

INC ZAP Committee and the Homeless Ban

Motion concerning homeless camping ban

The following motion was passed by the Zoning and Planning Committee of Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation on May 18, 2013 by a vote of 15 in favor, 3 opposed and 1 abstaining.

Whereas, the Zoning and Planning committee of Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation, a network of approximately 100 registered neighborhood organizations in Denver, has reviewed a survey of 512 homeless people in Denver to determine the effect of Denver's Unauthorized Camping Ordinance, passed into law in 2012. The survey was conducted under the guidance of Dr. Tony Robinson, chair of the University of Colorado Denver Political

All INC Delegates should review this and be prepared to vote at the Delegation meeting on June 8.

Science Department and prepared and administered by Denver Homeless Out Loud, an organization concerned about the quality of life for Denver's homeless residents;

Whereas, the Unauthorized Camping Ordinance was passed with two objectives: to enhance the image of the Sixteenth Street Mall and Civic Center Park by eliminating the homeless sleeping in these areas, and to better meet the needs of the homeless for shelter and services;

Whereas, the survey indicated that the camping ban has been effective in meeting the first of these stated goals: moving unsheltered homeless people out of central, well-lit downtown areas like the 16th Street Mall. However, the goals of improving the services available to homeless people and improving their quality of life have not been met. In fact, most unsheltered Denver residents report their lives have become more challenging, more stressful, and less safe since the camping ban began;

Whereas, Since the ban was passed, homeless people report that they are frequently given formal oral and written warnings of camping ban violations by the police and are constantly pressed by police to

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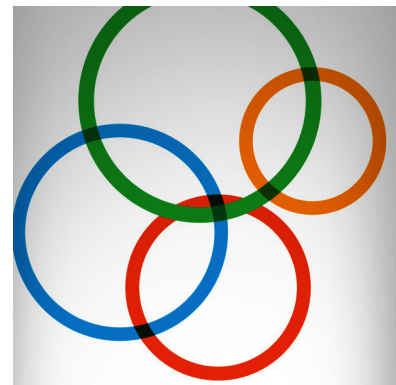
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"move on." But there is nowhere to "move on" to. Appropriate and adequate indoor shelter options do not currently exist for many of Denver's homeless residents, so the camping ban has resulted in homeless people scattering from downtown into the shadows, where they find unsafe and isolated shelter without access to needed services;

And Whereas the implementation of the Unauthorized Camping Ban Ordinance has failed to provide the emergency 24-hour shelter and services to respond to the complex needs of the diverse unsheltered homeless population in Denver;

Now Therefore, the Zoning and Planning committee of INC urges that Denver officials should move quickly to alleviate the negative conditions caused by the Camping Ban Ordinance by implementing the four recommendations outlined in the survey:

- Immediately identify at least one safe, 24-hour location in Denver where homeless people can sleep, access bathrooms and water and obtain necessary services.
- Develop a new dedicated revenue stream(s) to provide low-income housing production and necessary human services.
- Focus new revenues on expanding shelter options for underserved populations, such as women, couples, those with mental illness, and LGBT individuals (for example).
- Change the camping ban enforcement protocol to require police to identify and more effectively offer service and shelter options to homeless campers before warnings to "move along" or to desist from "camping" can be given.



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Committee Corner

INC has many special interest committees who meet to address areas of specific importance to the Denver community. The following reports were submitted for recent activities. Please see www.denverinc.org for committee postings and the calendar of meetings.

INC Zoning And Planning Committee Minutes

May 18, 2013 By Michael Henry, Committee Chair

Tom Downey, the Director of the Denver Department of Excise and Licenses, discussed many issues with the committee:

He conducted a public hearing on May 9 regarding many proposed revisions to the Department's liquor and cabaret policies and procedures. He expects to publish the final document by May 28. He, perhaps with help from INC, will also try to publish a summary of the changes between the new and the former policies and procedures. He thanked the members of a working group that met several times to help formulate the changes, including Margie Valdez, Joel Noble, Kathi Anderson and Michael Henry from INC. Most of the changes involved reorganization and clarification of several items, including the role of Good Neighbor Agreements.

He will be glad to work with INC to present a Liquor and Cabaret Licenses 101 class this summer for neighborhood groups.

Excise and Licenses does not have any role in licensing wholesale breweries (which allow drinks to be sold to customers), which are licensed exclusively by the state, with no notice to the public.

By September, Excise and Licenses will begin to implement its web-based licensing system; however, the roll-out will begin with its simplest licenses. Since liquor and cabaret licenses are very complicated, they will become web-based later.

