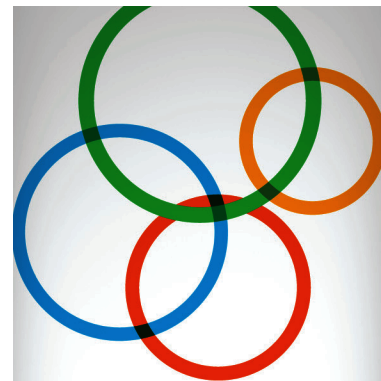


The newsletter of Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation

Neighborhoods work better when they work together



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Plan to attend our next INC Monthly Meeting

Saturday, August 10, 2013

Hosted by Whittier Neighborhood Assn.

Location: Whittier Community Center

2900 Downing St., Denver Co 80205

8:30am – Networking and coffee

9:00am – INC Business Review & Committee Reports

10:00-10:30am – Speaker: Jerry Tiniamow

10:30-10:50am – Speaker: Wil Alston

Jerry Tiniamow is with the Environmental Services Division and he will speak about the City's Sustainability Plan. There will be time for questions. Wil Alston will speak about the City's new Transparency Denver website.

At our business meeting we hear reports from committee chairs and board members concerning: Budget, Communications (newsletter and website), Education and Dollar Dictionary Drive, Membership, Parks and Recreation, Public Safety, Transportation, and Zoning & Planning.

Denver Days: Creating community through neighborhood activities and volunteer projects

Believing that strong communities create a stronger city, Mayor Michael B. Hancock is proud to launch Denver Days, a new citywide effort to help neighbors get to know each other and get involved with their communities by throwing block parties, organizing service projects and hosting neighborhood activities.

The city has paved the way for Denver Days, which begins August 3 and runs through August 11, by streamlining the process and providing a tool kit that will make it easy. See some ideas on the website (<http://www.denvergov.org/DenverDays>) and get started today! If you have further questions, feel free to contact them at denverdays@denvergov.org

"When I finally got to know my neighbors, my house became a home." - Harold Brewer, Skyland resident

CONNECTION

August 2013

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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 Parks and Recreation Committee

Minutes INC Parks & Recreation Committee (PARC) meeting notes, July 16, 2013

INC's Parks and Recreation Committee (PARC) met July 16 at 6 p.m. at the Heritage Club, 2020 S. Monroe St. Present were co-chairs Maggie Price and Katie Fisher; Brad Cameron, Ray Ehrenstein, Michele Fuerst, Diana Helper, Cindy Johnstone, James Sample, Kathleen Wells; Renee Lewis and David Hill of Friends of Denver Parks, and Angela Casias from DPR.

Parks and Recreation Board (PRAB) approved the naming of La Alma-Lincoln Park and Cuatro Viento-Four Winds Park, with considerable help and agreement from the respective neighborhoods. Katie moved and PARC unanimously voted that PARC send a letter to City Council members, DPR Manager Laurie Dannemiller, and DPR's Keith Pryor thanking them for their diligence in working with neighbors.

Brad reported on the Park Designation Process. At DPR's request he submitted five names to help with this work: Brad Cameron, Jay Rust, Tom Hawkey, Rosemary Stoffel, and Kathleen Wells. Angela said the second list of designations is now in progress and goes to Council committee August 6. Brad asked clarification that INC is an actual part of the process. We wish to be involved throughout the entire list. Angela will provide Brad with more information.

PARC discussed the placement of parking at City Park, and questioned the process for making such decisions. Kathleen said taking open park space to create parking space is not satisfactory. It was mentioned that there is ample parking at City Park unused for lack of way-finding signage. Police assigned to City Park will need more officers to patrol much larger "playground" planned. Michele cited the park and parking concerns at Stapleton, where again, realistic early planning to address parking needs was not done. Ray and James concurred with Ruby Hill examples. Angela said that a new Permit person, Chris Wilson, should be invited to the next PARC meeting to talk about the need for applicants to provide ample parking and traffic direction. Co-chairs will invite her.

