

INC Elects Officers and Board for 2013 - 14

Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation (INC) elected its new Board of Directors at their April meeting of registered neighborhood organizations (RNO) and affiliated members. The following people were elected. Terms are one year.



Back L-R Larry Ambrose, Thad Jacobs, Steve Nissen, Jane Lorimer Front L-R Katie Fisher, Cindy Johnstone, Blake DiMeo, Gayle Rodgers, Randle Loeb

Larry Ambrose, Sloan's Lake Neighborhood Association - re-elected as President
Cindy Johnstone, Friends and Neighbors for Washington Park (FANS) - re-elected as Vice-President
Thad Jacobs, Green Valley Ranch Citizens Advisory Board - Secretary
Steve J. Nissen, Alamo Placita - Treasurer

The following were elected as Delegates-at-Large (Directors):
Blake DiMeo, Civic Association of Clayton
Katie Fisher, University Neighbors
Randle Loeb, Capitol Hill United Neighbors
Jane Lorimer, George Washington HOA
Gayle Rodgers, Hampden South Neighborhood Assn.

CONNECTION CONTINUES

INC Elects Officers	1
Good Friend Mary Meyer	1, 8
Calendar / Committee Corner	2, 3, 7, 8
From The President	4
Second Annual Safety Expo	4
Executive Committee Recap	5
April Delegate Recap	6
Play Ball!	6
Paul Ryan	8

INC loses good friend Mary Meyers

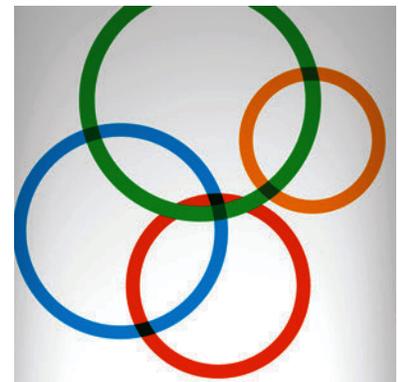
Mary Myers, longtime INC Delegate from University Park, passed away on April 20, at her home. This sudden news shocked and saddened her family, her neighborhood, and her INC colleagues.

> For full story go to **PG 8**



INC's Website

INC's website www.denverinc.org is updated on a regular basis. You can check the calendar for INC Committee and local neighborhood events under the EVENTS tab at the top of the home page. We feature almost weekly updates for Community News under the NEWS tab and if you need a back issue of an INC newsletter, check under NEWS>Newsletter. INC's website a great resource for catching up on committee doings, INC news and notices from the community about things that impact all of us. We are open for new ideas as well at communications@denverinc.org.



DENVER
INC

CONNECTION

May 2013

www.denverINC.org

INC CALENDAR

DELEGATE MEETING

Saturday, May 11, 2013

Southwest Community Center:
1000 South Lowell Blvd.

DPS Superintendent
Boasberg and
Board President Seawell

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, May 13, 2013
1201 Williams Street
19th Floor 700pm

June Delegate Meeting
Saturday, June 8, 2013
SIE Film Center
2510 E Colfax Denver, CO 80206
(Next to Tattered Cover Bookstore)

Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, June 10, 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

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.

INC Zoning And Planning Committee Minutes

April 27, 2013 By Michael Henry, Committee Chair

Committee members spoke fondly about 2 neighborhood activists who died recently: Paul Ryan, Mayor Hancock's Director of Regional Affairs, who had been president of West Washington Park Neighborhood Association; and Mary Myers, a regular attendee of the INC ZAP committee meetings, very active in University Park Community Council and an outspoken champion of safe sidewalks in all neighborhoods.

Bennie Milliner, the executive director of Denver's Road Home, explained the successful operation of the 30-day rotation of temporary homeless shelters for men at recreation centers in different City Council Districts, with neighborhood informational meetings in advance. The program transported the men from and back to the Denver Rescue Mission downtown. He said that he hopes that this overflow situation will not recur next winter. He also explained that homeless women who could not get into regular shelters were housed during cold weather at 3 rotating sites and also at a number of churches on a rotating daily basis every week. A few churches continue to be willing to serve in this role over the summer.

He also explained that Denver's Road Home is exploring the establishment of a 24-hour rest and resource center to serve the increased number of homeless in Denver following the 2008 recession. This will provide 1) services such as mail, laundry, clothing exchange and storage room, comparable to St. Francis Center; 2) intake and case management for needed services and 3) some interim beds. He said that these functions may be combined at the same site or separated at different locations. He said that no sites have been selected yet and that a committee of the Homeless Commission is still analyzing this and will probably report its recommendations to the Homeless Commission on May 21. He said that there will be discussion with the affected neighborhood(s).

Rachel Chaparro introduced herself and said that she will be helping Michael Sapp in the Mayor's Office to work with neighborhoods. Her contact information is rachel.chaparro@denvergov.org, 720-865-9082.

Jerry Tinianow, the Mayor's Director of Sustainability, explained how the Greenprint Denver Program, established in 2005, has expanded into the Office of Sustainability, which covers additional areas such as healthy food, health and job development. He said that the office is focused on basic resources on which Denver's economy and quality of life depend. He said that he will send the recently-established 2020 Sustainability Goals to all neighborhood groups. The office's website is www.denvergov.org/sustainability. He said that he is willing to attend neighborhood meetings to discuss how the goals and programs affect neighborhoods. His contact information is jerry.tinianow@denvergov.org, 720-865-9072.

INC member Billie Bramhall and Dr. Tony Robinson, chair of the Political Science Department of the University of Colorado at Denver, presented a recent survey of 500 Denver homeless citizens on the effects of the "urban camping ban" ordinance passed in Denver in May 2012, which can be found at www.denverhomelessoutloud.org. The survey found that most homeless persons who had been sleeping outside before the ban, many of them near the well-lighted and safe 16th Street Mall, are still sleeping outdoors, but now sleep in hiding places or in outlying neighborhoods and also sleep less securely. He said that 75% of those surveyed reported that they have attempted to get into shelters, but are unable to do so because they cannot get in, which indicates that homelessness in Denver is growing more rapidly than shelter resources. The group will be presenting its survey and recommendations to City Council in the near future.

