

## INC's Annual Awards Dinner

INC celebrated neighborhoods and neighborhood leaders at its annual awards dinner held this year at the new History Colorado Museum. The venue was marvelous, food was great and the emcees, Josh Davies and Councilman Albus Brooks were superb!

The now annual Silent Auction raised over \$3700 this year. Monies will be shared between INC and The Dollar Dictionary campaign.

The dinner featured Diana Helper's wonderful annual anthem as well, led by Dennis Gallagher and accompanied by the "INC Choral Group". Here's her tribute to INC this year.

INC Anthem 2013-03-04  
Tune: When Iris Eyes Are Smiling

*When INC is smiling,  
Sure it means the City has heard  
What the INC is saying—  
And attended to its word!*

*When INC is laughing  
Sure it means we all agree—  
And when INC's triumphant—  
It's the best that the City can be!*

### INC's Honored Neighborhood Leaders for 2012

#### Bill Gross Award: Catherine Sandy

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 and has made Denver a safer place in which to live.

#### Nancy Jackson Award: Maxine Parks

The Nancy Jackson 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 and/or other significant contributions.

#### Walt Kembel Award: Maggie Price

The Walt Kembel Award is given to a person or group who is an INC delegate or a member of a Denver RNO and who has contributed to INC during the past year over and above normal expectations to develop and promoted the organization, or has moved INC forward or in new directions in creative or unexpected ways.

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#### Virginia Oredson Award: Gertie Grant

The Virginia Oredson Award is given to a person who has encouraged Denver neighborhoods / citizens to work together in a common effort to solve community problems; has established a record of selfless community service; and/or has encouraged and motivated others to volunteer their services to engage in community improvement efforts.



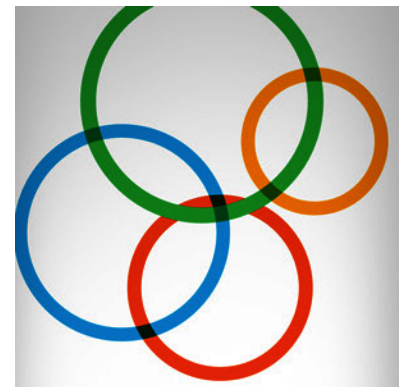
#### Neighborhood Star Awards

This award is nominated by the Board of an RNO to a person or group who has made a difference in their neighborhood; has worked together to make Denver a better place to live; and/or has worked over the past year on a cause or project that has improved the appearance or the quality of life in their neighborhood.

#### Recipients:

Cathy Calder, Whittier Neighborhood Association  
Sarah Edgell, North City Park Neighborhood Assoc.  
Sybille Leinz, Sloan's Lake Neighborhood Association  
June Morgan, University Park Neighbors  
Al & Claudette Rue, North City Park Neighborhood Association

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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](http://www.denverinc.org) for committee postings and the calendar of meetings.

### Inc Zoning And Planning Committee Minutes

Saturday, January 26, 2013, By Michael Henry, Committee Chair

#### Introducing Rocky Piro, Newly Appointed City Planning Director

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 Ditrmer 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 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.

#### Importance of Collaboration

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.

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## INC CALENDAR

### DELEGATE MEETING

April 13, 2013

Transfiguration Church  
349 E 47th Ave  
Denver, CO 80216

The meeting will be in their community room. It's easy to access and wheelchair accessible.

830am Coffee & Networking  
900am INC Program

Contact [president@denverinc.org](mailto: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, April 15, 2013  
1201 Williams Street  
19th Floor 700pm

May Delegate Meeting  
Saturday, May 11, 2013  
Southwest Community Center:  
1000 South Lowell

DPS Superintendent  
Boasberg and and  
Board President Seawell.

