

DENVER INC CONNECTION

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September 2013

Neighborhoods work better when they work together

INC Monthly Meeting

Saturday, September 21

(Note: change in date due to religious holidays)

WHERE Denver Police Protective Assn., 2105 Decatur St. Ample free parking in lots behind and just across from the building

AGENDA

8:30 am Networking with neighbors and coffee

9:00 am INC business meeting - Committee reports and approval of business operations

10:15 am Special Program -There will be two speakers.

One from the Denver Transit Partners to speak about the rail line to DIA.

The second speaker will be Caryn Champine from Community Planning and Development who will give "An overview of the East Corridor's station area plans' key elements, the next phase of updates to the TOD (transportation oriented development) Strategic Plan, and regional planning coordination DRCOG."

Delegates should come to the September 14 Delegation meeting prepared to vote on the following motions from the Zoning and Planning Committee, more fully described in the ZAP minutes in this newsletter:

1) INC should re-send to City Council and the Mayor's Office our support from January

2013 for neighborhood notification, public hearings and 1000-foot spacing limitations for all retail marijuana stores.

2) INC should communicate its support of the proposed zoning text amendment to City Council and the value to neighborhoods of "protected zones" in the zoning code.

INC Needs Your Help

As most of you know, INC supports an annual distribution of dictionaries and thesauruses to all third grade students enrolled in Denver Public Schools. Some 7,600 students will receive books at over 100 schools. We would like to obtain media coverage for the distribution of books this year and how your neighborhood supported the efforts. Here's where we need your help.

We would like to know if you are planning to participate in the distribution of the dictionaries this year at your local school. If you are or know someone in your neighborhood who is participating, please let us know. Books are at schools now.

The information needed is:
Your name/name of someone we can contact
Best telephone number to reach you or that person
Name of school and address
Time books will be distributed

Please relay this information to DDD Chair:
Ms. Blake DiMeo at 720.876.7721 or her email: blakedimeo@yahoo.com

CALENDAR

September 11

Remembering 9/11
Mayor Hancock &
Gov. Hickenlooper

See denverinc.org for more details

September 12

INC Transportation
Committee Meeting

1201 Williams St, 19 floor 6pm

Public Hearing for Fee Based Park
Activities

Wellington Webb Building
201 W Colfax Ave, RM 4G2 5:30

Training for Nonprofits:
Effectively Working with
Government

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The Denver Foundation
55 Madison St, Room 745

September 17

INC Parks & Rec
Committee Meeting

Heritage Club, 2020 S Monroe St
6 – 8pm

September 21

INC Delegate Meeting
2015 Decatur St
8:30 am

September 28

INC Zoning and Planning
Committee Meeting
1420 Ogden Street
9:30 to 11:30am

For up-to-the-minute news,
please visit INC'S website:
www.denverinc.org

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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 August 20, 2013

The INC Park and Recreation Committee (PARC) met August 20 at 6 p.m. at the Heritage Club, 2020 S. Monroe. Present were co-chairs Maggie Price and Katie Fisher, Steve Fisher, Cindy Johnstone, Brad Cameron, Marlene Johnson, Ronnie Crawford, Diana Helper, Larry Ambrose, Nancy Stocker, Rene Lewis, David Hill; and George Pond, Kyle Burks, and Ana Bowie of the Denver Zoo.

The Zoo presentation was a description of the planned Gasification Process to be installed at the zoo, to convert waste into energy. When operational, it is expected to **save \$150,000/year**, provide 20% of the zoo's energy needs, and keep 90% of its waste out of the landfill. Now working with the city and health agencies, the finished project will meet stringent standards. This \$50 million dollar project is to be funded by bond issue and private donations. PARC asked about space consumed, noise and odor issues, and affect on the zoo animals.

Brad reported on the **DPR park designation** project. He and four others from INC are on a team with DPR's Scott Gilmore, to move along with designations. INC can furnish local information regarding boundaries, etc. City Councilpersons suggest parks for designation in their districts. Bear Creek Park was added. Prairie Park is on the waiting list. Two rounds of designations are completed; round 3 begins in November. 1301 Larimer and 1320 Walnut, land DPR maintains, but was listed For Sale without its knowledge, is an example of city plans begun without public (or even Department) notification. Gates Crescent Park was discussed. **There is agreement that public park space is a definite need and should be preserved and added.**

Renee updated the **Hentzell progress**. Friends of Denver Parks plan to have a fund-raising party this fall, to defray continuing costs. Ronnie reported Overland Pond is now deepened, and Platte River work will go on between Grant Park and S. Florida. DenverTrout Unltd. **"Carp Slam" is Sept. 7.** PARC asked about birds relocating when trees are removed.

Penelope Zellor wrote **suggesting DPR charge to use dog parks** just as they do for Rec Centers. Larry explained this was considered some years ago and not done; licensing dogs also has been suggested but the money from licenses would not go to DPR unless specially

arranged.