Angela spoke briefly about the number of planners at DPR. David Marquardt and Mark Upshaw are in charge of DPR's West (of S. Colo. Blvd.) and East sections respectively. Each has a number of planners assigned as needed. PARC would like a list of planners.

Renee and David reported that the Hentzell Park matter continues, with an appeal filed at City Court of Appeals asking an injunction. Persons who remember using this park space before 1955 must be located soon. Suggestions were offered. INC continues to support this effort and has sent its promised check for \$500. Further (individual) contributions will be voluntary. More than enough valid signatures were obtained on petitions and submitted by deadline, but the city refused to accept them.

Also—DPR is reviving Denver's Weed Commission, required by the State. PARC will keep track of it. Ray said Grant-Frontier Park supporters met with DPR staff and felt progress was made in saving some cottonwoods; liked other plans proposed. Brad, Cindy and Kathleen will go to July 23 Public Trust Lands meeting. Katie said to report instances of vendors taking up park sidewalks. Washington Park was better than usual on July 4, with many park rangers. Regarding RAPP (fee charging rules) PARC will pay close attention to implementation; so high-priced/ticket events are not overscheduled to bring in more money, taking open park space from the general public.

Next PARC meeting Tues., August 20.

– Diana Helper, PARC member

Transportation Committee

INC Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes, July 2013

The committee met on Thursday July 11th at 6 p.m. at 1201 Williams Street. We had a great turnout with 23 people attending, including four guests. Thanks to Michael Henry for the meeting space!

We heard from **Councilwoman Susan Shepherd** about City Council's 2014 budget priority regarding bike and pedestrian facilities. It's still early in the budgeting process, but it looks like two or three additional planning positions are in the budget to join Emily Snyder. With this additional capacity, more opportunities to build out the Denver Moves facilities can be pursued, both with specific projects funded by a \$2 million budget, and also by looking opportunistically for ways to build on existing maintenance work as called

for in the Complete Streets policy.

Joel Noble presented a review of how sidewalks are (and aren't) maintained in Denver, and gave a refresher on an alternate approach to installing and maintaining sidewalks citywide that was called for in the 2004 Pedestrian Master Plan, but has not been implemented. The INC Sidewalk Position Statement, adopted in 2006 and revised and re-adopted in 2012, is in strong agreement with the direction laid out in the Pedestrian Master Plan.

"With Council's focus on pedestrian and bike facilities, is now the time when planning and leadership combines to find a better way for sidewalk installation and maintenance city-wide?" The group passed a motion unanimously to recommend the following to the INC General Membership: *INC should send a copy of the INC Sidewalk Position Statement to the Mayor and all members of City Council, with a letter encouraging the development of a sidewalk installation and maintenance program consistent with INC's position, as called for in the Pedestrian Master Plan.* (This motion was put forth and approved at the INC general meeting on July 13th.)

Matthew Wager, Director of Operations for Traffic Engineering Services in Denver Public Works

presented on various programs for pedestrian safety. Public Works has adopted a policy of using two kinds of highly durable and very visible pavement markings for pedestrian crosswalks, which are expected to last three years, which is much longer lasting than paint. They are planning to re-stripe all crosswalks every three years, and have made great progress so far. If the crosswalks in your area have not been restriped recently, they will be soon. If they have been, but a couple seem to have been missed and are badly worn, poorly visible, and missing sections, please call 3-1-1 and have them send a message to Traffic Engineering Services asking that they re-stripe the indicated crosswalks.

Mr. Wager's group is also adjusting the crosswalk timing at all signalized crosswalks to allow more crossing time, allowing slightly more pedestrian crossing time than is called for in the new federal standard. Crosswalk timing is the basis for the entire signal timing for all modes, so implementation requires significant coordination, and they are making good progress.

