep neighborhoods involved with the processes impacting our parks. Watch your parks and bring issues to PARC to help resolve. New PARK communications person is Jeff Ring.

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Education Karen Taylor extended a sincere "thank you" for passing #3AB to improve school buildings in all our neighborhoods and help DPS work with neighborhoods better. Larry reminded all that DPS doesn't ascribe to notification about changes to schools or buildings nor other things that impact neighborhoods – something INC will be working on going forward.

Zoning & Planning Michael Henry announced the next ZAP meeting will be held on Saturday, December 1 which is a change from normal meeting rotation. There will be a



District 1 Councilwoman Shepherd

discussion on noise control and someone to talk about the homeless plan for winter. The Mayor named a new planning director who comes Dec 10, and ZAP plans to educate him about RNO involvement value, etc. Michael also introduced the following motion for vote, which was passed by ZAP for delegate vote today.

Motion:

Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation should communicate to City Council, the Community Planning and Development Department and the Landmark Preservation Commission that it opposes any effort to increase the filing fee for a landmark application by a non-owner to more than \$500. Any larger increase would seriously harm the ability of less affluent neighborhoods or non-profit organizations to work to protect structures of historic and architectural significance.

Mike Henry made the motion; Cindy Johnstone, seconded. 26 for, 1 against, 1 abstained. Motion passed.

Motion Discussion: Currently the fee for all applications, by owners or non-owners, is \$250. The City Council Land Use, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee is considering several changes to the Landmark Preservation Ordinance. Some Council members

and organizations believe that the fee for non-owners should be much higher than \$500. Linda Rea of Rangeview also presented being in favor of this motion. Ray Ehrenstein, Overland Park, expressed concerns.

New Business

Denver Water- Lead in Pipes

Joe Sloan, Denver Water, made handouts available that addressed recent concerns of lead in the water supply. He reported there is no lead in Denver's water supply but sometimes home pipes will emit lead and test positive. Essentially, Denver Water has become a source of education. He also advised that rates will be increased and he circulated a pamphlet on how the increase will be spent.

Denver Metropolitan Major Baseball League Stadium District- Spending and Planning Issues

Rafael Espinoza (Federal Blvd. Corridor Improvement Dist.) and Jo-Ann Herrick (RiNO) presenting. Rafael educated us about what the Stadium District is: The Stadium District (the District) is a corporate and political subdivision of the State of Colorado. Back in 1995, it was estimated that taxpayers would receive \$2 million in revenue- something yet to be received. Some of the District requirements are to have an office; regular meetings which are announced; revenue sharing and announced changes in public notice (transparency).

Current Concern Joanne explained the current concern is additional planned baseball parking in the River North area that is just now known to area businesses and residents. Although plans were submitted May 2012, the stadium did not send or post notice. Rafael indicated the same thing can happen on south side re football parking, and The District can choose to develop any of that property without notice.

JoAnn Herrick, RiNO and Dave Felice assists.



In addition to not providing notice, there have been no meetings in 5 years prior to this May action. The rationale for the new parking spaces is because The District lost 628 spaces due to RTD expansion. RTD gave \$18 million to The District and there is currently no revenue sharing; no financial analysis and no traffic studies done. State is spending \$13.7 million of tax dollars vs. finding alternatives. State has not done due diligence.

At this point, the parking lot is a done deal so the issue falls back on a familiar issue of the government failing to inform and involve residents/businesses who are impacted by various actions such as this. It was suggested that INC (ZAP) focus on establishing a process to inform people of the situation.

Motion:

Send a letter from INC to the appropriate City (and State) leaders that we have a concern about the process of the development, and are very concerned about a lack of information, early notification and involvement in the decision making process, specifically for the parking within the baseball parking district (The District). Cindy Johnstone made the motion, seconded by Rafael Espinoza: 28 for, 1 abstention.

Motion carried.

Motion to the City:

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City Initiated Social Media Site- Every Block

Dave Felice reports that Michael Sapp sent a notice to neighborhood presidents/leaders to announce the launch of a new Every Block social media site. INC was asked to investigate who owns and operates it, whether or not it is a for profit group benefiting; what its true intent is and where content coming from; how is content monitored/rejected and if we join – is our personal data private and what guarantees are there that we won't be spammed and how much is city paying for contract site? EveryBlock.com

Guest Speaker: Frank Ingram Neighborhood Prosecution Team – City Attorneys Offices

Frank just started his position in Denver recently and is very excited about this new role not only for himself but also for Denver. He and his partner (two-person role) will initially focus on issues within District 6. His department provides direct access to NIS, City Council, DPD and others, and said they can be an advocate for residents as well as speak to RNO groups.

The premise of his team is that small crimes can



result in big problems. They want break out of the traditional courtroom setting (arrests, jail time) to partner with community members where they live to address the criminal issues impacting their everyday quality of life. They also want to become proactive in preventing the crimes with non-traditional methods in the 'hot spot' areas.

