



# DENVER INC CONNECTION

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Neighborhoods work better when they work together

## Meeting Of Delegates And Neighborhood Leaders

When: Saturday, May 10, 2014

Where: 2000 W. 3rd Ave.  
Public Works Central Platte Campus

From Alameda turn north on Tejon St, right on Umatilla St, slight right onto W 3rd Ave. With all the construction on 6th you might be better off taking Alameda.

Agenda:

- 8:30am Networking with your fellow RNO members, coffee, continental breakfast
- 9:00am Business Meeting
- 10:15am Topic: Charlotte Pitt, Solid Waste Management – Trash Talk-Master Plan.  
  
What's happening to the Dumpsters?  
There will be plenty of time for Q & A.

All INC meetings are open to the public. Please feel welcome to bring your neighbors and friends

## Come Support Dollar Dictionary Drive At People's Fair

That's right, folks, once again Denver INC's finest volunteers will be slinging beers at the 43rd annual Capitol Hill People's Fair in support of their 2014 Dollar Dictionary Drive! We are accepting volunteers for this event. If you are interested in participating contact Blake DiMeo immediately! The People's Fair is Saturday June 7, 2014 10am - 8pm Sunday, June 8, 2014 10am - 7pm in Downtown Civic Center Park.

We humbly thank CHUN for providing such an amazing Denver tradition to the people and a great opportunity for local non-profits like us, THANK YOU!!

The Dollar Dictionary Drive has again grown in size and continues to do so. Contact Dollar Dictionary Chair, Blake DiMeo to get involved today!

Blake DiMeo, Dollar Dictionary Chair  
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## CALENDAR

### INC Transportation Meeting

Next meeting will be in on Thursday, May 8th  
1201 Williams St, 19th Floor  
6:00 pm

### INC Delegate Meeting

Saturday, May 8, 2014  
2000 W 3rd Ave.  
Public Works Central Platte Campus  
8:30 – 11:00 am

### INC Exec Committee Meeting

Monday, May 12, 2014  
1201 Williams St, 19th Floor  
6:00 – 8:30 pm

### INC Zoning and Planning Committee Meeting

Saturday, May 17, 2014  
1201 Williams St, 19th Floor  
9:30 to 11:30 am

### INC Parks & Rec Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 20, 2014  
Heritage Club, 2020 S Monroe St  
6 – 8 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 Transportation Committee

By Joel Noble, Committee Chair

The next Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation Transportation Committee will be on Thursday, May 8th at 6:00 p.m. at 1201 Williams Street, 19th Floor.

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 -- write to [transportation@denverinc.org](mailto:transportation@denverinc.org) to be added to our growing e-mail list!

We have three topics for our meeting:

**Quebec Alternatives Analysis** – Cindy Patton, Denver Public Works. With the remarkable transformation of Stapleton International Airport and Lowry Air Force Base over the last two decades, new residents, businesses, and activity continue to transform northeast Denver. Quebec Street, as part of the Eastside Travel Shed, was highlighted in the 2008 Strategic Transportation Plan due to its importance as a complex but key travel corridor. The Quebec Alternatives Analysis is focused on analyzing near-term, livable alternatives that can improve the congestion challenges of Quebec and improve multimodal mobility options that serve increasing north-south travel demand. Join us to learn more about the study effort, the alternatives under consideration, and provide important input that will help shape the study's final recommendations.

### Car Share Permit Program First-Year Update

– Robert Ferrin, Parking & Planning Program Administrator will provide us with a review of how Denver's Car Share Permit Program has performed after its first year. With a huge increase in the number of car share operators with a variety of business models competing in Denver now, look for answers to questions including: How many operators are there in Denver, and how many cars in each fleet? How many have dedicated off-street spaces vs. on-street spaces? Is Denver confident in its cost-recovery estimates for annual permit fees to offset meter fees? Where have on-street spaces been sought in neighborhoods, and how did those conversations with the RNOs go? By giving people more choices with car

share options, do we know if more people are choosing to own fewer (or no) cars -- and if it's too soon to tell, what can we learn from other cities? What do we know about plans for the coming year? This will be a great opportunity to look at the "big picture" on how this new permit program and rules & regulations, which INC supported in 2013, have been working so far.