Pat Cashen, an architect and chair of the University Park Community Council zoning committee, discussed a situation on the east side of the 2400 block of South University Blvd., where the out-of-state owner wants to rezone from GMX-3 (passed as part of the citywide rezoning in 2010) to GMX-5 (to allow 5 stories instead of 3). UPCC will strongly oppose this. This is a useful case study, because similar rezoning requests for greater height and density are proliferating around the city, many in locations that were rezoned in 2010, even though there have been no changed conditions since then.

The committee discussed the draft policies and procedures for liquor and cabaret licenses, which will be the subject of an administrative public hearing by the Department of Excise and Licenses at 8:30am on May 9. Several neighborhood groups, including Greater Park

> continued on PG 3

Committee Corner > continued from PG 2

Hill Community, Curtis Park Block Council, West Washington Park Neighborhood Association and Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods, will testify or provide comments. Comments may be sent in advance of the hearing to john.jennings@denvergov.org. The full draft was e-mailed to all registered neighborhood organizations on March 22. All RNOs which deal with liquor and cabaret licenses should familiarize themselves with the proposed revisions and submit any comments.

INC President Larry Ambrose and other committee members discussed the need for INC to develop a Zoning and Planning Platform, similar to the Parks Platform developed by the INC Parks and Recreation Committee. Such a document would be a set of guiding principles that would make it easier for INC to respond more quickly to specific zoning and planning issues. A few items briefly discussed – is Blueprint Denver still current, zoning procedures, “courtesy zoning,” and the need for infrastructure cost analysis before rezonings are approved.

Dollar Dictionary Drive

The 2013 Dollar Dictionary Drive is in full swing!! We have reached 37% of our \$30,000 goal and are going strong! Thank you to all the RNO’s that continue to support us and send in donations, we are very grateful for your support!

This year, Dollar Dictionary Drive will be raising funds by providing volunteers to work a community partner beer booth at The 42nd Annual CHUN Capitol Hill People’s Fair, June 1st & 2nd, 2013! If you would like to volunteer to work at this year’s booth, please contact Blake DiMeo, ASAP!! The booth needs to be staffed from 10 am to 9pm, Saturday the 1st and 10am to 8pm, Sunday the 2nd. It will be a fast-paced environment that includes standing for an extended period of time. If this sounds like a great way to support your favorite INC project, call/email Blake today!

Current RNO’s that have supported DDD for 2013 are:

Civic Assn of Clayton
Crestmoor Pk (Filing 2) Homes Assn
George Washington HOA
Golden Triangle Assn
Historic Montclair NA
Inspiration Point NA
Lowry United Neighborhoods
Overland NA
Park Forest HOA
Platt Park People’s Assn.
Virginia Village/Ellis Cmty Assn
Wellshire East HOA

Don’t see your RNO listed? Contact us and get your RNO added to the list today! Call Blake at (720) 876-7721 or email blakedimeo@yahoo.com

INC PARC Notes from meeting April 16, 2013

INC Parks and Recreation Committee (PARC) met April 16. Present on this wintry night were co-chairs Katie Fisher and Maggie Price, Marlene Johnson, Diana Helper, Ray Ehrenstein, James T. Sample, Larry Ambrose, and from DPR Gordon Robertson. First, a correction of information from the INC meeting April 13. Angela Casias is still with DPR. She also is on the Board of the Community Health Services. Confusion came about from a mis-statement in the daily paper. Gordon distributed copies of the City Park Project Update. The aim for the \$5 million regional playground is to activate people of all ages. Fundraising has begun. Naming rights are possible depending on percent given. More parking is planned, but “parking is an insoluble issue,” and no studies have been done on numbers of persons who may use this playground (and the total park). New sidewalk near the Zoo will help pedestrians. New entry from Montview will have a roundabout and drop-off feature, bus parking and access to patron parking. City Park Master Plan is being followed.

Gordon talked about Ruby Hill plans, phase 2. This aims to connect the upper and lower parts of the park by changing the present swimming pool to a “sprayground.” This will be a free attraction, using recycled water. DPR assures it will be safe. A mountain bike course funded by a “large donor” is in the plans for the far meadow (near Rail Yard). Levitt Pavilion will offer 50 free concerts/year plus a few charging for tickets, on the north meadow. The group “Friends of Levitt Pavilion” is in charge of events. PARC asked how this use fits with DPR’s events-timing rules, and how many are expected at such events. Gordon did not have this info offhand.

Discussion regarded limited parking at Ruby Hill and the need for easy access by bike and light rail, with a connection from the Evans station. Added train and bus schedules will be needed for large events at the park, safe bike corral, and work with Public Works’ new “Safe Routes to Parks” program to access Ruby Hill, City Park, Buchtel Trail, and other park areas. Use of crosswalks with patron-activated pushbutton crossing lights, solar powered, was encouraged, where needed.

DPR aims to use 20% less water this year. PARC mentioned use of public parks as playgrounds for some schools, and that this should be monitored to assure healthy grass is maintained. Golf courses will be “rougher.” A note from Ronnie Crawford asked about marked trees at Grant Frontier Park. Gordon will get info.

Katie talked about the Private Outdoor Fee-Based Activity (POFA) proposed Procedures, Rules and Regulations, and meetings this week. PARC

concerns regard enforcement and standards for decisions. She presented two letters for PARC consideration: 1. A Statement to the Mayor (drafted by Kathleen Wells) urging that the POFA Policy “be re-formulated to state explicitly that it will be integrated with efforts of protect parkland and that the policy is intended to manage rather than increase activities in parks.” (This responds to the Mayor’s goal to conserve water in order to maintain/enhance Denver’s natural landscapes, see www.greenprintdenver.org/water). PARC voted to send this letter with a few small changes. 2. Draft by Brad Cameron of a letter to DPR Mgr. Dannemiller urging public meetings to review “undesigned” parks and encourage the designation of all such parks as promptly as possible. PARC is working on this letter to distribute for comment to the full committee.

