

# DENVER INC CONNECTION

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## INC Awards Dinner

"The Annual Dinner was absolutely the Best!" as quoted by one of our INC Delegates. January 30th was the date of our Annual Awards Dinner. It is our big celebration of the year when we come together to honor individuals in the community who make contributions to our neighborhoods. 240 people watched the snow come down on this magical night at the Wellshire Event Center where everything seemed to sparkle. The Wellshire was able to serve us piping hot delicious meals in 20 minutes even with some attendees standing in the aisles. Many attendees reminisced with friends they had not seen for several years.

As usual Diana Helper wrote the words for our INC annual anthem. Diana joined City Auditor Dennis Gallagher and a troop of other enthusiastic participants. Here is her song.

I. N. C. FOREVERMORE! (Tune "O Danny Boy")

Oh, I. N. C.,  
Your neighborhoods are calling -  
From North and South,  
East, West, and way Downtown,  
'Though we're perturbed  
When city folks are stalling,  
We do not leave,  
We'll always be around!

Denver! Take heart!  
Let's all work hard together!  
We'll do our part -  
To keep to a dull roar!  
Yes, we'll be here -  
In every sort of weather!  
Oh, I. N. C., Oh, I. N. C. - Forevermore!

## INC Meeting This Month

When: Saturday, February 8, 2014  
Where: Heritage Club, 2020 S Monroe St.

Hosted by Heritage Club & University Park Community Council

Agenda:  
8:30am Networking  
9:00am Business Meeting  
10:15am Topic: High time in the Neighborhoods  
A panel will address marijuana in Denver (City and marijuana shop owners). There will be time for Q & A.

Please review the resolutions to vote on at the meeting. They are on page 11.

Josh Davies did a fantastic job as our Master of Ceremonies! Our speakers at this event were Cary Kennedy, Deputy Mayor and Denver's Chief Financial Officer, Larry Ambrose, INC President, and Carrie Atiyeh, Visit Denver. Please check out the pictures in this newsletter from the dinner as well as Award Recipients, Sponsors and Silent Auction donations.

Thanks to all who helped with the dinner especially the Silent Auction Team: Kenneth Worley (chair), Susan Morrison and Bibi Alexander. We had 56 items and many were packages of items. Jennifer Tomeny printed our name badges. Several people commented on how easy they were to read. Cindy Johnstone was in charge of purchasing the Awards. Jane Lorimer helped with soliciting Sponsors and donating silent auction items. Special thanks to the Co-Chairs, Blake DiMeo and Gayle Rodgers, who were involved in every facet of the event.

## CALENDAR

### INC Delegate Meeting

Saturday, February 8, 2014  
Marijuana Panel  
2020 S. Madison St.  
8:30 – 11:00 am

### INC Exec Committee Meeting

Monday, February 10, 2014  
1201 Williams St, 19th floor  
7 – 9:30 pm

### INC Parks & Rec Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 18, 2014  
Heritage Club, 2020 S Monroe St  
6 – 8 pm

### INC Zoning and Planning Committee Meeting

Saturday, February 22, 2014  
1201 Williams St, 19th floor  
9:30 to 11:30 am

### INC Transportation Meeting

Next meeting will be in on  
Thursday, March 13th  
1201 Williams St, 19th Floor  
6:00 pm

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## Committee Corner

INC has many special interest committees who meet to address areas of specific importance to the Denver community. The following reports were submitted for recent activities. Please see [www.denverINC.org](http://www.denverINC.org) for committee postings and the calendar of meetings.

### INC Zoning and Planning Committee

January 25, 2014

By Michael Henry, Committee Chair

Approximately 40 members participated in the first ZAP Committee meeting of the year.

**Michelle Pyle** and Zoning Administrator

**Michael O'Flaherty** of the Community Planning and Development Department updated the Committee about recent changes to the numerous **proposed changes to the Zoning Code** in the omnibus text amendment, which will be presented to the Planning Board on February 5. **A draft of the 17-page summary of the proposed text amendments and also the full text is available for public review and comment. View it by visiting [DenverGov.org/CPD](http://DenverGov.org/CPD) or clicking here** and looking for Planning Board Adoption Draft – January 21, 2014. The public hearing by City Council is expected in late March or early April. Geneva Hooten of Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods encouraged the addition of bike-parking requirements for churches, community centers and open space.

**State Representative Crisanta Duran**, who represents many Denver neighborhoods, including Globeville, Swansea, Elyria and Lower Downtown, discussed **House Bill 1132, which she is sponsoring, which, if passed, would allow cities and counties to have the option to allow bars, restaurants and nightclubs to serve liquor 24 hours a day, instead of being required to stop serving alcohol at 2:00am.** She believes that extended hours will reduce the rush from nightclubs in LoDo at 2am and resulting violence. Almost all of the committee members, including many with nightclubs in their neighborhoods, were opposed to the bill as currently drafted and urged that much more careful thought was needed, especially about the need to explicitly allow different rules, depending on the conditions, needs and desires of different neighborhoods. **After extensive discussion, the Committee unanimously passed a motion for consideration by the INC Delegation on February 8, which is printed elsewhere in this newsletter. Neighborhood organizations are encouraged to communicate with their State Representatives and Senators and to attend and testify at any committee meetings at the legislature.**

The Committee reviewed statistics furnished by the Department of Excise and Licenses regarding **the numbers of recreational marijuana licenses**, since October 1, when hearings began for retail marijuana stores, as follows:

- The total number of hearings to date – 85 total (9 contested)
- The number of retail licenses approved to date – 36 stores, 51 grow facilities, 10 infused-products manufacturers, 1 testing facility
- The number of licenses denied to date and the reasons – 4 store applications; each for proximity to a school in violation of Denver Retail Marijuana Code (City denials; State may have additional)
- The geographic distribution of the retail licenses – interactive map on E&L website of retail stores
- How many more retail applications are in the pipeline – total retail applications received as of 1/10/2014: 123 stores, 168 grows, 25 infused-products manufacturers, 3 testing facilities (319 total, includes approved/licenses issued)

Committee members discussed hearings where they had observed and participated. Although some neighborhood groups had opposed retail stores at hearings, none of them have yet been denied to date by Excise and Licenses, except for 4, which were found to be closer than 1000 feet to a school. Patty Ortiz of Warren's University Community Council recounted how they were successful in persuading Excise and Licenses that a retail marijuana store license should be denied due to proximity to protected locations. Committee members urged that Excise and Licenses should verify distances from protected locations before a hearing is scheduled, instead of relying on an applicant's representations.