The next INC Transportation Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, September 12th, 6 p.m. at 1201 Williams Street's 19th floor party room.

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Committee Corner > continued from PG 2

INC Zoning and Planning Committee Minutes – July 27, 2013

By Michael Henry, Committee Chair

The committee celebrated the 95th birthday of a very longtime Park Hill activist Marge Gilbert, a regular attendee of ZAP committee meetings.

City Councilman Paul Lopez from District 3 in southwest Denver (Westwood, Barnum) discussed with the committee ideas for neighborhood protection that he hopes can be included in the ordinance that will establish a regulatory system for facilities for retail marijuana, pursuant to Constitutional Amendment 64, passed by Colorado voters last November. He said that the city needs better tools to regulate this new industry. A special City Council committee is currently developing an ordinance and all neighborhood groups should pay attention and communicate with City Council. His ideas included:

- A 2500 foot straight-line distance between any retail or medical marijuana centers
- A needs and desire hearing should be held for each new retail medical marijuana center
- More inclusive designated neighborhood to allow more residents to testify at hearings or sign petitions

Some committee members encouraged him to consider adding parks to the spacing limits and not to allow too large of a designated neighborhood. The committee informed him that several years ago INC successfully advocated for the designated neighborhood in liquor license hearings to be reduced from a 12-block radius to a 5-block radius, so that only neighbors who would be meaningfully impacted by a new license would be allowed to participate. Councilman Lopez encouraged anyone with ideas to contact him at paul.lopez@denvergov.org.

Several committee members reported on activities planned in their neighborhoods for Denver Days.

Denver Planning Director discussed the following with the committee:

- A new Director of Development Services, Steve Ferris, has been hired and will begin work on August 7, to replace Kelly Leid, who is now the Director of the North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative.
- Someone will be hired to replace Mike Sizemore, the director of Neighborhood

Inspection Services (NIS), who left city government a few months ago. Our committee will meet with that person after the hiring.

- NIS conducts approximately 100,000 inspections per year, of which approximately 15,000 are based on first-time citizen complaints. The rest are re-inspections and proactive inspections.
- There are approximately 144 buildings in the city designated as vacant and derelict and about 42 of those have remedial plans in progress. City Council and Community Planning and Development Department (CPD) will be working to improve the ordinance regulating such buildings.
- CPD is committed to accuracy and quality in their permitting activities, in addition to speed. Some committee members encouraged him not to focus primarily on speed. He stressed his belief that CPD is not the Department of No, but it is also not the Department of Anything Goes.
- The best development is where developers and neighborhoods work together.

Committee members received the latest draft of a Planning and Zoning Platform for Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation. The subcommittee working on the platform will meet next on Wednesday August 21 at 6:30pm at 1201 Williams Street in the 19th-floor party room.

On Saturday, July 27th, INC ZAP celebrated Marge Gilbert's 95th birthday with a birthday cake and a card signed by all. It was much to her surprise, being her actual birthday, and she wondered who had divulged the info. It's a pleasure to have a senior citizen such as Marge come faithfully to the monthly ZAP meetings. Marge still deeply cares about her Greater Park Hill Community and contributes positively to debates and discussions--and she's only 95. She thanked everyone for celebrating her longevity but shared that she was most proud of her work with The Greater Park Hill News. There are 521 residential blocks in Park Hill and she personally enlisted Block Workers for all but 80 blocks of the neighborhood. The Block Workers are volunteers that deliver the newspaper to one or more assigned blocks. She really enjoyed meeting people who live in the neighborhood in her efforts to find Block Workers. She wishes that she could still do it, but doesn't have enough 'air' anymore. "But I still have enough [air] to talk." Thank goodness!