Larry urged that the study of infrastructure costs is of great importance, and often lacking. These costs will lead to construction problems and future expense for today’s younger citizens. Larry encourages INC ZAP committee to write a Platform for the city, just as PARC has done. The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m. Next PARC meeting is May 21 at the Heritage Club, 2020 S. Monroe St.

Diana Helper, PARC member

INC Transportation Committee Minutes

March 14th, 2013 This month meeting we had three topics and four guests – a packed 90 minute meeting!

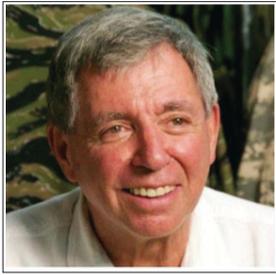
Brenda Tierney, RTD Public Information Manager for the West Rail Line

The West Corridor is part of the FasTracks program voted for in 2004, and will be the first FasTracks rail line to open. It is 12.1 miles, between Denver to Jeffco Government Center in Golden, with 12 stations. About half of the stations are “neighborhood” stations without parking, the rest have parking facilities. The service runs with 15 minute frequency during the middle of the day, and 7.5 minute frequency during peak times (only to Federal Center due to single-track section on westernmost extent).

The line has been turned over to operations training and testing now, and the last two the parking structures are nearing completion.

Brenda showed us pictures of bridge lighting events and of the new stations. There are 20 at-grade crossings, which are controlled intersections with railroad crossing arms that lower, so blowing horns at intersections not needed. Along the route there are six elementary schools within four blocks of the line, and three miles of homes within 20 feet of the line. In order to prepare students and residents for the service, RTD has put on a “safety

> continued on PG 7



From The President

Platforms for Denver's Future

In January of 2011 the INC delegation approved a document promulgated by the INC Parks and Recreation Committee, (INC PARC), "A Platform for Denver's Urban Parks". The espoused purpose of the Platform is to "provide a proactive and positive framework in which citizens of the City of Denver may discuss public policy pertaining to the size, function, location and purposes of urban parks with the City's Department of Parks and Recreation, elected officials and other residents."

Recent controversies have erupted around the City as new zoning for new developments are proposed or take place in conformance with Denver's Zoning Code adopted in 2010. Although, there have been claims that 35,000 Denver citizens participated in what was a five year process, it is increasingly clear that the vast majority of residents of Denver have no idea of the unprecedented massive rezoning of the entire City, what changed or the current status of their own or neighborhoods' zoning. We should not forget the caveat's extended by many of our City Council representatives when they recognized that the new Code "would not be perfect" and promised that changes would be needed and welcomed. How should INC respond to neighborhood concerns about the new Zoning Code or the perception that citizen concerns about density, use and height are being ignored or worse, diminished as irrational rants from a bunch of "old people"?

I have asked that, like INC PARC's response to an increasing number of challenges to Denver's park system, the INC Zoning and Planning Committee (INC ZAP) develop "A Platform for Denver Urban Zoning". Such a document would define the needs and desires of Denver's existing neighborhoods in regard to how the new Zoning Code needs to be adjusted and provide the bases upon which future zoning decisions should be made.

As a beginning, I suggest that there are three major issues to consider in looking at Denver's zoning. First, there is the matter of Blueprint Denver. The reverence some have intoned in speaking about this document finalized in 2002 seems almost religious. Such drama, has tended to override that fact that no one has claimed that Blueprint Denver should not be updated and/ or its many broad and generalized premises be reevaluated on a regular basis. The plan itself states "Blueprint Denver is intended to be a living document that is updated to respond to

changing conditions" Even the City has ignored its guidelines when conditions are warranted. This has been the case with the redevelopment of the University of Colorado property at 9th and Colorado Blvd. INC should decide if the time is ripe to take a fresh look at where we are going for the year 2020 and beyond.

Second, there is a crucial element of the new Code and decisions on new zoning requests that seems to be consistently left out of the decision-making process. That is, whether infrastructure costs be a critical factor and used as a criteria for zoning changes? Seattle's Planning Commission in addressing "Smart Growth in Seattle – Density and Livability" issued a White Paper in February 2007 in which it said, "The City need to ensure that growth and density is served with the needed transportation infrastructure, and other necessary elements that make growth and the resulting increased density compatible with livability." (p. 7) "Areas accommodating higher amounts of additional density may need and deserve greater focus of resources and money for infrastructure and amenities." (p. 8) The new Zoning Code in Denver and individual rezoning requests and approvals have been done with little regard or consideration of specific costs of sewers, electric, streets, transportation and parking, curbs and gutters, water, trash, gas etc. Recommendations for rezoning to higher densities is done by Community Planning and Development without direct cost analysis by Denver's Department of Public Works and without identifying precisely how these costs will be paid or by whom. INC should address whether in an age where sustainability is of paramount importance, this current approach makes good planning and economic sense.

Third, perhaps there is no better example of how bad zoning decisions can be made to the detriment of neighborhoods than back-room agreements that have taken place for the past 30 years on Denver City Council known as "Courtesy Zoning". Courtesy Zoning started in the 1980's when certain Council members were selling zonings under the table. The honest members of Council banded together and pledged to support each other's district zonings, no matter what, in order to get enough votes to end the corruption. It worked eventually and the corruption stopped. However, the common practice of members of Council to defer to district council members on site specific rezonings carried on without any particular reason, rationalized by the idea that "the Council person in the district knows the district and what is

best". There is no doubt that sometimes this can be true, but the fact is that most zoning decisions are supposed to be quasi-judicial and City Council members have often touted this as a reason zoning matters are of the utmost seriousness. So much so, no communication outside of the very official public hearing can take place. No matter that a decision has been made and citizens' Constitutional rights to Due Process are being violated. INC must consider whether there should be an end to this practice in the Council decision making processes and whether it should be denounced by elected officials.

