

# DENVER INC CONNECTION

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## Meeting Of Delegates & Neighborhood Leaders

**When:** Saturday, September 13  
**Where:** South High School, 1700 E Louisiana Ave., Denver, CO 80210  
**Agenda:** 8:30am - Networking with your fellow RNO members, coffee, continental breakfast  
9:00am - Business Meeting  
10:15am Special Program – Tom Boasberg, Superintendent of Denver Public Schools His topic is an update on changes in DPS.

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

## Public Safety Expo

**When:** Saturday, September 13  
**Where:** South High School parking lot, 1700 E Louisiana Ave, Denver, CO 80210  
**Time:** 10:00 am – 2:00 pm  
An empty Denver high school parking lot on a typical September Saturday morning will transform into a scene of super heroes and their tools for the third annual Public Safety Expo Saturday, September 13, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at South High School, 1700 E. Louisiana Ave.

Safety activities, demonstrations, and sights to see will fill the school's parking lot. Expo exhibitors include the Denver Bomb Squad (with their robot), Mobile Command Post, the Bicycle, Mounted, and Motorcycle Police Patrols, vintage police cars, new state of the art patrol cars, and maybe even the Air One Helicopter. The Denver Fire Department has been invited to bring engines and trucks along with their "Smoke House" educational trailer. The Community Outreach team from the Sheriff's department will be there, too. A Bicycle Village providing a hands on riding course complete with signage will teach kids safe and responsible cycling skills. Instructors will guide and answer questions. Overall, 7-8 cities are sending equipment and teams to this year's Expo.

Denver's super heroes ride bikes or horses, drive cars with bright blinding lights or fire trucks and ambulances with ear piercing sounds, or they may fly through the air in a helicopter. Their jobs are challenging, may be viewed as thrilling or frightening, and yet their uniforms and duties often separate them from the public they protect. The Denver Police have collaborated with the Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation (INC) to present the Safety Expo because they want Denver's neighborhoods to have a greater understanding and knowledge of each safety organization and the services they provide. It is the DPD's goal that the Expo facilitates greater knowledge and confidence for city residents about approaching Denver's law enforcement professionals when help is needed.

With all the activities at the Safety Expo, one is sure to get hungry and thirsty, so complimentary hotdogs, chips, water, fresh lemonade and other food samples from area restaurants are to be available during the Expo while supplies last. The 2014 Public Safety Expo is a free, fun, educational, family friendly event you don't want to miss.

Contact Merce at [publicsafety@denverinc.org](mailto:publicsafety@denverinc.org) with questions or for more information.

## CALENDAR

### INC Exec Committee Meeting

Monday, September 8  
1201 Williams St, 19th Floor  
6:00 – 8:30 pm

### INC Transportation Meeting

Thursday, September 11  
1201 Williams St, 19th Floor  
6:00 pm

### INC Delegate Meeting

Saturday, September 13  
South High School,  
Louisiana & Franklin  
8:30 – 11:00 am

### Public Safety Expo

Saturday, September 13  
South HS parking lot,  
Louisiana & Franklin  
10:00 am to 2:00 pm

### INC Parks & Recreation Meeting

Tuesday, September 16  
Heritage Club, 2020 S Monroe St  
6 – 8 pm

### INC Zoning and Planning

Saturday, September 27, 2014  
1201 Williams St, 19th floor  
9:30 – 11:30 am

For up-to-the-minute news,  
please visit INC'S website:

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# Election Forums

For many years Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation has partnered with the Denver League of Women Voters, Historic Denver and Denver8TV as Denver Decides to organize and present election forums so that Denver citizens can learn about candidates for elective office and important ballot issues. We hope you agree that members of neighborhood groups should learn about and participate in state and local elections. We have organized the following forums leading up to the November 4, 2014 election:

Thursday September 11, Calvary Baptist Church, 6500 E. Girard, House District 9 – 6:30

Wednesday September 17, Police District 3, 1625 South University House District 2 – 6:30 Senate District 32 – 7:15

Tuesday September 23, Evie Dennis Campus, 4800 Telluride, House District 7 – 6:30

Tuesday September 30, Montview Presbyterian Church, 1980 Dahlia House District 6 – 6:30 House District 8 – 7:15

Thursday October 2, Career Education Center Middle College, 2650 Eliot Street House District 4 – 6:30 House District 5 – 7:15 Senate District 34 – 8:00 pm

Tuesday October 7, Southwest Improvement Council, 1000 South Lowell, House District 1 – 6:30

Saturday October 11, 9:30am, Police District 3, 1625 South University (in conjunction with INC Delegation meeting), state and local ballot issues.