Stacy Loucks and Michael Sapp from the Mayor's Office informed the Committee that the Colorado Bureau of Investigation performs background checks on all applicants and that the Mayor would consider the ideas of neighborhood groups. Committee members expressed concerns about Driving Under the Influence of Drugs, low-priority enforcement by the Police Department against violations of the licensing ordinance and the serious need for research and education about the effects of marijuana on young people. Committee members are encouraged to attend a panel discussion on retail marijuana stores at the February 8 INC Delegation meeting at the Heritage Club at 2020 South Monroe Street.

**The Committee unanimously adopted 3 motions presented by INC President Larry Ambrose concerning General Development Plans. These are printed elsewhere in this newsletter and will be considered at the February 8 Delegation meeting.**

George Mayl of Cory-Merrill Neighborhood Association encouraged Committee members to participate in one of the upcoming community meetings concerning the Special Events and Planning effort by the Mayor's Office, several city departments and a citizen advisory group (including George Mayl). The dates are printed elsewhere in the newsletter.

Alan Gass, representing the **Denver chapter of the American Institute of Architects, reported that the Tenth Annual Doors Open Denver will occur on April 12 – 13** and that its theme this year will be Celebrating Denver's Neighborhood Architecture. More than 60 distinctive architectural sites throughout Denver, many new for this time will be open for free viewing. Regrettably, the city government has declined to make a financial contribution to the event for the first time. Financial and/or volunteer help from neighborhoods will be very welcome. We hope your neighborhood can send a representative 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.

### INC Transportation Committee

By Joel Noble, Committee Chair

The Transportation Committee met on January 9th at 6:00 p.m. at 1201 Williams Street, with three topics on the agenda.

1. **Kate Iverson, Manager of Transit-Oriented Development at RTD, presented on the redesign of Civic Center Station.** Built in the mid-1980s, the structure has proven very difficult to repair and maintain, and the structural and water-infiltration issues have reached a point where repairs would involve essentially deconstructing and reconstructing the station. With this in mind, RTD has spent three to four years assembling funds from RTD monies, Federal "State of Good Repair" grants, DRCOG funds, and CDOT Faster funds to implement an improved station that functions better both from a transportation standpoint and from an urban design standpoint.

Many aspects will remain the same – the buses will still come through and turn around under the office building on the block, and the 16th Street Mall shuttle will still turn around in its own circle on site. But the design will be significantly upgraded to be a more open, attractive, well-lit space. Pedestrians will have much more visibility across the site to the Capitol and Civic Center Park, rather than having sidewalks flanked by tall walls limiting visibility. The courtyard above, which is little-used and hard to police, will reduce in size to include only the area directly above the bus turnaround, which the building management will be able to patrol. Between the mall shuttle area and the courtyard, the stairs will be widened and made more inviting, and an iconic canopy reminiscent of DIA, the current Market Street Station's 16th

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# From The President

## INC Dinner Highlights Growth & Accomplishments

The INC Dinner this year was made possible by the generous support of our long time Presenting Sponsor, Visit Denver. It is gratifying indeed that our terrific convention and tourism bureau clearly recognizes the importance of Denver's neighbor-



hoods and the long-term economic and social value that they create.

As President of INC for the past two years and member of the INC Board since

2007, I took the opportunity at the dinner to highlight some of the more notable accomplishments of INC to show just how integral our organization is to the civic fabric of Denver, how key a role it increasingly plays in local policy development and issues and in making Denver a better place to live and visit. Below is a partial list of what INC has done.

### Over the past 5 years, INC has:

Created and adopted a Mission Statement: *INC's mission is to advocate for Denver citizens by bringing together, informing and empowering neighborhood organizations to actively engage in addressing City issues.*

### Strengthening INC's Organizational Structure:

- Two all day Executive Committee planning retreats in which we adopted a series of short term and long term goals and objectives
- Developed a set of Standing Rules
- Implemented Bylaw changes including, for the first time a section on Ethics and Conflicts of Interest
- Created two new standing Committees, Parks and Recreation and Transportation
- Redesigned our Membership Categories and increased our membership and membership revenue
- Designed and implemented a new and user friendly website
- Developed and adopted a Platform for Denver's Urban Parks and is developing

a Platform for Denver Planning and Zoning soon to be considered by the Delegation

- Put forth a program for installation of standardized and attractive doggie poop bag dispensers

### Brought together and informed INC's membership by:

- Holding monthly INC Delegate meetings with informational speakers on various topics and providing an opportunity for neighborhood leaders to talk with each other and discuss common issues. Topics included solid waste, Denver Health, Economic Development, Hyper local Social media, Camping Bans, Graffiti, Sustainability, Emerald Ash Borers and much more.
- Taking the lead in co-sponsoring televised election forums for every School Board and City election with LWV and Channel 8
- Staging three citywide neighborhood conferences in cooperation with the City
- Organizing and conducting two (2) Public Safety Expos in cooperation with Denver Police, Fire and Sheriff Departments

### Empowered neighborhood organizations:

INC delegates participating in City Committees and Stakeholder Groups and reporting back to the delegation:

- Admission Based Events
- Dog Parks Master Plan Task Force
- Commercial Activities in Denver Parks
- I-70 Planning
- Special Event and Planning
- Designation for all Denver Parks which are not officially protected from sale or development
- Worked with DPS to provide notification to Denver RNOs
- Proving opportunities to share successful strategies in working on neighborhood issues
- Networking RNOs with helpful individuals and ideas

### Actively engaged in addressing City issues by advocating for:

- Designation of Parks where alcohol can be served
- Alcohol Hearing Processes

- Medical and Recreational Marijuana Hearing Processes

- Admission Based Events in Denver's Parks
- Sidewalk Installation and Repairs
- Policy for commercial food vendors in Parks
- Prohibiting commercial advertising in Parks
- Proving adequate open space in high density General Development Plans
- Public input and City Council approval in the General Development Plan process
- A legal challenge to the Mayor's sale of portions of Hentzel Park
- Designating all administratively designated parks by ordinance
- Designating Emily Griffith Opportunity School as historic building
- Support of Jefferson Park in bulk plane disputes
- Opposing transfer of park zoning powers in new zoning code from City Council to Parks Manager
- A thorough process by which Denver implemented a downtown camping ban EIS and Health studies for re-routing of I-70
- Prohibiting Sports Authority installing intrusive lighting at Mile High Football Stadium
- In cooperation with Denver Police, Fire and Sheriff Departments, organized and conducted 2 Public Safety Expos.