The city is beginning a study of all of the regulations by different departments of peddler's and pushcart licenses. There will be a public outreach process.

The city is also reviewing all of the regulations and processes by different departments in permitting special events, such as festivals, marches, races, walks, etc.

The Department has recently established procedures to annually license all pedal-cabs and require insurance and the display of the license on each pedal-cab.

City Council is working to develop the system that will be used to regulate the recreational

marijuana industry in Denver. The hope is to have the Denver system finalized by October 2, 2013.

The committee discussed at length the results of the survey of homeless persons in Denver that were presented to the committee on April 27. The committee passed a motion, printed elsewhere in this newsletter, which will be presented to the INC Delegation for consideration at its meeting on June 8.

The committee also began a discussion of a Zoning Platform for INC. Rocky Piro, the Manager of the Denver Community Planning and Development Department, contributed to the discussion. The subcommittee working on the Zoning Platform will meet on June 19 at 6:30pm in the 19th-floor party room at 1201 Williams Street. Contact Michael Henry at michaelhenry824@comcast.net if you wish to join the subcommittee and/or submit any ideas.

Education Committee News

Karen Taylor, co-chair of the INC Education Committee, and Billie Bramhall have been meeting with Benita Duran, Denver Public Schools Director of Outreach for the Bond Program and City Affairs. The purpose is to assist Denver Public Schools in improving communication with registered neighborhood organizations regarding what the bond projects are doing that may affect neighborhoods. Ms. Duran has shared the Strategic Regional Analysis available to all online on the Denver Public Schools website. The site gives information on the process and progress of the bond projects. Dr. Taylor serves on the 2012 Bond and Mill Levy Oversight Committee. The committee has met twice and its members are becoming familiar with the project schedule and the major capacity projects that are in progress. Please send any questions or concerns regarding construction and maintenance projects to Karen at karentaylorphd@gmail.com. The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for June 17th.

INC PARC Notes from meeting May 21, 2013

INC PARC (Parks and Recreation Committee) met May 21 at the Heritage Club, 2020 S. Monroe. Present were: co-chairs Katie Fisher and Maggie Price, Larry Ambrose, Brad Cameron, Ronnie Crawford, Ray Ehrenstein, Diana Helper, Marlene and Neil Johnson, Cindy Johnstone, Kathleen and Jay Rust, Jim Sample, and Kathleen Wells; speakers Tom Morris, and Renee Lewis and David Hill; and from DPR Angela Casias, Jeff Green, Rangers Bob Toll and Dianne Leaming.

Katie reported on the May PRAB (Parks and

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INC CALENDAR

DELEGATE MEETING

Saturday, June 8, 2013

SIE Film Center

2510 E Colfax

Denver, CO 80206

(Next to Tattered Cover Bookstore)

830am Coffee & Networking

900am INC Program

Special presentation:

The Denver Police Department will give an update on DPD activities.

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

July Delegate Meeting

Saturday, July 13, 2013

TBA

Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, July 16, 2013

1201 Williams Street

19th Floor 700pm

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www.denverinc.org

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Recreation Advisory Board) meeting. The “policy” portion of POFA (Policy for Outdoor Fee-based Activity) was passed, but the “fee” portion will have further comment and discussion at the June PRAB meeting.

Jeff Green of Denver Parks and Recreation (DPR) reported a scam in Washington Park (fliers saying a basketball court is proposed, then asking for donations). He distributed copies of a grid showing Policy and Ordinance Changes in 12 categories, and their progress by month, and distributed two information pieces on DPR Public Engagement and Notification (PECAN). He described the three Tiers of communication designating degrees of importance and scope of communication. PARC pointed out that in former lengthy community engagement meetings INC stated it wishes for widespread notification of every DPR activity and inclusion of appropriate RNO representation at the earliest stages of planning contemplation. The printed material presented was vague in order to be flexible, Jeff explained. We suggested DPR present its idea of “Communication” and “Planning.” PARC asked that the term “transparency” be included. Kathleen Wells and Larry will work on some text for PECAN.

Angela stated that she is improving the Community Relations website. The City limits what can be posted on the city website. She hopes to create a “notification place” and have a calendar of permitted events. PARC restated the INC wants notification at initial stages of plans when RNOs can have valuable input of experience and information on surrounding neighborhoods, history of parks, and can head off potential concerns early in the planning. Angela also reported that the Civic Center Conservancy is in charge of the summer park movie series.