The forums can be viewed in person or (at later times) on Denver8TV or online at [www.denvergov.org](http://www.denvergov.org).

We need the help of all Registered Neighborhood Organizations to: Urge your members to attend one or more of the forums by publicizing the forum or forums for your House or Senate Districts in your newsletters and e-mail blasts.

Co-sponsor the forum or forums in your neighborhood. Co-sponsors will be announced from the podium. Prepare and send us any questions for the candidates or invite your members to do so. Please contact Steve Nissen – [pennissen@cs.com](mailto:pennissen@cs.com) or Karen Taylor – [karentaylorphd@gmail.com](mailto:karentaylorphd@gmail.com) to send information or ask questions.

For your information, we will have similar forums for the Denver city elections for Mayor, City Council, Auditor and Clerk and Recorder in May 2015 and we will welcome your help then as well.

## Denver Days: My Ride Around Denver With The Mayor

By Gayle Rodgers, INC Board member

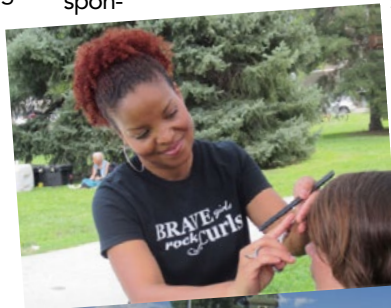
Denver Days (DD), which took place August 2 – 10, was started last year by Mayor Hancock as a way to build up Denver neighborhoods and reduce crime. When neighbors know their neighbors, crime goes down. There were 189 events held this year. During Denver Days the city does not charge for permits or barricades.

This year I was a Denver Days Ambassador (DDA) encouraging neighborhoods to put on block parties, social events or service projects. When the DDA were asked to tour Denver Days events on August 9th with Mayor Hancock, I said YES. I'm always up for a party. What I witnessed that day was extraordinary. It was all about communities coming together to help others and build a sense of community.

Our first three stops were all service projects. First we went to Bradley Elementary, which is near Dahlia and Yale. They were working in the community gardens. The huge gardens supply food for the lunchroom.

Stop two was around 3501 W 1st. Extreme Community Makeover (ECM) volunteers were working on several homes on the block – painting, pulling weeds, cutting tree branches, putting down rocks, etc. The volunteers were from high school age up to older adults. Very inspiring watching the excited homeowners.

Our third stop was in Globeville where they were working to beautify a public park around 4700 Pennsylvania. The many volunteers were spreading out bark to make the area more attractive. They received sponsorships from several businesses for this project.



Stop four was a huge social event in a West Colfax park near 1399 35th St. There were several booths, many for service organizations in the neighborhood like Confluence Ministries. A stage had a band performing and some neighborhood kids danced. The kids were attracted to a big blow-up

slide, jumping castle, and several were rolling around in big plastic bubbles. There was a long line of people waiting for free haircuts in one booth, but the longest line was for food.

Stop five was at Tocabe Restaurant for lunch – 3536 W 44th Ave. A DD social event was going on by the restaurant where they were selling items such as jewelry. I bought a T-shirt from Stronghold Society. Their goal is to inspire confidence, creativity, hope and ambition for youth, especially of Native American communities.

They do it through leadership development, arts programs, skateboarding and athletic activities.

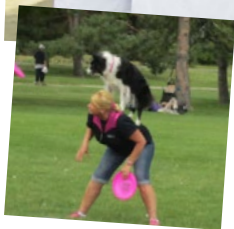
After getting filled up and rested we moved on to Sloans Lake for an Arts Festival. The many booths were filled with fantastic artwork for sale. We watched a performance of a

dog catching a Frisbee. I know it sounds boring but he was good!

Stop seven was in Five Points where they blocked off a street, had booths and a stage. We watched some youth (maybe HS age?) dance on stage and in the street. Fantastic dancing!

Our eighth and final stop was in a Green Valley Ranch park. Food was provided by food trucks – Lena B Bar-B-Que, Fat Sully's NY Pizza, Little India, and an Ice Cream truck. We were entertained with some belly dancing.

Politicians need lots of stamina. I was exhausted after the full day – 8:30 to 4:30. At all the events Mayor Hancock was busy giving speeches, shaking hands, listening to people's concerns, and participating in the service projects. What I liked most was seeing the variety of events and how they made it fit their community. I believe Denver Days in 2015 will be from August 1 – 9. It is never too early to get started on your neighborhoods activity for next year.



# Voting Matter For September 13, 2014 Meeting

Rationale: Language proposed to be added to INC bylaws Article X to identify the purpose and authority of committees. Sections A, B, C, and D (below) are unchanged.