INC CALENDAR

August 3 to 11

Denver Days

August 10

INC Delegate Meeting
Whittier Community Center
2900 Downing St

August 12

Executive Committee Meeting
7pm – 9:30pm
1201 Williams St, 19th floor

August 20

Parks & Recreation Committee
6pm – 8 pm, Heritage Club
2020 S Monroe St

August 24

Zoning & Planning Committee
9:30am – noon
1201 Williams St – 19th floor

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please visit INC'S website:
www.denverinc.org



From The President

Update: INC Protecting Denver's Parks

Those who read my column last month will recall I reported that before INC could actually join the Hentzell Park law suit filed by Friends of Denver Parks, et al, Denver Public Schools counter-sued for hundreds of thousands of dollars. Because it exposed INC to a great deal of liability, this counter-claim effectively precluded us from participating directly in the suit at the time.

Subsequently, however, thanks to diligent research, attorney John Case discovered that there were strong Colorado Supreme Court precedent setting cases in which it was ruled that suits by citizens to protect their rights are protected activity under the First Amendment to the US Constitution. A letter to Denver Public School attorneys on July 3rd resulted in an email back only hours later from DPS Attorney, John Hickman, stating that he would file a "motion withdrawing DPS's counterclaims" the very next week.

Knowing then that INC was constitutionally protected from the "slap suit" claim, the INC Board of Directors voted on July 8 to act on the original motion voted upon at the June INC membership meeting. On July 17, 2013 Attorney Case filed a Motion for Leave to Intervene on behalf of Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation in Denver District Court in the lawsuit against the City and County of Denver and Denver Public Schools.

Because INC has not been involved in the petition drive to put the Hentzell Park issue on the ballot, we likely do not have standing to be a party to the appeal regarding Clerk and Recorder, Deborah Johnson's denial of the Friends of Denver Parks petitions. However, the Board has authorized Attorney Case to apply for permission to file an amicus curiae ("friend of the court") brief, in which INC will advocate for preservation of all of the open space in the city, including other undesigned parks.

In this regard, at the request of Parks Manager, Laurie Dannemiller, INC is participating in a process to identify other parks, which are not designated under the Charter or by ordinance to ensure that they have full protection from being sold without a vote of the people. Many thanks to Brad Cameron, Tom Hawkey, Rosemary Stoeffel, Jay Rust and Kathleen Wells who have volunteered to represent INC on the Parks Designation Steering Committee.

Gary Ambrose

Dollar Dictionary Drive We Need Your Help!

August 14 and 15 are the dates for labeling and packing 15,000 books for 101 DPS Elementary Schools. We will be giving all DPS third-graders an English/Spanish—Spanish/English dictionary along with a thesaurus. We are purchasing them from The Dictionary Project, also a non-profit.

We urgently need volunteers to help with unpacking, labeling, and repacking the books. Also volunteers are needed to lift boxes of books to the unpacking table and also for the repacking end of the tables. This is a fast-moving operation, which must be completed in two days because of our space rental agreement. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

The labeling/packing operation will take place at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 9th and Emerson (in the rear) from 9 am to 5 pm. Snacks and lunch will be provided. Come for an hour or for a day, whatever suits your schedule. Please help us recruit volunteers. Bring a carload of friends!

We are very appreciative of the support given this project by our many individual donors. In addition, a hearty and grateful thank-you is extended to the following 34 RNO member organizations that supported our project this year:

Alamo Placita Neighbors
Bellevue Hale Neighborhood Association
Capitol Hill United Neighbors
Cherry Creek North Neighborhood Association
Cherry Point Neighborhood Association
Civic Association of Clayton
Congress Park Neighbors, Inc.
Cory-Merrill Neighborhood Association
Crestmoor Park Homes Association
Cultural Arts Residential Organization
Downtown Denver Residents Organization
East Montclair Neighborhood Assn
Far Northeast Neighbors, Inc.
George Washington HOA
Golden Triangle Association
Greater Park Hill Community, Inc.
Green Valley CAB
Harkness Heights Neighborhood Association
Historic Baker Neighborhood Association
Historic Montclair Neighborhood Association
Hutchinson Hills/Willow Point
Inspiration Point Neighborhood Association
Lowry United Neighborhoods
North City Park Civic Association
Overland Neighborhood Association
Park Forest HOA
Platt Park People's Association
South City Park Neighborhood Assn