Cindy discussed **POFA (park fee schedules and rules)**, which underwent a sudden change without notification to the POFA committee, implying that the considerable work of the citizens has not been respected by the process. The resulting schedule is not a solution. PARC voted unanimously to support a letter to be written by Cindy, Larry and Maggie, to DPR, the Mayor, and other appropriate people. **The majority of "citizen input" has been from business interests. PARC urges RNOs and individuals to comment if they wish quieter public parks with less business use.**

Katie reported that **SEAP (Special Events And Permitting)** seems to be for the benefit of road races and other events not exclusively in parks, which should be in a separate category. This will be on agenda at the November INC delegates' meeting. Cindy reminded that **Trustee for Public Lands meeting is Sept. 10**, and a Noise (abatement) Convention is Aug. 27. Larry said the newly redone **Frances Melrose Garden** is a great success. He reported that the city figured the St. Anthony development open space percent requirement based on its size **after** removing its included street and walkway area from the total. This is a first, to try to allow **less** open space.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. Next meeting Sept. 17. — Diana Helper, PARC member

INC Zoning and Planning Committee Minutes August 24, 2013

Rob Davis, the Denver City Forester, spoke with the committee about trees in Denver. He distributed a map showing the extent of the tree canopy in different neighborhoods. In 2001 the extent of the tree canopy throughout Denver was approximately 6% and, after extensive planting by the city, neighborhood groups and Denver Digs Trees, the canopy in 2013 is approximately 19.7%. He indicated that there is a correlation between the extent of tree canopy and property values in a neighborhood. He described several current threats to trees, including several very dry seasons, "up and down freezes," many aging silver maples, European elm scale insects, ips engraver spruce bark beetles, thousand cankers black walnut disease and emerald ash borers (not present in Denver yet, but expected to arrive soon from eastern states). **Rob said that permits from the Forestry Division of the Parks and Recreation Department must be obtained for tree planting and also for tree removal in the public right-of-way.** He can be contacted at Robert.davis@denvergov.org and much information can be found at www.denvergov.org/forestry.

Assistant City Attorney David Broadwell briefed the committee on the progress of **the ordinance regarding recreational marijuana**

in Denver to implement Constitutional Amendment 64, which was passed by the voters in 2012. The ordinance will probably be passed by City Council before October 1, 2013, to accommodate the expected rush of applications at that time. Under the **current draft** of the ordinance, registered neighborhood organizations (RNO) will be notified of all applications for marijuana cultivators, manufacturers and retail stores; however there will only be public hearings for retail stores. Before 2016, under the current draft, the only way for an applicant to obtain a Denver retail marijuana store license will be to swap for a current medical marijuana center or to co-locate with an existing medical marijuana center, although licenses can be moved from one location to another. Retail marijuana stores must not be located within 1000 feet of another retail marijuana store or a school or drug treatment center. However, there are approximately 200 licensed medical marijuana centers in Denver, whose locations will all be grandfathered. The committee unanimously supported a motion that:

INC should re-send to City Council and the Mayor's Office our support from January 2013 for neighborhood notification, public hearings and 1000-foot spacing limitations for all retail marijuana stores.

Rosemary Stoffel, a ZAP committee member and a board member of Historic Denver, told the committee that Historic Denver and the Landmark Preservation Commission will initiate the first part of its **Discover Denver survey** in September in the Harvey Park neighborhood. There will be a discussion of the entire survey at the ZAP committee meeting on October 26.

The committee heard a discussion concerning **the redevelopment of the former St. Anthony's Hospital**, bounded approximately by West Colfax, Perry Street, West 17th Avenue and Stuart Street, with Cameron Bertron of Enviro Finance Group, the current owner and master-planner of the property; Larry Ambrose, representing Sloan's Lake Citizens Group; and representatives of West Colfax Association of Neighbors and the West Colfax Business Improvement District. Issues discussed concerned:

- Whether the general development plan (GDP) for the entire property (which will probably be considered by the Denver Planning Board in late September) should wait until after the several separate parcels have been rezoned
- Whether the height and density proposed in the GDP are appropriate and in conformity with the West Colfax Neighborhood Plan

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- Whether the parcels ought to be rezoned to existing zone districts or a Planned Unit Development
- What percentage of open space is required by the zoning code

Tim Watkins of the Community Planning and Development Department described the **South Platte River Corridor Study**, which studied 5 different "catalytic" sites along the Platte River, which had environmental contamination and their redevelopment opportunities – River North, Water Street, Decatur-Federal-Zuni, Alameda and Evans-Grant Park. The study is available at www.denvergov.org/southplatte.

Committee Members Jeff Archambeau and Joel Noble spoke about the **text amendment to the zoning code** which will be considered by City Council in the next several weeks which will correct a flaw in the 2010 zoning code, which was addressed by the ZAP Committee on June 22, 2013 by the following motion, adopted in July by the INC Delegation:

INC should communicate to Community Planning and Development, City Council and the Mayor's Office that the unintended error in the new 2010 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 should be corrected by an amendment to the zoning code as soon as possible.

The committee unanimously passed a motion that:

INC should communicate its support of the proposed text amendment to City Council and the value to neighborhoods of "protected zones."

Special Note: The next meeting of the **Zoning and Planning Committee** will be a **special training session about the newly updated liquor and cabaret license policies and procedures with Director of Excise and Licenses Tom Downey on Saturday September 28 from 9:30 to 11:30am**. The meeting will be at a special location – the former Emerson School, currently the headquarters of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and Historic Denver, at 1420 Ogden Street. **All INC members and delegates should encourage their liquor license experts to attend. We may also discuss the new hearing procedures for retail marijuana stores.**

Transportation Committee is meeting every other month in 2013, on the second Thursday of the month, 6:00 p.m. at 1201 Williams Street, 19th Floor. **Our next meeting is on Thursday, September 12th.**

We hope your neighborhood can send a repre-

sentative to the committee as we discuss a range of transportation, transit, and streets topics, build connections with the agencies and organizations involved, and ensure that neighborhood input is included in plans at all levels!