Second Annual Safety Expo - May 18th

Because of the tremendous success of last year's Safety Expo, the dedicated volunteers of the Denver COP Shops and Inter Neighborhood Cooperation (INC) will be hosting another Safety Expo this month on Saturday, May 18th at the Broadway Marketplace on Alameda & Bannock, from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Just some of the fun events and demonstrations at the Safety Expo include:

- Fire Engine
- Ladder Truck
- Sheriff's K9 Unit
- Home Safety Demonstrations
- SWAT Team
- Motorcycle Patrol
- Youth Outreach Vehicles
- Bicycle Village
- Air One Helicopter
- Police Athletic League
- Mobile Command Post
- Horse Patrol
- Bomb Squad
- VCSI Vehicle
- Denver COP Shops
- Operation Lifesaver Train Safety

Come on down and learn about all of these great resources, while getting to know your neighbors and public safety personnel who work hard every day to keep our streets safe. Refreshments will be available; bring the whole family for a fun-filled afternoon.

Executive Committee Recap

INC Executive Committee Meeting 4/24/2013
Submitted by Thad Jacobs, INC Secretary
In Attendance: Board: Larry Ambrose, Katie Fisher, Blake DiMeo, Thad Jacobs, Gayle Rodgers, Committee Chair: Michael Henry
Introductions of attendees

Meeting called to order – 7:10pm

- 1) Minutes for the March 11 EC Minutes
 - a. Katie moved, Blake seconded
 - b. Amended the financial section from the March Minutes to change the year referenced from 2013 to 2012. Old verbiage: “finances from April 2013 to December 31, 2013” to New verbiage: “finances from April 2012 to December 31, 2012”
 - c. Unanimously approved as amended
- 2) General discussion on Parks and Rec
 - a. Platform on Parks paper
 - b. Questions the need for activation of the parks for festivals and other fee based events
 - c. Advocates for a festival park instead of using neighborhood parks for large fee based events
 - d. Calls for striking a balance between recreational and passive use of parks
 - e. INC Parks and Rec committee does some things that we don't often see
- 3) Budget and Financial Reports (Jane and Steve were not present)
 - a. Audit done every year
 - b. PayPal limits the amounts we can withdraw at this point, but will be taken care of in the next few months
 - c. Current budget for 2013 is \$10,000, we currently have \$7000 raised and expect we might raise a few thousand more this year
 1. Part of the increase is due to the restructuring of the membership pricing
 2. \$11K in CD's in the bank
 3. Total treasury is about \$30K
 4. Should raise \$30-40K this year
 - d. Will have Treasurer and Budget reports at next month's meeting from Steve and Jane
4. Events and Schedules – Larry covered
 - a. Next month will be meeting at SWIC (South West Improvement Council) for Delegate Meeting
 - b. Delegate meetings are 2nd Saturday each month
 - c. Executive Committee meetings 2nd Monday each Month
 - d. Public Election Forums around elections partnering with Channel 8 and League of Woman Voters
 - e. Annual EC development retreats for Executive Committee
5. Larry reviewed the mission statement and purpose (from bylaws) for INC

- a. Discussed the need for increasing membership and the diversity of our membership
 - b. Discussed focusing on setting the goal of where we want to be, and not on the probable outcome
 - c. Look at other partnerships with community based organizations outside of RNO's, like the Urban League, Colorado Latino Forum, Padros Unidos, etc
 - d. Discussed how we better influence the City, how we can empower and inform the neighborhood organizations, electorate, sharing of information etc. How can we demonstrate that INC is representative of the residents within the City. Need to look RNO ordinance at how we differentiate resident based neighborhood organizations verse business based neighborhood organizations, HOA's, Special districts, business improvement districts etc.
 - e. Discussed issues with regard to City Council and INC relationship. Discussed the public process for zoning and how it does not work due to the practice of “courtesy zoning”/ More discussion will be needed on if and/or how INC can or will take a stand on the issue.
6. Katie reviewed some of the 2012-2013 INC Board goals
 - a. Better communications strategies
 - b. Discussed possible staff and space to assist and meet, with a priority on staff first, then space
 - c. Discussed hiring part time people to help with grant writing and assistance
 - d. Grant writing for funding to support staff help, space, research
 - e. Blake talked about how she would have access to grant database info, and doing grants for Dollar Dictionary, etc
 - f. For what projects do we need funding, how it would be raised, how much money should we raise, etc.
 7. Bylaw history and recent changes
 - a. Added elections changes
 - b. Added conflict of interest policy
 - c. Added provision to allow INC to change the bylaws more easily
 8. Committees Past and Present
 - a. President can appoint chair and co-chair
 - b. Some committees are standing based on the bylaws
 - c. Some special committees are formed as needed with approval of delegation
 - d. Need to remind delegates to remind RNO members that anyone from the RNO's membership can be involved in the committee's, does not need to be just the INC delegates.
 9. Retreat History

- a. Discussion on the change of the mission statement to adopt a mission statement to “advocate”
10. Old Business
 - a. Temple Emanuel Curtis Park, INC is still involved peripherally
 - b. More details to come in the future on INC's involvement and direction
 11. New Business
 - a. Tool Kit – suggested how that the Tool Kit include some of the following how to do's
 1. How to file for 501c3 or other non-profit status
 2. Filing with Secretary of State
 3. Board Insurance
 4. When to file Taxes or not
 5. How to get RNO membership involved in the INC committees
 - b. Homework assignment; Call for each delegate to bring 1 new person to the next INC meeting to help encourage membership growth. The two delegates signed up and 1 additional.
 - c. Next executive committee meeting topics
 1. Discuss delegate meeting ideas (local restaurants, donate food, speak about themselves)
 2. Talk about delegates not coming to the monthly meetings
 3. How do we approach RNO's not members of INC
 4. How to get next 6 months of meetings into newsletter and on website
 - d. Discussion on how we get further involved with Nextdoor.com with a more strategic long-term partnership. Larry will follow up with Nextdoor.com.