### WalkDenver's Strategies and Plans to Improve Denver's Pedestrian Infrastructure

– Gideon Berger and Jill Locantore, WalkDenver board members, will present an overview of WalkDenver's strategies for raising awareness of and building support for improved sidewalks, crossings, lighting, and other elements that contribute to the safety and comfort of walking. As one part of the overall strategy, WalkDenver in conjunction with PlaceMatters has recently launched [www.WALKscope.org](http://www.WALKscope.org), a crowdsourced mobile-friendly web site for documenting sidewalk and intersection quality, as well as other features and observations. WalkDenver would like to build a partnership with INC and Denver's RNOs to improve our community by supporting our most fundamental and universal mode of transportation.

### 2014 Meeting Schedule

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

### 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 send your ideas to [transportation@denverinc.org](mailto:transportation@denverinc.org)

## INC PARC Committee

By Diana Helper, PARC member

The INC Parks and Recreation Committee (PARC) met April 15 at 6 p.m. at the Heritage Club, 2020 S. Monroe Street. Present: co-Chair Maggie Price, Larry Ambrose, Cindy Johnstone, Brad Cameron, James Sample, Ray Ehrenstein, Ronnie Crawford, Judy Sullivan, Jim Considine, George Mayl, and Diana Helper.

### Zoning Code Text Amendment regarding

**Open Space** Larry advised that Planning and Development Manager Brad Buchanan is planning on moving the text amendment to the Zoning Code which would set open space in General Development Plans (GDPs) at 10% of net area. Larry pointed out to Buchanan that this "one size fits all" method is not contextual and that INC had passed and sent a Resolution asking that the City commence a process to come up with a formula for calculating the appropriate amount of publicly accessible private open space based upon the context of the GDP, its size, density and number of people expected to live there.

Buchanan asked Larry if INC would support

the 10% of net language amendment in exchange for his agreement to set up a process later. PARC discussed this and was unanimous in standing by the Resolution and asking for a public process before any amendment should be brought forward to City Council by CPD. PARC believes Buchanan's promise to honor the INC suggestion for a process, even so, would be a good step in the direction of allaying the "bruised trust" Buchanan has observed between citizens and city. A letter to Mr. Buchanan will be drafted to advise him of INC PARC's decision. Larry also will contact INC Zoning And Planning for input.

### Formation of a Committee for Denver

**Parks & Public Spaces Master Plan** A letter from Parks/Rec Manager, Lauri Dannemiller, announced the formation of a committee for Denver Parks and Public Spaces Master Plan, is being devised by Downtown Denver Partnership and DPR. She requested a representative from INC's PARC. Maggie will forward the request with this PARC Report. It was suggested someone from Highlands or Golden Triangle might be appropriate, and that we ask to have a rep and an alternate.

**Round 3- Park Designations** Brad Cameron reported that Round 3 of park designations is being considered and Round 4, including Prairie Park, will begin soon. Diana said she met with DPR staff and they are enthusiastic about this site. Cindy mentioned that Gates-Crescent Park would be further diminished by an addition to the Children's Museum. PARC agreed to send a letter to the city stating PARC's concern and regret for this matter, as another example of taking public parkland without a vote of the people.

**Beer Ban for Wash Park** Cindy reported on the Beer Ban topic for Washington Park, and hoped that people of various opinions could get together to talk about this proposal. She said it has not received great support and that Lauri Dannemiller had not made any decision as yet. Also, the 2nd Annual Wash Park Photo Contest is underway and June 10 will be the Fishing Derby at the Lily Pond.

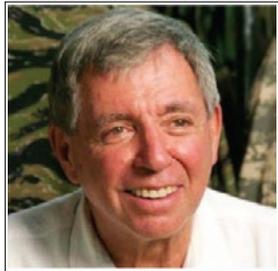
**Purple Dumpsters Pilot Plan** Large Purple Dumpsters now as a pilot in Cheesman and Washington Parks are "doomed to failure" according to Jim Considine. His concern is educating the 2% who dump other than recycle material in them and how it will affect the dumpster program success. The Solid Waste Dept. and DPR indicate they will be removed if they don't succeed. The committee working on Solid Waste Management Implementation Committee has four citizens and 22 city employees. Jim Considine, Steve Nissen, Ronnie Crawford, and Mike Michalek are the Community Reps. Plans had been made before the committee met, resulting in only after-the-fact comments.

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# From The President

## The Million More Mouths Myth Mantra

A recent interview with NW Denver Councilwoman, Susan Shepherd, in the March 19 edition of the North Denver Tribune has revealed the rationale behind her tacit approval of the massive development plan at the old St. Anthony Hospital site. The author, Laurie Dunklee writes, "Her priority is preparing Northwest Denver for sustainable population growth. "An estimated



one million more people will move to the Denver area by 2030," Shepherd said. "If we fight the influx of people into the city, more single-family homes will be built on the

outskirts and more agricultural land will be lost. Our water supply will be further endangered because all those lawns take tons of water. So multi-family housing is far more sustainable. We can't keep building single-family homes or we endanger our future."