Examples: His department is looking into reducing vandalism to a lesser criminal charge to keep serious crime off people's records unless they become habitual. Sentencing might include monetary reimbursement and community service. "We want to balance crime with a right solution and arrest ticket." On the other hand, some people have hundreds of convictions on petty crimes like public urination, so we want neighbors to testify against these people because when judges hear what the real nuisance is for "peeing on my house for 5 years", the result may be this guy can't go to your area for 2 years. If he shows up and a neighbor spots him, he then can go to jail.

Currently working on:

- Cherry Creek bike path – heroine use and resolve – Says often something as simple as putting up signage about drug patrols and criminal trespassing will deter drug dealers from working specific areas. For example, Parks & Rec is putting up signs indicating "trespassing" and if caught in that area makes it possible to detain and search. That deters dealers from being in those areas. Since drug trafficking is so hard to 'wipe out' they are designing approaches that constantly disrupt the dealer hangouts which keep dealers busier re-establishing sales area than selling drugs.

- One of the Ballpark area issues relates to homeless shelters needed and many on the street are mentally ill and/or dependent on drugs. His group wants to help find ways to give help and get drug dealers out of there as well.

- 16th St Mall has a problem with public urination which is unsanitary, smelly and drives business away. They are looking at innovative ways to reduce these issues.

Discussion

Drew Decker, Platt River says he bikes home around 630pm along the Platt near RINO and areas are sketchy under bridges and he assumes people are doing heroine along that route.

Response: Heroine is a huge drug problem in the City and if you disrupt it one place, you need to be alert to where else they go. Is there a way to address the drug issue? Denver is one of the leading places for cheap heroine (Honduras). If you break up the drug trade, it takes a while to reform somewhere else. It's a big chase. The Honduran trade will walk up to a car like they are asking for money and do the drug deal. Sellers never carry much on them so if they get caught, they are out of jail faster.

Joanne Herrick (RiNO): What does the city do to help mental health of the people – drugs, homelessness? Is there a place for mental health services?

Response: This has to be the jurisdiction of the courts. We have a list of 100 most repeat offenders and we give them a choice of jail for 2 years or get the help they need.

Todd McGuire, Colfax on the Hill, said his area had drug dealers that landlords ignored. He requested the City Attorney's office to put packages together that outline steps they can legally take to keep landlords "on notice" that renting to drug dealers is not acceptable. Response: "The way our constitution is set up – the biggest hurdle is that government cannot come to your home unless there is probable cause, so if a guy goes in and comes out, there is basically nothing DPD can do about it". There are common things going on in most drug houses that violate NIS codes so those are the steps to take.

Mike Henry, ZAP Committee Chair, advised that INC worked hard to get nuisance abatement to pass. He stated, "We seem to get nowhere because that City advisory committee is seldom meeting and we don't get called to meetings". Frank never knew it existed so a door is now open.

Frank was also asked how the new marijuana law impacts this group's work. Response: There is a complete loss as to what to do because marijuana is outlawed by Feds. Banks can't take money and it's an all-cash business. No tax revenue has even been collected because banks cannot pass the money without the risk of violating Federal laws. Federal law supersedes State law. Frank indicated the City is waiting for the City Attorney to make a decision on how best to proceed. Jane is to send award descriptions, criteria to EC as follow up. (done)

ZAP Committee Minutes

December 1, 2012

By Michael Henry, Committee Chair

Paul Riedesel, of the Denver Department of Environmental Health (720-865-5410), who is the city's only noise-enforcer (aside from the Police Department), informed the committee about **how noise is regulated**. He encouraged people to call the Police Department (the non-emergency number – 720-913-2000) to complain about unusual or unpredictable noise. Predictable noise (such as regular waste-hauling or construction or night-club noise) should be reported to 311, with a request to refer the complaint to Environmental Health. If a person gives his or her contact information, tickets can be issued (after one warning). The first ticket would be \$500, followed by \$750 and \$999. If a violator has a city license of any kind, the license could be jeopardized. Complaints about barking dogs need to be sent to Animal Control. If appropriate, noise or dog complaints can be mediated by Denver Mediation.

Bennie Milliner, the executive director of Denver's Road Home, explained **the city's plan to keep homeless people inside and safe during the winter months**. Due to terrible economic conditions since 2008 and the camping ban enacted in June 2012, more and more people need overnight shelter, in addition to other services. Denver's Road Home and a number of churches are working to provide overnight shelter to those who cannot be accommodated in the several shelters in the city, which are overflowing. From November through April, there will be a rotating 30-day overnight shelter at for up to 150 men at recreation centers in different parts of town, beginning with the Martin Luther King, Jr. Recreation Center at 38th and Newport. The persons will be screened and given a meal at Denver Rescue Mission downtown and then transported to each facility for overnight sleeping from 7pm to 6am and transported back to the Rescue Mission for breakfast. The city has pledged to conduct information/outreach sessions with neighbors around each location. Bennie indicated that the temporary shelters should be non-invasive and almost invisible in the neighborhoods. In addition, the city and Volunteers of America are providing overnight shelter for up to 50 women at a city office building at 303 West Colfax. Denver's Road Home hopes to be able to establish a new 24-hour a day/7 days a week shelter/resource center within 12-18 months.