830am Coffee & Networking  
900am INC Program

Executive Committee Meeting  
Monday, May 13, 2013  
1201 Williams Street  
19th Floor 700pm

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](http://www.denverinc.org)

## Committee Corner

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

### INC PARC Meeting Notes, Feb. 19, 2013

Diana Helper, PARC member

INC PARC (Parks and Recreation Committee) met February 19 at 6:00 p.m. at the Heritage Club, 2020 South Monroe St. Present were co-chair Maggie Price, Kathleen Wells, Kathleen and Jay Rust, Diana Helper, Brad Cameron, Linda Wilson, Ronnie Crawford, Steve Fisher, Larry Ambrose, Marlene Johnson, Renee Lewis, Myles Tangalin, PRAB (Park and Recreation Advisory Board) chair Keith Pryor, and speakers Tim Wohlgenant of The Trust for Public Land; Chris Dropinski of Green Play; Fred Weiss, Dody Erickson, and Angela Casias from DPR.

#### Overview Trust for Public Land

Tim Wohlgenant gave a brief overview of The Trust for Public Land, which "preserves land for people to enjoy as parks, gardens, and other natural places, ensuring livable communities for generations to come." In Colorado it is concerned with neighborhood parks and trails, green belts, wildlands, and working farms and ranches. It helps identify new park land, provides skills and solves problems, and protects \$15 million worth of Colorado land annually.

Tim distributed the Trust's magazine Land&People, and information about a Denver Park Forum the Trust is sponsoring this summer, "Envisioning a Renaissance for Denver Parks." This three-part series will present local speakers on Denver issues and guest speakers bringing ideas and successful examples from other cities. Session three is a round table discussion of "a way forward." He pointed out that Denver is considerably falling behind in park acres per capita, and needs to educate people to effect changes to turn this trend around. PARC and INC members are urged to help promote and attend these Forums, and to convey questions and topics of concern to tim.wohlgenant@tpl.org. PARC members brought up the need to explain how our Parks and Parkways System began, to review the provisions of the Charter regarding DPR governance and powers, the history of how PRAB evolved, and to address problems in light of recent tensions between community and DPR, to include various perspectives.

#### DPR's Resource Allocation & Priorities Plan

Dody Erickson, Chris Dropinski, and Fred Weiss presented power points on DPR's RAPP (Resource Allocation and Priorities Plan) and Outdoor Fee-

Based Program. DPR's Vision is stated: "To be a nationally recognized leader providing model programs and dynamic spaces." Its mission includes "customer satisfaction and enhancing lives by providing innovative programs and safe, beautiful, sustainable places." RAPP is about Cost Recovery Analysis, Service Assessment, and Technical and Best Practices. Its Plan draft categorizes park uses on a scale from Community Benefit (widest uses) to Individual Benefit, and has a Services Assessment Matrix to help decide the need, market, etc. for proposed uses. RAPP will finalize the draft in March, with City Council, DPR and public meetings in April and May, Public Hearing and City Council process from June to August. Kathleen Wells and Cindy Johnstone are INC reps on RAPP. PARC members had many questions about clarification of the plan, especially its categorization component. They noted that cost recovery analysis must be linked to the goals of the DPR Game Plan.

The Outdoor Fee-Based Program is a draft of commercial use policy. Its stated purpose is to manage the growing demand and uses within our parks...deal with sales in or near parks and needed contracts, permits...park activism... promote healthy communities. Denver parks are divided into tiers for various uses, and some parks have zones where activities may be allowed. DPR wants to help balance uses in parks by the new fee schedule policy it is developing. PARC members pointed to the need for supervising staff to check on legalities, permits, etc. DPR hopes citizens will help report questionable activity. Dave Felice and Cindy Johnstone are INC reps on this DPR committee.