Bob Toll, Supervisor of the DPR Park Ranger Program, said there are five rangers for the urban parks (plus 8 added in summer), and two rangers for the Mt. Park system (plus 5 in summer). Their goals are Safety, Protecting Park Resources, and Administration – education and customer service, and ensuring “progressive” permit and regulation compliance. He and Ranger Learning brought copies of Park Rules, and a Guide to DPR urban and mountain parks. Rangers should be called for any problems encountered in parks, and can come quickly after notification by police, 311, or email bob.toll@denvergov.org or call 720-913-0606. Tom Morris spoke about his concerns regarding the additional City Park parkland given to the Denver Zoo and the Museum of Nature and Science, taking open space away from the public park. He urged INC to continue working to keep park space open for all the public.

Larry reported that the DPR Manager will form a

working group regarding park designation. PARC agreed to participate if it can be sure its voice will be a serious part of the decisions.

Renee Lewis spoke about Hentzell Park, full of springtime wildlife. There is a plan to enable citizens to vote on the deposition of this natural public park land, to “take our park land back from development.” Many signatures are needed on petitions. Info will be sent to PARC.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Diana Helper, PARC member

*All links documents referred to and past meeting minutes are available at www.denverinc.org/committee/parks-and-recreation

INC Transportation Committee Minutes

May 9, 2013 - Joel Noble, Chair

The INC Transportation Committee met on Thursday, May 9th at 6 p.m. Thanks to Michael Henry for the use of his building’s wonderful top-floor room at 1201 Williams St.

We heard from two presenters on the challenges and opportunities presented by the need to replace the I-70 infrastructure between Colorado Boulevard and Brighton Boulevard. Neighborhoods near I-70 have been involved in conversations with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) for many years, and this was a great opportunity for neighborhoods throughout the city to hear about both the current CDOT plan – including how to adapt it and have the area maximize benefit from it – as well as an alternate plan to re-route I-70.

Ron Straka, who was the first Deputy Director of Urban Design for the City and County of Denver during the Peña administration, presented a summary of CDOT’s current plan’s “partial covered lowered alternative” which will lower the highway in this area and introduce a “cover” at ground level connecting the neighborhoods across.

Mr. Straka then reviewed his ideas for adapting the plan to improve the surrounding neighborhoods. His detailed presentation highlighted the need to reduce the proposed one-way access roads parallel to the highway, as these would route significant truck traffic from the industrial areas through the neighborhoods on the way to the highway. He also proposes removing the I-70 interchange at Vasquez and introducing an additional cover in that area on top of which low-scale development could help activate this new area as a mixed-use center.

The presentation went into much more depth on how Denver roads should take advantage of the change for connectivity in every direction, and spent some time on how the National Western Stock Show complex roadways can be planned

so that they’re useful to the area’s circulation both during and between events.

Mr. Straka emphasized that these changes to improve the design and take best advantage of the highway infrastructure change will require community pressure on Denver and CDOT in order to be realized.

Thaddeus Tecza, a senior instructor emeritus of political science at the University of Colorado, presented his group’s case for rerouting I-70 around this part of the city, following the I-270 / I-76 route and using land CDOT already owns. The new I-70 route would be approximately 2 miles longer than the current route. They contend that CDOT has not fully studied this option, as the “study area” for the current Environment Impact Statement (EIS) study doesn’t look farther west than I-25.

Mr. Tecza estimates that this alternate proposal would cost significantly less than CDOT’s current plan, and would both spur development along the new route for adjacent municipalities and would open the way to redevelop a “grand boulevard” along 46th Avenue where I-70 is today. Although the I-70 project, if rerouted, would not fund redevelopment of street infrastructure along the old route, he believes that Tax Increment Financing for the new infrastructure would be possible, borrowing against the future tax increment from the new economic development in the area

He emphasized the width of CDOT’s proposed highway – approximately 280 feet including the highway, parallel access roads, and sidewalks – and illustrated graphically this increased width using aerial photos. He also raised questions about the lengthy construction period’s effects on the area, in contrast to the simpler construction process available with the reroute.

Mr. Tecza ended his presentation with a request that INC request that the I-70 reroute option be fully studied.

After a Q&A period in which there was significant participation by Globeville, Elyria and Swansea neighbors with varying opinions, the committee agreed that we would not take a position on which alternative we prefer, but did agree to Mr. Tecza’s request to ask that the reroute option be fully studied. The committee voted 12 in favor, none opposed, with Joel Noble abstaining, to recommend to that the INC Delegation urge CDOT to perform an EIS studying the “northern reroute” of I-70 along the current route of I-270 & I-76.