University Neighbors
University Park Community Council
Virginia Vale Community Association
Virginia Village/Ellis Community Association
Wellshire East HOA
West Washington Park Neighborhood Association

This is INC's 18th year of providing these great learning tools to third-graders who will be the leaders of tomorrow. 127,000 DPS students have benefited from this National Award-Winning INC project. If there are any funds remaining from 2013, they will be used to start-up next year's project. It's not too late to share your support. **Donations can be sent to Dollar Dictionary Drive, P.O. Box 300684, Denver, CO 80218 or made online at: www.DenverINC.org by clicking on 'Dollar Dictionary Drive'.**

Mile High Electronics Recycling Day

Click: <http://milehighrecycling.eventbrite.com> to select your appointment time. You only need one appointment, regardless of the number of items you bring to recycle.

Event Day & Time: August 11, 8 AM to 4 PM. Please arrive at the event no more than 10 minutes prior to or after your scheduled appointment time. Appointments are on a first come, first serve basis. Once all appointment time slots are full, no additional event appointments will be taken.

Location: Sports Authority Field at Mile High, Parking Lot A, SE corner outside stadium.

Fee: \$5 per vehicle includes first "screen" (televisions, monitors and/or laptops). Additional screens will cost an additional fee of \$10 per screen (Note: A normal fee per screen can range from \$15 to \$40) Cash or credit cards will be accepted (no checks).

Items Accepted: Televisions, monitors, CPUs, laptops, printers, scanners, faxes, keyboards, mice, stereos, external hard drives and storage devices, cellular phones, telephones, DVRs, VCRs, digital cameras, video recorders, MP3 players, video game consoles, wires, cables and some small appliances such as microwaves. (NOTE: All hard drives will be shredded to protect any private information).

Items Not Accepted: Air conditioners, large appliances, vacuum cleaners, car batteries or household batteries (rechargeable batteries okay).

Questions: Call 311 or email DenverRecycles@DenverGov.org

Notes: This event is open to any and all residents. No commercial or business recycling.

July Delegate Meeting

July 13, 2013

Central Park Recreation Center in Stapleton

Call to order: 8:58am

Welcome Remarks by Cindy Johnstone:

Hosted by Denver Parks and Recreation (DPR)

- Cindy welcomed the delegation and thanked DPR for hosting and providing the great treats
- Angela Casias for DPR welcomed the group and gave an overview of the Central Park Rec Center

INC Business:

Motion to pass June 8th minutes – Randle Loeb made motion, Katie Fisher 2nd minutes passed unanimously

Treasurer's report for June 2013 ending

- CD \$11,699.98
- Savings \$812.58
- Dollar Dictionary \$15,899.81
- Checking \$9,986.29
- Total \$38,398.66

Committee Reports

Newsletter – Gayle Rodgers

- If you have ideas on changing, articles, etc email Gayle (boardmember_5@denverinc.org)
- Plans to get the newsletter out towards the beginning of each month
- Email addresses for delegates and executive leaders will be for their position. It will forward to the person's email.
- Deadline to get items for newsletter content please submit to Gayle by 20th of the month

Parks And Recreation – Katie Fisher and Maggie Price

Motion – INC requests that the Zoning Code of the Denver City and County be changed in order to address two serious park-related problems:

1. The zoning code for high-density areas, especially Transportation Oriented Development areas, is inadequate because it fails to require adequate open space and recreational facilities for developments in these areas.

Requiring publicly accessible open space as is done in other major cities should be seriously explored.

2. In the absence of adequate parkland and recreational opportunities in high-density areas, individuals who live in these areas tend to use parks and recreational facilities in other parts of the city, many of which are in the central city and are already over-used to the detriment of the parks and the neighborhoods surrounding them.