Meeting Adjourned - 9:30pm

Play Baseball!

Opening in 1995, Coors Field became the first baseball only park built in the National League since Dodger Stadium in 1962. One of Coors Field signature features is the clock, located at 20th and Blake Street. Other facts: There were 1.4 million bricks used, each of which has “Coors Field” engraved on it and Coors Field was the first major league park with an underground heating system. Fans sitting in the row of 865 purple seats located in the upper deck of the stadium are 5,280 feet above sea level.

Ever wonder why Dinger, a dinosaur, is the mascot for the Rockies Baseball team? That's because during construction of Coors Field, workers discovered a number of dinosaur fossils throughout the grounds, including a 66 million year old, 7-foot long, 1,000 pound triceratops skull!

April Delegate Meeting

Saturday April 13, 2013 at Transfiguration Church 349 E. 47th Ave. in Globeville. A quorum of voting RNO's was present. The meeting was hosted by UCAN.

President, Larry Ambrose, called the meeting to order. Elizabeth of the Globeville area welcomed all to the meeting and introduced the Pastor of Transfiguration Church and Amando Payán. The Pastor spoke about the history of the region and welcomed the delegates. Armando spoke about his excitement to be included into INC and his interest in becoming a member of the INC Board.

Minutes from February 9, 2013 Delegate meeting were approved by a majority vote.

Election of officers was held. Larry Ambrose was re-elected as President; Cindy Johnstone was re-elected as VP; Thad Jacobs was elected as Secretary; Steve Nissen was elected as Treasurer. These Delegates-at-Large were elected from a pool of nine (9) candidates: Blake Dimeo, Katie Fisher (re-elected), Randle Loeb (re-elected in new position), Jane Lorimer, and Gayle Rodgers. Other candidates: Rafael Espinoza, JoAnn Herrick, Armando Payán.

Committee Reports Zoning and Planning

Michael Henry reported the Marijuana regulations adopted all of the recommendations from INC. April 27 the ZAP meeting will feature the new Sustainability Director and Bennie Milliner, Executive Director of Denver's Road Home - Mayor's Commission to End Homelessness. May 9 at 1:30 p.m. Excise and Licensing will be going over the new policy and procedures. Tom Downey will attend the May 27 meeting. The E&L report is 60 pages

Public Safety

Merce Lea reported the Safety Expo will take place May 18. The location has not been determined. It will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. She will keep INC informed.

Transportation

Joel Noble reported on their March 19 meeting. They considered Car Shares and rules made by Public Works. In April they will consider policy changes. There will be a twenty day comment period. They are working on Colfax Corridor Mobility. Service planners transportation. The W (West) Golden Line will be opening April 27. Friday April 26 there will be parties at all of the transit stops along the corridor. Decisions will be made about shifting the bus routes. Saturday all light rail is free.

Parks and Recreation

Katie Fisher and Maggie Price reported. A fee based use of open space policy is being developed. The fees will be for park use by businesses. It will cost \$32.50 an hour to use the park and there is an annual registration fee of more than a \$1,000.00. One of the issues that will be adopted by City Council is to rotate use of the parks for businesses.

Hentzell Park was turned over to the Department of Public Schools to build an elementary school which was against public input on this topic. Apparently, this was a 'done deal' before the public was asked to comment.

Parks and recreation meets at the Heritage Club at 2020 S. Monroe Ave from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Dollar Dictionary

Blake DiMeco reported. The goal for the Dollar Dictionary Drive is \$30,000.00 Thus far \$9,600.00 has been received. Every month the contributors for the drive will be published in the Newsletter.

Special Presentations

Councilwoman Robin Kneich spoke about the Land Use Committee and a survey that is being conducted. They are focused on an inclusionary zoning policy for low income housing. Communications is another significant subject that they're considering. The City Council had a retreat the day before. Goals for the budget cycle, the use of bicycles and pedestrian safety were significant

issues at the retreat. They're considering taking marijuana for constructing housing. We have no local funding source for housing.

Sixty percent (60%) of Denver's residents are renters. She cited that INC represents only a limited number of interests from the younger population of Denver who are primarily renters and are younger than 40. Larry commented that INC listens and is willing to represent these constituents, and that inclusive diverse membership is also a priority within INC. INC attendees stressed to CW Kneich a need for a shift in how to make civic engagement more inclusive. Kneich also advised there are five new members running for office and that we have to get involved.

Elizabeth from UCAN spoke about how the land north of Elyria Swansea is being preserved. Tom Anthony spoke of his work for this area. Larry Ambrose saluted Tom Anthony as a leading proponent of changing the way that the area is treated including the I-70 corridor and its impact on the community. Attendees stated there is a need throughout Denver to have areas reclaimed for green spaces.

New Business

Randle Loeb requested meeting attendees to please take a look at his draft for a Homeless Bill of Rights document and offer him feedback and edits.

Randle also advised there is a meeting of the Colorado Social Legislative Committee on Monday April 22 at the First Baptist Church in the basement at the corner of Grant and 14th Ave. from noon to 1:30 p.m. considering a fair housing bill of right for people who do not have a safe place to rest. A panel of leaders will be considering the measure. A version of the proposed legislation will be considered:

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Randle Loeb - Secretary



Committee Corner > continued from PG 3

roadshow”, including a mock crossing used at school events, which trained over 850 students how to be safe around rail crossings.

The West line has three fare zones – going through one or two zones requires a local fare, and going through all three zones requires an express fare

Opening ceremonies will be Friday Apr 26th 10:30am at Jeffco, with speeches and with rides on the new West line starting at noon. On Saturday Apr 27th, 10 stations will be hosting parties from 10am-4pm. All RTD light rail lines are free all day to encourage people to come see and use the west line. Regular paid service starts Sunday Apr 28th.