As a final topic, the committee revisited the proposed Denver Public Works Car Share Policies and Procedures, on which we received a presentation in March. In late April, all RNOs received notice of the proposed policies and



From The President

INC and RNOs – Ya'll Come!

INC has never had more meaningful participation, dealt, with more important issues, received more Delegate input and had more interesting topics presented and covered at our Delegate and Committee meetings than during this last year and a half.

Considering our busy lifestyles, a recent policy decision of the INC Board will, hopefully result in more Delegates and constituent RNO members attending the regular monthly meetings. As always, anyone can attend INC meetings and participate in discussion. When INC takes a position every member RNO gets two voting delegates. Often one or both delegates from an RNO cannot attend meetings. Consistent with the INC Bylaws, now, RNOs can rotate delegate members and substitute voting members provided notice is given in writing prior to the start of the meeting (Now, I interpret that to mean, when they get there is before the meeting for them, right?). So, please know, should your INC delegates not be able attend, RNOs can still send their officers and members and any two of them can be designated to vote.

INC's fairly recent remodel of its website was done to stimulate and inform our RNO member organizations.

Now, folks, we can't do that if your delegates or whoever gets the email links to our Newsletter and Updates don't further disseminate those emails and links to your RNO members. So, please, remember to forward on the Newsletters and Updates!

I have emphasized at every meeting, that **any** member of any RNO can participate in the INC committee processes. These committees are doing the important work of the neighborhood movement and involving your

RNO members will, I am quite certain, get them excited and even more involved in their own RNOs. So please remember to make these possibilities available with announcements at meetings and in your newsletters.

In addition INC's Standing Committees, there are a few special purpose committees which are important and timely. Volunteers are especially needed now for these working groups. They are:

The Neighborhood Conference Committee: INC in partnership with the City & County of Denver plans and presents a city-wide conference in the fall addressing matters of concern to all RNOs. Volunteers are needed and welcome to help plan this important annual event. Please contact Cindy Johnstone at cindy.johnstone@comcast.net.

The INC Annual Neighborhood Celebration and Awards Dinner Committee: At this dinner, held right after the new year, individuals who have given distinguished service to Denver's neighborhoods are honored with the presentation of Awards and a silent auction raises funds for INC's neighborhood empowerment work and the Dollar Dictionary Project. Planning begins now to determine the location and program for this wonderful annual event made possible by Title Sponsor, Visit Denver. To serve, please contact me at LDA@earthnet.net.

The Hyper-local Social Media Committee: The advent of social media websites such a Nextdoor and the short lived EveryBlock, present great opportunities for the neighborhood movement to expand its influence and reach. How RNOs and INC related to and get involved with local social networks needs to be researched, considered and policies developed. Please also contact me to be part of this effort, LDA@earthnet.net.

Below are the standing committees in which all INC delegate and RNO members are encouraged to participate and all welcome the added support.

- Budget
- Communications
- Dollar Dictionary Drive
- Education
- Membership
- Newsletter & eNews/Communications
- Parks And Recreation-PARC
- Public Safety
- Transportation
- Zoning & Planning

Information about these committees, their meeting times and leadership is available on the INC website at www.denverinc.org/committees/ or call the respective chairs listed in this newsletter. Committing to committees is benefiting and befitting. See y'all there!

Denver Days: The Start Of A Denver Tradition August 3-11, 2013

"When I finally got to know my neighbors, my house became a home." - a Denver Resident, Fall 2012

The above quote was stated during a neighborhood visit in the fall of 2012. Who said it doesn't matter because it's profound regardless of age, race, income level or what neighborhood the person lives in.

For a child, it means finding friends to play with and creating lifelong bonds. For parents, it means sharing pitchers of ice tea on summer nights and watching each other's children or houses while one was on vacation. For grandparents, it means having a good neighbor who shovels the snow off their sidewalk or fixes the leaky gutter so they wouldn't hurt themselves high on the ladder. For the neighborhood block, it means creating a sense of identity and community.

During the earliest days of his for campaign for Mayor, then-candidate Michael Hancock's held a tour of "house chats" in neighborhoods across the city. A recurring theme emerged -residents wanted to get to know their neighbors. Yet, they were frustrated when they tried to host block parties and other events aimed at bringing neighbors together due to cumbersome city processes. As a result, Mayor Hancock committed himself to a recurring event aimed at encouraging Denver citizens to significantly increase interaction with each other and to simplifying appropriate city processes.