### INC's Major Philanthropic Activity:

- Raised more than \$100,000 to provide dictionaries and thesauri for every third grade student in Denver Public Schools

Because of Denver's non-partisan election system and the nature of most local issues, political parties have traditionally played a very small role in municipal government. Elected officials are not selected through the traditional party primary system and are not, therefore, accountable to the party to which they belong. It is especially important for the public and local officials to recognize the crucial role neighborhood organizations should rightfully play in the democratic process.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Gary Ambrose".



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Street Mall shelters, and Denver Union Station will provide shelter for those using the stairs and accessing the mall shuttle and the station.

Functionally, an additional access way for buses from Broadway through to Lincoln will provide outdoor covered bus bays and give new options for routing without having to turn across traffic on Colfax, including the initial route for the new Free MetroRide circulator. The total number of bays indoor and outdoor will remain the same as the number of bays today, but the bays will fit the buses used by RTD – due to the age of the station, the existing bus bays can't accommodate all of the types of buses RTD currently has in its fleet. Rather than entering to the indoor space without being able to see what buses are in there deep in the station and several steps below the sidewalk level, passengers will be able to see their buses directly through glass walls, making connections faster and more obvious. Kate walked us through many conceptual images of the site and 3D renderings of how it might look from many angles.

RTD will be working jointly with the City and the Downtown Denver Partnership to fund a master plan / transit district plan for the area, including an examination of the best use for a large area on the same block along the Colfax edge that RTD does not need for its operations. The plan will be kicking off sometime in the first or second quarter this year and will look at the station area as a whole "transit district," approximately a quarter-mile around Civic Center Station. Topics will include looking at wayfinding issues, multimodal transfers, as well as identifying a positive and catalytic use for the Colfax edge. This master plan will include many public input opportunities.

**2. Karen Good, Project Manager II in Denver's Public Works department,** presented an update on **the Brighton Boulevard Redevelopment Project.** The project seeks to set the vision & footprint for public multi-modal right-of-way improvements to establish the corridor as a gateway to Denver, provide a clear plan for future development and infrastructure improvements, and build on previous efforts to improve the area's streetscape, as well as other community amenities and mobility improvements. The project is a part of the "North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative" set of coordinated projects.

The study area is along Brighton Boulevard from its start near 29th Street up to York Street in north Denver above the National Western complex. Dividing the corridor up into four distinct character areas reflecting the current and future expected sets of uses, the project incorporated significant community input to develop four sets of cross-section design options. Following on ten years of planning, this is the first time that agreement has been reached on the vision for the use of the right-of-way in the area, in part due to clarity provided by public

input, in part due to the plan's consideration of the corridor in four different character areas, and in part due to a phased implementation plan for each area.

We spent some time looking at the selected cross-sections and how they will be phased in over time, particularly in the southern "main street" character area between 29th Street and 38th Street. Cleverly, the investments made in the initial phase – which establish four general travel lanes, two-way bike lanes, curb, gutter, tree lawn and sidewalks – will all be reusable in the later "ultimate" phase which upgrades bike lanes to protected bike lanes buffered from traffic by on-street parking and upgrades the streetscape.

The three other character areas are the "Education, Industry & Development Area" from 38th to I-70, the "National Western Center Area" (which is also being studied more broadly in a separate concurrent plan that will take these cross-sections as recommendations), and the "Northern Area" from Race Street northward. Additionally, there will be a bikeway that provides a safe and comfortable way to cross under I-70 without having to go through the intimidating intersections with highway ramps between 44th and 46th Streets.

The project is a great example of public input pushing for options that become the vision and direction for the development of an area, as well as of staff creativity to implement a plan that can phase in as the character of this rapidly redeveloping area changes.

**3. Rich McClintock, Executive Director of Transportation Solutions,** gave us an **overview of the nearly complete Denver Union Station – Cherry Creek – Glendale Corridor Feasibility Study.** This study, commissioned by RTD and performed by TMD, involved the area neighborhoods, the Cherry Creek and Glendale business associations, City agencies from both cities, and other organizations such as Transportation Solutions. The purpose of the study was to identify transit demand along a specified corridor between Denver Union Station, Cherry Creek and Glendale, identify service options and service levels that best meet the corridor needs based on market demand, and recommend service options that connect these key activity centers efficiently and effectively.

Seeking to connect Denver Union Station, Downtown Denver, Golden Triangle, Cherry Creek North and the Cherry Creek Station Area, and Glendale's Infinity Park and planned Glendale Riverwalk, the study identified two different user groups: local residents and workers seeking sustainable transportation options, and tourists and retail customers who may want fast options for getting between some key points on the corridor.

Analyzing the current transit service reveals that RTD provides very frequent service during peak times, although spread across several different

routes (83L, 79L, and 3L) that provide good travel times, with a combined service frequency of every 8 minutes. However, service frequency drops to every 30 minutes mid-day, reducing the likelihood that new non-transit-dependent travelers would choose transit outside of commuting. Additionally, the study will recommend that marketing efforts to "brand" stops, harmonize route names or otherwise signal that any of the routes can be used may reduce potential rider confusion and make clear how frequent peak service already is. Cost estimates are provided for increasing service frequency at peak and off-peak time. These improvements are grouped under the "Enhanced Transit Corridor" heading. Note that the RTD service discussions involve connecting to downtown at Civic Center Station, and the 16th Street Mall and new Free MetroRide circulator can connect people within downtown and to Denver Union Station.

For the tourist and retail audience, a separate, likely privately funded service may be worth exploring, which more directly and quickly connects key destinations along the corridor. According to the Rich, even before the study is published, the connections made among groups that don't regularly talk with one another are proceeding and may result in some type of service in the future focused on this audience. The study includes sample cost estimates for this type of service, which could be contracted to existing shuttle or bus operators and avoid capital investment. Rich demonstrated his wealth of knowledge in this area, as he recalled the Cultural Connector that connected many destinations of interest, but took an hour to run the route end-to-end, limiting its attractiveness to some potential users.