Attendees do not need to be neighborhood INC delegates -- all are welcome. Even if your neighborhood organization is not a member of INC, you are welcome to participate. Please pass this on to anyone who might be interested in joining the committee. I would be happy to add them to our growing e-mail list.

Thursday September 12th, 6 p.m.

We have three topics for our meeting:

15th Street Protected Bike Lane & Upcoming Denver Moves Update -- Emily Snyder, Denver's Bike Planner in Public Works, will share with us the milestone achievement of the Phase 1 15th Street Bike Lane which opened in August, using several new-to-Denver features that are now part of the "toolkit" to consider when installing or improving bike facilities around the city. Emily will also give us a preview of some of the areas her team intends to focus on for an upcoming revision to the Denver Moves plan.

RTD Smart Card Program -- Beverly Scott, RTD's Smart Card Program Manager will present on RTD's smart card goals and strategies. Find out what's happened so far, how RTD is learning from other cities' transit agencies in implementation, and where it's going. How will the data on ridership that RTD collects help schedule and service planning? Do the cards help with daily operations? What are the privacy protections? When will the cards be used to store fare value that can be "spent" when riding?

CDOT: Managing & Prioritizing Traffic on State Highways -- Amy Ford, Director of Communications with the Colorado Department of Transportation, will present an overview of CDOT's direction for managing and prioritizing traffic in keeping with the January 2013 Managed Lanes Policy Directive. When will three-person HOV lanes ("HOV3") roll out on I-36 and on other highways? Is variable pricing for express lanes being considered? What are the performance measurements that CDOT uses for system reliability and congestion, and how can managed lanes help react and adjust as demand and usage patterns change over time?

The INC Transportation Committee's final meeting for 2013 will be:

Thursday, November 14th, 6 p.m.
1201 Williams St., 19th Floor

Call for Topic Suggestions

Do you have a topic you'd like the INC Transportation Committee to consider or to find a speaker to discuss with us? Please let me know!

Inc 2013 Dollar Dictionary Drive Is A Success!

For the 18th year, INC's Dollar Dictionary Drive will be giving a dictionary and a thesaurus to every third grader in the 101 Denver Public Schools! The books were scheduled for delivery/distribution to the schools the week of August 19. We invite RNOs and their representatives to check with your local schools and to arrange a personal distribution and sharing of these wonderful resources with your neighborhood children.

This month we would like to extend very special thanks to INC's numerous Dollar Dictionary Drive volunteers who worked extremely hard Wednesday and Thursday (8/14 and 8/15), labeling and packing the 15,200 books we are distributing to Denver third graders this year. Volunteers - Thank you so much! It would not have gotten done without you!

While we are still calculating final contributions, to date this year's Drive has raised \$22,370. Thank you Denver for your amazing support this year for Denver's children! INC's 2013 Dollar Dictionary Drive has had contributions and representation from every part of the city! Thanks to all our many individual donors and to all our contributing RNOs:

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 Association • East Montclair Neighborhood Association • 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 • Sloans Lake Neighborhood Organization • South City Park Neighborhood Association • University Neighbors • University Park Community Council • Virginia Vale Community Association • Virginia Village/Ellis Community Association • Wellshire East HOA • West Washington Park Neighborhood Association.

The Committee will take a short break ...and then we will begin working on INC's 19th Annual Dollar Dictionary Drive. We look forward to working with you again!



From The President

Staying the Course

In March 2007, NW Denver and West Highlands activist Bill Johnston was leaving the Board of INC. He called and asked if I would have coffee with him to talk about taking over his spot saying he thought it important to have someone from North Denver on the Board. Not really active in INC for a number of years at that time, I had, however, continued to be involved in the neighborhood movement and in NW Registered Neighborhood Organizations.

When we met, I told him that INC was perceived by many as a public relations tool for the City and had failed to act as a strong advocate on many neighborhood issues. Calloused by North Denver political skirmishes, I said that the only way I would consider being on the INC Board would be as an advocate for the kind of changes that would make it an effective voice on important civic issues. I don't know if Bill was truly convinced that I was right person to move INC forward, but he nominated me anyway.

Since that time, it is has been my belief that INC has grown to do precisely what our mission statement now states: To advocate for Denver citizens by bringing together, informing and empowering neighborhood organizations to actively engage in addressing City issues. (I consider this our "mantra").

This was driven home in a strange way a couple of weeks ago when my wife, Jane, and I attended a class at Temple Emanuel in Hilltop. As we entered, the door was held open by a prominent lawyer/lobbyist known for his representation of development interests when dealing with the City. Recognizing me he said, "What are you doing here tonight. If you are here, who is running the City?" "I don't understand", I said "You are President of INC aren't you?" "Yes", I said. "Well INC runs the City doesn't it and with you here, nobody is in charge."

What he said was unexpected and I was taken aback. But then I realized that what he was really saying was "INC is being effective." In effect, what seemed like a left handed compliment was really a tribute to the progress INC has made in bringing together, informing and empowering neighborhood organizations.