Thus was born the idea of "Denver Days," where neighbors get to know neighbors through service activities and block parties to create a stronger city. Since the beginning of the year, a committee made up of city departments, community non-profits, registered neighborhood organizations, Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation (INC), churches and businesses have been meeting to develop plan the first "Denver Days" celebration.

"Denver Days" will take place August 3-11 and will coincide with the well established event, National Night Out which occurs on August 6. We want these days in August to become an annual Denver tradition where we celebrate each other and the community we call home!

Executive Committee Recap

INC Executive Committee Meeting 5/13/13
Present: Board-Larry Ambrose, Thad Jacobs, Steve Nissen, Katie Fisher, Randle Loeb, Jane Lorimer. Committee Chairs: Blake DiMeo, Michael Henry, Joel Noble, Maggie Price, Karen Taylor. Denver Week representative: Laura Maresca.

Meeting called to order: 7:08pm
Motion to approve Minutes moved by Randle, 2nd Katie, approved as written

Financial Reports

- Steve Nissen, Treasurer, presented copies of corrected income and expenses
- Received 2 PayPal payments of \$500 each that need to be adjusted and reconciled
- There is about \$1200 balance with PayPal account.
- Steve applied for and received a debt card for PayPal, which will provide for a secure line of credit to allow for more money to move directly to our bank account from PayPal.
- Michael suggested we make motion on the debt card
 - Katie made motion, 2nd Randle approved unanimously

INC Dinner

- There are three outstanding sponsorship checks from the dinner.
- \$5438.40 Income including sponsorship auction dollars; \$1534 Expenses after the Visit Denver sponsorship.
- \$3501 from silent auction with 40% transferred to Dollar Dictionary and balance to INC's operation funds.

Motion to approve April Financial Report; Randle moved, 2nd Kathy - passed unanimously

- 4/30/12 – Ending Balance \$29,696.94
- CD Balance \$11,696.42
- Savings \$812.53
- Dollar Dictionary \$7,004.41
- Checking \$10,183.58

Denver Days (formerly Denver Week) Update:

Laura Maresca

- There are representatives from several RNO's, city agencies, Council, Mayors office, Public works, Public safety, etc.
- 8/3-8/11 coincide with National Night Out (8/6/13)
- Experience getting to know neighbors, get folks out who may not normally get out or be involved
 - Block parties (ideas)
 - Street closures (looking at reducing the insurance and barricade requirements)
 - Backyard BBQ's
- Service Projects (ideas)
 - Alley way cleanup
 - Historic walk thru neighborhood

- Visit local restaurant
- Tool Kits to register the plan of what the group wants to do – website
- Working on flyer for neighborhood groups to publish the info around the event
- Website to be online targeting Memorial Day - URL TBD

Membership Update

Jane Lorimer

Membership ideas please email to Jane

- Jane will send out list of RNO's that did not renew from last year, and the non-members to see if we can get any additional members to join or re-join
- One option was presented by Jane to expand the delegates from 2 to 4 to encourage RNO participation since so many have busy schedules.
- Let RNO groups know they don't need to be a delegate to attend the Monthly Meetings RNO's can replace delegates as needed with notice
- Should INC step into RNO meetings for 5 minutes to give quick hi, let them know about INC
- Discussed various ideas about how to show which RNO's are coming to meetings.
- 250 RNO's registered in Denver
 - HOA
 - Business Improvement Districts
 - Business Groups
 - Residential based RNO's
 - Separate out the Residential based groups to determine what INC representation is for Residential groups

INC Staff Discussion

Larry Ambrose

- Who can help do all the work needed to keep things on track
- We have extra money this year to hire part time staff
- Maggie and Steve want to start slow hiring part-timer who might work from home
- Randle suggested partnering with the Mile High United Way and their new location for possible space to house INC staff
- Staff considerations
 - Produce Newsletter layout / designer
 - Jane will revive the job description

Motion to approve \$1200 for independent contracted staff person, Randle moved, 2nd Steve – passed unanimously

Discussion of possible meeting options came up to get more people to meetings and involved;

- Webinars
- Skype
- Carpooling
- Podcast recording and upload to website, after the fact vs live

- Should we do a survey to see who would be interested in this?
- Will fall under the Communications / Marketing

Committee Reports

Parks and Rec – same from Delegate meeting

- Michael brought up mention of Special Events and Permitting Committee appointed by the Mayor's office to try and accomplish uniformity