#### RNO Notification

PARC asked that RNOs be notified of park uses being allowed in various parks. DPR will have a website to assist. The proposed policy considerations seemed complicated to many PARC members, who urged simplicity of set fee schedules, and that DPR manage efficiently the uses presently allowed, and present problems, rather than add new uses to our inadequate parkland. Kathleen Wells said that it would be advisable to restrict park activities to those traditionally consistent with the mission of the parks, such as hiking, walking, bird-watching and athletic activities. Fred Weiss, conceding that the policy is not intended to promote more commercial use but rather to control existing uses, said he would consider a caveat to this effect in the introduction to the policy.

PARC thanked all its visiting speakers for a very useful meeting, and looks forward to hearing from them at future meetings. PARC adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Next PARC meeting will be March 19.

**Education Committee Minutes – March 13th**  
2:30 at the Metropolis, Golden Triangle.

Today, Karen Taylor, Co-Chair of the Education Committee and Billie Bramhall met with Benita Duran from Denver Public Schools (DPS), who oversees community outreach from the

Superintendents Office. The meeting was regarding the motion DPS passed in January to encourage transparency and better communication between Denver Public Schools and Denver community.

After some discussion, it was decided that Benita would meet with Julius Zsako, who works with the city of Denver and oversees Neighborhood Notification. They (Julius and Benita) will discuss whether DPS can tie into the city's notification system or how DPS can do it effectively, and most efficiently.

Benita will follow up with Karen and Billie, once the meeting has taken place.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Taylor 3/20/13  
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## Let's Make It A Generation And A Half!

Inter Neighborhood Cooperation's Dollar Dictionary Drive is in its 18th year! For the past 17 years Denver INC, its member organizations, grantors and private individuals have been giving the "Gift of Words" to every 3rd grade student in the Denver Public Schools. Through this program, each student receives a dictionary and a thesaurus – books they keep as their very own. There are times when these are the only books a student – or even a family – owns.

This year's Dollar Dictionary Drive is our 18th. Think of it! A successful drive this year means that through the Dollar Dictionary Drive, the Denver community will have been supporting our children and helping them develop major life skills for one and a half school generations. Did you know that averaging out all talk, researchers say adults speak about 13,500 words a day? And do you know that strong communication and language skills are one of the most sought after abilities by schools and employers? Giving children words makes all of this possible.

Many thanks to those of you who have already donated to the 2013 drive – our individual donors, Inspiration Point Neighborhood Association, Virginia Village/Ellis Community Association and the Wellshire East HOA. And thanks also to our donors supporting us at our new \$500 Patron level.

But...we need much more help. It is February and the Dollar Dictionary Drive purchases the books for our DPS students in July. We have only a few months to raise the necessary total of \$30,000. But we are convinced we can! We've done it before – and we can do it again!

Come on Denver! Let's make it a generation and a half!





## From The President

### INC and IT

When I first joined the INC Board in 2007, Information Technology was not deemed to be of much importance. The INC website was a template style which was rarely visited and even more rarely updated. Although, "email blasts" were common, there was little attention to list development and no policy regarding what was appropriate to be disseminated. I suggested the development of an "Internet Dissemination Policy" and, together, with the help of Karen Cuthbertson and Ken Beaudrie it was written and implemented.

It took a good deal of convincing over the next three years to get the Board to approve development and funding for a new website. However, with the encouragement of then Board member Will Cornell, in 2009, we budgeted for and studied alternative web design firms to revamp INC's Internet presence. We selected Mad Lab Media in January of 2010. As part of the new website, Mad Lab proposed a new logo to update the one that INC had used for thirty-five years. The idea of a new logo proved to be more controversial than the website design, however, finally, in August of 2010, the website was launched. Since that time INC, has become increasingly and thankfully more cybercentric.

It became clear to me, shortly after INC's website was launched, that email and having a "URL" was only touching the potential that the Internet held for promoting communications among and between neighborhoods. Seeing what social media was doing to connect interest groups and individuals around the world, I realized it would only be a matter of time until "hyper-local" social media sights would be developed that would enable, empower and entice people within neighborhoods to meet needs, find resources and share ideas.