This same million more mouths mantra was repeated at the INC ZAP meeting Saturday, March 21 by Shepherd's fellow Councilwoman, Robin Kneich. Now we know that our city's decidedly dense future has a definite number associated with it and from this, we undoubtedly can extrapolate that approvals for whatever developments meet this 1000 K, Council driven target will be forthcoming. We might as well get used to it, that's the way it's going to be!

No disrespect to our two knowledgeable Council members, but I did a little research to see from where this number may have emanated. Turns out, this million person number was first forecast back in 2009 in a PBS "Blueprint America" Report on Boomtown Denver and was memorialized in a Denver Regional Council of Governments' (DRCOG) "Metro Vision 2035 Plan" published in 2011. The only thing is that this population increase is forecast to be region-wide, not just within the City and County of Denver! Annual growth of 2% to 3% still would mean only 200,000 to 300,000 more residents in our fair City; however, that may not justify the kind of additional density being requested by many developers who fund Council election campaigns.

So, Council Members, here's conversation points for the immediate future:

- How much growth can Denver actually expect and handle by year 2030?
- And what logically follows: How much development can our fair city accommodate under the new and current zoning code which was overwhelmingly and enthusiastically adopted by City Council only four years ago?

Official declarations from the City have claimed that the public, transparent and open process by which this Code was adopted in 2010 has resulted in the vast majority of Denver citizens knowing and embracing the City's new zonings. Perhaps, although most people I have talked to, didn't have the slightest idea their land use rights have changed. The City itself, however, should not be able to plead ignorance to just what the new Zoning Code encompasses.

Granted there were areas which were down-zoned and areas which were up-zoned. But, shouldn't our planners be able to tell us, "OK, overall, if the city were built out to all of the height and density under the Code, we would be able to accommodate X number of people more (or less) than we have now."

I asked the Planning Office's chief staff person who managed the new Zoning Code project, Tina Axelrad, this question two years ago. She said she didn't have the slightest idea.

Most recently, I asked the Mayor's new Planning Executive Director, Brad Buchanan, if he had heard that a million more people are coming. "Yes, that's DRCOG's estimate" he said. So, I asked him the same question about the Zoning Code's existing density. His answer was the same, he hadn't thought about it, although he admitted it would be important information to know and nuanced his statement with the disclaimer that "it is unrealistic to think that it would ever be built out to its maximum".

Our leaders need to accurately represent how many more people we actually need to plan for. When they come up with a number for how many more people the existing city zoning will accommodate, then, even if one discounts that number by a specified percentage, we can realistically figure out how much more density we need; and, assuming Mr. Buchanan is right

that development cannot be expected to only go where we already planned for it.

I suspect there is enough density built into the new code to accommodate at least this amount of projected growth. But if not, then we can intelligently talk about what additional density is logically needed and where to put it.



## INC EC Minutes

Submitted by: Thad Jacobs, Secretary

4/7/2014 - Executive Committee Meeting  
Quorum established. Call to order: 6:08pm

Attending: Board: Larry Ambrose, Cindy Johnstone, Tiffany Rice, David Stauffer, Katie Fisher, Thad Jacobs, Steve Nissan, Gayle Rodgers.  
Committee Chairs: Meg Schomp, Joel Noble, Jack Unruh, Blake DiMeo, Karen Taylor, Maggie Price, Michael Henry

Introductions and welcoming remarks  
Introductions were done for all board members

**Minutes** Approval of INC March Executive Committee Meeting Minutes: Motion made to approve by Katie Fisher, second by Cindy Johnston - approved as submitted

**Financial Treasurer's Report** Approved as submitted. (See delegate meeting minutes for details.)

**Old Business** Dinner net proceeds discussion on the split of the funds resulted in 4 motions before resolution.

**Motion:** Steve Nissen reported on funds available and made a motion to split the net proceeds 60% to Dollar Dictionary, 40% to INC. There was no second to the motion so not carried to a vote.

### Dinner Monies

Proceeds: \$8250.97

Expenses: \$2167.27

Net: \$6083.70

**Motion:** Cindy Johnstone proposed 70% INC, 30% Dollar Dictionary split. There was no second to the motion so not carried to a vote.

