

January's Guest Speaker: Paul Washington, Office Of Economic Development

Paul Washington, Executive Director of the Office of Economic Development made a presentation on housing, federal grants, percentage of revenue that has decreased and what they are doing to ensure that people who earn area mean income between 30% and 50% have somewhere to live. The Housing Task Force made up of business leaders, bankers - developers, realtors and officials has a report on economic development and housing.



There were thirty people on this committee but no one explicitly from the neighborhood organizations. Paul indicated that OED will try to find better ways to communicate with and involve neighborhood leaders.

OED is working on net zero energy development of 810 new units of housing. Another aim is creating a Denver Urban Food Hub, where locally grown produce is readily available to residents. OED aims to reduce vehicle miles travelled and the number of vehicles by increasing public transit opportunities and use.

In the next decade the population will double. There is a disproportionate amount of services offered by the city, which Denver officials want dispersed throughout the region.

Businesses that seek Denver as a destination are looking for an increased number of young workers

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25 to 35 years of age who are well trained. The marks of successful overtures to developers, planners and investors is having great transportation, educated workers, a business friendly tax policy, cost of living that is fair and stable, and industrial clusters where businesses can work together.

OED sees that more and more of the people who are in these categories will be moving to Denver.

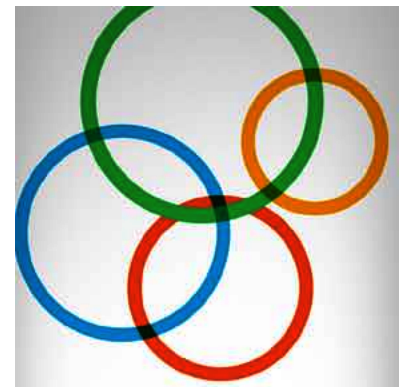
An aim of OED is to improve the neighborhoods in specific corridors along Colfax, I-25, I-70, Sun Valley, Federal Blvd, and to assist these areas to change the quality of life. This will be accomplished using a holistic approach, energy efficient development, and enrichment of the communities.

Get Involved – Serve On INC's Board

The March meeting of Delegates is scheduled for Saturday, March 9 at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science. At this meeting, we will hold elections for the 2013-14 INC Board of Directors. Our bylaws stipulate a one year term per election and officers may serve for two consecutive years.

Officers of INC: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and five (5) Delegates-at-Large. Only a Delegate from a member RNO shall be eligible to serve as an Officer. No Officer shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office. [INC Bylaws: <http://www.denverinc.org/about-us/inc-bylaws/>]

If you are interested in becoming an INC Board member, please let us know at president@denverinc.org or call Larry Ambrose at 720.490.1991



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2013 Memberships Are Due

Please remember to renew your memberships by March 1 so that you can vote for the new Board of Directors and especially if your RNO plans to have someone run for an office.

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 Committee

Diana Helper, PARC member
INC PARC (Parks and Recreation Committee) met Tuesday, January 15 at 6:00 p.m. at the Heritage Club, 2020 South Monroe St. Present were: co-chairs Maggie Price and Katie Fisher, Steve Fisher, Diana Helper, Kay LcFountise, Cindy Johnstone, Brad Cameron, Kathleen wells, Marlene Johnson, Ray Ehrenstein, James Sample, Ronnie Crawford, and Mary Ewing of PRAB (Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and Angela Casias and Scott Gilmore of DPR (Denver Parks and Recreation).

Safety Issue in Wash Park Kay spoke about the concern of wire bristles from clean-up machinery being found in Washington Park. These pose a danger especially to children and pets. She and Cindy have alerted DPR to this situation. Scott said they are from a machine and DPR will take care of it. A machine, the "Goosenator," which scares geese off by chasing them and with loud noise, is on trial, purchased by the city. DPR will use it at City Park, Sloans Lake, and Washington Park. The machine is approved to haze geese and encourage them to migrate to other areas. It has been used effectively at City Park. Scott also said that volunteer Coyote crews are being trained to help manage coyotes in parks, and that more signs have been posted warning against ice skating on any park lakes.

Snow Making at Ruby Hill Angela spoke about snow-making at Ruby Hill Park for the rail yard site. She said that design work has begun for phase two of the Ruby Hill Park plan. There will be meetings soon with neighbors regarding the planned amenities, and a public presentation on March 13. Construction will begin in 2014. There's talk of a Champion Disc Golf course at Ruby Hill as well. She mentioned a proposal by Ski Denver, for Nordic Skiing at Wellshire Golf Course (probably next year). Virginia Vale residents will meet about plans for a new, larger playground at Garland Park. La Alma and Sun Valley residents are having meetings about trail improvements, including a bicycle route connection. Angela also reported that the Communication Policy committee meeting will be scheduled soon.