INC has made significant strides in organizational development and in putting forth meaningful and thoughtful neighborhood positions. We have established a "standing" and active Parks and Recreation Committee and developed "A Platform for Denver's Urban Parks" which will stand the test of time. And, we are developing a similar platform document for Zoning. The INC Board and Executive Committee have provided focus to short

term and long-term goals and objectives. INC's logo, website and Newsletter have been updated and modernized.

We participated in protecting neighborhoods and our skyline from intrusive advertising, we have worked with the City to improve the new zoning code to better reflect our neighborhoods needs, we insist on a process of involving citizens early when any policy or change is being proposed that will impact our neighborhoods and we are dogged in our insistence that citizens' input counts.

We have led efforts to keep commercial advertising out of our parks, protected Civic Center Park's open space from development, and sent resolutions and letters of concerns on a myriad of parks, zoning and planning, liquor and marijuana license, transportation and public safety issues. Members of INC have participated extensively on numerous task forces and committees, most recently Parks Designation.

I will be leaving INC as President in the spring of 2014. INC Bylaws have two-year term limits for officers. But I am confident that INC will continue on its mission to be a creative force balancing the public's interest against those, which might otherwise be unreasonably self-serving. When I started out on the Board, I believed INC was a sleeping giant and that there would be a number of people in power who would be much displeased as INC gained strength and credibility. The recent facetious remark from one of those individuals tells us INC has awakened. It tells us we are doing some things right, not to be side tracked, not to be intimidated and to continue with our mission. Stay the course.

Denver Park Forum

Tuesday, Sept 10, 2013

Denver botanic Garden, Mitchell Hall

Reception: 5:30 – 6pm

Speakers and discussion: 6 – 7:30pm

Please RSVP to coloradoevents@tpl.org

This is the final session in the 3-part 2013 Denver Park Forum: Envisioning A Denver Park Renaissance. This session will focus on the process for establishing dedicated public funding for Denver's Park System. Speaker Dee Frankfourth of The Trust for Public Land's Conservation Finance Team will provide an overview of successful campaigns in other cities and describe the potential for success in Denver.

The 2013 Denver Park Forum brings together

park advocates in support of Denver Parks and Recreation to discuss the challenges facing the city's park system and the opportunities that can help Denver's parks flourish in the future.

What is the Office of the Independent Monitor?

The Office of the Independent Monitor (OIM) is the City and County of Denver's independent civilian oversight agency of the Denver Police and Sheriff Departments. Led by Independent Monitor Nicholas E. Mitchell, the OIM accepts officer/deputy complaints and commendations, monitors investigations of alleged officer and deputy misconduct and recommends discipline to the Chief of Police, Director of Corrections and the Manager of Safety, when appropriate. In addition, the Independent Monitor makes recommendations on policy, procedure and training to better help the Police and Sheriff Departments improve their service to the public.

For more information about OIM, please visit our web site at www.Denvergov.org/OIM or on Facebook at [www.Facebook.com/DenverOIM](https://www.facebook.com/DenverOIM). If you have had contact with sworn law enforcement personnel, good or bad, and would like to talk about it, please contact us at OIM@denvergov.org, (720) 913-3306 or drop by our office in the Wellington Webb Building, 201 W. Colfax Avenue, 12th Floor, Denver, CO 80202. We always welcome invitations to talk about our work and the services we offer from any organization interested in understanding the importance of independent civilian oversight for Denver.

Denver Decides: A community partnership for accessible, transparent elections

Denver Decides and Denver 8 TV are committed to bringing voters information about the Denver election process and the candidates through community events and access through this website and on television.

<http://www.denvergov.org/denverdecides/DenverDecides/tabid/440851/Default.aspx> will take you to a website where you can watch candidates speak for themselves about their background, their aspirations and their goals in office (2-minute videos).

August Delegate Meeting

August 10, 2013

Whittier Community Center

Hosted by Whittier Neighborhood Association (WNA)

Call to order: 9:03am, quorum of 32 members was established

Welcome Remarks:

Larry and Cindy opened the meeting

- Darrell Watson – VP WNA, welcomed the delegation and guests. WNA has been around since 1985.

- New Pub opened up in neighborhood at 28th and Race
- Bicycle tour of the Whittier Neighborhood
- Councilman Brooks welcomed the delegation to District 8. Spoke about the urban renewal effort on Welton and the Five Points area. Spoke about the city's investment into the neighborhood park. Seven projects in the building department planned for the area. Potential for a grocery store to the area.
- Larry asked for new folks in the delegation to introduce themselves to the delegation.

INC Business:

Motion to pass July 13th minutes – Randle Loeb made motion, Cindy 2nd minutes passed unanimously

Treasurers report for June 2013 ending

- CD \$11,757
- Savings \$7,812 (\$7,000 moved into savings from checking last month)
- Dollar Dictionary \$19,544
- Checking \$2,776
- Total \$41,889

Committee Reports

Newsletter/ Communication – Gayle

- Reminder to committee chairs to get info to Gayle by 20th of the month
- Send ideas and ways to improve the newsletter or communications
- **Cindy asked for all committees to send their member email lists to INC so that INC has a master list vs. individual committees having email lists.** We will be putting everyone into Mail Chimp and sending out emails from there.
- All news items that need to go citywide as email blasts need to go to Jane.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Katie / Maggie

- Next meeting, 3rd Tuesday of Month at Heritage Club
- Learned at PRAB, the POFA fee structure was not liked by City Council so it was scrapped
- Concerns with the hours of operation from 5am to 9pm, 7 days a week, and locations in the park of operations (they can use the whole park)
- Darrell – WNA wants to hear from the neighborhoods about the concerns and potential consequences
- Speer and Walnut property going up for sale, concern about what is park and recreation

property vs. what is right of way, city property, parkway, etc – being sorted out with P&R, Public Works, City, etc.