A rather wide-ranging conversation ensued touching on other studies, alternate routes, gondolas, zip lines, "next bus" display boards with real-time information, smart phone trip planning, open-source multimodal trip information resources, extending the Free MetroRide circulator to the Golden Triangle, and more.

**Thanks as always are due to Michael Henry** for the use of his building's marvelous top-floor "party room"!

The INC Transportation Committee's meeting schedule for the remainder of the year will be (all at 1201 Williams St., 19th Floor):  
Thu. Mar. 13th, 6 p.m. Thu. May 8th, 6 p.m.  
Thu. July 10th, 6 p.m. Thu. Sept. 11th, 6 p.m.  
Thu. Nov. 13th, 6 p.m.

### INC PARC Committee

By Diana Helper, PARC member

INC Parks and Recreation Committee (PARC) met January 21 at 6 p.m. at the Heritage Club, 2020 S. Monroe Street. Present: Co-chairs Maggie Price and Katie Fisher, also Steve Fisher, Larry Ambrose, Brad Cameron, Ronnie Crawford, Diana Helper, Marlene Johnston, Cindy Johnstone, Jay Rust, James Sample, George

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Mayl, Jim Considine, Nancy Francis, and David Gaskin.

Larry distributed a draft of a resolution regarding protection of Denver parkland. PARC discussed the draft and will study it; voted unanimously to try to prepare it for presentation to INC delegates on Feb. 8. PARC commented that we support elected officials who are strongly concerned with conservation of Denver parks. Brad and Jay will work on this draft.

Larry also distributed a draft regarding a Zoning Code text amendment about General Development Plans (GDP), urging that the 10% open space requirement be based upon gross, not net percentage of acreage. He also proposes that the GDP process should be controlled by the city rather than the applicant, and that the GDP be approved by City Council with a public hearing. PARC voted (12 aye, 3 abstained) to have this item presented to INC Zoning and Planning (ZAP) Committee on Jan. 25.

Brad reported on the progress of Park Designation. He, Jay, Kathleen Wells, Tom Hawkey, and Rosemary Stoffel represent INC on this committee. Designation Round 2 is finished and Round 3 is underway slowly, as DPR wants to define parks with complete legal descriptions. PARC stated that neighbors of the parks under designation review are not informed of this work, and should be included by DPR in early talks. Veterans' Park is one case in point. Diana asked that portions of parks NOT designated because of ownership difficulties (utilities, etc.) be officially added to the park in the event the ownership reverts to the city. Prairie Park may be one such case.

There was brief discussion of a document stating INC had approved of a DPR Communication Policy. PARC could not remember such an approval. Katie will contact Angela Casias to clear this up, and to request early notification to RNOs of park designation studies.

Nancy reported that about 100 people attended a City Loop meeting in December and stated that they were not in favor of the proposed plan. DPR said it will commence a public process. Greater Park Hill has advised DPR it has chosen reps for this process. Larry said DPR asked for reps from INC. Maggie, Jay, and Larry will participate. A City Park Advocacy group is planned and Nancy thanked PARC for its support. PARC is aware that the DPR Manager now has the power to make park decisions, and that City Council gave up that power in the recent Zoning Code revision. Now mayoral appointees make decisions.

For the last few months a committee of the City of Denver Parks and Recreation Department, other department representatives, special event coordinators and INC neighborhood appointees have been meeting to address the need to better coordinate and regulate the increase of events in Denver. George is the INC rep to the city's Special Events And Planning (SEAP) com-

mittee. He attended three lengthy meetings on the many problems of special events in parks and the city's determination to add more such events. Destruction of park grass and property, traffic, noise, crime, parking, enforcement, permits, cost recovery, and lack of notification to neighbors, lack of public access and park use are some concerns. PARC comments that the city administration does not recognize public park space as its original intent, a quiet respite from city bustle and noise, where one can enjoy the beauty of nature. Parks were not intended as an entertainment or moneymaking center. The need for a proper Festival Park was stated, if Denver is truly to be a World Class City.

Public input is now requested from the neighborhoods on the many and varied potential solutions that this committee has come up with. In February there are four (4) public meetings scheduled and you are strongly urged to attend! They are:

Wed, Feb. 12, 2014

6 – 7:30 pm

Scheitler Rec Center  
5031 W 46th Ave

Sat, Feb. 15, 2014

10 – 11:30 am

Central Park Rec Center  
9651 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Wed, Feb. 19, 2014

6 – 7:30 pm

Denver Botanic Gardens  
1007 York St.

Mon, Feb 24, 2014

6 – 7:30 pm

Denver District 3 Police Station  
1625 S University

Ronnie advised that the Platte River plan has been revised due to the flooding last September, and the added expenses incurred for restoration in flooded areas. Overland Park will get an update at its January meeting.

Jim stated that in Denver, events happen TO us, and not FOR us, and that Top-Down planning is known to fail. Katie said INC might have a workshop in "How to run for office."

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. Next meeting, Feb. 18.

### Dollar Dictionary Drive

By Blake DiMeo, DDD Chair

The 2014 Dollar Dictionary Drive is on a roll and we hope you will join us! Thanks to your support and dedication, the DDD Committee has already doubled in size! We are still accepting new members and ideas!! Those interested in being a part of the Dollar Dictionary Committee should contact Blake DiMeo at [blakedimeo@yahoo.com](mailto:blakedimeo@yahoo.com) with "DDD 2014" in the subject line. What would you do as a Committee member, you ask? Our committee is formed of individuals that look for opportunities to increase and encourage support for the Dollar Dictionary

Drive. There are countless fun events all year long in support of INC's Dollar Dictionary Drive and we would love to hear your suggestions for more fundraising activities. Look for our article next month to learn how much support DDD garnered from our best fundraiser: the Annual INC Awards Dinner!!! This year our Annual Dinner was amazing. If you missed out, contact us now to find out how you can get involved with INC's future activities! Until then, happy reading: if today they read, tomorrow they can lead!

## Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

1/6/2014

Submitted by: Thad Jacobs, Secretary  
Attendees: Larry Ambrose, Cindy Johnstone, Thad Jacobs, Michael Henry, Katie Fisher, Joel Noble, Jane Lorimer, Maggie Price, Steve Nissen, Randle Loeb, Karen Taylor, Blake DiMeo, Gayle Rodgers

Called to order 7:00pm

- Motion to table the approval of the December 9th 2013 Executive Committee minutes until provided for review, Cindy moved, Jane seconded – approved unanimously. Will be reviewed for approval at February executive meeting.