- A. A committee shall normally consist of two or more individuals. However, a single person may Chair a committee when additional persons are not available.
- B. A Committee Chair should be a Delegate. Any individual of a Member Organization may serve on a committee; however, the INC President may appoint any resident of the City of Denver to fill these positions with majority approval of the Board of Directors.
- C. Standing Committees shall be: Audit, Budget, Education, Membership, Communications, Parks and Recreation, Public Safety, Transportation, and Zoning and Planning.
- D. Special Committees. The President may appoint special committees as the need arises, with the approval of the Delegation.

## The Following Bylaw Changes Are Proposed

- E. Committees are defined as either Operational Support or Interest committees.
  - 1. The purpose of the Operational Support Committees is to manage the activities that support INC. Those committees are: Audit, Budget, Membership and Communications.
  - 2. The purpose of the Interest Committees is to convene and support Registered Neighborhood Organizations through education, collaboration and advocacy on specific topics and by working with relevant organizations and agencies. Those committees are: Education, Parks & Recreation, Safety, Transportation, and Zoning and Planning.
  - 3. Committees should submit action plans with budgets for Board approval annually.

## Letter From Parks Committee To INC Executive Committee

Aug 26, 2014

TO: Executive Committee, Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation  
FROM: INC Parks and Recreation Committee (PARC)

Please see the following finalized resolutions that were discussed at the August 19 INC PARC meeting.

These resolutions were drafted as a result of neighborhood complaints to the City regarding an Admission Based Event (ABE) that took place in City Park on August 16 2014. They will be submitted to Delegates for vote at the September 13 meeting.

The "Noise Resolution" document asks that the City revise the noise ordinance and the measurement process to include measurement of bass levels. This is in keeping with the rules that exist for the Denver Red Rocks venue.

"Disturbance of the Peace" asks that a policy be created regarding festival permits for public parks that honors the intent of the Denver Municipal Code, which addresses acceptable language in the parks.

Katie Fisher                      Maggie Price  
Co-Chairs - INC Parks and Recreation Committee

## INC Resolution on Disturbance of the Public Peace in Parks

WHEREAS, Inter Neighborhood Cooperation adopted the Platform for Denver Urban Parks in 2011, and

WHEREAS, the Park Platform emphasizes protection of open green space and community-based park use policies, and

WHEREAS, Denver Parks and Recreation (DPR) is not to issue a festival park permit in violation of the Denver City Municipal Code, Sec. 39-12-Disturbance of the peace; and

WHEREAS, under Sec. 39-12-Disturbance of the Peace, language permitted for festival permits which is unseemly, profane, vulgar, or obscene is not allowed and its usage in open public park space and would result in a summons, and

WHEREAS, Denver Parks and Recreation permitting has issued permits for festival parks, in violation of Sec. 39-12 and the Department's own published rules and regulations regarding Disturbance/Noise, and is likely to do so in the future, and

WHEREAS, A permit in violation of Sec. 39-12, was recently issued for the Chive Fest at which unseemly, profane, vulgar, and obscene language was evident in open public parks space and heard throughout nearby neighborhoods, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that until community based policies and procedures are in place to screen and to manage permitting of such events and ensure that they are consistent with standards explicit in the Denver City Municipal Code Sec. 39-12-Disturbance of the Peace, INC respectfully requests Denver Parks and Recreation place an immediate moratorium on all open park festival permitting.

## INC Resolution on Revising Neighborhood Noise Ordinance

WHEREAS, the City of Denver Noise Ordinance, Section 36 sets the limit for sound in neighborhoods at 55 dB(A), and

WHEREAS, Sec. 36-6(b) (17) gives an exemption to festivals and raises the limit for sound to 80 dB(A), and

WHEREAS, under the current ordinance definitions, only dB readings at (A) levels are required, which does not measure the different frequencies, and

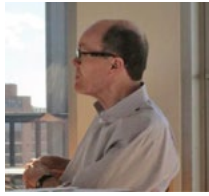
WHEREAS, low frequency sound waves dB(C) are long, can actually travel through buildings and be heard and often can be felt, and Whereas, the current ordinance was promulgated some years ago before the advent of the Admission Based Event policy and the significant increase from a few hundred to more than 800 events a year in Denver, including in Denver parks, and

WHEREAS, at the time this ordinance was promulgated 80 dBs(A) was interpreted to be an acceptable level for sound in residential area when there were few permitted events in parks, and Whereas, the 80 dB(A) sound level associated with these frequent events in parks has become the norm, has disrupted the quality of neighborhood life on a regular basis and has created an ongoing and intolerable condition, which the 55 dB level was intended to address, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that INC calls upon the City of Denver to begin a collaborative, thorough, and thoughtful public process in order to revise the Noise Ordinance so that it is specified how sound pressure is measured, by whom, and when during an event, and to state the maximum level of sound pressure is 55 dB(A) & (C) in neighborhoods in order to maintain and improve the quality of life for Denver's residents.