Robert Rynerson, RTD Senior Lead Service Planner – Service Changes with West Line Opening

Both Brenda and Robert worked on the original “MAC” light rail demonstration project, the first light rail segment in Denver, and bring long experience to the opening of the new line, including how to adjust connecting bus service to make an effective multi-modal service.

Robert reviewed with us a fairly detailed summary of the changes to the bus routes and schedules throughout the west part of the metro area. The map he walked us through clearly showed the fairly regular grid of bus routes and how they interconnect with each other and with the light rail.

The changes continue the intentional work since 1994 of reducing the number of bus lines that come all the way into downtown. Many of us remember the long queues of buses in lower downtown, taking over streets at certain times of day, with a heavy emphasis on fare-segregated service (local, express, and regional routes with different fare services). In place of this, what has developed and continues to develop is a flexible network of routes, with a frequent rail backbone running at all hours, that serves people going in all directions throughout the day – not just to downtown during the day and out to the suburbs at night. This transformation makes public transit more meaningful and useful to a much wider audience, including the “Millennials” – those in their twenties and thirties – who tend to spend more on technology and less on personal cars, and are very comfortable with public transit, provided that it runs all day and night. Robert shared an interesting anecdote about late-night college-age students getting on light rail at night and deciding while en route – by social networking and texting on their phones – where they will be going.

From the opening this year, only a few bus lines will connect with the West Line downtown, but many more will connect starting in 2014 when the Union

Station bus terminal opens, making lots of efficient connections.

The West line will also connect into three new Call-and-Ride areas. Despite the name, about 70% of rides on the Call-and-Ride service don’t call, but rather pick up at a station or book (on-line or by phone) up to two weeks in advance. After a few weeks of operation, booking in advance will be available for the West Line call-and-ride areas. Although not operating in the Denver area, it is worth knowing about the service, as it significantly extends the reach of public transit beyond what the bus schedules would suggest, into low usage areas where regular bus service would not be cost effective. Call-and-Ride takes a local fare, so passes and transfers are honored.

Some areas have poor sidewalk infrastructure, so walking to bus stops would not work well – both Wheatridge and Lakewood have programs to improve pedestrian arrangements.

Robert Ferrin – Denver Parking and Planning Program Administrator – Car Share Policies and Procedures

Car share is a type of short-term car rental service, where users have memberships so that there’s no paperwork or overhead when picking up or dropping of a car. Cars are unattended and available 24/7 around the city, either in specific dedicated spaces or not, depending on the model the car share provider chooses to follow. Rates can be per-minute, per-hour or per-day, and includes gas, insurance, and maintenance.

Denver has spent the past year developing car share policies and procedures over the past year, studying the pilot program with eGo Car Share that has been operating in Denver with two providers, and learning what has worked in other cities. Car share can add additional flexibility for trips where walking, biking, and public transit aren’t sufficient. Where Robert’s team sees a large benefit will be is to on-street parking, significantly reducing the parking demand since the cars will regularly be in use. In a two-car household, a second car is typically parked and not-in-use 95% of the time, taking up a parking space. If households choose to forgo a second car, knowing that they have the flexibility to pick up a car share car at any time it might be needed, their transportation costs go down, and overall parking pressure in the city is eased.

Car share programs also help people who might be willing to commute by public transit, but are concerned that they may need to take unscheduled trips (such as to pick up a child from school if the school calls), which has caused them to stick with single-occupancy car commuting. As car share operators increase in the market, the peace of mind that this option is available may help people reevaluate their transportation mode mix when it makes sense to do so. Millennials in other cities are

also big adopters of car share, supplementing public transportation.

The car share industry is very technology-savvy, with cars located and reserved by smart phone app, web site, or by phone. As various business models within the industry have been worked out, the industry has been consolidating, with car manufacturers and car rental companies buying up and creating new services.

Denver’s proposed policies and procedures will allow car share vehicles to park at on-street meters without needing to pay the meter. This encourages car share use and avoids the complexity of figuring out who to ticket if a meter isn’t paid. An annual per-car permit for car share operators will offset the meter revenue loss, targeted to be revenue-neutral. Car share vehicles will also be able to park in Residential Parking Permit areas, so that residents in those blocks can have access to these services.

Some car share models involve having cars at dedicated spaces where they are picked up and must be returned, while others allow cars to be picked up and dropped off anywhere within a defined service area. For dedicated spaces, the new policies and procedures will require a process through Public Works to identify spaces and engage in outreach with RNOs when a space is being considered. Robert says Public Works will require the RNO communication, and anticipates that it will occur because getting the word out about the available service is in the operators’ interest. An “opportunity zone” of neighborhoods with lower incomes and/or lower vehicle ownership has been identified, and cars to be located in those areas will be given an incentive of lower annual permit costs to the operator.

The proposed policies and procedures will be communicated to all RNOs by the end of April, with a 20-day feedback period and a public hearing scheduled in May.

Terry Ruiter, Principal Planner in Public Works – Colfax Corridor Connections Study

Terry and her team gave a good overview of the in-progress Colfax Corridor Connections Study. The Strategic Transportation Plan (2008) changed the way we measure transportation needs, moving away from “vehicle miles traveled” to “person trip demand”, which shapes transportation planning to look at all modes, rather than being focused on private vehicles. The plan also identified the East Colfax corridor’s demand would grow 20-30% in the next twenty years. There are four transit routes in the area (bus routes 10, 15, 15L, and 16), which together carry over 30,000 people per day, and along with the other traffic on the roadway makes East Colfax a very busy place. A 20-30% increase The Colfax Corridor Connections study follows on the Colfax Streetcar Feasibility Study, and is an

> continued from PG 8

Committee Corner > continued from PG 7

INC Transportation Committee Minutes

"alternatives analysis" run under federal guidelines, to determine a preferred package of improvements to the corridor to meet the future demand. As with all of these types of analyses, it starts with all possibilities, and then methodically screens them down to the ones that are most suitable to the needs in the area. The study also is piloting a new travel demand model for its detailed simulation modeling.