Cesar Chavez Day Cesar Chavez Day, April 6, will feature a party hosted by RTD at the Decatur

Street Station. Angela said DPR will be involved with this event. Cindy asked if there will be booths- and if so, might INC have a presence there. Angela will let us know. The DPR website is being redone with more meeting schedule information and a page of general information for RNOs and others.

DPR Proposed Park Designations 2013 Scott distributed copies of DPR's "Proposed Park Designations 2013" and said DPR has begun the process of identifying parks designated and not-yet designated, and lists 9 parks for designation in the next two months (including Ruby Hill and Hentzell) and 10 more for designation by the end of the year. All parks in place in 1956 were designated at that time. Since then, it has been "a patchwork." The document included a brief DPR history, designation considerations, list of park acreages, and citywide maps of parks designated and non-designated. Designation is done by DPR, and is a separate process from dedication, or from official naming and ordinance by City Council.

City Park Playground Scott said City Park Playground committee will visit the equipment manufacturer, and 8 or 9 meetings will be held starting in March. He praised the Westwood community and Live Well Colorado for their work in making Westwood Park a reality.

New Members PRAB Mary mentioned that there are new members of PRAB, and a new list of the members will be forthcoming. Angela and Scott said that DPR is working more closely with PRAB. Katie reported on the INC vote for PARC's statement and resolution on Jan. 12. Kathleen said a one-page statement will be distributed to INC members to send to City Councilpersons regarding the Hentzell Park matter.

Commercial Use Policy Response Cindy asked for input about the "Commercial Use Policy Response" committee she will attend at the Jan. 23 meeting of that task force, trying to write a Policy statement. There will be three meetings and then it is proposed to take the draft policy to the PRAB for a public hearing and approval. Although PARC is not in favor of commercial park use, the matters of appropriate types of use, limits on permit numbers, limits on areas of operation, ability to enforce, number of people, realistic cost benefit analyses, are considerations. It was felt that this Policy should take longer to develop than its March deadline affords.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. Next meeting is Feb. 19.

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INC CALENDAR

DELEGATE MEETING

February 9 , 2012

2020 S. Monroe St.

Hot topic: How to use social media to build neighborhoods

830am Coffee & Networking

900am INC Program

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

Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, February 11, 2013

1201 Williams Street
19th Floor 700pm

March Delegate Meeting
Saturday, March 9, 2013

Denver Museum of
Nature & Science
2001 Colorado Blvd

Hot topics: Election of INC's Board
for 2013-14

DMNS groundbreaking research

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

Transportation Committee Minutes

January 10, 2013

The Transportation Committee started off the year with three topics at the January 10th meeting.

Street Maintenance Pat Kennedy (303-446-3535 / william.kennedy@denvergov.org), Public Works Engineering Supervisor for Street Maintenance provided an overview of the **street maintenance program**. There are 6,100 lane-miles of streets in the city, and maintenance was done on about 4.5% of the streets annually in recent years. To stay up with maintenance needs, they need be able to re-pave 7-7.5% of the streets each year. **With the passage of 2A, funding for street maintenance has increased by \$4.5M/year for four years to supplement the normal budget. The increase will all be applied to wards work on local streets in neighborhoods, and will significantly help with the backlog of street maintenance.** Pat shared handouts showing that 21% of the local streets are in "poor" or worse condition, which will be the focus of the increased funds.

Repaving work is planned and performed in 268 "neighborhood" chunks each consisting of area of pavement containing about 15 lane-miles or 100k sq. yards. Priority is determined by street condition, with a full condition inspection done on every block of the city every five years. The work is carefully planned far in advance in coordination with Xcel, Denver Water, CenturyLink, other Public Works areas, and other entities that open the street for infrastructure projects, in order to ensure that work is done prior to repaving, to give the repaved street the longest service life possible after repaving. There is a three-year moratorium on cuts to streets after repaving, and a higher level of restoration (up to and including repaving) is required of agencies that find they need to do work in streets in the first few years after repaving.