# Tribute To Michael Henry



In July Michael Henry announced that he was resigning as a delegate to INC representing Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods and as Chair of the Zoning and Planning Committee, which also means he is

leaving INC's Executive Committee. He is leaving us with BIG shoes to fill.

Michael is a third-generation Denver native. He grew up in Park Hill and went to Blessed Sacrament Grade School and Machebeuf High School. He graduated with a degree in Government from Harvard University and then the University of Colorado School of Law. He has been a lawyer since 1972. From 1982 to 1998 he worked for the Colorado Supreme Court Disciplinary Counsel's Office. Since 2001 he has been the Director of the Denver Board of Ethics.

Since 1971 Michael has lived in the Capitol Hill/ Cheesman Park area. He has been very active in Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods (CHUN) since 1972, including serving as a Board Member (President for 3 years) as well as serving as Zoning Committee Chair for many years.

In 1975 Michael Henry, a neighborhood activist at the time, came together with Bernie Jones, Michael T Smith, David Gibbons and several other people to form Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation. Michael was Chair of INC at two different times: 1983-85, 1991-1992. Since around 2000 Michael has headed up the INC Zoning and Planning (ZAP) Committee. He said that he has enjoyed and thrived on helping to build INC and the ZAP Committee.

Michael played a significant role in INC's successful efforts in getting the "Neighborhood Registration and Notification Ordinance" passed by City Council. The ordinance calls for citizens, developers, and the city to sit at the table to resolve issues concerning changes in Denver's neighborhoods. This process is critical to the quality of life concerns in all of our great neighborhoods, which continue to face ongoing challenges.

Michael strongly encourages all leaders and members of INC:

- to be civil and respectful to government and developer representatives;
- to pay close attention to city, state and national issues and development activities that affect Denver neighborhoods;
- to foster collaboration among Denver registered neighborhood organizations and to educate RNOs about city processes;
- not to take positions without trying to learn different sides of a controversial issue;
- to work hard to include geographic, ethnic, age and income diversity in INC members, delegates and members of the Executive Committee and other committees.

Michael is not one to fade into the sunset. He intends to join INC as an Associate member. He will be an observer of INC and continue to keep in touch with the many good neighborhood friends he's made through CHUN and INC. We will certainly miss Michael's leadership in our organization.

## INC Delegate Meeting

Submitted by: JJ Niemann, Board Member  
Hosted by Denver District 1 Police Station, 1311 W. 46th Avenue (Community Room) Quorum established: 26 members present

Call to order: 9:01 am  
Welcome Remarks & Introductions:  
Welcomed our new Executive Board Member - Ray Ehrenstein.

**Motion:** to approve the minutes of the July Delegate meeting made by, Katie Fisher; 2nd by Al Habercorn, passed as submitted

**Financial Treasurer's Report** Steve Nissen  
CDs: \$12006.58  
Savings: \$12,815.70  
\$\$ Dictionary: \$16,933.95  
Checking: \$3,314.26  
Balance: \$45,070.49 all accounts through end of 07/31/14

### Committee Overviews and Updates:

**PARC** Maggie Price  
• Paco Sanchez  
• Designation of Parks  
• Noise in City Park  
• Sloans Lake Park was mistreated at a recent event  
• No accountability from the City  
• Aug 19th is the next meeting  
• Festival Park

### Transportation

 Joel Noble

Every other month Meeting  
• Sept 11th, 1201 Williams St. 12 fl 6pm - 8pm  
• Looking for Members (transportation@denverinc.org)  
• Denver Moves - Question from Cindy (Denver Moves is the Denver Bicycle Action Plan)  
• Walk Denver - WalkScope website (use smart phone) - Record Sidewalk data  
• Petition (900 sigs) - Call for pedestrian advisory committee  
• City has a pedestrian comprehensive plan, but not an action plan  
• INC sent a support letter  
• Looking for a grant under the TIGER program  
**Pedestrian Planning**  
• Ray - Evans Overpass walk study. 1.2 mile study between Ruby Hill Park and Rail Station  
- Idea: Paint Evans Street Overpass

### ZAP

**Motion** presented regarding the short duration window that the city presents for neighborhood review of the Denver Housing Plan. INC strongly urges the mayor and council that RNOs be represented in developing the plan. (Get exact wording of the motion).