The majority of the presentation was given by Tim Baldwin, the lead consultant on the program. The screening process so far has narrowed the "alignments" down to an on-Colfax alignment for the major upgrades (rather than alternative routes on parallel streets in neighborhoods). And they have narrowed down the technology alternatives to Enhanced Bus, Bus Rapid Transit, and Streetcar. Each of these would feature enhanced stations/stops, rapid multi-door boarding with off-vehicle ticketing, and signal priority to keep on schedule. Bus Rapid Transit and Streetcar would feature low-floor boarding and some amount of exclusive or semi-exclusive lanes.

The next round of screening and public meetings will be held later this summer.

Terry also announced her retirement, and introduced Tykus Holloway who will be taking over the project management of the study.

The INC Transportation Committee schedule for the rest of the year, all held at 6 p.m. at 1201 Williams Street, 19th Floor: Thursday, May 9th, 6pm, Thursday, July 11th, 6 pm, Thursday, September 12th, 6 pm, Thursday, November 14th, 6pm

Joel Noble jnoble@frii.net

Paul Ryan

The West Washington Park Neighborhood, and greater metro area, lost a sincere civic-minded treasure in the recent passing of Paul Ryan. Paul was born and raised in Chicago and was the youngest of eight children. He came to Denver to study at Regis University and graduated in 1985 with a bachelor's degree in political science and a minor in communications. He moved to West Washington Park in 1985.

Paul was very active in WWPNA and served as its president. He was also active in INC. He became very engaged in several ventures; local land use and government, government relations, public policy, consulting groups, managing political campaigns, and was an indispensable resource for elected leaders across the region. He worked on projects such as the Gateway development near DIA, the Gates Rubber Co. rezoning on S. Broadway, and the Watermark development in the Baker neighborhood. Paul served on the Parks and



Recreation Advisory Board as well as the boards of the Colfax Marathon, Denver Dumb Friends League, and the Humane Society.

Paul had a wonderful infectious engaging personality beyond compare. He lived on the positive side of life and had time to listen to everyone regardless of the issue. Two years ago, Mayor Hancock appointed him as the mayor's director of regional affairs. He represented the mayor on DRCOG, Metro Mayors Caucus, The Colorado Municipal League, the National Western Stock Show, and Aerotropolis concept for development around DIA.

"I love this town, being able to work on projects that make a long-term difference, interacting with lots of folks with disparate agendas and positions, finding your way to a compromise," Paul said in a Washington Park Profile article in February. "I hope that in my later days I'll be able to look around town and the metro area and think I had at least some small role in it." It is our great loss that Paul's days were cut short but we will never forget the 'huge' role he played and always with that great connecting smile of friendship. He will be missed for a long time by thousands of "best friends."

He is survived by his wife Pam, and siblings Dennis, Kathleen, Daniel, and Thomas and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents John and Edna May Ryan and brothers Jack and David and sister Mary.

A wonderful tribute to his life, and celebration of remembrance was held at the McNichols Civic Center Building on April 22 with five hundred, or so, bereaved family and friends in attendance, including the mayor, governor, and several area mayors.

Donations may be made to The Denver Dumb Friends League, 2080 S. Quebec St., Denver, CO 80231 or Regis University; Office of Annual Support Programs, 3333 Regis Blvd. B-16, Denver, CO 80221.

Steve J. Nissen Excerpts from obituary of April 22

INC loses good friend Mary Meyers

Mary Myers, longtime INC Delegate from University Park, passed away on April 20, at home. This sudden news shocked and saddened her family, her neighborhood, and her INC colleagues. Mary hardly ever missed an INC monthly meeting or a Zoning Committee meeting, and worked especially hard to improve and construct needed sidewalks in Denver. Many blocks of UP are now much safer thanks to her efforts with the City. Mary also was a mainstay of the INC Dollar Dictionary Drive, making sure UP gave generously, distributing brochures, and giving of her own time and treasure. She helped label and box the books and helped hand them to the excited third graders at UP School each September. She was honored with a well-deserved INC Gold Star.

Mary also chaired the Buchtel Boulevard Parkway Coalition, dedicated to making the Blvd. a continuous, attractive, safe route for pedestrians, bicyclists, and others from the Colorado light rail station to the Platte Greenway. She championed proper treatment of all Denver parkways, and open use of all Denver parks. In UP she was a member of the Executive Board, and a block captain in charge of a large area of the neighborhood.

Mary provides a legacy of great work and accomplishment, effected with intelligence, integrity, and persistence. She was smart, well-organized, so nice -- truly and inspiration to us all.



> Mary Meyers at a recent ZAP Meeting

INC MEMBERSHIP The list below represents INC's membership as of March 31, 2013. This list also appears more regularly updated at our website www.denverinc.org/Membership. Membership is categorized as either Registered Neighborhood Organizations (RNO) or Associates and membership offers various levels of membership. The next update will appear in June.

INC MEMBERS

RNO Silver (1)

Crestmoor Park 2nd Filing

RNO Patron Bronze Member (2)

Taxi Community/Zeppelin
West Washington Park N.A.

RNO Patron Members (12)

Ball Park N.A.
Country Club Historic Neighborhood
Downtown Denver Residents Org.
Friends & Neighbors of Wash. Park/FANS
Golden Triangle Museum District
Hampden South N.A.
Mayfair Neighbors
Neighbors & Friends for Cheesman Park
South West Improvement Council
Stapleton Master Community Assn.
University Park Community Council
Upper Downtown Dev. Organization

RNO Members (72)

ABC Streets Assn.
Alamo Placita N.A.
Baker Historic N.A.
Belcaro Park HOA
Bellevue Hale N.A.
Berkeley N.A.
Bonnie Brae N.A.
Capitol Hill United Neighbors
Cherry Creek East Assn.
Cherry Creek North BID
Cherry Creek North N.A.
Cherry Hills Vista Community Assn.
Civic Assn. of Clayton
Clayton United
Colfax on the Hill Inc.
College View N.A.
Congress Park Neighbors Inc.
Cook Park N.A.
Cornerstone Townhome HOA
Cory-Merrill N.A.
Crammer Park Hilltop Civic Assn.
Crestmoor Park HOA 1st Filing
Cultural Arts Residential Org.
Curtis Park Neighbors
East Cheesman Neighbors Assn.
East Montclair N.A.
Elyria Sawntea/Globeville Bus. Assn.