Two of these national marketed sites recently have surfaced in Denver. EveryBlock was a well funded site, owned by MSNBC.com which came to town with a contest offering \$500 awards for worthy neighborhoods "projects". The Mayor's Office was so enthralled that they sent out an electronic letter on City stationery including the official Denver "Seal" (not the zoo animal, incidentally) Everybody should join EveryBlock said Michael Sapp, the Mayor's neighborhood liaison. No sooner had the \$500 awards been announced did EveryBlock also announce their own demise. EveryBlock is not on AnyBlock anymore.

For now, this leaves Nextdoor the sole game

in town. Founded by young Silicon Valley genius, Nirav Tolia, it has raised an estimated \$45,000,000 from venture capitalists. Nextdoor, has made concerted efforts to cultivate Denver neighborhoods, RNOs and INC. We invited Nextdoor representatives, Minna King,, Vice President of Growth and Justine Fenwick, City Partnership Manager, to make a presentation at the February 9 Delegate Meeting. Nextdoor has a strategy to identify one person within City identified neighborhood boundaries to get their program going. This strategy has already generated huge interest and many of those participating are enthusiastic about what they are getting out of the website.

I have met with Minna King on several occasions and, though INC was graciously offered \$125 for every "new neighborhood we could bring in", I told Minna that INC would rather prefer a long-term strategic partnership which helps neighbors communicate securely and meaningfully and helps make neighbors more aware of the existence and work of neighborhood groups. I asked Minna to have the highest level of their organization's leadership consider what I believe to be very important to a long term "win/win" relationship with neighborhood organizations. Here is some of what I proposed:

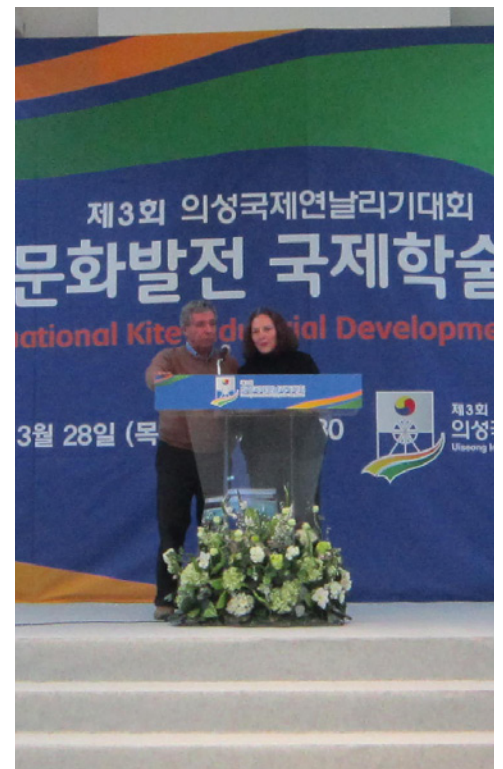
Hyper-local social media websites should not set up a situation which will lead to competing with neighborhood organizations. Nextdoor, for example, plans to eventually start selling advertising to local businesses. Many RNO depend on a bit of local business advertising to support their own membership drives and publications. RNOs might be willing to solicit such ads if they are partners and participate in the revenue.

I suggested that their company should not be just about business by generating numbers of residents participating. Neighborhoods are stronger because of RNOs. Wise companies give back to the community and how more perfectly can Nextdoor or other hyper-local sites give back than by making the neighborhood movement their cause. Issues of privacy and the ability to choose who can see what you have to say and whose musings you want to see should be highly individual.

How neighborhoods are identified and communicating outside of boundaries are critically important considerations for long-term success. This is a role in which INC and RNOs may be important players.

Hyper-local social media will evolve through market forces and common sense approaches to features which meet the needs of residents and neighborhoods. INC and RNOs need to take a thoughtful approach to the future development of these sites and their relationships with them.