Notice about the approximate repaving schedule is shared with City Council and through the press release process in Public Works. **It was recommended by attendees that Public Works send notices to RNOs based on the planned work locations**, since some Councilmembers are better at sharing this information than others and there isn't much value added by making Council be intermediaries for the information. **The attendees also requested that notice/signs be provided on blocks where repaving is to be done with 48 hours' notice.** Public Works does not have the budget to pay for door-to-door notices or for postal mailers, but agreed that they could look at RNO e-mail, particularly if it can be automated, and will connect with Public Works' public information office and Julius Zsako in CPD.

Bike Vision and Planning John Hayden (haydenpryor@msn.com), chair of the Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Committee (MBAC), presented the committee's recommendations that were presented to the Mayor and City Council recently. The 25-member appointed committee's key message is to make the healthy choice – bicycling – the easy choice for people, through infrastructure, policy, and education focus. Their

research shows a large "return on investment" with infrastructure investment yielding significant health care and fuel cost avoidance.

As of the latest survey, 2.4% of Denver commuters bike to work, ranking 6th in the US. (Portland is first at 6%). Copenhagen is looked to as a model of success, as deliberate investment and policy decisions have resulted in a 36% bicycle mode share with an excellent safety record both objectively (counting accidents and injuries) and subjectively (with 67% of cyclists reporting feeling safe riding in traffic). Many lessons from Copenhagen were shared.

Denver Moves is the city's latest comprehensive bike plan, completed in 2011. The plan envisions adding 24 miles of multi-use trails such as the Cherry Creek trail; 62 miles of bike boulevards – streets where bicycles are prioritized which will debut in Denver on Knox Court in southwest Denver this year; 76 miles of separated in-roadway facilities such as bike lanes, buffered bike lanes, and cycle tracks; and 36 miles of enhanced shared roadways such as "sharrows." Several projects planned for 2012 have been deferred into 2013 for various reasons, but are moving forward. Key 2013 projects will include the 15th Street cycle track downtown, which will be implemented initially with pavement marking ("paint"), and the Union Station Bicycle Hub.

MBAC is advocating strongly for separated in-road facilities, particularly on and along arterials, as these routes represent important connections for travelers using all modes. MBAC is also recommending destination way-finding signage for cyclists and increased bicycle parking. In the area of education and training, MBAC reports that despite a 71% increase in the number of people commuting by bicycle between 2005 and 2011, the number of bicycle accidents has decreased over the same period. This is a pattern that has been seen in other cities as well – the more people cycle, the safer cycling is, in part because the awareness of bicycles on the road increases in the community. MBAC also advocates for safety programs for citizens and best practice training for city planners and engineers. **MBAC would like to work with INC and RNOs to hold education sessions, to help build local advocacy for bicycle facilities, and to push the city to fund the full implementation of Denver Moves.**

Emily Snyder (Emily.Snyder@denvergov.org), **Denver's Bicycle Planner in Public Works**, provided an overview of the City and non-City entities involved in the bike program's "five e's": engineering, education, encouragement, enforcement, and evaluation. The majority of the presentation focused on Denver Moves, which sets the goals of having a combined bike and walk mode-share of 15% by 2020, and having every household be within a quarter-mile (5-minute walk or 2-minute bicycle ride) of a high-ease-of-use facility such as a multi-use trail, shared use sidewalk, cycle track, or bike boulevard. The Denver Moves map on pages 36-37 uses colors to indicate high, medium, and low "ease of use" facilities in the full build-out, with a key describing these terms.

Denver Moves identifies three phases of infrastructure build-out, with an estimated \$65M in linear improvements and \$54M in crossing

improvements. The growth of the bike network has been proceeding at a rate of about 5%/year, which would complete the Denver Moves projects by 2020. However, the projects completed first have been the easy ones, for instance adding bike lanes to existing roads by reducing a traffic lane where auto traffic demand doesn't require all the existing lanes. The remaining projects are largely ones where community conversations and more careful study will be required due to greater trade-offs, and so implementation may slow down. Many of the remaining planned facilities also require more investment than simply painting bike lanes. **This is a key area where neighborhoods can help advocate for the planned bike facilities in their areas, working with Public Works and their Councilmember to identify and push forward desired upgrades.**

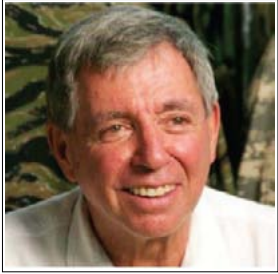
Emily also discussed planned upgrades to bicycle route signage with a pilot project, upgrading intersection technology to recognize bicycles waiting to cross (the current technology is only triggered by cars), and reviewing bicycle parking policy and regulations in order to make more bicycle parking possible at important destinations.