**Motion:** Katie Fisher proposed a 60% INC, 40% Dollar Dictionary split, Cindy second, 1 for 6 against, motion failed (\$3650.22 - 60% INC, \$2433.48 - 40% Dollar Dictionary)

**Motion:** Katie Fisher proposed 50% INC, 50% Dollar Dictionary split, David second, 6 for 1 against, motion passed. INC and Dollar Dictionary will each receive \$3041.85.

**Membership Update** (Jane Lorimer sent report)

• RNO Members 91; 6 Bronze level, 9 Patron, 76 standard

• Associate Members 31; 4 Silver, 1 Bronze, 4

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## Committee Corner cont.

Other topics:

Renee Lewis sent a report reminding that the Hentzell park hearing is May 19.

There is a move to create Historical Status for City Park, Washington Park, and Cheesman Park. The timing of this project could include input from candidates for election in November.

Ronnie announced the dedication of the lower Platte River plan will be at Johnson-Habitat Park April 26.

Stroller Moms are back in full force in some parks. There's a need for DPR to publicize public transportation that serves our Mountain Parks.

General input was invited for an on-line survey about the planned Recreation Center located at Colfax/Josephine. The survey closed April 21.

Next PARC meeting: May 20.

### INC Zoning And Planning Committee

By Michael Henry, Committee Chair March 22, 2014

April 16, 2014: Larry Ambrose, president of INC, advised the committee that he has requested the new Executive Director of the Community Planning and Development Department, Brad Buchanan, to engage in a public process to draft zoning code changes regarding open space requirements in General Development Plans, based on the size, density and context of the developments, based upon earlier positions taken by the INC ZAP committee, Parks and Recreation Committee and Delegation.

Barbara Stocklin-Steeley, Principal Preservation Planner for Community Planning and Development, updated the committee on the progress of the update of design guidelines for the city's 51 historic districts (containing approximately 7000 properties). Many of the guidelines date from 1995. The process has had several public meetings, a residential advisory task force and an e-newsletter. The full draft of the proposed changes will be posted in mid-May at [www.denvergov.org/preservation](http://www.denvergov.org/preservation) under What's Happening and will be considered by the Landmark Preservation Commission on June 17. She also indicated that there has been a significant increase in the number of demolition requests for contributing structures in historic districts in the past year, most of which have been denied by the Landmark Preservation Commission or withdrawn by the applicants. She also said that the LPC and Historic Denver have recently received a grant of \$104,000 for phase 2 of Discover Denver, the citywide survey of historic resources, which will add new neighborhoods to be surveyed. In phase 1, the survey of the Harvey Park neighborhood is 80% complete, the Berkeley neighborhood is underway and the "streetcar suburbs" of Globeville and Cole will begin soon.

Chris Gaddis of the Neighborhood Prosecution Team of the City Attorney's office spoke about their mission of "community prosecution," which works closely with neighborhoods and other city and state agencies when neighborhoods are

victims of crime and nuisances. As an example, he spoke of a motel task force, which works on motels or hotels with many drug, prostitution and gun issues. They also work with real property nuisance abatement issues and show-cause hearings to revoke bad liquor licenses. He is very willing to attend neighborhood meetings to discuss problems – [chris.gaddis@denvergov.org](mailto:chris.gaddis@denvergov.org). Some committee members mentioned a proliferation of "hookah lounges," which apparently are not licensed or regulated.

Michael Henry, Steve Kite and several other committee members updated the committee on the activities of the committee's Excise and Licenses Working Group, which has had 2 meetings. The group hopes that the new Executive Director of Excise and Licenses, Stacie Loucks, will be able to attend the Zoning and Planning Committee meeting on June 28. The working group is also developing an online library of laws, ordinances, regulations, good neighbor agreements and department decisions regarding liquor, cabaret and marijuana licenses.

It was moved, seconded and unanimously passed that the committee present the following recommendations to the INC Delegation on May 10 to make to Excise and Licenses regarding problems that neighborhoods have had with Excise and Licenses:

- 1) The Department of Excise and Licenses should provide better training to hearing officers, particularly to encourage more consistency in recommendations.
- 2) Excise and Licenses should notify registered neighborhood organizations about show-cause and revocation hearings and allow RNO representatives and other residents to testify at such hearings.
- 3) Excise and Licenses should include active telephone numbers, e-mail addresses, ZIP codes, printed names and legible signatures for all applicants so that RNOs can communicate with applicants well in advance of hearings
- 4) Excise and Licenses should send floor plans and maps of designated areas to RNOs for all liquor, cabaret and marijuana applications.
- 5) Excise and Licenses needs to have sufficient budget for adequate staff to handle all of the licenses that it deals with and to enforce against violations.
- 6) All Excise and Licenses staff need to be adequately trained about all liquor, cabaret and marijuana policies, procedures, regulations and notifications.
- 7) Excise and Licenses should accept the offer of Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation to provide some computer-expert INC members to test-drive the Accella software program before it is implemented for liquor, cabaret and marijuana applications.