*Gary Ambrose*



### President Ambrose On Mission To South Korea

From an email : Jane and I were extremely honored to present the History of Kites and One Sky One World at the Uiseong International Kite Festival Forum this afternoon. We didn't quite realize we would be doing this presentation which was to all the kite fliers and City of Uiseong elected and economic development officials. We have been also asked to give the greeting speech after the Mayor's introduction of the event at the public opening ceremony.

# Executive Committee Recap

MARCH 11, 2013

Attendance: BOD: Larry Ambrose, Cindy Johnstone, Randle Loeb, Judy Schneider, Katie Fisher. Committee Chairs: Michael Henry, Jane Lorimer, Steve Nissen, Joel Noble and Maggie Price.

The Minutes of the January 15 Executive Committee meeting were amended to read "the proceeds from the Annual Dinner from the Silent Auction after costs the net profits will be split 60/40 between INC and the Dollar Dictionary." After Anthony Thomas moved and Larry Ambrose seconded, the Minutes as amended were approved by acclamation.

Financial Treasurer's report was tabled pending Audit Committee review. Al Halbecorn, Jane Lorimer, Steve Nissen and Larry Ambrose will meet to review the finances from April, 2013 to December 31, 2013. Executive Committee moved to approve the appointments with one abstention. The Audit Committee will meet on February 25, 2013.

Cindy Johnstone moved to create a separate bank account for the Dollar Dictionary, to be maintained by the Treasurer. Randle Loeb seconded the motion. The motion was approved by acclamation. Randle Loeb moved to table the Treasurer's Report until the audit is conducted. Anthony Thomas seconded the motion. The motion was approved by acclamation.

Membership Report: 47 RNO members, 5 new; 6 patron members at \$75 each; 2 patron bronze members at \$100 each (last year 15 patron); 29 Associates, 10 new, 8 as a business at \$50 each; 4 Patrons at \$75 each; 1 Patron Bronze at \$100 each; 2 Patron Silver at \$250 each.

Jane Lorimer Membership Chair, reported that planned for this week are reminder e-mails to current RNO members and non-member RNO's with link to on-line payment form and attached RNO membership form as a PDF file. Planned for the week of February 25 is final notice for current members as it relates to voting in March.

All voting members have two delegates who can vote at the meeting at the Colorado Museum of Nature and Science meeting on March 9, 2013. Colored cards will be handed out to delegates eligible to vote. Membership will determine the number of eligible voters who have paid their membership for 2013 - 2014.

Judy Schneider raised the question of what are the benefits of membership? A committee will

be determined immediately after the elections on March 9 to determine This issue of the value of being a member reflects on the three main goals of the increased revenue from increasing membership and the resources that are offered to members such as a handbook, newsletter, e-blasts, and technical assistance to RNO's.

Elections: Based on the Bylaws, the order of the election will be President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary for the Board positions. Five delegates at large will also be elected. If more than one person is nominated or there are more than five delegate candidates a paper ballot will be handed out to eligible voting members. Cindy Johnstone will step forward to run the President's election.

The Neighborhood Conference is scheduled for September 14, 2013 at the Webb Building in the Atrium. The retreat recognized the objective of raising money for all events to be self supporting. The Conference Committee has to begin soliciting sponsors and raising income for the event. After the election this committee will work together to make this a reality. Denver Water was suggested as a partner. (Subsequently, it was determined that this date is Yom Kippur. As of publication, an alternative date of September 21 has not been approved by the Mayor's office.)

There will be a post Annual Dinner Committee meeting, which will determine ways to improve communication for issues of paying a deposit for a reservation, the cash bar proceeds and any other issues that are of vital importance to the event in 2014. There is \$154 remaining to be collected for Silent Auction. Money collected and deposited as of 2/11/2013 is \$3,347.00 for a total of \$3,501.00. There was money collected and deposited from Table Flower Sales \$210.00. Sponsorships amounted to \$1,750. Jane, Judy, Cindy and Larry will send out thank you letters to those who supported the event this year.