RTD FasTracks: New Downtown Denver Circulator. Lacy Bell (lacy.bell@rtd-denver.com / 303-299-2341) from RTD's FasTracks team presented on a core FasTracks project that is rarely reported on but will be critical for helping downtown function as the new rail lines coming to Union Station start operations. The Downtown Denver Circulator was included in the original 2004 FasTracks plan, and is required because the 16th Street Mall shuttle will not be able to carry the load of people distributing through downtown once new rail lines are open. Denver's Downtown Multimodal Access Plan (DMAP) in 2005 determined the best route for this new service, which will run between the underground bus facility at Denver Union Station along 18th and 19th Streets to Broadway/Lincoln, connecting to Civic Center Station.

The Circulator is currently planned to open in 2014, running every 5 minutes during the week-day during peak hours (6-9 a.m. and 3:30-6:30 p.m.). Like the mall shuttle, this is planned to be a fare-free service with distinctive multi-door loading low-floor vehicles and dedicated loading areas (not shared with other buses). Stops on 18th Street will be "bulbed out" from the sidewalk, so the circulator buses do not need to pull in and out of traffic, and detailed planning is

in progress with Public Works to ensure that bike lanes and surface stormwater drainage continues to work appropriately, and to design the signs and amenities at the stops. Because the stops are spaced every two to three blocks, it will be a faster alternative through downtown than the mall shuttle that stops every block.

Unfortunately, this initial plan is a reduction in scope from RTD's earlier circulator plan and the DMAP vision in that **the circulator will stop at Civic Center Station on 16th Ave., rather than continuing south of Colfax to the cultural amenities and employment centers in the Golden Triangle area.** The planning in recent years at RTD always assumed that at some point RTD would go to the voters for a FasTracks increase, > continued on PG 4



From The President

What's in INC's DNA?

Is being "negative" embedded in INC's nature,...our DNA? I am often taken aback to hear occasionally that INC is being "negative". "Why can't you just be positive", it is said.

Over the past two years, INC's Executive Committee (Board of Directors and Committee Chairs) has spent a considerable amount of time in developing a statement from which current and future members of the organization can take direction. The INC's mission statement:

To advocate for Denver citizens by bringing together, informing and empowering neighborhood organizations to actively engage in addressing City issues.

Bringing together: INC has a 35 year history of bringing neighborhoods together about common interests related to City issues. That said, we recognize that the organization has a ways to go to truly represent certain areas of the City, including NE and SW Denver, as well as a wider demographic of Denver's population.

Being informed: When Denver had two daily newspapers, there was fairly decent coverage of local government issues, although in-depth neighborhood coverage was sparse. With the demise of the Rocky Mountain News and tight budgets at The Denver Post, the number of local news reporters seems to have dropped by at least half. It is the neighborhood weeklies and Internet blogs that are breathing new life into journalism in their reporting and editorial comment. INC should take advantage of the research and viewpoints from these sources to better inform its constituent, neighborhood organizations citywide.

Government offices and agencies also put out a steady stream of information, much of it informative and valuable. There is however, a difference between what is intended to purely inform and what is also intended to persuade. When persuasion is intended, INC may have role in providing further informed and balanced views.

Empowering neighborhood organizations to actively engage in addressing City issues:

Once informed, citizens are empowered. Often they are motivated to action by what they have learned. There are important reasons for neighborhood organizations to be involved in local government decision making processes.

- Most people have interest in and pay attention to national, state and local, issues in that order of priority. There is less impact on local policy decisions when public opinion is focused elsewhere.
- The non-partisan nature of local elections and issues requires more public involvement because political parties are not part of the process and elected officials are more accountable directly to the people.
- It is important for us to know not only how the special interest groups may influence City decisions, but also to fairly represent how area citizens may feel about specific issues.

I would suggest, therefore, that informed neighborhood organizations bring critical balance to the democratic process. Attention to the united voice of collective neighborhoods will lead to better and more responsive government decision making.

To advocate for Denver citizens: The first words in our mission statement, "To advocate", are, therefore the most important component of INC's mission. To advocate is neither a positive nor a negative. When there are City issues about which neighborhoods are feeling positive, INC will be there in support. When neighborhoods, have questions, concerns or good alternative ideas, INC will be there to advocate for better solutions. That's what's in our DNA!