The city must insist on additional parkland for recreational facilities in major density development areas.

In short, parkland and open space should be con-

sidered as a critical element of supporting high-density development. We endorse, moreover, the need in general for more parkland than we have at present throughout the City and County of Denver, as called for by the INC Platform on Denver's Urban Parks

Discussion:

- At the PRAB meeting Laurie Danmiller was given heads up that this resolution letter from INC will be coming
- Dave Felice mentions that high density and Transit oriented development areas don't all have the same zoning designation within the City, so requirements for parks and open space designation can vary
- Randle Loeb moved, Marlene Johnson 2nd, motion passed
For 28
Opposed 0
Abstain 0

Transportation – Joel Noble (Cindy Johnstone covered for Joel)

- Heard from Councilwoman Shepherd on pedestrian and bike safety in City
- 3 new positions in City budget
- Presentation on sidewalk maintenance was given
 - 2006/2012 INC Sidewalk platform aligns with the 2004 pedestrian plan
- Motion passed at Transportation meeting passed, asking full delegation to pass the motion to send the 2012 INC Sidewalk position statement to the Mayor and Council

Motion – INC should send a copy of the INC Sidewalk Position Statement to the Mayor and all members of City Council, with a letter encouraging the development of a sidewalk installation and maintenance program consistent with INC's position, as called for in the Pedestrian Master Plan.

- Michael Henry moved, 2nd by Ray Ehernstein, motion passed
For 28
Opposed 0
Abstain 0
- Added comments by Diana to mention in the letter to the Mayor and Council that this will help with keeping with the Mayors focus on a Green City

Zoning And Planning (ZAP) – Michael Henry Several motions were passed at ZAP committee meeting, bringing these to the full delegation to vote on and pass

- David Solomon added additional clarification, Jefferson Park, the R2 RNU20 zoning change was supported based on a project done in the area. The zoning was changed to support lower ball plane in HD areas, changed from R2 to RNU20
- No verbiage was changed in the old

ordinance to protect certain protected lots

- Trying to get the board of adjustments to reverse their decision, to avoid a precedence being set to allow future similar situations
- Letters of support are being sought, INC Communications will send blast out to delegation

Motion 1- Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation supports the appeal to the Board of Adjustment for Zoning Appeals by Jefferson Park United Neighbors (JPUN) of the decision by the Denver Zoning Administration to permit a new development at 2100 Eliot Street which, if built, would violate the bulk-plane protections given to adjacent R-2 property by the zoning code in effect under the Chapter 59 Zoning Code in effect until the new zoning code was passed in June 2010. Unclear language in the new code did not clarify the implied and necessary coordination between the adjacent zone districts.

- Michael Henry moved, 2nd by Katie Fisher, motion passed
For 26
Opposed 0
Abstain 2

Motion 2 – INC wishes to bring to the attention of Community Planning and Development, City Council and the Mayor's Office of the unintended error in the new zoning code which implies, but does not effectively define, the bulk-plane protections given to land in certain lower-density zone districts within 175 feet of a higher-density zone district and ask this error be corrected by an amendment to the zoning code as soon as possible.

- Michael Henry moved, 2nd by Anthony Thomas, motion passed
For 26
Opposed 0
Abstain 2

Motion 3 – Inter- Neighborhood Cooperation urges the Colorado General Assembly to amend state law to require posting, notification and needs and desires hearing for proposed "breweries," which are a type of state license that currently has no such requirements.

In recent years, approximately 7 have been approved in Denver neighborhoods.