There will be three Denver School Board seats open. Channel 8 will record an election forum.

Merce Lea has said that the Safety Exposition will be scheduled in either May or June, 2013. This is a major event of INC.

Future and tentative meetings and topics include: March 9, Denver Museum of Nature and Science: Elections

April 13, Globeville: Future of the Stock Show  
May 11, SW Improvement Council: DPS and neighborhood involvement

June 8, Congress Park: Nuisance Abatement  
July 13, Green Valley School: Aerotropolis  
August 10, Dollar Dictionary location  
Sept. 14, Neighborhood Conference Webb Building

Oct. 12, Molkrey: Monclair Civic Building  
Nov. 9, Human Services Building 38th Ave.  
Dec. No scheduled meeting  
January 11, 2014 TBD.

Toolbox resource Committee will be formed after the Delegate Assembly Election and part of their task will be to work on the value of membership in INC. Among their charge will be to develop strategies for outreach and marketing of INC through communications, handbook, webinars, and making every event self-supporting. Fund raising and membership are vital elements of the toolbox.

Parks Report at the Cabinet in Community the situation of Hentzell Park received attention. The articles referring to the events will be posted in the newsletter and any time that INC is mentioned in the press. This will also be uploaded to the website.

Zoning and Planning passed out a City of Denver Audit Report from Dennis Gallagher's office. This is entitled: "Better Denver Bond program Citizen Update - 2013" INC will play a role in moving ahead with input, following this revenue and how it will be implemented. The general Bond Committee is meeting on February 12, 2013.

Medical marijuana sales and regulations has been a boom to Denver's coffers. There have been almost \$5 million in taxes levied off of \$130 million dollars of sales in Denver County in 2012.

There was discussion of possible INC involvement in purchase and restoration of the original Temple Emanuel building in Curtis Park.

Nextdoor.com was discussed. The questions for INC are: are there privacy issues remaining with how the site operates and what is the value for the organization, how might it compete with RNOs, how might it help and how can a win/win relationship be created?

Newsletters do not go out on a month to month basis because the timing is based on when reports are sent to the editor. Ten issues are published annually.

# February Delegate Meeting

February 9, 2013,  
Submitted by Randle Loeb

Thank you to Heritage Club, 2020 S. Monroe for providing this space

Larry Ambrose, INC President, presided over the meeting

Dana O'Connor, President of University Park Neighborhood Association welcomed the delegates to the Heritage Club along with Diana Morefield from Heritage Club's staff. Six new members who attended the meeting for the first time, introduced themselves. Thirty-four voting delegates were present constituting a quorum/

## Minutes

Minutes from January 12, 2013 Delegate meeting were approved without exception. Katie Fisher moved and Anthony Thomas seconded the motion that was passed.

## Treasurer's Report

Jennifer Tomeny, Treasurer.  
Current INC bank balance equals \$16,357.11 and INC awaits the final analysis of the expenses and proceeds from the Annual Awards Dinner.

## Awards Dinner

It was predicted after expenses that \$3,367 was raised from the dinner. There were several sponsors for the event including complimentary wines from Barefoot Wine & Bubbly and event printing from Denver Water. About 30 people no-showed (which is reportedly 'typical' for these dinners) and 10 canceled the day of the dinner. INC has to cover the dinner costs per person at \$30.00 each for INC. A suggestion was made to charge people to attend in the future.

## Membership

Jane Lorimer, Interim Membership Chair  
There were 94 Registered Neighborhood Organizations and 39 associates at year end 2012. This year included a targeted mail campaign inviting all RNO's and a broader range of potential Associates to renew or join. The mailing included newly designed membership application forms. Goals include not only to grow the numbers of members but also to increase the diversity of membership. Currently, we have 47 RNO members, five of which are new to INC and 29 Associate members, 10 of which are new to INC.