- The Denver 5 Year Housing Plan Draft - read on website - 20 yes, 4 abstain

### Dollar Dictionary

 Steve Nissen

- Labeling Effort postponed for 1 week

### Public Safety

 Merce Lea

- Sept 6th 2014 10am - 3pm First Responder Tribute Northfield Shopping Center
- Sept 13th 2014 10am - 2pm Public Safety Expo South High School Parking Lot

### New Business

- Nomination of Margie Valdez and Greg Kerwin as new Co-chairs of Zoning and Planning Committee.

### Guest Speakers

Emily Snyder, Senior City Planner with Denver Public Works -  
• Updating the city-wide Denver Moves bicycle

facility plan to incorporate new "protected bike lanes", which provide increased safety and comfort to attract riders of all ages and abilities.

Adjourned: 11:14 am

## INC Executive Committee Minutes

8/11/2014 Submitted by: JJ Niemann, Board Member

Board Present: Larry Ambrose, Karen Taylor, Steve Nissen, Gayle Rodgers, Joel Noble, Cindy Johnston, JJ Niemann, Maggie Price, Ray Ehrenstein, Merce Lea, Greg Kerwin, Margie Valdez

Quorum established Call to order: 6:00pm.  
Approval of INC June Exec Committee Meeting Minutes: Motion made to approve by Steve, 2nd by Cindy - approved as submitted

### Financial Treasurer's Report

See the Delegate Meeting minutes for this report.

### Budget Report

Approved As Is

### Dollar Dictionary

- Deficit will be \$2300 or less and will be covered by INC
- Need to find a new chair for next year
- Dinner is the fundraiser for this effort so we need to decide soon if we can sustain it for another year.

### Future Motions:

- Bylaws Changes will be presented to the Delegation at the next meeting.
- Wording will include "Should" & "Annually"

Appointment of Margie Valdez & Greg Kerwin as the co-chairs of the ZAP committee

- Confirm that Greg is a delegate to INC
- Candidates were interviewed
- Motion to Approve made by Cindy Johnston, 2nd by Katie
- Unanimous Executive Board Approval
- Board Vacancy and Committee Chairmanships
- Need to ratify JJ Niemann as Membership Chair appointment at the August Delegate meeting

### Giving Back to the Community/RNO

More discussion on the survey and our Vote of Proclamation

### Old Business

- Current banners are needed by JJ Niemann to start to design a new banner.
- Larry will setup meeting with Communication Committee to discuss newsletter, website, banners etc.
- Maybe look at November meeting for another smorgasbord of speakers meeting.
- Election Forums we have \$500 allocated in the budget for the forum costs. Michael Henry will compose a letter or email on all the details.
- Need to find a chair for the Dinner Committee to have an INC Dinner. Larry will contact Visit Denver to see if they will sponsor the Dinner again.
- City is looking to move the City Loop program to Paco Sanchez Park

### New Business

#### Election Forum Delegate

Meeting with League of Women Voters next week  
Request a 2x4 banner for the event

#### Safety Expo

Request a 3x8 or 3x6 banner for the event  
Need help advertising event  
Request \$500 for cost

#### Dinner Committee

\$10,000 has been allocated to host the event

Adjourn: 7:51pm

# Interview with Joel Noble, Appointee to the Planning Board

**What is the Planning Board, how are people appointed, and what does it do?** The Planning Board was established by the Denver Revised Municipal Code to have general supervision of the policies of the Community Planning and Development department (CPD) with respect to planning and zoning matters. There are 11 unpaid members appointed by the Mayor to staggered three-year terms.

Denver's Planning Board:

- Reviews new small area plans (sometimes called "neighborhood plans")
- Updates to the zoning map ("rezoning")
- Updates to the zoning code itself ("text amendments")

Other less frequent reviews can include:

- Comprehensive sign plans
- General development plans (GDPs)
- Design review in specific parts of the city
- View plane variances
- Landmark district applications

Typically Planning Board's actions are recommendations to City Council or the Development Review Committee, although a few categories of action are final at the Planning Board.

While there is no mandated composition for the Planning Board, there are usually one or two residents who are not architects, developers, professional planners or representatives of business organizations, but who do have close ties with neighborhood organizations. Dave Webster, former INC Chair, served for a number of years until he stepped down a few months ago. Former INC Chairs Fred Corn and Bernie Jones also served on Planning Board.

**How did you learn about planning and zoning topics?** A lot of what I know about planning and zoning in Denver I learned by participating in the INC Zoning and Planning committee (ZAP) and by being an active member of Curtis Park Neighbors. Rich Maginn, former INC Chair and founder of our RNO, introduced me to INC twenty years ago when I moved to the neighborhood, and I eventually became a regular attendee at ZAP meetings.