- Motion from last meeting to buy a table at the Strategic Partnership Annual Dinner.

- **ACTION ITEM:** Need to bring Public Works, back to a future meeting to discuss the new plans for City trash pickup and dumpster removal, Larry and Cindy will follow up to get on upcoming agenda

Treasurers report for December 2013 Cindy moved, Steve 2nd – approved unanimously, as submitted:

CD \$11821.79

Savings \$7813.68

Dollar Dictionary \$2001.57

Checking \$2720.53

**Total: \$24357.07**

Total 2014 Budget

- Adjustments made to increase budget line item for web support to \$300, and decrease transportation to \$200.

- Proposed grant funds of \$50,000 must be raised before they can be spent. First priority will be to hire staff; second will be for office space.

- Motion to pass proposed 2014 budget made by Katie moved, Thad 2nd – passed with 1 abstention vote

- Discussion in regard to Dollar Dictionary budget proposed amount of \$25,000.

- **ACTION ITEM:** We will discuss amendment to increase the DDD budget in more detail at February Executive Committee meeting.

### RNO Membership

- Need to do a study to determine how many people each RNO represents

- Jane will send information to exec committee Proposed bylaw changes

- If we want to change for March elections we

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## E.C. Meeting Minutes

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will need to make changes in the February meeting and announce in the February newsletter.

- Suggested changes include overlapping terms pairing the President and Secretary, and the Vice President and Treasurer

- Discussion of pro, cons, and options for other possibilities of changes to be put forth in bylaw changes to the delegation for discussion and a vote.

- Motion#1 –The Officers shall be elected for overlapping terms at the annual meeting by the delegation for a two (2) year term or until their successor is elected. The President, Secretary, and two (2) Delegates-at-Large will be elected in even years, and the Vice President, Treasurer, and three (3) Delegates-at-Large will be elected in odd years.

NOTE: To implement this change, the President, Secretary, and 2 Delegates-at-Large will be elected to a two-year term in 2014. The Vice President, Treasurer, and three (3) Delegates-at-Large will be elected to a one (1) year term in 2014. Following the 2014 elections the Vice President, Treasurer, and three (3) Delegates-at-Large will be elected to two year terms.

- Motion made by Katie, 2nd by Steve, motion passed 8 yes, 1 abstention will be presented to INC Delegation for a vote in February
- Motion #2 - INC Officers (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary) will only serve a 2yr term.

- Motion by Gail, Blake 2nd, motion failed 2 yes, 7 no

- Motion#3 - No officer shall serve more than three (3) consecutive terms in the same office.

- Motion by Jane, 2nd by Cindy, motion passed 5-4 and will be presented to INC Delegation for a vote in February

- Motion#4 - INC will add an associate member and the immediate past President to the board

- Motion by Gayle, Blake 2nd - motion failed 1 yes, 6 no, 2 abstained

- Motion to table further bylaw discussion made by Cindy, Larry 2nd - 6 yes, 2 no, 1 abstain

### Dinner Committee Update

- Everything going good
- Gayle reported positive comments on website Neighborhood Awards Selection were reviewed and voted on for the following awards. Awards nominees will be notified.

- Presidents Award
- Community Policing Award in Honor of Bill Gross
- Neighborhood Stars (6 winners)
- Outstanding INC Delegate Award
- Dollar Dictionary Award in Honor of Nancy Jackson
- Person of the Year

Adjournment: 9:00pm

The INC Board at the January Executive Board Meeting discussed By-Law changes regarding term limit for members of the INC Board of Directors. Currently Officers and board members are limited to two (2), one-year terms voted on yearly by the INC Delegates. There are pros and cons for the two one-year terms stipulated in the bylaws.

Some Pros:

New leadership can occur every year or two years  
Poor leadership is forced out after a two-year term limit is up

Some Cons:

Institutional memory is diminished  
It takes about a year for the new board members to understand roles & responsibilities  
Momentum of projects and direction is diluted or halted  
City officials don't feel the need to build a relationship with the board and officers as they are constantly changing.

Following a discussion at the January meeting, the INC Board approved the following two motions to be presented to the delegates for their vote at the February Meeting.

The first motion is to create overlapping terms for the Board of Directors to help with stability and continuity.

The second motion is to change the term time-frame from one year to two years, and to limit the number of terms to three, which means no one person can serve in the same position for more than six years.

MOTION #1

**Bold italics** indicates the proposed change to

the current language in the By-Laws

Article VI. Officers

Officers. The body of officers shall be called the Board Of Directors

Officers of INC shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and five (5) Delegates-at-Large.

Officers shall be elected **for overlapping terms** at the Annual Meeting by the Delegation for a **two year term** or until their successor is elected.

**To implement this change, the President, Secretary and two Delegates-at-Large will be elected for a two year term in 2014. The Vice President, Treasurer and three Delegates at large will be elected for a one-year term in 2014. Following the 2014 elections the Vice President, Treasurer and three Delegates-at-Large will be elected for two year terms.**

Officers shall assume their duties at the close of the Annual Meeting at which elected.

MOTION #2

Article VI. Officers

B. Qualifications. Only a Delegate shall be eligible to serve as an Officer. No Officer shall serve more than ~~two (2)~~ **three (3)** consecutive terms in the same office. An Officer who has served more than half a term is considered to have served a full term in office. An Officer who accumulates three (3) unexcused absences from meetings during a term in office may be removed from office by the Delegation. An Officer may be removed for cause.

## January Delegate Meeting

1/11/2014

Hosted by: Denver Water

Submitted by: Thad Jacobs, Secretary

Quorum established: 38 members present

Call to order: 9:04am

Welcome Remarks:

Larry opened the meeting and introduced Joe Sloan from Denver Water. Joe gave a history of the Three Stones Building for our meeting location and welcomed the delegation. Spoke about some of the major Denver Water projects for 2014. Joe then introduced, Dave Griggs from the La Alma/Lincoln Park neighborhood to talk about the neighborhood and area.

Larry introduced State Representative Dan Pabon, HD 4, to give a 2014 legislative overview.