The committee discussed the proposed amendment to the zoning code, which would permit sale of fresh produce and cottage foods as a home occupation. This will be considered by the Planning Board on May 7 and likely have

its final hearing by City Council in mid-June. The committee voted, with one dissenting vote, to:

Recommend to the INC Delegation on May 10 that INC should support the ordinance with 2 changes:

- 1) Food sales from homes should be allowed to begin at 10am (instead of 7am)
- 2) There should be a review 12 months after the ordinance is adopted, to include comments from neighborhood organizations as to any possible problems.

The committee discussed the fact that, while most city departments use e-mail notifications to send required notifications to registered neighborhood organizations, U.S. mail notifications are sent by the Office of Economic Development, the Real Estate Division (regarding sales of public lands) and Public Works (regarding proposed street and alley vacations). This causes delays in receiving the notices and makes it more difficult to forward such notifications to other RNO members. The committee unanimously voted to recommend to the INC Delegation on May 10 to urge those departments to switch to e-mail notifications, unless otherwise required by law.

Rosemary Stoffel of University Park Community Council updated the committee on the controversial proposed rezoning on the 2400 block of South University, including the fact that CPD staff misinformed some immediate neighbors about the requirements for a legal protest of the rezoning. The committee discussed that it would be good if CPD and INC could prepare a clear description of the legal protest process.

The next meeting of the Zoning and Planning Committee will be on Saturday May 17 from 9:30 to 11:30am at 1201 Williams Street in the 19th-floor party room. All are welcome to attend.

## City Council Sign-Up

Please **click here** to SIGN UP if you would like to receive weekly Agendas, Meeting Schedules, informative blog posts, and important press releases for the City Council.

## INC EC Minutes cont.

Patron, 9 Associate Organizations, 13 Associate Individuals

• 12 RNOs have not renewed from last year- list was shared with EC

### Compassionate Neighborhoods Initiative

(Cindy Johnstone)

- What role does INC want to take in building Denver's Compassionate Neighborhood?
- Denver is not currently on the list of these cities
- LoDo and Overland Park RNOs have already signed on as Compassionate Neighborhoods.
- Michael suggested we discuss at our executive retreat in more detail
- Cindy / Larry suggested we include with the July membership program to do a 10 minute presentation, executive committee agreed.
- There would be no financial commitment.
- We need to study the organization's Charter more to ensure there is no conflict with the INC Mission.
- Website is [www.charterforcompassion.org](http://www.charterforcompassion.org)

### Excel Energy

- Some people are concerned about unsightly power lines/towers being installed.
- Michael Henry will take to the ZAP committee to secure more information.
- Where will they be building additional lines like this in the future?

### INC Marketing/Public Relations

- Thanks to Linda Dowlen, a new member to Communications Committee, INC has a re-established Facebook page up and running
- Will need to re-establish the Twitter account and more to come.

### EC Retreat

- Need to set a date, determine full or half day
- Need to determine a location
- Cindy will send a doodle calendar to help determine dates
- Targeting late May, early June
- Need to discuss the Tool Box

### Committee Updates

#### Election Forums – Michael Henry

- Partnering with Channel 8 and League of Woman voters
- 8 districts for House, 2 Senate districts up for State election this year
- Will try to divide up into 4 evenings in September, partnering with RNO's to hold forums in neighborhoods
- Have Statewide ballot initiatives at the October INC delegate meeting, 10/11 at the District 3 Police Station
- Larry asked for a written plan for the forums

#### Dollar Dictionary – Blake DiMeo

- No grants out at this time
- Have 50% of Dinner proceeds based on vote earlier tonight
- Fundraiser – Denver Day of Rock 5/23-24th, Concert for Kids

#### ZAP – Michael Henry

- Reminded the upcoming meeting on 4/26
- Trying to get Utilities on agenda
- Working on subgrant around Excise and

Licensing to build an online library of good neighbor agreements

#### PARC –Katie Fisher

- Trial ban on alcohol in City parks, specifically Washington Park
- Power to implement the change is with the Director of Parks and Rec
- City Loop at City Park was stopped, but will be going somewhere else
- Rec Center near East high school has issue with removal of the dog park