In Curtis Park I've served on our RNO board for many years, helping the neighborhood achieve the goals set out in the 1987 Curtis Park Neighborhood Plan, including co-authoring four successful landmark district nominations. I was co-chair of our neighborhood's committee to provide input to the 2010 zoning code update, which included attending many Zoning Code Task Force meetings with our councilwoman. I also led our neighborhood's working group

providing input to our new neighborhood plan in 2011.

**What do you hope to see in your time on the Planning Board?** This is really an exciting time to be involved in Denver city planning. In



the coming years, the city intends to update the Comprehensive Plan and to develop its first city-led transit plan. I want to help ensure that residents throughout the city are meaningfully involved in these city-wide efforts, and to see Denver better link land use and transportation planning – a goal of Blueprint Denver that has only partially been realized.

I will encourage the creation of an online tool to look up applicable neighborhood plans by providing an address or selecting a site on a map, in much the same way zoning can be found today. Given the central role that our plans play in guiding the future of the city, it should be much easier to find applicable existing plans.

Most importantly, I would like to see more neighborhoods work with CPD to develop or update neighborhood plans. I can't speak highly enough of this process for bringing the community together to develop a shared vision that then becomes part of the guiding policy for the city. This will require more staff funding for CPD, but I see it as absolutely essential for ensuring community ideas are deeply a part of city plans so that citizens, city employees, and elected officials are all working towards the same goals. Neighborhoods that need neighborhood plans should be advocating for them.

**What do you want neighborhoods to know about planning and zoning?** It's vital to understand the guiding role that adopted plans play in how land use planning works, and how plan recommendations guide zoning, which in turn guides administrative reviews. I'm hoping to work with our new ZAP co-chairs and CPD leadership to outline a series of seminars for the public that will provide a thorough orientation to the Comprehensive Plan, Blueprint Denver, area plans, zoning, and development review. It's been many years since something like this was done,

and it can be frustrating to those neighborhood representatives who are newer to the topics to try and learn it all piecemeal.

If there's one thing my experience in Curtis Park has taught me, it's that the more citizens know the processes, the more influence – and the less frustration – we will have in eliciting community ideas and bringing them to reality.

Congratulations Joel Noble! We know you will be an asset to the Planning Board as you have been to INC!

## Dollar Dictionary Drive

The dictionaries were successfully packed for 108 schools for the 19th year of this project. Labeling and packing was completed on Wednesday, August 20 and the books were shipped off to Denver Public Schools for distribution to all schools with third graders. Funding resources were not up to expectation this year and therefore we were only able to provide dictionaries as opposed to dictionaries and thesauri. We had several unexpected glitches in this year's program, but with perseverance we were able to overcome the issues. We have now given this resource to 132,500 students over the past 19 years.

A special thanks to the scores of volunteers who come out each year to label and pack the books for the individual schools. We can't thank you



enough. Many of our volunteers come back year after year. One of our packing volunteers, Adam Page, has been helping since he was in the third grade at Dora Moore School and he is now a sophomore at the University of Colorado and still came back to help this year.

A huge hug of appreciation to all individuals, RNOs, and businesses that have contributed to the Dollar Dictionary Drive this year. It is greatly appreciated by the 7500 students in DPS who were the recipients of the program.

We are still a little short on funding for the 2014 project, so if any individual or RNO could help us meet our funding needs, that would be greatly appreciated. Contributions may be made by check to INC (mark the check as "for DDD"), P.O. Box 300684, Denver, CO, 80218 or online by [CLICKING HERE](#). For more information: [www.denvering.org](http://www.denvering.org) and look under DOLLAR DICTIONARY DRIVE



## 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.

### Parks and Recreation Committee

By Diana Helper, PARC member

INC PARC (Parks And Recreation Committee) met August 19 at 6 p.m. at the Heritage Club, 2020 S. Monroe St. Present were co-chairs Katie Fisher and Maggie Price, Larry Ambrose, Cindy Johnstone, Ray Ehrenstein, James Sample, Ronnie Crawford, Brad Cameron, Kathleen Wells, Dave Felice, Diana Helper, Michele Fuerst, Bonita Lahey, J.D. MacFarlane, Louis Plachowski, Linda Drake, Hank Bootz, John VanSciver, and guest speaker Sonia John. No one from DPR was able to attend.

Katie reported news from the August 14 PRAB (Parks/Rec Advisory Board) meeting which she and several other PARC members attended. PRAB believes the recent CHIVE Event will be a big success, and is eager to place more events in more parks throughout Denver. The INC recommendation of a suitable Festival Park also is a consideration. Central Rec Center plans are underway. Citizens in the Paco Sanchez Park area met with DPR and voiced approval to build the former "City Loop" project in that park. A Rocky Mt. Arsenal proposed park site is being discussed. PRAB approved the "white paper" they had created. PARC will ask to receive a copy, as this was the first we had heard about it.