ZAP

- ZAP meeting Saturday 5/18/13
- Tony Robinson did a study on the Ordinance about the Unauthorized Camping Ban
- Larry wants the exec committee to know about time to study the ramifications to the neighborhoods
- June the INC Delegation will be presented with possible INC stance on the study or future outcomes

DDD / Education

- Booth at Peoples Fair 6/1/13 and 6/2/13
- 15 committed and 7 maybes to man the booth so far, need more volunteers
- Blake will send to Jane
- DPS Bond Oversight meeting next week
- Recommendation from Michael next month to further discuss the Dollar Dictionary monetary donation from INC, we have about \$12,000 in bank, about \$7,000 out in Grant proposals, Blake working on other fund raising options.

Transportation – same as Saturday

New Business

Discussion on survey study on INC membership, benefits. Jane will work with surveyor to determine questions, output, etc.

Motion to appoint Ean Tafoya to the communications committee as a non-delegate member. Jane moved, 2nd Blake, 1 objection (Katie) all else in favor.

Meeting Adjourned 9:17 pm

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 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.

May Delegate Meeting

INC Delegate Meeting Minutes
Saturday May 11, 2013 at Southwest Community Center: 1000 South Lowell Blvd

A quorum of voting RNO's was present, 37 delegate members and 2 associate members. The meeting was hosted by Southwest Improvement Council

President Larry Ambrose call the meeting called to order at 9:08am

Larry opened the meeting with brief discussion of why we're here in SW Denver Introduction and welcome by Jan Marie Belle of Southwest Improvement Council, a nonprofit community center. Formed by neighborhood groups in 1986, in 1995 it transformed into a community development center. All programs are free at the center; this is helped by all of the volunteer staff. Board and staff are bi-lingual and bi-cultural, daily fitness classes, some youth programs and several ECE programs, school supplies, before and after school programs for students. Food bank gives out every week out to the community. Jan thanked INC for continuing support to bury the Ruby Hill power lines.

Councilman Paul Lopez also welcomed INC to the neighborhood. Talked about neighborhoods improving in SW Denver and starting to turnaround with the help of neighbors and community groups. Urban Land Institute as one of 3 communities to take a look at Westwood from a safety, to create recommendations for improvements, now eligible for \$1M grant. Also, discussed the Federal Blvd programs, between Alameda and 6th Ave now completely done, was the most dangerous intersection in the city. Improving the hardscapes and green medians, landscaping should be done end of the month. All bridges crossing 6th avenue will be replaced with partnership between City and CDOT. Local contracting will be used from the neighborhoods where the work is being done where possible.

Lance Guanella talked about the situation of the current foreclosures in the neighborhood. Discussed HAMP and HARP programs along with other forbearance programs. Saved 19 homes so far this year, but rates are still very high in the area. Last year neighborhood was 11th, now 36th in the nation on foreclosure rates.

Larry mentioned Mary Myers and Paul Ryan's passings, moment of silence in memory of their work and contributions.

Michael Kiley running at large for DPS BOE gave brief overview of involvement in schools, Skinner. Worked with the community, parents, and DPS admin to keep it open and turn it around. Working to keep neighborhood schools as an option.

Meg Schomp running for District 3 DPS BOE, also advocate for keeping the neighborhood school as an option within DPS as a first option.

Hopes INC will continue to stay involved with education issues in the city.

Minutes from the April 13, 2013 Delegate Meeting were moved by Randle Loeb, Katie Fisher 2nd. Approved unanimously.

Treasurers report from Steve Nissen: As of 4/30 there was a balance of all funds of \$30,000; \$11,700 CD \$800 savings; \$7,000 DDD; \$10,000 checking.

Committee Reports

*** Larry Ambrose reminded the delegation that any RNO member can be a committee member and get involved, they do not need to be a delegate. Please take back to your RNO's to encourage their involvement. *** Please forward Newsletters to RNO membership when we get them as delegates ****

Lowenstein Theater – Colfax next meeting

*** Bring a member or 2 or 3 to the next meeting*

Zoning and Planning

Michael Henry

- Next meeting Saturday 5/18 @
 - Meeting with Tom Downy Excise and Licensing of Liquor licensing and status on the
 - marijuana licensing update
 - Working on ZAP Platform

Public Safety

Merce Lea

- 5/18 2nd Annual Public Safety Expo
 - Information sheet on event on the website, electronic copies also available (English/Spanish)
 - Event being hosted by INC and the Denver
 - Cop Shops
 - Need volunteers for the event
 - Need signage help to help draw people in