- This should be part of the neighborhood notification ordinance according to Michael Henry, but this does not seem to be happening. Action Item: need to clarify when the RNO is notified with the ordinance, before or after.
- Hentzell Park battle still ongoing, petitions are still being circulated till 8/19. Court hearing pending. Lawsuit is still moving forward.
- Transportation Committee – Joel Noble (Dave covered topic)
- Dave Felice gave an update on the sidewalk position with the City, and that the Transportation committee is looking at along with the elevated portion of I-70.

Zoning and Planning Committee (ZAP) – Michael Henry

- Next meeting is 8/24 (correction from newsletter)
- Sept 28th special meeting/training on Liquor and cabaret license procedures, more info on location to come from Michael
- St Anthony's redevelopment area, issues arising around open space not being set aside. Parcel has been divided into 7 parcels with no cohesive vision for the entire parcel area.
- Dollar Dictionary Drive – Blake (Steve covered)
- Labeling and packing this week 8/14-15, need help to get it done
- 9am-5pm – location in church at 9th and Emerson
- Purchasing two books, a less expensive Thesaurus, and an English/Spanish – Spanish/English dictionary
- Public Safety** – No update

New Business

- Cindy raised a question about how we can encourage our communities to communicate with our Council members, and city officials/ agency heads.
- Councilman Brooks – suggested that the community leaders, RNO heads be a filter and then drive from RNO leaders to Council or agency head
- Courtesy Zoning (Larry) – voting on site-specific zoning by Council to vote for each other's zoning issues. Larry asked for folks to contact him if they have seen or been impacted by this situation.
- Randle raised the issue of diversity

Guest Speaker Summaries

Jerry Tinianow Chief Sustainability Officer, Mayors Office

Jerry said he loves Denver after moving from Ohio about a year ago. He finds it a great place to bike. He talked about how Mayor Hancock was given Green Print Denver (written in 2005), which was our first sustainability effort. The Mayor wanted to move beyond that because it did not include: a food program, land

use involvement, and workforce issues. With the economic downturn in 2008, a lot changed. Energy mix and demographics have shifted.

- Mayor Hancock wanted to take Green Print Denver to the next level to ensure that basic resources are available and affordable to the citizens of Denver now and for the future.
- 2020 Goals – Mayor Hancock wants sustainability to become part of every agency's way of doing business. Instead of projects, which are what it used to be like, he wants them to always be looking at sustainability and their goals.
- How can neighborhoods or neighborhood associations fit in with sustainability?

- We need community awareness, creative thinking, communication and engagement about these issues. Better for us to understand what we are trying to accomplish. Go back to the neighborhood to brainstorm.
- Electric vehicles vs. just electric cars
- Pay for trash, composting, etc. We could cut down on what goes in a landfill if we composted.
- Look back at the past on how neighborhoods use to be. Kids ran around. Didn't have as many obesity issues.
- Single-family neighborhoods vs. mixed-use neighborhoods.
- RTD: Transportation accessibility, need full comprehensive transit plan
- Should safety be added as a sustainability goal? Safety is a strategy to reach the goal of sustainability. (Conflicts between bike, pedestrians, vehicles might be first goal/objective for Police)

Wil Alston Mayor Office, Transparent Denver

The City's open government website www.denvergov.org/transparency. Project is housed in the Dept of Finance and is available 24 hours a day. 6 agencies make up this relatively new department and they have 375 employees. They celebrated the 5th anniversary of the group.

What is Transparent Denver?

- Opportunity to provide a public view to the citizens of Denver of what the finances of the City are (checkbook online)
- It prioritizes the top categories of expenses – top 5 and top 5 vendors that day.
- It's a very comprehensive document. He said most of us would prefer to look at the simplified document.
- It was rolled out about a month ago
- Revenues, contractor contracts, expenses
- Data is 1 day in arrears
- Search property values and assessments
- Checkbook online is the heart of Transparent Denver
- Total spent to date, by vendor, by agency, etc
- This is a one stop shop to find all the financial

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information in one place for all financial documents of the City

- How much money is coming in via sales tax, etc, and going out etc.
- Capital improvement plan documents
- Internally developed within the City's Tech Services group, no outside contractors were used
- The City has \$5 billion in real estate assets
- What's next for the site? Since it is so new they are getting suggestions for how to improve it.
- City open data records Data Base into this site, looking at how to link information in
- Contracts DB is one that many are interested in (who, when, terms)
- Purchasing (from whom, costs and when contracts come available)
- How can companies bid on new/open contracts
- CFO (Cary Kennedy) is interested in giving presentations to neighborhood groups to discuss:
 - 2A implementation
 - City budget process
 - City Financing in general
 - The site and department
- Future items will include, crime stats, neighborhood info, CPD, communications, etc.
- If you have some comments, they are to respond to you within three days. They will be putting a transparency button on the top of the website.
- Citizen's survey – starts around September, online, with report out in January to the community

Action Item: Wil will look into the citizen's survey, how it's done, who can participate, etc and get those details to INC.