And in closing, INC's own democratic process will take place at the March delegate meeting when we elect our Board of Directors. Please put on your civic running shoes and run for an office.

Committee Corner

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which can no longer be assumed. In order to operate within the existing budget with the current FasTracks funding, the route has been shortened and the hours of operation have been limited. However, the buses needed to operate the full route are being purchased, and it is hoped that the original route and longer operating hours can be revisited if and when additional annual operating funds can be found.

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee will be on Thursday, March 14th at 6 p.m., at 1201 Williams Street, 19th floor. We will be meeting here every other month in 2013, on the second Thursday of each month. Many thanks to Michael Henry for arranging the meeting space! If you have suggestions for topics, please send them to [Joel Noble at joel.noble@frij.net](mailto:Joel.Noble@frij.net) or call 303-332-8640.

Dollar Dictionary Drive

The dictionary project is in full swing again for the year 2013. On January 12, the INC Delegation gave overwhelming support for the continuation of the Dollar Dictionary Drive (DDD).

Steve Nissen has given notice that he will be stepping down as chair of the project. He has however, agreed to work with a new transition team throughout the year to help with the project's success. We need to achieve a goal of \$30,000 by early June and with the help and support of INC members, and others, we anticipate that we will have a successful year. This national award winning project is recognized citywide as being a helpful tool for the education of our youth--the leaders of tomorrow.

We have had some great enthusiasts step forward to volunteer and commit to seeing that 2013 is a banner year for the dictionary project. Joanne Kuemmerlin and husband Dick McLean as well as Blake DiMeo have expressed great interest in seeing the project continue. Steve will work with this group throughout the year as they become familiar with the process and details of making the DDD happen.

We need the help of each one of you! Please tell your neighbors and friends of this project and encourage their support. Other groups, you belong to may also have an interest in supporting this great project - so let them know about it.

We also wish to expand our database of people we contact, so please share with us the names and addresses of anyone you know, or know of, who would be supportive of this project. Please ask your RNO to consider a contribution as well. Your employer or your favorite restaurant may have an interest in participating. We recognize the many RNOs, and other entities, who have supported us in the past and who continue to honor those commitments as an expression of caring and sharing in the betterment of greater Denver. We are sincerely grateful for your support in the past and hope you will continue to be part of our fold.

Your information, and questions, can be directed to Steve Nissen at 303-733-8524 or email at pennissen@cs.com. Contributions can be made to Dollar Dictionary Drive, P.O. Box 300684, Denver, CO or online at denverINC.org (click on 'Dollar Dictionary Drive').

Executive Committee Recap

January 15, 2013

Attendance: Board: Larry Ambrose, Cindy Johnstone, Jennifer Tomeny, Randle Loeb, , Katie Fisher, Judy Schneider, Anthony Thomas, Committee Chairs: Steve Nissen, Karen Taylor, Jane Lorimer, Michael Henry, Joel Noble

Delegate meetings scheduling was set up for 2013 during a pre-Board meeting.

Minutes December 10 Executive Committee Meeting minutes were moved by Anthony Thomas and seconded by Cindy Johnstone. They were approved by acclamation.

Financial There is \$13,790.00 reported in the Treasurer's Report for the end of the year 2012. A certificate of deposit will need to be cashed to cover anticipated payments due in January. Year end budget accounting will be sent via email by end of January.

Budget for 2013 Larry and Cindy presented the 2013 budget as three possible scenarios, two of which are based upon gaining grant applications to cover staff and office space. These decisions were based on INC's priorities for increased membership, being able to offer a tool box as added value for RNO members, and increasing membership diversity. The ultimate goal is to establish INC as an institutional organization with a staff to ensure consistency in operations and ultimately gaining a place of business. The motion: To adopt all of the presented budget options with an increase of \$1000 to membership dues and addition of \$1000 for development (grant writing); to monitor beginning from Plan C and as revenues warrant to migrate to Plan B and/or Plan A. The motion was moved by Katie Fisher and seconded by Cindy Johnstone. The motion carried with six in favor and one abstention.

Dinner Silent Auction Revenues A first motion was made by Katie Fisher, seconded by Jennifer Tomeny to split the revenues 50/50 between the grant writing line item and the DDD program. The motion failed with 4 opposed and 3 in favor. A second motion was made by Cindy Johnstone and seconded by Judy Schneider to have 60% of

the funds after expenses from the Annual Dinner go to the grant writing line item and 40% toward DDD. The vote was 6 in favor and 1 opposed. The 60%/40% motion carried.