## Committee Reports

**Parks and Recreation** Katie Fisher, Co-Chair  
A list of designated parks is being created to

post on line. Parks such as Ruby Hill are not designated and therefore can be swapped or developed. At the Mayor's Cabinet in Community at the same time as this meeting a group is protesting the Hentzell Park plan to trade this land. The Parks and Recreation Committee meets on Tuesday February 19 at 6 p.m. Land Use will be the subject of the meeting. Everyone is welcomed to join any of the committees of INC.

Cindy Johnstone reported that Parks Committee for the City of Denver is considering revenue based events and uses for the parks. These uses are being regulated to ensure that people have access to the parks and open spaces and that paid users have licenses and follow strict guidelines on park use.

## Zoning and Planning Committee

Michael Henry, Chair  
They had a meeting with the new City Planning Director, which is described on page 7 of the INC News. Saturday, February 23 is the next meeting and they will be considering the Historic Denver Survey. Gertie Grant sends out notices for the committee. There is a meeting about the legal sale of marijuana at 3 p.m. Monday afternoon. A letter concerning the resolution passed by INC was sent to the Council and INC is going to testify.

## Education and the Dollar Dictionary Drive

Karen Taylor, Co-Chair  
There is an oversight committee meeting concerning how to use the revenue from the bond passed in November, 2012.

Steve Nissen, former Dictionary Drive Chair, reported that DDD now has three enthusiastic new leaders and he is involved with their transition to lead DDD. They are redesigning the printed brochure. \$30,000.00 must be raised by June 1, 2013. Everyone is urged to make a donation. A mail campaign is in the works to drive donations. Joanne Kuemmerlin and husband Dick McLean of the Congress Park Neighborhood (Cokesbury Bookstore owners) will head up the DDD. Blake DiMeo is one of the new members of the committee and she's from the Clayton Neighborhood.

## Public Safety

Mercede Lea, Chair  
Mercede reported that the Safety Exposition will be in May or June and the date is not set. A new district police map is being created changing the districts and some of the cop shops will have new locations in districts. Leetsdale Cop Shop is seeking a new site because strip mall owners now want \$1500 for rent. Safety Committee plans to publish safety tips,

short articles and locations of these districts in the INC News.

**Transportation** Joel Noble, Chair  
Joel reported on the Denver Moves Bicycle Plan. The next Transportation meeting is Thursday, March 15, 2013 at 1201 Williams St. on the 19th fl. at 6:00pm.

## Delegate Meetings For 2013

Cindy Johnstone has taken the lead on setting up meeting sites for the 2013 monthly meetings. She gave a lineup of meeting spaces which are under consideration or that have been confirmed. Please see Calendar in this issue and also check INC's website [www.denverinc.org](http://www.denverinc.org)>EVENTS>Calendar.

The next meeting, March 9, 2013 at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science will be the annual delegate assembly to elect the INC 2013-14 Board of Directors.

## Brainstorming Exercise

Cindy Johnstone led a brainstorming exercise to help develop in INC's goals and objectives for this upcoming year. This exercise focused on three key things:

How to increase our membership of RNO's and reach out to non-members. A greater and more inclusive membership means our voice is stronger and more representative of the residents and neighbors of Denver. Ideas to develop a strong financial base. Through membership, fundraising including events and drives, grants and sponsorships we can increase our financial base to provide the additional support needed to achieve our mission and reach our goals and objectives. What should be in our toolbox? Develop a toolbox for INC's RNO's to have available those supports, items, resources and tools needed to strengthen their own neighborhoods and their organization.

## Small Group Report DETAIL and SPECIFIC

1. What is the idea and how will it support or reach the majority of RNO's?
2. Who and/or what is needed for implementation?
3. Where and/or how would the necessary resources be found for implementation?
4. What would the timeline be to develop and implement the idea?