- Lots of discussion and work on the flooding and wild fires that occurred in 2013

Working on;

- Investment in Early Childhood Education, more

pre-school slots needed

- Figure out how to re-tool pieces of failed Amendment 66

- Economy and job creation and education, state created 170K jobs in Colorado in 2013

- Increase of reserve funding to 6.5%

- Looking at EIC tax credit and Childcare tax credits to help offset the pay disparity

- Workforce development programs to pay people to gain the skills. Provided computer programming job opportunities.

Approval of INC November Delegate Meeting Minutes: Motion made to approve by AI 2nd by Jane approved as submitted

### Treasurer's Report

CDs: \$11,821.29

Savings: \$7,813.68

Dollar Dictionary Drive: \$2,001.57

Checking: \$2,720.53

Balance: \$24,357.07 all accounts through end of 12/31/13

### New Business

- Bylaw changes overview, changes will be announced in the newsletter and discussed at the February Delegation meeting

> continued on PG 7



## January Meeting Minutes

> continued on PG 4

- Larry Ambrose brought up the idea of INC hosting a workshop for those who might be interested in running for public offices, what's involved, finances, etc.
- Randle Loeb announced his intention to run for INC President at March election

### Committee Overviews and Updates: Newsletter / Communications/Dinner

(Gayle Rodgers/Kenneth Worley)

- Gayle Rodgers, Co-Chair of the dinner, gave an update on Dinner and passed around a registration sheet. People need to RSVP to attend the dinner.
- Diana announced the annual song and passed out the lyrics to those interested in singing at the dinner.
- The silent auction is a fundraiser for DDD and INC. Gayle introduced Kenneth Worley, Chair of the silent auction committee, to talk about the auction.
- Kenneth talked about items that we're looking for to add to the silent auction. He encouraged people to hit up venues and businesses in your neighborhood to showcase. Need silent auction items by 1/20/14

### Parks & Rec (Katie Fisher/Maggie Price)

- Did not meet in December
- Hentzel Park update has gone to the State Supreme Court, injunction to stop the construction failed
- City Loop project has been delayed thanks to the grass roots efforts by the area RNO's
- Lobby City Council on language amendment to the open space requirement of 10%
- Special Events And Planning Update (George) significant increase in events planned for 2014, looking at the draw on City resources. Four meeting planned out into February; need neighborhoods to attend these meetings.
- Looking at fee increase, what is City getting for these events, etc. EVENTS TAB on INC Website,
- Calendar Meetings posted. (Special message to delegation)

### Dollar Dictionary (Steve Nissen/Blake DiMeo)

- New brochures for 2014 are in
- Let Blake know if you need bulk quantity of brochures to hand out or are interested in volunteering with the committee

### Education (Karen Taylor) – no update

### Zoning (ZAP) – (Michael Henry)

- Did not meet in December, no update

### Membership (Jane Lorimer)

- 98 RNO members, and 49 Associate Members
- Want to get more neighborhood organizations involved
- Renewal memberships must be done prior to being able to vote at the March delegate meetings, letters have gone out. Also did a recruitment to RNO's in the City

### Transportation (Joel Noble)

- 2014 will meet every other month
- Goals of committee to help us know what is coming, and to build relationships with folks (RTD, Public Works, etc) so as projects come we know who to contact.
- Civic Center RTD Station redevelopment, big study with community input on how to develop and use the land
- Market Street Station will be going away with the opening of Union Station
- Brighton Blvd redevelopment, divided into 4 areas with short-term and long-term improvements. Lots of public input help in making the consensus on how to do the re-development.
- Transit study completed by RTD, in partnership with neighborhoods from Downtown to Cherry Creek and Glendale areas; visitor oriented private or increase and marketing of RTD routes

### Public Safety (Mercede Lea)

- 2014 Public Safety Expo – Chief of Police office would really like INC to host another event this year
- DPD would like to involve all Metro area agencies
- Need help with location, publicity, and many other activities
- DPD and the City will help with logistics as well
- Need volunteers to help with committee, and the planning for the Expo
- Tentative date is May 10, 2014

### Guest Speaker:

Sara Davis, Denver City Forestry, Denver Parks & Recreation

- Urban Foresters – municipal code adopted in 1927
- The sidewalk trees are owned by the City, with adjacent property owner responsible for maintenance
- 50 years strategic plan adopted in 2003 Plan is to have 18% of the City covered by canopy coverage
- 2013 – 19.7% coverage, exceeding the overall City wide goal
- Denver compares very well to other large metro areas in the US
  - 2.2M Trees
  - 3.7 trees per capita
- Denver has the capacity to increase its

canopy capacity to 31% based on potential quality planting spaces

- Denver has a high urban heat island effects
- Denver was named as one of the 10 Best Urban Forests in the country in 2013
- Denver needs to treat its urban forest against
  - Aging Silver Maple
  - European Elm Scale
  - IPS Engraver Bark Beetles – Spruce trees
  - Thousand Cankers disease – Walnut
  - Dutch Elm disease – American Elms
  - Emerald Ash borer (7.5B trees nationally could be impacted)
- Approx 15% of Denver trees are Ash trees - 330,000 tree potential impact, about 10,000 in Denver Parks and public facilities. There are 458 Ash trees in City Park.
- Impacts property values. There was a loss of \$3 billion in property value and ecological services in Ohio due to tree loss.
- Harvard Gulch Park is location of County Extension, can take bugs or leaves for identification if needed
- Treatment options and research trees
  - [www.EABColorado.com](http://www.EABColorado.com)
  - [www.Denvergov.org/forestry](http://www.Denvergov.org/forestry) (homeowner resources)
  - [www.Emerdashborer.info](http://www.Emerdashborer.info)
  - [www.Coloradotrees.com](http://www.Coloradotrees.com) (CO champion trees)
- Replacement options (recommendations and restrictions on [Denvergov.org/forestry](http://Denvergov.org/forestry))
  - Shade Trees: Kentucky Coffeetree, Oak (some varieties), Sycamore, Catalpa, Hackberry, Honeylocust, Elm
  - Ornaments: Crabapple, Hawthorne, Pear, Bigtooth Maple, Tree Lilac, Redbud, Goldenrain tree, Cornelian cherry
  - Species not allowed on the PRW: Cottonwood, Aspen, Willow, Poplar, Silver Maples, Boxelders, Siberian Elm, Multi-stem trees, Weeping trees, Evergreens, Moratorium Species, Autumn Blaze Maple

Next meeting:

February 8, 2014

Heritage Club 2020 S. Monroe Street  
Panel Discussion with Q&A – Retail Marijuana and Denver's Neighborhoods  
Adjourned: 11:30am



## INC Seeks Board Members for 2014

INC is seeking members to run for its Board of Directors for the 2014-15 term (one year). To be eligible, you must be a delegate from your member RNO. The election will take place at the Delegation meeting on March 8th. Make sure your RNO renews its INC membership so that you can vote at the March meeting. Terms are for one year with a two-year term limit: March 2014-March 2015. All nine positions on the Board of Directors are up for election. Those offices are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and five Delegates-at-Large.