Neighborhood Handbook Michael Henry petitioned to help fund a Neighborhood Handbook in the 2013 budget. Larry Ambrose suggested instead of the one handbook to follow the outcome of the planning retreat and use that line item to develop a tool box offered for INC members to learn how to develop newsletters, websites, membership levels, and how to increase their impact in the communities. It was felt this type of benefit would drive up INC's membership numbers.

Grants A lengthy discussion ensued with respect to grant writing and a proposed policy for grant writing. In short, the proposed grant applications must be amenable with the overall plan for INC. Training for writing grants is available through many agencies and it was suggested that committee chairs or delegates can then open doors to raise operating funding for the committees. A motion was made by Cindy Johnstone and seconded by Anthony Thomas to adopt the following policy for grant writing. The motion carried with 6 in favor and 1 opposed.

In order to increase INC's ability to meet its mission and goals INC EC will support grant applications written by INC delegates or members with the following:

INC requires a notification to the Board of intent to write a grant including the name of grant and organization behind that grant – approval may be obtained electronically when time is of the essence.

INC requires a formal review of the grant before it is submitted by a review board to ensure consistency of the mission and goals of INC
INC will establish a template as a foundation for grant language

Dinner A sign-up sheet for reservations by the INC board was passed around. A motion

was made by Cindy Johnson and seconded by Randle Loeb to have no more than five recipients for Neighborhood Star award and one person each for the four top awards. This motion was approved by acclamation.

The deadline for submitting neighborhood award nominations is January 25. The final slate will be circulated by e-mail to the INC board with the expectation that voting be done the same day. Judy Schneider outlined other aspects of the dinner program.

Councilman Albus Brooks and Josh Davies of LoDo will be Masters of Ceremonies for the event. Other speakers: Richard Scharf of Visit Denver, Larry Ambrose, and possibly someone representing the Mayor's office if he cannot attend.

INC members are urged to solicit silent auction donations and the forms were passed out to the EC.

Membership Membership dues are coming in for 2013. Three groups have signed up for the newly established higher membership levels.

DDD The delegates voted to retain the program at the last meeting January 12. Steve Nissen will continue to work on soliciting funds. A pitch will be made at the Annual Dinner. Steve has uncovered a couple who would be willing to help him with the program. It was strongly suggested that Steve either find one book containing a dictionary and a thesaurus or just aim for raising money for the dictionary since fundraising efforts are late starting with the caveat if enough funds are in hand by July 1, both books would be considered. Most EC members feel one book is sufficient.

Elections Something must appear in the next newsletter to announce Board openings. Larry Ambrose said that the Treasurer and Secretary positions were open due to term limits in each of these positions. Nominations for board members should be made for the upcoming election which will be held at the March 9 Delegation annual meeting.

The meeting was adjourned. Randle Loeb, Secretary.



From the January meeting: left to right: Judy Schneider and Josh Davie; Nettie Moore, Sloan's Lake Citizen Group; Joel Noble, INC Transportation Committee Chair See article on next page.

January Delegate Meeting

January 12, 2013

Larry Ambrose, INC President, presided over the meeting.

Dennis Cox, President of the Sloan's Lake Citizen's Group and Michael Smilanic, President of the Sloan's Lake Neighborhood Association, hosted the meeting at West End Flats.

Minutes

Minutes from November 10, 2012 were approved by acclamation. Katie Fisher moved and Al Habercorn seconded the motion to approve.

Treasurer

Jennifer Tomeny presented the financials. \$13,973 balance in treasury after paying for Dollar Dictionary supplies and books.

Five Motions Passed

1. Bylaws Changes (notice sent December 11, 2012 newsletter)

Cindy Johnstone presented the proposed bylaws changes related to Article IV/Membership.

Michael Henry moved and Randle Loeb seconded the proposed changes. The motion was approved by acclamation. The bylaws change will read:

Article Iv. Membership

A. There shall be classifications and levels of membership as defined by the Board of Directors which shall include voting and nonvoting members. Only delegates from Registered Neighborhood Organizations (RNO) as set forth in Chapter 12, Article III of the Denver Revised Municipal Code that have delivered a complete application form with dues paid in full shall be Member Organizations (MO), which shall be voting members.

Other membership classifications shall be non-voting members having paid the appropriate stated dues.

B. Dues.

1. The amount of dues to be paid, by any member classification, shall be established by the Board of Directors and shall be due and payable annually by January 1, except that the dues for a new Member Organization joining after the Annual Meeting shall be pro-rated on a bi-annual basis.