Groups of four met for fifteen minutes and reported out what guidelines that they wish. Cindy Johnstone will report back what was shared on the worksheets from all 6 groups.

The Meeting was adjourned.



## Introducing Nextdoor.Com

At the February INC monthly meeting of members, we learned about a social media site established for neighborhoods. This site is [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com)

After a short break Nextdoor.com was introduced. Justine Fenwick, Senior City Strategist and Minna King from the San Francisco based organization. Gayle Rodgers from Hampden South Neighborhood Association spoke about signing on 130 members to the neighborhood sharing on line.

They spoke about partnering with police in neighborhood public safety alerts. The Denver Police Department is interested in participating in this organization. They will be making a public announcement this month. Thus far Washington Park, South Park, West Highland and Hampden South have the most participating neighbors in the on line service. Over 90 neighborhoods have begun partnering with police. Also, Lakewood and Ft. Collins have become partners. All data in the system is held by Nextdoor. This is a private social media partnership network for neighbors to have connections. Sharing local service recommendations Organizing local neighborhood events Report suspicious activities and report crime Create groups to connect with parents, pet owners and other neighborhood groups Getting to know neighbors One of the best ways to prevent crime is to

know your neighbors. When neighbors know one another they look out for one another.

The neighborhood site is password protected and private to you. Neighbors must verify that they live in the neighborhood before they can join a Nextdoor website. All information is private. All members must verify their addresses before accessing their password protected encrypted websites. None of the data is available on search engines. Data is not shared anyone.

Go to <http://nextdoor.com> for more information or [support@nextdoor.com](mailto:support@nextdoor.com)

## Neighborhood Innovations

Submitted by Jodi Kopke, City Park West Neighborhood

### Cruise Apartments:

Cruise, a 61-unit apartment building located at 1899 Gaylord Street, is slated for completion by January 18 and features modern, sleek finishes -- stainless appliances, modern designer cabinetry, polished concrete floors, designer lighting and hardware, in addition to many energy efficient features. There's a state-of-the-art fitness center, a community lounge, and even a bicycle repair station room. In addition, they are offering a free cruiser bike to each new resident who signs a one-year lease for one of the studios, one bedrooms or two bedroom apartments.

Cruise is located in the City Park West neighborhood, walkable and bike-able to a host

of restaurants and coffee shops. And it's just 1 short block to City Park, and less than 2 miles to downtown Denver.

### Shift Workspaces:

Shift Workspaces, located at 383 Corona Street (Alamo Placita area), is the latest idea from the creators of Denver's acclaimed Boutique Apartments. By researching the best practices that are revolutionizing the workplace, they've designed a professional and creative office environment that promotes collaboration, networking and professional growth, offering private offices, desks, shared/co-working spaces, and meeting/event spaces. Whether you're



looking for a full-time private office for your business, or just need a place to get some work done on a part-time basis, Shift offers flexible workspace and pricing options. Shift also offers a place for hosting meetings, workshops and events.

Business amenities include WiFi and Ethernet connections, phone, voicemail and mailbox services, and print/fax/scan services. In addition, Shift offers amenities to help you recharge, including an on-site gym, locker room and shower, a yoga studio and classes, a meditation/quiet area, a full kitchen, catered community lunches and free gourmet coffee and snacks.



Pictures from the Annual Dinner 2013

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Crestmoor Park 2nd Filing

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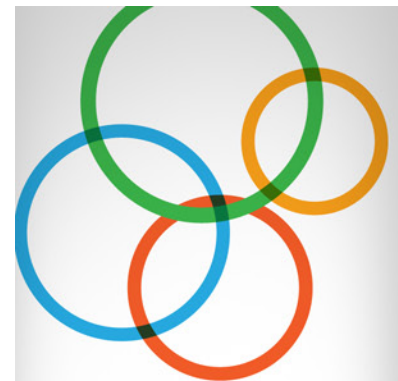
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