Brad said the Park Designation Committee meets next week with Councilwoman Susan Shepard. He commented that the five parks being developed along the S. Platte have not been designated, and that after some confusion it appears the Denver Skate Park is designated.

Attorney John Case will file an Appeal with the Court of Appeals by August 28, on behalf of the Friends of Denver Parks (Hentzell Park matter).

Sonia John spoke and showed pictures of tree damage in Washington Park and other parks. This situation is getting worse, due to lack of proper watering, planting at the wrong time, planting too deep, mulching improperly, restricting rooting space, quality of water, vandalism, unchecked diseases, and in many cases- tree trunk damage caused by park mowers. The demise of many young trees due to improper care is costly to the city. The Forestry Dept. is assessing trees for pruning and other care, but is short-staffed so this moves slowly. Sonia agreed PARC (and INC) should take on the project of surveying as many park

trees all over the city as possible, pool the information, and get it to the city administration. This will be brought up at INC Sept. 13.

Kathleen said that trees, as noted by Sonia John, are also negatively affected by climate change. There are national groups (with local representatives) working on the climate disruption issue. For information regarding these groups, please contact Kathleen at [Kathleen.wells@case.edu](mailto:Kathleen.wells@case.edu).

Ray announced the Safety Exposition Sept. 13 at South H.S. and Dictionary-packing project Aug. 20 at 950 E. 9th Ave. Ronnie said S. Platte reconfiguration is ongoing, Florida-Evans. Park plans in final stage.

CHIVE Fest neighbors described the excessive noise, which topped the noise meter limits, and was not enforced. "311" was not operating; police said there was nothing they could do. The foul language loudly broadcast into the neighborhood was sexist, racist and obscene. Trash littered the park and neighborhood, where residential lawns were used as bathrooms. PARC discussed two drafts presented by the neighbors: "Neighborhood Noise Resolution" asking that the City revise the noise ordinance and measurement process, and "Resolution on Disturbance of the Public Peace in Parks" asking that a policy be created regarding festival permits for public parks that honors the intent of the Denver Municipal Code. PARC voted to present the "Noise Resolution" draft, with some changes to be made by Kathleen Wells, to INC Sept. 13. She also will work on the second Resolution above. Events in public parks adjoining neighborhoods must have lower noise level limits, monitored accurately and continually, and police enforcement must be available for all unlawful activity.

Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m. Next PARC meeting: September 16.

### Transportation Committee Meeting Coming Up

The next Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation Transportation Committee will be on Thursday, September 11th, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 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 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!

Thursday September 11th, 6-8 p.m. We have three topics for our meeting:

Colfax Corridor Connections -- Crissy Fanganello, Denver Director of Transportation will provide an overview of the recently announced preliminary preferred alternative of Bus Rapid Transit for the Colfax corridor between downtown and Aurora. The year-long analysis utilized the Denver Regional Council of Government's (DRCOG's) new activity-based travel demand model to help estimate transit ridership and the potential total corridor person-trip demand. This approach was consistent with Denver's Strategic Transportation Plan, which focused more on the movement of people using all modes of transportation rather than solely focusing on single-occupant vehicle travel. How well did the new modeling approach work? How much increased capacity will the proposal bring to Colfax? What lessons were learned that could be applied throughout the city as part of an overall Denver Transit Plan and/or for additional major corridor studies?

Denver's TOD Strategic Plan - David Gaspers, Senior City Planner in CPD and Ryan Billings, Associate City Planner in Public Works, will present an overview of Denver's new Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Strategic Plan which organizes the recommendations from many Station Area Plans and creates a prioritized action plan for the realization of these key areas. At our meeting, David and Ryan will highlight the types of transportation infrastructure needed in several station areas in the "Catalyze" category -- those with good market conditions for TOD, but needing specific infrastructure improvements to unlock each area's potential. They will also highlight the plan's revealing "walkshed analysis" which takes a closer look at actual walkability for each station area in order to identify issues and opportunities for connecting the stations to the surrounding communities.

Overview of PUC Regulation of Transportation Including Regulation of Transportation Network Companies (such as Lyft and UberX) -- Gabe Dusenbury, Authorities Analyst in the Transportation Section of the Colorado Public Utilities Commission will explain the different types of transportation the Public Utilities Commission regulates, how the Legislature's newly-created category of Transportation Network Companies compares with other categories covering taxis, limousines, and other types of transportation, and how citizens can give their input on the upcoming permanent

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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.*

## From the President

Larry Ambrose is vacationing this month and will return to writing his column next month.