Action Item: Wil will look into how we reach the department, how 311 routes calls to the department

Action Item: Wil will look into the real estate search range for 100 blocks, now we need to enter specific address which only pulls up that one address, vs. all addresses within a given 100 block range

- City's Dept of Finance Website, look for Citizen's survey
- DIA information is not included in the transparency website information since they are a separate entity
- People expressed concern about GDP (General Development Plan) developments. The community was involved in the beginning. City changed the document and they never went back to the community to discuss. They brought it back and said this is what will happen. This has created resentment from neighborhoods.

Next Meeting

Police Protective Association: 2105 Decatur - September 21st (3rd Saturday instead of normal 2nd Saturday)

Tentative Topic: RTD / CPD discussion of rail line from Union Station to DIA

Adjourned: 11:20am

Denver Days a Success

The Mayor and Denver City Council worked together to establish the new citywide tradition called Denver Days, aimed at creating stronger neighborhoods. This year, Denver neighborhoods and neighbors successfully hosted 147 events throughout the city spanning from August 3 through 11.

Mayor Hancock proposed designating the first Saturday of every August as "Denver Day." This day will now signify the first day of a week-long celebration that encourages neighborhoods to plan social events or service projects to honor Denver's Spirit of collaboration and determination.

"Denver Days gave me and my family an opportunity to meet the neighbors on my block," said Highland resident Erica Carlson. "It was the first time I had ever thrown a block party and from the permitting process to the sponsored barricades, the city made it as easy and accessible as possible to help me bring together my neighbors. We look forward to carrying on the Denver Days summer tradition year after year."

Training for Nonprofits: Effectively Working with Government. Free Workshop

Thinking about how to form or strengthen your organization's relationship with local government?

- Explore your own organization's readiness to engage in a nonprofit-government partnership.
- Learn how to research and identify potential partners within local government.
- Discuss common partnership challenges and effective techniques for addressing them.
- Take away tips and practical insights on the critical strategies for building cross-sector partnerships.

Thursday, September 12, 2013

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The Denver Foundation

55 Madison St, Room 745

www.surveymonkey.com/s/EffectivelyWorking-WithGovtSeptWorkshopRSVP

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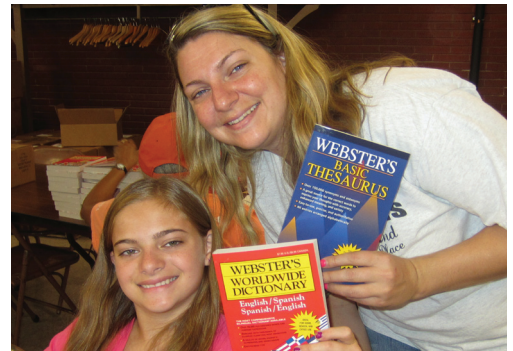


HarvestShare!

Wondering what to do with your excess harvest? HarvestShare is a first year community based festival in NE Denver. We are asking gardeners to bring their excess harvest to share with the community. There will be live demonstrations on organic gardening from DUG Master gardeners, food preparation demos, Yoga, Zumba, Core Fitness demos, and many more Healthy Eating Active Living demos. There will also be live performances from Somos en Peru, Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Troupe, and Joe Bonner. For more info contact Gerald Hamel, 720.276.1386

Sunday, Sept 15th
Schafer Park (37th & Elizabeth)
1pm to 6pm

Blake DeMeo and daughter at DDD packing.



Below: Workers feverishly preparing books for DDD.



Delegate meeting Host Darrell Watson & Diana Helper.



Executive Committee Recap

AUGUST 12, 2013 1201 Williams St.

Present Board: Larry Ambrose, Cindy Johnstone, Steve Nissen, Blake DiMeo, Katie Fisher, Randle Loeb (by phone), Jane Lorimer, Gayle Rodgers
Chairs: Michael Henry

Minutes Larry Ambrose. Cindy moved Minutes for the July 8 Executive Committee meeting be approved; seconded by Steve. Approved 7 for, 1 abstention.

Treasury Steve Nissen. Cindy moved to accept and approve the treasurer's report; seconded by Katie. Report was approved unanimously.

- INC accounts: \$11757.41 in CD's, \$7812.70 savings, \$2776.23 checking (Total \$22,346.34)
- DDD project account: \$19,544.36

Membership Jane Lorimer. Two RNO renewals - Warrens University Community Council, Stapleton United Neighbors.

Budget Jane Lorimer. Budgeted expenses are below projections because most heavy expenses are expected for the last quarter. (i.e. Post office box renewal, dinner invitation/mailling, partnering with League of Women Voters for ballot forums, membership renewal campaign). Upcoming expenses expected are for costs to transfer current web host to a new source and use of budgeted funds for staff help.

Action item: Jane is to update terminology for staff line item, transfer the amount of \$500 from canceled Neighborhood Conference to the "unknowns" line item and update the bottom line to match July treasurer balances.