#### Education – Karen Taylor/Meg Schomp

- Next Bond Oversight Committee meeting Superintendent & Board Members (New or all TBD) in June 6/14/14

#### Transportation – Joel Noble

- May meeting; Quebec study update, Walk Denver update,
- Denver Channel 8 has the transportation solutions forum meeting keynote speaker and panel discussion (to come) as the featured video

#### Communications – no update

#### Public Safety – no update

#### Dinner Committee

Need to have folks step up to start planning for a location, Visit Denver commitment, and date

#### New Business

Presidents conference get together I-70 Letter all approved via email vote  
Need to think about Neighborhood Conference Will be doing People's Fair booth as a fundraiser for Dollar Dictionary

Adjourn 8:27pm

## What A Great Civics Lesson

Biddie Labrot, East Washington Park neighborhood, won the live auction item, Tour the Capital with Representative Dan Pabon, at the INC Annual Awards Dinner in January. The young boys she took led the Pledge of Allegiance before the CO House of Representatives. What a great experience for these boys. Rep. Pabon's district includes the Northwest Quadrant and Sloan's Lake RNOs.



Patrick Gilman and Hugo Shubert with representative Mark Ferrandino

## Time To Start Planning Summer Neighborhood Events

The tulips are blooming and our weather is getting warmer. Time to get out of the house and meet your neighbors and enjoy events going on in our great City. Events are a great way to change your neighborhood into a vibrant community. Planning an event, attending a picnic, block party or working on a service project to improve your neighborhood are all great ways to meet your neighbors.

To have a world-class city we need strong neighborhoods. Denver Mayor Michael Hancock launched "Denver Days" last year as a way to create stronger neighborhoods. It takes place at the same time as "National Night Out," a program designed to cut down on crime. "National Night Out" is always the first Tuesday in August. Crime goes down in neighborhoods where they know their neighbors.

Summer 2014 "Denver Days" will be from August 2-10. During this week, Denver residents will be asked to work with their neighbors to organize a community service project or work together to host a fun, festive neighborhood gathering. From community clean ups to backyard potlucks and block parties, "Denver Days" will provide a unique opportunity to connect neighbors and neighborhoods. Your event can be for a large group or just a few neighbors.

Visit [www.denvergov.org/denverdays](http://www.denvergov.org/denverdays) or call 720-865-9082 for more information. The website has several ideas for service projects, social events, and details on how to throw a block party. You can register your event on the website. It's advantageous to organize your event around "Denver Days" because there are some fees you will not have to pay, such as for permits, insurance and barriers to block off your street.

Our neighborhood is organizing a large community event at a local park. We will save the permit fee but because it is a large event we'll have to buy insurance. This year we want to have more focus on games (gunny sack race, 3-legged race, water balloon toss, etc.) where people interact and get to know each other.

What does your neighborhood plan to do this summer? Start organizing your "Denver Days" neighborhood event today.

Submitted by Gayle Rodgers, founder of Vibrant Neighborhoods and author of the forthcoming book, *How to Turn Your Neighborhood into a Community*. She is President of Southmoor Park South Neighborhood Association (formerly Hampden South) and is on the INC Board.

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*INC's registered neighborhood organization's represent some 47,000 members, and their geographical boundaries include over 280,000 households - a diverse population comprised of both owners and renters.*

## April Speaker: Brad Buchanan

Executive Director of Community Planning and Development (CPD)

Submitted by: Thad Jacobs, Secretary

"Vision of Denver and Working with Communities"

- Spent 7 years on the Landmark Commission
- Spent 5 years on the zoning code task force
- CPD is a very diverse group and broad range of responsibilities from giving permits to replace your water heater in your home to revising Blue Print Denver and everything in between
- Driven by the sense of service to the community, fan of building walkable and healthy communities
- In a world class city everyone matters, come up with solutions to incorporate the diverse opinions

### Priorities

- What is a healthy livable community? How do all the parts work together? The city is a collection of places – street sections, traffic, parking, old and new buildings, and building height. The experiences we have in the many places in our city affect our feeling about them. We have to respect everyone's experience of those places.
- We have a ton of stuff going on across the City (managing it all is a challenge)
  - New buildings going up all over the City
  - Large projects like I-70 redevelopment, Gates, Aerotropolis, etc.
  - 2013 processed 200% of the permit volume over 2009, with 60% of the staff
  - Dialogue – trust between community and City
  - Currently damaged trust "Bruised sacred trust" between the community and the city
  - How do we create a forum for authentic, respectful engagement
  - Committed to re-building the trust between the City and the neighborhoods
  - Sustainability and conservation are important discussions