The committee had a lengthy discussion about a large **new 4-story parking structure proposed by the Denver Metropolitan Major League Baseball Stadium District** (funded by taxpayers) at 27th Street and Blake to serve Coors Field. Sean Maley, representing the District, said that this is required

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because the Regional Transportation District condemned 650 surface parking spaces on District land in 2010 to accommodate RTD's new east line. Jo-Ann Herrick and Mickey Zeppelin of the River North Neighborhood Organization (RINO) argued that there was little transparency, notification, public accountability, cost-benefit analysis, transportation analysis or real need demonstrated. They indicated that there are many unused spaces in the existing lots and that, with limited public resources, more inclusive and comprehensive planning should be done and that any new parking facility should also serve the RTD station and the Stock Show complex. The committee urged the District to have an open discussion with community stakeholders to discuss how the facility can serve the taxpayers and the larger community in a fiscally responsible and environmentally sustainable way. Sean Maley and Matt Sugar from the District said that they would consider that request.

Michael Henry said that he will be scheduling a meeting for the Zoning and Planning Committee to have a comprehensive discussion with Rocky Piro, the new Planning Director, who will be starting his job as Manager of the Community Planning and Development Department on December 10. This may be at a regular ZAP meeting or a separate time. The committee developed a list of many topics to discuss with him.

The committee then discussed and passed the following motion regarding regulations of retail

marijuana stores to present to the INC Delegation on January 12:

Whereas, the voters of Colorado passed Constitutional Amendment 64 on November 6, 2012, which,

among other things, permits persons over the age of 21 to possess and consume one ounce or less of marijuana and allows the establishment of retail marijuana stores and other marijuana establishments;

Whereas Amendment 64 requires the Colorado Department of Revenue to adopt regulations to implement the constitutional amendment not later than July 1, 2013;

Whereas Amendment 64 requires local governments to enact ordinances or regulations relating to marijuana establishments and to begin accepting license applications not later than October 1, 2013;

And whereas the philosophy articulated by the proponents of Amendment 64 and the summary of the amendment in the "blue book" indicated that "the use of marijuana should be regulated in a manner similar to alcohol;"

Therefore, Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation should communicate with the Governor, the members of the General Assembly, the Mayor and City Council that the following elements should be incorporated into any statutes,

regulations and ordinances to implement Amendment 64, based on the manner in which alcohol is regulated in Colorado and Denver:

1. Retail marijuana stores should not be allowed within 1000 feet of a school;
2. Retail marijuana stores should not be allowed within 1000 feet of another retail marijuana store;
3. Registered neighborhood organizations must be notified of applications for all marijuana establishments;
4. Criminal background checks should be required of all applicants for all marijuana establishments;
5. Hearings should be required to determine whether a marijuana establishment is needed or desired within the neighborhood of a proposed marijuana establishment;
6. Registered neighborhood organizations and neighborhood residents or business owners or managers should be allowed to testify at such hearings;
7. Consumption of marijuana should not be allowed in parks, sidewalks, streets, alleys or other public places.
8. Any task forces established to consider these issues should include residents and neighborhood organizations.

More photos from the November Delegate Meeting





Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation Membership Application - RNO

To join INC as a member neighborhood organization, the organization must be registered with the city as a Registered Neighborhood Organization/RNO. RNO guidelines can be found at www.denverinc.org under the Neighborhoods tab.

Membership Levels

- ☐ Patron Gold \$500 ☐ Patron Silver \$250 ☐ Patron Bronze: \$100 ☐ Patron \$75 ☐ Regular Member: \$40
- ☐ Renewing an existing membership ☐ New membership

Each Member Organization is permitted to have two voting delegates. The voting delegates may be in addition to the organization's president or the president may be designated as one of the voting delegates.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE INFORMATION

Organization name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Zip code: _____

Organization's Website: _____

*How many members are in your RNO? (Estimates are acceptable) _____

*Would your RNO be interested in hosting a monthly INC meeting? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Please call to discuss

President's Name: _____

Preferred mailing address: _____ Zip code: _____

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Payment: Make checks payable to INC or Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation
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Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation (INC) Membership Application Associates

INC Associate membership is any individual, civic group, non-profit group, or government agency organization and this classification is a non-voting status member.

Membership Levels: (Please check your preferred level)

- ☐ Patron Gold \$500 ☐ Patron Silver \$250 ☐ Patron Bronze: \$100 ☐ Patron \$75
☐ Associate Individual Member: \$25 ☐ Associate Organization Member \$50 ☐ Student Member: \$10
☐ Renewing an existing membership ☐ New membership

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE INFORMATION

FOR ORGANIZATIONS:

Organization name: _____

Primary person(s) who will receive mail/attend meetings _____

Mailing Address: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone (_____) _____ Organizational website: _____

Email address for individual to receive INC updates: _____

*Would your organization be interested in hosting a monthly INC meeting? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Please call to discuss

*Would your organization be willing to become a sponsor for an INC event? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Please call to discuss

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Would you be willing to serve on an INC Committee? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Please call to discuss

STUDENTS: Name of school you attend _____

Would you be interested in an internship with INC? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Please call to discuss

Payment: Make checks payable to INC or Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation

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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

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