Action item: Larry is to check with Globeville host to verify amount to be reimbursed for meeting refreshments for April meeting held in Globeville

Side discussion about staff help: It was decided we would use contract support to avoid added expenses related to direct employees. Initially, we would like to use the person to generate media and PR for INC's projects such as the dictionary program and INC activities.

Hentzell Park Law Suit Update Larry Ambrose Friends of Denver Parks (FDP) law suit related to the Hentzell Park / DPS land swap ran into a roadblock when the judge indicated there would be no injunction to stop the process for the swap. John Case, representative attorney for FDP, filed this outcome into appeal.

More recently, the court ruled that INC cannot participate as a party with FDP in this suit to which Case replied that INC has more depth and should be a party to the suit. The judge will decide "soon." The trial for this suit is scheduled for May 2014.

Denver Week Evaluation EC. Larry asked for EC thoughts/evaluation on Denver's first Denver Week event. Various EC reported the Mayor went to East Wash Park NA, various yard sales, Capitol Hill National Night Out. Other city officials attended Hampden South, Wash Park and University Neighbors areas. Comments that City officials were surprised at the demographics of some areas - ex: University Neighbors is not just "rich DU kids."

Cindy made a motion, which was seconded by Blake to write a letter to compliment the City on Denver Days/Denver Week and to indicate INC's

support for 2014. **Action item:** Cindy will draft the letter by end of week.

Larry asked that for 2014 INC be notified earlier so we can better advise our members.

Inc Parc Katie Fisher. Every turn brings more work and actions. People are distressed about Denver's parks and recreation system because it seems to be running "on its own." This pertains to activity fees, POFA, park uses, permits and much more.

Side note: Private Outdoor Fee-Based Activity (POFA) is defined as a class, clinic, camp, guided activity, program or related service organized and offered by a Permittee for which a payment, fee or other consideration is expected to be made to the Permittee. POFA is by invitation-only or open to the public in general. POFA must be generally recreational in nature or a common and customary park use.

Cindy moved, seconded by Steve to have INC PARC write a letter asking for a better process for including publics when policy drafts are being created. For example, POFA has been significantly revamped for the Denver Parks advisory committee but was not offered openly for citizen feedback. INC PARC's would request an additional step to take it to citizens before it goes to the vote on the Denver Parks board. The issue is also tied to City transparency.

Motion: INC Board will be in full support of a letter sent from INC PARC to Lauri Dannemiller of Denver Parks & Recreation regarding a needed/desired change of processes to better include Denver residents into Park policy changes before it goes to final vote by Denver Parks advisory board. Copies also to Michael Sapp and Wil Alston. The motion carried unanimously.

Newsletter Gayle Rodgers. **Action item:** Gayle requested that individual INC Committee minutes should include date and time of their next meeting at the end of the minutes so she can add to her calendar in the newsletter. Gayle would also like to request having information about who speakers are and topics whenever possible - that is, whoever lines up the speaker - send a short bio to include speaker name, title and topic description. Jane needs copies of minutes as well for online mounting to calendars and meeting announcements.

Communications Cindy Johnstone. Cindy mentioned there have been a couple of meetings this month with committee members. It was decided in an effort to move INC to a more independent status that the website would move to an independent webhost rather than to depend on the generous hosting by a member. It was also decided that all names will move to Mail Chimp setup so that communications to members are not dependent on single individuals. Mail Chimp is easy to use, can send to large lists, can be formatted to have consistent branding for INC, and provides opt in/opt out as a matter of course. It was felt all members should be informed of this move and to advise no mailing lists are ever sold, used outside of INC and are kept confidential. Mail Chimp will also provide readership of our newsletter and other sent items.

Action items: Committee chairs were asked to provide emails/names for this migration. Jane had

sent a request two weeks ago. We are waiting for Transportation and ZAP. Gayle will include a blurb in next newsletter to advise members about the move.

Dollar Dictionary Drive Blake DiMeo. Blake reminded EC that packing and labeling of books will occur this next Wednesday and Thursday. DDD collected about \$19,000 and with a change in books, they were able to still present both a dictionary and a thesaurus to some 7600 third grade students. This year, the dictionary is English/Spanish. The DDD group will seek feedback on the book changes and how books are used. Blake reported that there was positive feedback from grant providers who declined funds. They indicated DDD was just too late this year but that their proposals were excellent and money could be funded in 2014.

Action Item: Larry pushed DDD to get PR for their work this year, which prompted an action item to use "staff" budget to fund PR for balance of the year. Larry will make recommendations for Jane to follow up on.

Zoning & Planning The next meeting is on August 24. City Council is putting together an ordinance about retail marijuana. ZAP/INC wants a hearing on every retail establishment; however, initially, 200 hearings would not be feasible, but INC should weigh in on policy decision.

Michael asked for clarification by the Board about when the INC president has authority to veto committee agendas because he was asked to 'un-invite' a speaker recently. Larry responded when a scheduled speaker actually would benefit the broader scope of INC membership and when it overlaps multiple committees. Discussion about how committee chairs need to work together and that committees do not operate independently of the Board or the President.

Dinner Task Force Gayle & Blake. There is an initial meeting this Friday at 2pm. Larry advised he will participate in the planning because it is a reflection of INC and his term as president. He is working on ideas for locations and will present options to the dinner leaders. Gayle mentioned ideas they are considering that would change up the "norm" and perhaps help with the RSVP situation encountered in the past.