### Why Become A Board Member with INC?

As a resident of Denver, you have a big stake in the development, integrity and future of your City and your respective neighborhoods. INC's mission is to advocate for Denver citizens by bringing together, informing and empowering Denver neighborhood organizations to actively engage in addressing City issues. INC seeks Board members who are passionate about Denver's future and who want to help INC build our area neighborhood organizations to "be all they can be".

By serving on INC's Board you will also:

- Deepen your understanding of the community, its residents and their needs
- Gain a better understanding of the laws and regulations related to community development, zoning and open space preservation
- Have a better grasp of what the City faces in terms of finances and budgets
- Help INC create tools to build better neighborhoods
- Help shape the rules and regulations that impact public safety, zoning, property values

### Candidate Process:

Only Delegates from INC Member Organizations, whose dues are paid by the time of the election (March 8), are eligible to fill Board of Directors positions. All candidates must be formally nominated at the time of the election; therefore, candidates are encouraged to provide their names and desired positions to the INC President as well as be prepared to have someone nominate you from the floor at the time of the elections. This will allow us to prepare a ballot in advance. Additional nominations can be added.

**Are you passionate about your community and want an opportunity to shape the future of your city?** We encourage you to apply to serve on the INC Board. If you are interested, please reach out to Larry Ambrose at: [president@denverinc.org](mailto:president@denverinc.org)

## Membership Chair Needed

INC seeks an individual or group to take over the membership duties for 2014. The current membership chair will train you! Duties include: keeping a spreadsheet of members and non members, sharing email address updates with

the Communications team, sending renewal notices each December (INC covers costs). Skills needed: Computer literate, access to computer, Excel or other spreadsheet literacy.

Please contact [president@denverinc.org](mailto:president@denverinc.org) if interested.

## Doors Open Denver Needs Your Help

This will be the first year since the Denver Architectural Foundation has taken over the management of Doors Open Denver, that the City has not been a significant sponsor, which means a \$25,000 shortfall. Therefore DOD has to raise funds from



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sources that have not been contacted in the past and from those who feel that the event is of value to Denver.

Doors Open Denver (April 12-13, 2014) is an annual celebration of Denver's built environment and design "Celebrating Neighborhood Architecture," originated and is presented by the Denver Architectural Foundation, a local nonprofit. This two day free event invites residents and visitors to tour and appreciate the spectacular, the new, and historic buildings they see every day but may never have entered. Participants may experience DOD through:

- Self-guided tours
- Urban Adventures (self-guided tours tailored to a specific interest or theme)
- Expert Tours (led by architects and historians)

This event takes an inside look at Denver's distinctive buildings and unique places, both historic and modern. For more information, please visit [www.DoorsOpenDenver.com](http://www.DoorsOpenDenver.com) (available in early February 2014) and [www.DenverArchitecture.org](http://www.DenverArchitecture.org)

The Transportation Committee met on January 9th at 6:00 p.m. at 1201 Williams Street, with three topics on the agenda.

## It's Time To Renew Your INC Membership!

Please remember to renew your memberships by March 1 so that you can vote for the new Board of Directors and especially if you RNO plans to have someone run for an office. A mailing was sent out about this in December! If you need a membership application form go to: [http://www.denverinc.org/assets/2013\\_Membership\\_Form\\_RNO.pdf](http://www.denverinc.org/assets/2013_Membership_Form_RNO.pdf)

It is important to fill out the application form each year. Some individuals have complained that we have the wrong people listed on the delegate list at our monthly meetings. We use what you put on the application form so make sure it is accurate. Turn it in with your check THIS MONTH if you have not done so already.

## Citywide Cleanup Day – April 26

Keep Denver Beautiful's annual, citywide cleanup will be held on Saturday, April 26. This one-day event offers Denver residents free disposal of unwanted household items and yard waste at collection sites located around town. We will also have private organizations available to collect items, which can be recycled or reused.

Collection site locations will be finalized in a few weeks.

## INC's Website

INC's website [www.denverinc.org](http://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.



## Here's the INC Award Recipients:

**President's Award** The INC President gives this award for Outstanding Service  
**John Case** Friends of Denver Parks

**INC Neighborhood Person of the Year**  
 Awarded in honor of Virginia Oredson  
**John Hayden** Curtis Park Neighbors

**Community Policing Award**  
 Awarded in honor of Bill Gross  
**Doug Pimple** (Posthumous)– Baker Historic Neighborhood Assn.

**Outstanding INC Delegate Award**  
 Awarded in honor of Walt Kembel  
**Dave Felice** ABC Streets Assn.

**Dollar Dictionary Drive Award**  
 Awarded in honor of Nancy Jackson  
**Cook Park Neighborhood Assn.** and  
**Virginia Village/Ellis Community Assn.**

**Neighborhood Stars** Awarded to those who have made a positive difference in their neighborhoods

**Bryan Dean**  
 Hampden South Neighborhood Assn.

**Nancy Barlow**  
 Cook Park Neighborhood Assn.

**Kate Greeley**  
 Clayton United Neighborhoods

**Robin Riddel Lima**  
 Golden Triangle Museum District

**Dr. Robert Stencel**  
 University Park Community Council

**Heather Wilson**  
 Winston Downs HOA



John Case, President's Award winner with his wife Judy



John Hayden, right, Person of the Year, with Josh Davies



Kevin Pimple, Doug's brother with the Community Policing Award



Dave Felice, Outstanding INC Delegate winner



DDD Award Winners Barbara Fallon, Helen Leaver



Star winners Kate Greeley, Bryan Dean, Heather Wilson



Star winners Robin Riddel Lima, Nancy Barlow, Dr. Robert Stencel



MC Josh Davies, directing the live auction



Deputy Mayor, Cary Kennedy



INC President, Larry Ambrose

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Carrie Atiyeh, Visit Denver



Katie Fisher at the welcome table



Pam Allen, Karen Rothberg, and Gayle Rodgers



Guests in the dining room

# Thanks To Our Silent Auction Donors

Special thanks to Robin Riddel Lima from the Golden Triangle Museum District who visited several museums in her area and put together five phenomenal museum packages!!! Several of our members donated wine for the auction.