- Michael Henry moved, 2nd by Randle Loeb, motion passed
For 22
Opposed 2
Abstain 4

Education/Dollar Dictionary Drive– Blake

- Budget just under \$20K
- Have selected a Spanish/English and English/Spanish dictionary to be distributed
- Found less expensive Thesaurus
- Able to order both books and will have a budget surplus to start next year's drive off
- Book labeling on August 14th and 15th at

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Photos from the July Meeting



More Photos

Attorney John Case (right) and his wife at a recent meeting



Marge Gilbert's 95th birthday with a birthday cake and a card



Executive Committee Recap

INC Exec Committee Meeting
7/8/13

Attendees: Larry Ambrose, Cindy Johnstone, Gayle Rodgers, Katie Fisher, Maggie Price, Karen Taylor, Joel Noble, Blake DiMeo, Steve Nissen, Michael Henry
Guests: Judy Case, John Case

Called to order 7:07pm

- Introductions around the room
- Motion to approve June 10th executive committee minutes -Katie motioned, Cindy 2nd – approved unanimously as presented

Treasurers report for June- Maggie moved, Cindy 2nd – approved as submitted

- CD \$11,699.98
- Savings \$812.58
- Dollar Dictionary \$15,899.81
- Checking \$9986.29
- Total \$38398.66
- Corrections to May treasurer's report \$0.30 correct Cindy, Katie 2nd – approved as corrected
- PayPal debit card allows us to more easily withdraw funds in less than \$500 minimum requirement. Only allows withdrawal of funds from PayPal, not the bank

Budget Report – Larry for Jane

- \$1200 for part time support
- \$500 for neighborhood conference, conference cancelled
- \$500 for Hentzell park reallocated from the neighborhood conference cancellation to keep us on budget for the year

Hentzell Park Law Suit Update – John Case

- \$400,000 DPS counter-suit
- Sent letter to Michael Hickman, DPS lawyer, the counter-claim needs to be withdrawn. John will file motion for summary judgment and to dismiss DPS's counter-suit.
- Judge postponed entering a written order, failed to establish that the property was purchased as a park prior to 1955, or designated as a park after. Also, did not prove that the City Council's actions were legislative, but rather administrative
- Petition filed for referendum petition, clerk and recorder to deny the petition based on ruling from city council's decision to not allow referendum ballot initiative. Clerk and recorder's office will not count the ballots
- Notice of appeal, challenging the preliminary injunction by the trial court, with Judge Stern
- Filed a notice of injunction pending the appeal decision, no response from the city or

DPS yet

- Been claimed as a park for years, used as a park etc. Purchased in 1936 originally by the City, but annexed in 1965 to be included within the City and County boundaries.
- Denver bought property easement deeds for flood plain protection and recreation along Cherry Creek and South Platte, prior to 1955 one of the chief recreations was horseback riding along the trails
- Need to talk to Phil Goldstein and ask around for people who may have been around and used the area for recreational uses. John needs our help to research the history of the area.
- Zoning decisions are always legislative and quasi-judicial by nature
- INC, its RNO members, executive board have no liability if joining this case. Our 1st Amendment rights protect us.
- Larry suggested now that we are shown to be protected, we continue forward with the original moved and voted on decision from the
- June membership meeting. We had decided to withdraw based on potential liability with DPS counter-suit until we were further briefed. Cindy agreed that we should honor what the INC general delegation voted on at the June meeting.
- No objections from executive committee to joining all three of the cases John is leading. John Case will be the lawyer for INC in these cases.
- John needs help with environmental impact, historical status law to assist with trail through Hentzell Park (Cherokee Trail)
- Action Item:** Steve will cut a check for \$500 from INC towards the cases

Denver Week Update – Cindy Johnstone
Encouraged RNO's to sign up, August 3-11th
Waive park permit fees, and provide barricades

Committee Reports

Dollar Dictionary Drive – Blake/Steve

- Will likely not reach the \$32K goal
- Can still get the two books if we go with another vendor for the thesaurus
- Or go with the combined dictionary / thesaurus from same vendor (Dictionary Project)
- Applied for several grants, and were declined from several
- Should talk about Spanish/English, English/Spanish dictionary as an option for the same price
- INC Dinner silent auction money - 40% of funds went for Dollar Dictionary
- Executive Committee approved a budget without additional funds set aside for Dollar

Dictionary in 2013, will need to have this addressed up front for 2014 budget planning in the fall

• Larry appointed Blake as Chair
Action Item: Larry to provide Blake with Lisa Calderon's contact information to reach out for possible partnerships with the Colorado Latino Forum for the future

Action Item: Determine when we should start our budgeting process for 2014, suggested October.