### Comments/questions

- How do we rebuild the strained relations
- We need to look at DPS and other amenities and how they grow as the City becomes more dense
- Our elected officials need to listen more up front, instead of making a decision first and then asking for input
- Concerns about planning department members who don't know the neighborhoods
- Planning Board process bring the neighborhoods more into the process



- Neighborhoods need to understand what the re-zoning process is, what are the criteria, need education to the neighborhoods
- Aware that your appointment is controversial and that you're more inclined to support the developer side of things versus the neighborhoods. Will need to work to win the community over with actions.
- Are we moving into the multi-modal City too fast, going into higher density?
  - How do we move people through transit, last mile of moving people?
  - More mixed use development
  - How do we evolve our thinking of community, lifestyle, etc.?
  - What is the balance in quality of life and experiences?
- We are going more urban, so need to have more public process or input on development. Need more schools, more parks, more developer financing on the infrastructure.
- Planners should meet with the RNO boards in their areas, should have ongoing conversation on the projects in those areas.
- Needs to be more flexibility in how we look at projects in conjunction with communities
- Need to look at updating the Comprehensive Plan and Blue Print Denver
- What is the chain of command and communication structure to bring concerns, thoughts, and ideas to the City?
- There needs to be inclusiveness and transparency in all the public processes around City planning and developments project. How do the communities get up to speed and engaged?

## INC Delegate Meeting

Submitted by: Thad Jacobs, Secretary

4/12/2014

Location: Mile High United Way

Quorum established: approx. 44-47 members present, official attendance sheets not present

Call to order: 9:05am

**Welcome Remarks & Introductions:** Larry welcomed the delegation and thanked Christine Bena, Executive Director of Mile High United Way for allowing us to use the space. Delegation introductions were done around the room.

Larry briefly mentioned the upcoming discussions on the Xcel power lines in neighborhoods. Motion of approval for the March delegate-meeting minutes moved by Katie Fisher, second by Al Habercorn - approved as submitted.

### Financial Treasurer's Report

CDs: \$11,433.28

Savings: \$12,814.40

\$\$ Dictionary: \$3,247.44

Checking: \$6,227.22

Balance: \$33,722.88 all accounts through 03/31/14

### Committee Overviews and Updates

#### Parks and Recreation Committee (Katie Fisher)

- Councilman Nevitt asked Parks and Recreation to ban alcohol in Washington Park, Councilman Brown is opposing the request for the ban
  - Laurie Dannemiller will be making the decision on whether to ban the use of alcohol in Washington Park
  - Need more enforcement of the current rules in place for the parks across the City
  - City Park will not have City Loop project anymore, perhaps some neighborhoods might want it in their neighborhood.
  - Possible location being discussed is Paco Sanchez Park
  - Dave Felice mentioned the SEAP process for special events in the City
  - Parks and Rec is starting the planning process for the Rec Center on Josephine near East High School, for more public meetings. Look on City Park and Rec website for more details. Rec center will displace the existing dog park on that location.
  - Meet regularly on the 3rd Tuesday each month at the Heritage Club
- #### Transportation Committee (Joel Noble)
- May 8th 6pm next meeting 1201 Williams St, 19th floor
- Quebec Street Study
  - Denver Car Share Update
  - Walk Denver – strategy on sidewalks across the City
  - Trader Joe's update on parking impacts, etc. reaching out to neighborhoods to ensure they are plugged into the discussions
  - Need to connect with the biking community in neighborhoods

> continued on PG 8



INC April Delegate Meeting: Brad Buchanan fields questions from the floor.



President Larry Ambrose, advises the ZAPcommittee that he has requested the new Executive Director of the Community Planning and Development Department, Brad Buchanan, to engage in a public process to draft zoning code changes regarding open space requirements in General Development Plans, based on the size, density and context of the developments, based upon earlier positions taken by the INC ZAP committee, Parks and Recreation Committee and Delegation.



Chris Gaddis Assistant City Attorney Prosecution and Code Enforcement

## Community Grants To Re-imagine Denver's

**Public Spaces:** A benefit for RNO's  
**GRANT OVERVIEW:** Denver is one of the nation's most livable cities, home to a world-class park system, a vibrant arts scene, strong neighborhoods, modern transit system, growing economy and boasting more than 300 days of sunshine a year. In the spirit of Denver's new cultural plan, Imagine 2020 and as we look to Denver's future, we understand that public and shared spaces are key to enriching the social and personal health, happiness and well-being of our residents and neighborhoods.