Transportation

Joel Noble

Met this past Thursday 5/9

- Three topics
 - I-70 East study east of I-25, CDOT have come up with an idea of lowering 70
 - If this is the ultimate decisions at the end of impact study
- Separate speaker provided alternative to move 70 more in line with 270
 - Recommendation from INC to send to city and CDOT to fully study the re-route option
- Proposed policy for Car Share program policy
 - Car Share has really taken off in other cities
 - Member can reserve car with phone for rental fee by minute, hour, day
 - Denver has published the policies and procedures
 - Public hearing this Friday 5/17 @ 11:30am - Webb Bldg Room 1.B.6
 - Required to locate 2 cars in less affluent areas
 - Section on RNO notice is a little week In the

policy and procedure

- Multiple modes of operation
 - Pickup where car is and drop off in any location in the service area
 - Dedicated space within same service area

Parks and Recreation

Maggie Price, Katie Fisher

Next meeting at Heritage Club 5/21 at 6pm

- POFA – P&R realized that a policy is needed. Recommendations to Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. (city)
- POFA is setup new process for fee structure for private businesses that want to operate in city parks. This will be limited to certain parks, areas in park and hours in each quad of the city. However, hours recommended are 5:30am to 8:00pm 7 days a week (Athletic programs, stroller moms, etc.)
 - Trial program for this year (have a tendency to become permanent)
 - Specific parks identified
- PRAB agreed the policy looked good, next stage will go to city council, then would be implemented
- Next PRAB 6/13 @ 530pm, Webb Building
- Next item is the RAPP, cost recovery based usage of parks – discussed at next INC meeting
- Signup for email on INC page

Education & Dollar Dictionary

Steve Nissen

- Still raising fund for DD, 12K thus far of 30K goal, need by 7/1/13 to hit the deadline
- Cost per book \$2 for dictionary, \$3.50 for dictionary and thesaurus
- June 1st /2nd booth at People's Fair, need volunteers

*** Imagine Denver 2020 – www. Imaginedenver2020.org, Diana Helper encouraged delegation to take this survey*

Nextdoor.com (hyper local social media) Larry Ambrose talked about how we need to develop a long-term policy for partnerships with organizations like this. **Motion-** to develop a special committee to discuss how INC moves forward with Hyper Local Social Media companies and partnerships. Michael Henry moved, Kenneth Worley 2nd – unanimously approved

Special Presentations

SPEAKER: DPS Superintendent, Tom Boasberg and Board President Mary Seawell

- Mary opened with quick overview on how DPS can work better with neighborhood groups over and above parents to better communicate. Many ops with schools for our neighborhoods and communities and organizations. Discussed passage of Bond and how we bring those projects into neighborhoods best in working with neighborhoods.
- Tom introduced Benita Duran; Benita is now

Committee Corner

> Transportation Committee continued from PG 3

procedures, on which there will be a public hearing on May 17th. Although there is not sufficient time to notice INC's upcoming meeting on a recommended position, the committee voted 9 in favor, none opposed, and one abstaining, to recommend to INC member RNOs that they: "Request that Public Works strengthen section IX point 4 of the proposed car share policies and procedures regarding dedicated on-street spaces, requiring that RNO notice be given and a notice posted visible to nearby property owners, with a 30-day public comment period."

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. Thanks to all both presenters and all attendees for a lively and informative meeting!

Post-script: The Car Share recommendation to RNOs was read out at the INC Delegation meeting on Saturday, May 11th. Following the public hearing on May 17th, Public Works replied to one RNO's input with a note including the following:

"It has always been Public Works practice, especially with parking matters, to engage adjacent property owners and registered neighborhood organizations when curb lane activities change. In some cases, Public Works will be leading this outreach, and in some cases it will be the operators. For that reason, we decided to include the language of 'At the request of the City Traffic Engineer'."



> Above: Mary Seawell and Tom Boasberg waxing eloquently in all things DPS related

> Below: Councilman Paul Lopez kicks off the meeting addressing the throngs.