2. The current rate of dues shall be as quoted in the Membership Application and published in the newsletter and/or other media used to communicate with members.

3. A grace period, for receipt of MO dues paid in full, shall be given until the start of the Annual Meeting. Any MO not paid in full by

such time shall be dropped from membership and their Delegates shall not be allowed to vote or run for offices until such time as the dues are paid in full, thereby reinstating membership.

2. ZAP Committee presented a motion regarding retail marijuana stores. Michael Henry moved and Cindy Johnstone seconded the motion. Twenty-six delegates voted in favor of the motion and 13 abstained. The motion was approved.

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

3. Parks & Recreation Committee presented a motion regarding land swaps and park land use.

Katie Fisher presented the motion along with the Parks and Recreation Committee report concerning changes in park lands and how they are determined for use. Hentzell Park Natural Area, about 11 acres of land, is being considered for a swap with the Denver School District. The Director of Parks has the authority to approve this transfer based on the designation of the park. There are three types of decisions with respect to the land: whether it is designated, de-designated or dedicated land. The motion was moved by Jeff Archambeau and seconded by Anthony Thomas. 30 delegates voted in favor of the resolution; 6 abstained. The motion was approved.

Motion: In light of the issues and threats to the Denver Department of Parks and Recreation System posed by the precedent that has been set by the de-designation of 9.5 acres of the Hentzell Park Natural Area by the Denver Parks and Recreation Department Manager and the proposed purchase of Denver Public Schools Property at 1330 Fox Street involving payment of cash and deeding over of City owned land; INC requests of the Mayor and City Council to:

Table the proposed land swap and payment of \$300,000 from the City's General Fund to Denver Public Schools, and

Bring the issue of de-designation of the Hentzell Park Natural Area to a vote of the people.

Resolution

In regard to the potential loss of additional park and/or natural areas;

Whereas, the Charter of the City and County of Denver provides that "No land acquired by the City after December 31, 1955, shall be deemed a park unless specifically designated a park by ordinance", and

Whereas, the Charter also states, "Without the approval of a majority of those registered electors voting in an election held by the City and County of Denver, no park or portion of any park belonging to the City as of

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December 31, 1955, shall be sold or leased at any time, and no land acquired by the City after December 31, 1955, that is designated a park by ordinance shall be sold or leased at any time...”, and

Whereas, there are a number of parcels of City of Denver owned land which have been administratively designated by the Manager of Parks and Recreation as Denver parks or natural areas within parks have not been designated by ordinance as such, and

Whereas, these parks and natural areas can be administratively “de-designated” without the approval of a majority of those registered electors voting in an election held by the City and County of Denver and sold or leased at any time,

Now therefore be it resolved that, INC asks that the City immediately introduce legislation to City Council and to be signed by the Mayor to designate as parks, by ordinance, any administratively designated parks and natural areas and in the future all new parks and natural areas acquired will be immediately designated by ordinance as parks so that these parcels of land cannot be sold or leased without a vote of the people.

Parks and Recreation Committee meets the third Tuesday monthly at the Heritage Club at 2020 South Monroe St.

Inc Zoning And Planning Committee Minutes

January 26, 2013 By Michael Henry, Committee Chair

The entirety of the ZAP committee meeting was devoted to a get-acquainted session and full discussion with Rocky Piro, the newly-appointed City Planning Director. He is the Manager of the Community Planning and Development Department, which is responsible for citywide and small-area planning, zoning, historic preservation, issuing of building and zoning permits and enforcement of many city codes. He started in his new job on December 10. In addition to the standing-room-only group of ZAP members, we were pleased to have Carolyn Etter, former co-manager of Parks and Recreation, and longtime Denver Post columnist Joanne Ditmer contribute their ideas to the conversation.

Rocky grew up in North Denver and attended Beach Court Elementary School, Horace Mann Junior High School and Regis High School, before obtaining a degree in urban planning from the University of Colorado at Denver, where he did student planning projects in the Sunnyside and Sloan's Lake neighborhoods (one of which resulted in sound barriers along Interstate 70). He also taught languages at Denver's Machebeuf High School. He then worked for many years in regional planning in the Seattle/Puget Sound area before coming back to Denver. He focused there on collaborative planning between multiple jurisdictions and smart growth and helped re-write the state of Washington's planning legislation. He

4. Education Committee: Motions regarding DPS interaction with residents & taxpayers. Karen Taylor presented the motion. Cindy Johnstone moved and Anthony Thomas seconded. Thirty-two voted in favor and five (5) abstained. The motion was approved.