In 2014 the City of Denver's Budget and Management Office and Denver Arts & Venues partnered to develop P.S. You Are Here, a pilot citywide creative placemaking and neighborhood revitalization program that will cultivate community-driven, outdoor projects in Denver's public spaces that are tangible in nature and help to shape, enhance, and strengthen our city in small and meaningful ways.

When it comes to neighborhoods, corridors, art districts and other areas within our city, the community is the expert. The pilot, P.S. You Are Here, matching-grant was designed to inspire innovative ideas by community members who themselves would be impacted by the projects. We encourage place-based, grassroots involvement from residents, artists, neighborhood associations, non- and for-profit organizations and businesses to claim, initiate and drive the creation of temporary, authentic demonstrations and activation of public spaces. These short-term, low-cost and scalable projects are intended to transform underutilized urban spaces, increase collaboration, honor heritage, build civic engagement, beautify neighborhoods, enrich communities and inspire long-term change.

**Launch** A call for proposals for the P.S. You Are Here program launched April 14, 2014. The deadline to share your concepts and ideas for consideration will be May 30th, 2014. To access the Website and for details on qualifications please [CLICK HERE](#) or for additional questions and information, please email Program Administrator, Create Denver: [lisa.gedgaudas@denvergov.org](mailto:lisa.gedgaudas@denvergov.org)

## Produce For Pantries

invites you to plant an extra row (or several) of veggies to go to your local food bank. For all the info please go to [www.produceforpantries.com](http://www.produceforpantries.com). This is a regional program supported by University Park and sponsored by Denver Urban Gardens, Hunger Free Colorado, Metro Care-Ring, the Beanstalk Foundation, LiveWell Colorado, Grow Local Colorado, and many other nonprofit organizations. "P4P" will help you get your produce to a local food bank, where it is always needed. Submitted by Diana Helper

## INC Delegate Meeting

cont.

### Zoning and Planning Committee (Michael Henry)

- Next meeting is April 26th at 9:30am, 1201 Williams St, 19th floor
- Working group established to work on Excise and Licensing
- April 16th next working group meeting 7pm 1201 Williams St, 19th floor
- Working on virtual library of decisions, good neighborhood agreements, ordinances, regulations, virtual tools, etc.
- Working to get new Director to upcoming ZAP meeting

### Education Committee (Meg Schomp)

- Denver Public Schools (DPS) starting to look at new school applications, public meetings in each quadrant of the City
- DPS Board will make final approval decisions in June
- State Board of Education will have contested race
- Still looking for regular date and time for meetings

### Dollar Dictionary (Blake DiMeo)

- Will be doing a Beer Booth at the People's Fair again this year
- Concerts for Kid's – May 24th

- Fundraiser \$10 per ticket, 100% of the profits go to Dollar Dictionary
  - Last chance April 30th
  - Car will be presented to winner on 5/24th at the concert
  - Goal for Dollar Dictionary is \$30K to raise
  - Need to look at publishing student thank you notes for dictionaries
  - Distribution and packaging more to come
- Public Safety** (Merce Lea)-no update

### New Business/Announcements

- Councilwoman Jeanne Robb mentions Cherry Creek is open for business, several large construction projects are on going. Several concerts this summer on Fillmore Plaza check website for details.
- Meg Schomp urged Councilwoman Jeanne Robb to work with DPS on seating capacity in the district
- Coyote issues in various areas of the City, INC will look into possible contacts to help with the issues
- West Highlands neighborhood has created a preservation committee to look at historical districts and parking studies

### Next INC Meeting

Next meeting - May 10, 2014 - Location: Public Works Central Platte Campus, 2000 W. 3rd Ave.  
Special presentation: Solid Waste Management - Topic: Trash Talk, Charlotte Pitt  
Adjourned: 11:42am

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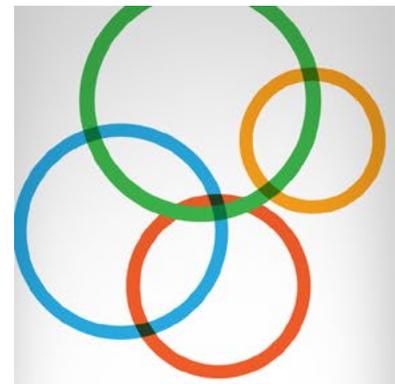
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