INC Awards Dinner – Larry

- Larry needs to appoint a chair or co-chair to volunteer for the dinner
- Has always been a challenge to get a group together
- Blake and Gayle are willing to start things off
- Action Item:** Larry to contact Visit Denver to see if they will sponsor again

Transportation

- Meeting Thursday
- Speaker on sidewalks may likely not show, but they will still talk about sidewalks

Parks and Rec

- Denver Parks and Rec did not attend last meeting
- PRAB meeting this Thursday
- Action Item:** Larry to send letter on Parks Designation Committee member appointees
- Action Item:** Katie to ask Angela with Parks and Rec about "Poo Free" Parks labeling on signs in parks, and how we get them covered up.

Newsletter

- Please send meeting reports right after meeting
- Deadline for articles, meetings, news, etc by 20th of the month
- Michael will update email addresses for committee chairs. They will be for the position and be directed to persons email address.

Upcoming Meetings

July Meeting – Stapleton Rec Center
August Meeting – Whittier
September Meeting - ?
Meeting Adjourned 9:13pm

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.

July Delegate Meeting

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Our Savior Luther Church on 9th and Emerson
from 9am-5pm

Public Safety – No update

New Business

Question asked if there is a way to have Transportation Committee meetings recorded for playback. Action Item: Cindy will bring up and address with the EC Committee will take a look at this.

Introduction of new faces to the meeting

Guest Speakers

Dody Erickson and Fred Weiss – Denver Parks and Recreation

RAPP- Resource Allocation and Priorities Plan

<http://preview.tinyurl.com/ldneqjk>

Full and summary reports available

Contact Dody with any follow up questions

- 3 areas of focus for the project
 - Public and staff engagement
 - Services assessment and technical analysis
 - Trends and best practices
- Looked at all areas of the department for options to support and enhance the plan
- Discussed the pyramid benefit model
- Next up is implementation of the plan. Dody will be meeting with each of the P&R groups to provide more insight to them
- Presented at PRAB and plan was adopted
- Lots of recommendations proposed in the plan, Parks & Recreation will need to prioritize and determine what can be implemented quickly, what may take years to implement or not at all

Evan Dryer – Aerotropolis

- Concept is about land use development and infrastructure
- Big first steps were the annexation of the property which is now DIA
- Multi jurisdictional infrastructure project
 - DIA
 - Denver

- Commerce City
- Adams County
- Spoke about the key components of the Denver Aerotropolis development
 - DIA South Terminal development
 - Hotel
 - Transit center Rail and bus at terminal
 - Public Plaza Area
 - East line RTD development
 - DIA future development planning of 9400 developable acres
 - 8700 additional restricted development acres
 - Potential for 25k construction 30k airport jobs (services)
 - How large is the footprint of the Aerotropolis for Denver?
 - North cornerstone projects – 6 projects (are being coordinated with Aerotropolis activities) examples below
 - Stock Show
 - I-70 redevelopment
 - Brighton Blvd redevelopment
 - Inter-governmental agreements on use with Adams County
 - Disagreement with Adams County
 - If we develop commercially on DIA, how can we best share revenue with our neighbors
 - Dave Felice brought up concerns about the development moving away from the main purpose of the Airport to transport people
 - Cindy brought up concerns around the transportation system that would come into DIA always seeming to be second thought
 - Are there economic development opportunities to bring Aerospace industry and aviation type businesses, or will it be more commerce and tourism? Mostly about commerce

Action Item: Evan will send presentation to Cindy to get linked to the INC website

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