Motion Regarding DPS Notification and Engagement with Denver RNOs

Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation respectfully requests the leadership of Denver Public Schools to recognize that all Denver citizens and taxpayers, beyond the parent communities of a given school, should regularly be involved with Denver Public Schools, and Strongly urges Denver Public Schools to consistently communicate with RNOs, including INC, and other community organizations about any present and future plans that could affect such things as a given neighborhoods' design and character, traffic flow, noise, pedestrian safety, and parking; and allow opportunity to comment on such plans, and

Recommends that Denver Public Schools utilize the existing city list of RNOs and the GIS system the City has in place to carry out such communication and notifications.

Motion Regarding Disposition of DPS Properties

Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation urges Denver Public Schools to engage the larger community (including INC and other RNOs) in

and his wife have purchased a home in the Alamo Placita neighborhood. In his introductory remarks and in response to many questions and comments from committee members, he stated:

- Planning should be an exercise in democracy, with rich participation and willingness to listen. Plans belong to the community, not to planners or elected officials.
- Land use and transportation planning must be connected with each other. Dealing with mobility and accessibility depends on how we use our land.
- The built environment affects the natural environment.
- Every neighborhood has special issues and needs, as well as common concerns.
- It all comes down to good design and planning things in the right places.
- Each community must contribute to mitigating climate change.
- We need vibrant, healthy, sustainable cities and neighborhoods.
- I will help facilitate discussions between all stakeholders about sustainability.
- There should be regular updates of the 2000 Comprehensive Plan and the 2002 Blueprint Denver. In the Seattle area, our goal was to update major plans every 8 years. Plans and the regulatory frameworks must be coordinated.
- We need to work with neighborhoods to figure what the right thing is. Almost all successful developments are where developers and neighborhoods are in active collaboration.
- Denver neighborhoods are amazing and make Denver great.
- I look forward to continuing to meet with Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation and many neighborhood groups in the future.

any discussions regarding disposition of DPS properties including sale and/or possible re-use, and encourages DPS to provide opportunities to the community at large and the long term users and staff at Emily Griffith Technical College for public engagement in the upcoming disposition process for EGTC.

5. DDD: Discussion about retaining the dictionary program

Steve Nissen has offered to guide the Dollar Dictionary through changes in leadership for the first few months of 2013. He has spoken to a couple who will potentially work on the Dollar Dictionary in April. Michael Henry made the motion and Merce Lea seconded to support retaining the Dollar Dictionary program, while exploring how they would grapple with both leadership and funding. Thirty-three delegates voted in favor of the motion, five (5) were opposed. The motion to retain the program was approved.

Safety

The Cop Shop is a place where public safety is offered in the community with police and citizens working together. There is a Cop Shop at West End Flats.

In May there will be a Public Safety Exposition.

Carolyn Etter stressed the great importance of collaboration between the Planning, Public Works and Parks Departments, particularly in improving the attractiveness of the “public realm” - the streets, sidewalks, tree lawns, parks, parkways and other public places, which are where citizens interact. She emphasized that citizens and the city need to work together to decide what to change and what to sustain in the city. Many of the comments from committee members stressed:

- The need to enforce zoning and building codes.
- The great need for collaborative planning for the Globeville, Swansea and Elyria neighborhoods and Interstate 70.
- The importance of sidewalks to all neighborhoods.
- Environmental sustainability is important in all neighborhoods, including solar access and recycling of building materials.
- Neighborhood volunteers should be encouraged to help with data-collection, analysis and planning.

Representatives from all neighborhoods are welcome to attend ZAP committee meetings, which are usually at 9:30 am on the 4th Saturday of each month. Contact Gertie Grant at gertiegrant@estreet.com to be put on the list to receive monthly e-mail agendas or Michael Henry at michaelhenry824@comcast.net for any questions or comments about the work of the committee.

MEMBERSHIP NOTICES *Inter-Neighborhood membership renewals for 2013 were mailed at the end of December. If you did not receive yours, please visit our website www.denverinc.org> Membership or email membership@denverinc.org for the application. We look forward to your membership with us in 2013!*

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 The list below represents INC's membership as of December 31, 2012. We will update with 2013 list in our next newsletter when the majority of memberships have been received.

INC members as of October 25 2012

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