Federal Blvd. Corridor Improvement Partnership
Five Points Business Dist.
George Washington HOA
Golden Triangle N.A.
Grandview N.A.
Greater Park Hill Community Inc.
Green Valley Ranch Citizens Adv. Board
Greens at Pinehurst HOA (The)
Hampden Heights Civic Assn.
Highland United Neighbors
Hilltop Heritage Assn.
Historic Montclair Community Assn.
Hutchinson Hills/Willow Point HOA
Inspiration Point N.A.
Ivy Street Neighbors Assn.
Jefferson Park United Neighbors
Lighthouse at the Breakers HOA
Lowry Community Master Assn.
Lowry United Neighborhoods
Montbello 2020
Northwest Neighbors Coalition
Park Forest HOA
Platt Park People's Assn.
River north RNO
Rosedale Harvard Gulch N.A.
Ruby Hill Neighborhood Org.
Second Cherry Creek Townhouse Corp
Sloan's Lake Citizens Group
Sloan's Lake N. A.
South City Park Neighborhood
South Hilltop N. A.
South Gaylord N.A.
Southmoor Park East HOA
Stokes Place/Green Bowers
Sunnyside United Neighbors
The Unsinkables
UCAN of Metro Denver
University Neighbors
Virginia Vale/Ellis Community Assn.
Washington Park East N. A.
Wellshire East HOA
West Colfax Assn. of Neighbors
Westwood Residents Assn.
Whispering Pines West HOA
Whittier N.A.

2013 ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Patron Silver (3)

Colorado Convention Center
Denver Water
National Western Stockshow
Patron Bronze (1)
Gertie Grant

Patron (7)

Comcast
Church of Scientology
Denver Health
Denver Mayor's Office
Bernie Jones, PhD
Councilwoman Peggy Lehmann
Councilwoman Deborah Ortega

Associate Organizations (8)

Broadway Cop Shop
Broadway Partnership/MDLDC
Denver Museum of Nature & Science
Dept. of Environmental Health
Groundwork Denver
Urban Land Conservancy
Washington Park Profile
Xcel Energy Inc.

Associate Members (22)

Bibi Alexander
Trina Brockwell
Chris Citron
Dean Clark
Dennis Gallagher
Bonna Gayhart
Stephen Griffin
Rosy Griffiths
Harriet R. Hogue
Debra Johnson
Councilwoman Robin Kniech
Sherri Liebhauser
Doug Linkhart
Councilman Paul Lopéz
David Oredson
Pam Oredson
Councilwoman Jeanne Robb
Councilwoman Susan Shepherd
Sandra D. Shreve
Councilwoman Mary Beth Susman
Undersheriff Gary Wilson
Penelope Zeller

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Katie Fisher, Co-chair, Parks and Recreation Committee
303-744-3888 kfisher@iliff.edu
University Neighbors

Gil Gonzales, Co-Chair Library
303-733-6570
ggon@comcast.net
Friends and Neighbors of Washington Park

Michael Henry
Chair, Zoning & Planning Committee
303-377-6609
michaelhenry824@comcast.net
Capitol Hill United Neighborhood, Inc.

Merce Lea, Co-chair, Public Safety Cmte
720-210-4056 Broadway COP Shop
broadwaycopshop@aol.com

Jane Lorimer
Budget Committee Chair
Interim Membership Chair
303-388-9224 ejlorimer@aol.com
George Washington H.O.A.

Steve Nissen, Co-Chair Education
303-733-8524 pennissen@cs.com
Alamo Placita Neighbors Assn.

Chris O'Connor, Co-chair, Library Cmte
720-859-8821
mitz_4@comcast.net
Lowry United Neighborhoods

Maggie Price Co-chair, Parks and Recreation Committee
mprice9980@aol.com
Congress Park Neighbors

Michael Smilanic
Chair, Communications Cmte
720-932-1580
communications@denverinc.org
Sloan's Lake N. A.

Karen Taylor
Co-chair, Education Committee
303-455-0562
karentaylorphd@gmail.com
Harkness Heights N.A.

Joel Noble
Chair, Transportation Committee
jnoble@friei.net



OFFICERS

Larry Ambrose, President
Sloan's Lake N.A.
720.490.1991
president@denverinc.org

Cindy Johnstone, Vice President
Friends & Neighbors of Wash. Park
303.733.6570
vicepresident@denverinc.org

Thad Jacobs, Secretary
303.588.4040
secretary@denverinc.org

Steve Nissen, Treasurer
Alamo Placita N.A.
303.733.8524
treasurer@denverinc.org

DIRECTORS

Blake DiMeo
Civic Association of Clayton
303.856.6679
boardmember_1@denverinc.org

Katie Fisher
University Neighbors
303.744.3888
boardmember_2@denverinc.org

Randle Loeb
Capitol Hill United Neighbors
303.620.1999
boardmember_3@denverinc.org

Jane Lorimer
George Washington HOA/Winston Downs
303.388.9224
boardmember_4@denverinc.org

Gayle Rodgers
Hampden South N.A.
303.770.4770
boardmember_5@denverinc.org

Published by:
Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation
P.O. Box 300684 Denver, CO 80218-0684
Editor: INC Communications Committee
Production: INC Communications Committee

ALL PHOTOS BY RAY EHRENTIEN

www.denverINC.org

Subscriptions are free. Subscription requests and changes of address should be e-mailed to newsletter@denverinc.org
To submit articles and photos please send submissions by e-mail to DenverIncNews@aol.com by the 20th of the month to guarantee inclusion.

RNOs are welcome to reprint the articles in their own newsletters. Please cite INC as the source unless otherwise noted.