May Delegate Meeting

> continued on PG 6

the dedicated community engagement individual for land use planning, construction, safety around our schools. Veronica Frigol is head of parent community engagement

Discussion:

- Exciting time of growth within the district compared to several years ago where we were closing schools
- Graduating over 800 more seniors then 6 yrs ago
- Cut dropout rate in half over last 6 yrs
- DPS 6yrs had lowest growth rate for kid is poverty, today looking at 20 largest districts DPS is now top in growth for other districts
- Extraordinary growth in enrollment, fastest growing school dist in nation, over 11k in last 5 yrs, another 2-3k over next yr. Improvement in Middle schools and strongest growth area
- Have the problem now of seats to meet the capacity demand due to the enrollment
- Thanked Denver voters for passage of bond and mil levy
- Time to build better relationships with neighborhood groups for involvement in projects that will be coming into the neighborhood
- Every student in Denver this year will have access to full day kindergarten
- ECE expansion citywide due to the demand
- Several more new schools being built as a result of the bond in SW, SE, NNE, and FNE areas.
- Emily Griffith new opportunities for students, technical college for adults, HS for those who have dropped out and move to a new facility. Working with historic folks on the existing EG facility, in coming months will have community dialogue and discussion.

Questions/comments:

- Dollar Dictionary drive how many 3rd graders can we expect? Approx 7,000
- Michael Henry commented on the Emily Griffith status and filing of non-historic status.
- Larry Ambrose made comment on Charter School; Charters have Boards in addition to DPS BOE they do not seem to be as responsive. What will DPS do to make charter schools more responsive to neighborhoods?
 - Most Charters are within and serve neighborhood boundaries
 - Students with disabilities have more access to charters
 - Expulsions still need to come through district for equity
 - Charters have contracts with District
 - Lake Middle and Strive community relations issues, good learning model for what worked, or didn't

- How does DPS work with the city, safety

concerns, and Mayors heads up campaign?

- With city on arts, cultural selections?
 - Do work with the city on safety, roads, and traffic signaling as well as arts within the schools
 - Next Superintendent leadership forum will be on Arts and Music in the schools
- Trash around Manual HS, programs to help student's better adopt or understand community involvement and respect.
- Globeville, Elyria, Swansea want more schools in the area, how is DPS involved as a partner?
 - DPS working close with CDOT, City, etc on I-70 development in relation to Swansea Elem
 - Willing to work with neighborhood on community development
 - Strategic analysis of school needs based on many factors (household density, births, etc)
- What is the plan for DPS to develop a task force around how we lift up the spirits of the youth?
 - * Infusing elements of human rights aboard and in this county into curriculum
- Hentzell Park: Will there be a school built on that site?
 - Yes, elementary school will be built on that site and will open the fall of 2015
 - Neighborhood has huge weight list for many grade levels currently
- What is the plan for better communications for DPS to neighborhoods?
 - INC Motion
 - Working with City Planning (Julius Z) to help notify on projects
 - Working on new schools design advisory groups to get RNO's in place on the front end
- Need a change in mindset of DPS BOE and Superintendent to first look at what the parents and neighborhoods, before what the city needs.
- DPS Bond Projects website
 - www.dpsk12.com/
- Kempner Middle school issues with overcrowding, gang violence, drugs etc.

New Business / Announcements

- Denver 1st Denver Week in early August, series of tool kits to help organize neighborhood events
- Ball Park Event – 3rd annual Ball Park Plates, pay a bit of \$ scheduled for 8/8
- June 7-8 University Park community yard sale

The meeting was adjourned 11:29am

Submitted by Thad Jacobs - Secretary

The Second Annual Safety Expo

On Saturday, May 18, 2013, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. the Denver Police Department hosted the Second Annual Community Safety Expo at Denver Police COP Shop. This event was sponsored by INC and fabulously spearheaded by Safety Chair, Merce Lea.



The People's Fair

INC's fundraiser tent at recent People's Fair held June 1 and 2 at Civic Park



INC MEMBERSHIP The list below represents INC's membership as of June 1, 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 Sept .

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2013 MEMBERSHIP June 1, 2013

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

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Baker Historic N.A.

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Berkeley N.A.

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Cherry Creek North BID

Cherry Creek North N.A.

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Civic Assn. of Clayton

Clayton United

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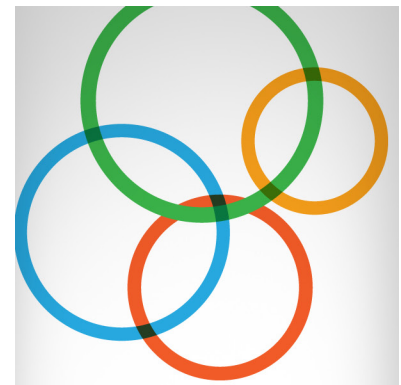
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