## Committee Corner cont.

rulemaking for regulation of these new services. The PUC is always interested in getting a wide range of public input, as well as any concerns or complaints about the industries and companies they regulate, as they work to further the public interest.

### 2014 Meeting Schedule

The INC Transportation Committee's final meeting for the year will be (at 1201 Williams St., 19th Floor):  
Thu. Nov. 13th, 6-8 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)!

### Zoning And Planning Committee

By Greg Kerwin, Co-chair

The INC ZAP (Zoning and Planning Committee) met August 23, 2014 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am at the meeting room at 1201 Williams Street, 19th floor. Larry Ambrose introduced the new committee co-chairs, Margie Valdez and Greg Kerwin.



Overview of proposed Cherry Creek District Zoning:

CPD Planners Sarah Showalter and Kyle Dalton presented an overview of, and answered questions concerning, the proposed Cherry Creek District Zoning, including a zoning code text amendment and a zoning map amendment. They explained the process for preparing and seeking input concerning this proposed zoning plan, which is based on guidance in the Cherry Creek Area Plan, the neighborhood plan adopted by the City Council in 2012.

Highlights of the proposed new zoning plan for Cherry Creek North include:

- Building heights:** Maximum building heights in Cherry Creek North will range from 12-stories (150 feet) at the south end of the district along First Avenue, to 4-stories (57 feet) at the north end along the north side of Third Avenue. North of Second Avenue, 8-stories is the maximum with a step down to lower heights between Second and Third Avenue. These building heights track the map in the Cherry Creek Area Plan. Current C-CCN zoning provides a maximum building height of 55 feet.
- Some properties not covered by new zoning:**



*Sarah Showalter & Kyle Dalton of Community & Development Services*

Some properties and blocks are not covered by the new zoning plan, including the properties along Columbine between Second and Third Avenue that were covered by the contentious rezoning process in 2012.

- Mass reduction above second story:** The new zoning provides for a mass reduction for anything above the second story (31 feet), with taller stories having 25% less building coverage along a right-of-way or alley than the zone lot area.
- Special rules for small lots:** Special rules apply to lots with 9,375 square feet or less, with reduced off-street parking requirements and an exemption from the upper story mass reduction.
- Minimum parking:** Off-street minimum parking requirements are reduced to:  
a) residential: 1 space/dwelling unit; b) office: 2 spaces/1,000 SF; c) retail, services, restaurants: 2.5 spaces/1,000 SF.

There was substantial discussion during the planning process about the minimum residential parking requirements and the current lack of mass transit serving the area. The Cherry Creek North RNO is concerned about traffic and parking, but hopes that residential growth will create less traffic than commercial uses. There are unresolved traffic issues for the areas around Whole Foods, Josephine, and University, and the Country Club neighborhood remains concerned about those.

Wayne New of the Cherry Creek North RNO expressed support for the proposed new zoning plan and explained some of the compromises reached during the planning process have reduced neighbor concern about increased traffic and density. Those include: a) the old Post Office site will be a luxury hotel rather than office space, which should have a smaller impact on traffic and parking; b) some properties on First Avenue that were not added to the zoning district have existing zoning conditions that provide less density; c) developers involved in the planning process indicated they will provide more than the minimum parking requirements because you cannot sell a million-dollar condo with just one parking space. Neighbors are concerned about a weak developer that chooses to create only the minimum required parking.

Key documents including an 11-page Executive Summary of the proposed Cherry Creek District Zoning and a map showing the new proposed zoning are available at the CPD website at: [www.denvergov.org/cherrycreek](http://www.denvergov.org/cherrycreek)

In explaining why this planning process has gone smoothly after the polarization and intense anger at Cherry Creek meetings during 2012, members of the task force noted the benefit of having a third-party facilitator (Mike Hughes of Hughes Collaboration) and an up-to-date Neighborhood Plan that provides a framework for how redevelopment of the Cherry Creek North area should proceed.

Other discussion: Margie Valdez explained and sought comments on the plan to provide quarterly training programs for neighborhood representatives on issues including: excise hearings, developing neighborhood plans, and zoning variances. In addition, the committee hopes to update the 2006 neighborhood



*Greg Kerwin & Margie Valdez*

manual and make it available on the INC website. The INC excise/license Google Library with background materials for challenging liquor and cabaret applications should be posted by January 2015.

Committee members also discussed strategies for getting younger residents including millennials involved in INC work.

The ZAP Committee meetings for the rest of 2014 will be on: September 27, October 25, and December 6 (consolidated Nov./Dec. meeting).

### Help Wanted

INC is looking for a graphic designer for our monthly newsletter and other needs. Must know InDesign, be able to volunteer 4 - 6 hours a month.

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