Upcoming Inc Meetings September meeting is scheduled and topic in place. October is ballot forum, which needs fleshing out.

New Business Michael Henry needs help scheduling several locations for the DPS forums in three districts planned for September: Central, SW and NE areas. Dates: Tuesday Sept 17, District #1 Southeast - possible location Baptist Church on Hampden and Monaco. Tuesday Sept 24, District #3 Central-east, CHUN will assume responsibility for finding a place. Tuesday Oct. 1, District #4 Northeast - maybe at Stapleton or Montbello INC and the Denver League of Women Voters are putting on an at-large forum on October 12 at Denver Police Protection Association. INC may need to help with refreshments. TV8 will film these forums. Action item: EC to assist Michael with getting locations ASAP.

Meeting adjourned 9:15pm

INC MEMBERSHIP The list below represents INC's membership as of August 15, 2013. Membership is categorized as either Registered Neighborhood Organizations (RNO) or Associates and membership offers various levels of membership.

INC MEMBERS

REGISTERED NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION MEMBERS (95)

RNO Silver (1)

Crestmoor Park 2nd Filing

RNO Patron Bronze Member (2)

Taxi Community (Swansea)

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 Standard Members (80)

ABC Streets Association

Alamo Placita N.A.

Baker Historic N.A.

Belcaro Park HOA

Bellevue Hale N.A.

Berkeley N.A.

Berkeley Regis United Neighbors

Bonnie Brae N.A.

Capitol Hill United Neighbors/CHUN

Cherry Creek East Assn.

Cherry Creek North BID

Cherry Creek North N.A.

Cherry Hills Vista Community Assn.

Civic Association of Clayton

Clayton United

Colfax on the Hill Inc.

College View Neighborhood

Congress Park Neighbors Inc

Cook Park N.A.

Cornerstone Townhome HOA

Cory-Merrill N.A.

Cranmer Park Hilltop Civic Assn.

Cultural Arts Residential Org./CARO

Curtis Park Neighbors

East Cheesman N.A.

East Montclair N.A.

East Washington Park N.A.

Elyria Swansea/Globeville Bus. Assn.

Federal Blvd. Corridor Improvement

Partnership

Five Points Business District

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Golden Triangle N.A.

Grandview Neighborhood Assn

Greater Park Hill Community Inc.

Green Valley Ranch Citizens Advisory

Board

Greens at Pinehurst HOA

Hampden Heights Civic Assn.

Highland United Neighbors

Hilltop Heritage Assn. LLC

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Inspiration Point N.A.

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Lighthouse at the Breakers HOA

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Lowry Community Master Assn.

Lowry United Neighborhoods

Montbello 20/20

Northwest Neighbors Coalition

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Overland Park N.A.

Park Forest HOA

Platt Park People's Assn.

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Sloan's Lake N.A.

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UCAN of Metro Denver

The Unsinkables

University Neighbors

Virginia Village/Ellis Community Assn.

Warrens Community Council

Wellshire East HOA

West Colfax Assn. of Neighbors

Westwood Residents Assn.

Whispering Pines West HOA

Whittier N.A.

Winston Downs N.A.

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Denver Police Protective Association

Visit Denver

Patron Silver (3)

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Denver Water

National Western Stockshow

Patron Bronze (1)

Gertie Grant

Patron (8)

Church of Scientology

Comcast

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Broadway Partnership/MDLDC

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Dept. of Environmental Health

Groundwork Denver

Urban Land Conservancy

Washington Park Profile

West Colfax Bus. Improvement District

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League of Women Voters, INC to Host Forums for Denver School Board Candidates

The League of Women Voters of Denver and Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation (INC) will host a series of forums around the city for Denver Board of Education candidates in advance of the Nov. 5 election. All residents of Denver are welcome to attend. The forums are:

- **Southwest Denver Forum**, featuring District 2 candidates Rosario C. de Baca and Rosemary Rodriguez and At-Large candidates Barbara O'Brien, Michael Kiley and Joan Poston, will be held on **Tuesday, Sept. 17**, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Abraham Lincoln High School, 2285 S. Federal Blvd.
- **East/Central Denver Forum**, featuring District 3 candidates Michael Johnson and Meg Schomp and At-Large candidates Barbara O'Brien, Michael Kiley and Joan Poston, will be held on **Tuesday, Sept. 24**, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Christ Church United Methodist, 690 Colorado Blvd. (parking in rear)
- **Northeast Denver Forum**, featuring District 4 candidates Landri Taylor and Roger Kilgore and At-Large candidates Barbara O'Brien, Michael Kiley and Joan Poston, will be held on **Tuesday, Oct. 1**, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Montview Presbyterian Church, 1980 Dahlia St.
- **Citywide Forum**, featuring At-Large candidates Barbara O'Brien, Michael Kiley and Joan Poston, will be held on **Saturday, Oct. 12**, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the community room of the Denver Police Department District 3 Station, 1625 S. University Blvd. The second half of the forum will feature representatives of organizations that either support or oppose selected Nov. 5 ballot issues, including Amendment 66 and proposed state and city marijuana taxes.

Each of the forums will be videotaped by Denver 8 TV and broadcast periodically beginning in late September. The videos will also be available for viewing on Denver 8 TV's Web site at www.denvergov.org/denverdecides.