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Whole Foods Cherry Creek



**The Zoning and Planning Committee brings these motions to us.  
We will vote on them at the Feb. 8th Delegation Meeting.**

**Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation opposes House Bill 1132, as it is written, during the 2014 legislative session.**

The bill, if passed, would allow cities and counties to have the option to allow bars, restaurants and nightclubs to serve liquor until 4:30 am, instead of being required to stop serving alcohol at 2:00am. INC believes that the reasoning and the language of the bill needs much more analysis to consider the bill's benefits and harmful impacts for citizens, including safety, parking and noise problems for those residing near liquor-serving establishments. The Legislature needs to include explicit authority for local jurisdictions to place controls on liquor-serving establishments based upon specific conditions, needs and desires in individual neighborhoods. INC believes that there will be safety, parking and noise problems caused by allowing bars, restaurants and nightclubs to serve liquor after 2:00am and that the establishments that cause such problems should be penalized and not rewarded for such problems. INC encourages the legislature, the Mayor and City Council to do more research and to engage with neighborhoods in a meaningful discussion.

**Resolution Advocating a Public Meeting Process for General Development Plans**

Inter Neighborhood Cooperation (INC) has taken a strong position and is dedicated to an open and democratic processes in City land use decision-making. Therefore INC resolves that:

- Whereas, under the Denver Zoning Code's language for General Development Plans (GDPs), private applicants for GDPs control the public meeting process, and
- Whereas, with the adoption of the 2010 Denver Zoning Code, GDPs have new status to guide future zoning decisions, which previously had been reserved for adopted plans such as the Comprehensive Plan and small-area or "neighborhood" plans which are developed with substantial community input,
- Now therefore, INC advocates that clear language amendments to the Denver Zoning Code be made shifting control of the GDP public meeting process to the government through the Community Planning and Development department, that such meetings be conducted in the manner of public hearings where public comments can be made and heard by those in attendance and where an official record of such hearings are made publicly available in a timely manner.

**Resolution on Advocating Adequate Open Space for GDPs**

Inter Neighborhood Cooperation (INC) has taken a strong position on the importance of open space in all new development in Denver. Therefore, INC resolves that:

- Whereas, a reasonable amount of open space is absolutely necessary in large, higher-density developments to ensure the long term health of our communities, and
- Whereas open space, in various forms such as green space, plazas, and esplanades, is essential to Denver's livability and its identity as a culture which honors our outdoor environment, and
- Whereas, current Rules and Regulations for General Development Plans calls for publicly-accessible aggregated open space, which contributes to natural, recreational, aesthetic, historic and/or civic

values and that it be of benefit to the neighborhood as well as the development, and

- Whereas, in current Rules and Regulations for General Development Plans publicly-accessible aggregated open space may substitute for dedication of new parkland which may otherwise be required, and
- Whereas, right-of-ways (streets, sidewalks, parkways) do not totally substitute for open space, and
- Now, therefore, INC reaffirms its Resolution of November 9, 2013 on General Development Plan Open Space Requirements, and cites clear historical precedent for having GDP requirements for open space be adequate for the population and density of all new developments, whether 10 acres or less, and,
- INC reaffirms its position that a 10% net area calculation for open space may not lead to the provision of adequate open space.
- INC calls upon City Council to immediately implement a public process to develop language to amend the Denver Zoning Code, which will provide a method of determining open space requirements based on the size and density of the developments.
- The requirements will include public accessibility and guidelines that assure adequate sunlight, fresh air and gathering spaces for the new residents, the neighborhood and visitors.

**Resolution Advocating Approval of GDPs By City Council**

Inter Neighborhood Cooperation (INC) has taken a strong position and is dedicated to open and democratic processes in City land use decision-making. Therefore INC resolves that:

- Whereas, with the adoption of the 2010 Denver Zoning Code, General Development Plans (GDPs) have new status to guide future zoning decisions, which previously had been reserved for adopted plans such as the Comprehensive Plan and small-area or "neighborhood" plans which are developed with substantial community input, and
- Whereas, the new GDP process has significant influence over future zoning, and as such has shifted power from the Legislative City Council branch to the Mayoral Executive Branch, as the Mayor directs the GDP approval process through Community Planning and Development, the Denver Planning Board and the Development Review Committee and to a large degree determines land use, building height and open space, and
- Whereas, appeals of GDPs recommended by the Mayor's appointed boards does not ensure a democratically accountable process, and
- Whereas, changing the process of appeals of the Development Review Committee from District Court to the Board of Adjustment for Zoning Appeals, further places power over GDPs in the hands of a Mayoral appointed Board, and
- Whereas, the current GDP process with its new influence over future zoning decisions has the appearance of "backdoor zoning," where key decisions are not made with appropriate public and legislative input and approval,
- Now therefore, INC advocates that clear language amendments to the Denver Zoning Code should be made shifting final approval of all GDP recommendations from the Development Review Committee to the Denver City Council after a full and open public hearing process.



## More Dinner Photos



Beth Trudgeon and Mitch Morissey



Dennis and Denise Pimple



Ian Harwick, Nancee Braan, Anthony Graves



Silent Auction



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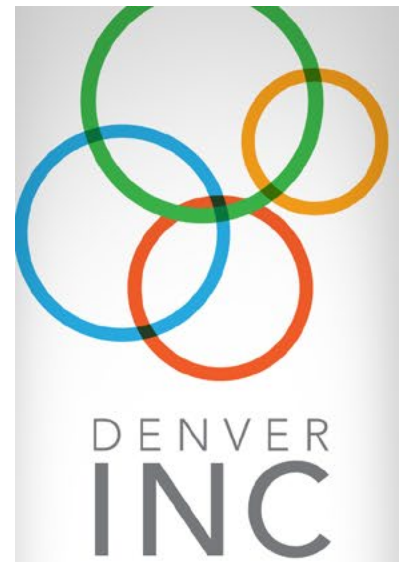
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