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The newsletter of Inter-Neighborhood  
Cooperation - January 2015



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## Calendar

### [INC Education Committee Meeting](#)

Wednesday, January 7, 2015, 430 S Newport WY (80224), 6:00 pm

### [INC Transportation Meeting](#)

Thursday, January 8, 2015, 1201 Williams St, 19th Floor, 6 - 8 pm

### [INC Delegate Meeting](#)

Saturday, January 10, 2015, The Studios at Overland Crossing, 2205 S. Delaware St. (80223), 8:30 – 11:00 am

[INC Award Nominations Deadline](#)

Saturday, January 10, 2015, [www.denverinc.org](http://www.denverinc.org)

[INC Exec Committee Meeting](#)

Monday, January 12, 2015, Daniels Foundation Building, 101 Monroe St, 6:00 – 8:30 pm

[INC Parks & Recreation Meeting](#)

Tuesday, January 20, 2015, Heritage Club, 2020 S Monroe St, 6 – 8 pm

[Deadlines to get Silent Auction Items to INC](#)

Friday, January 23, 2015 – pick up items and notify INC

Monday, January 26, 2015 – get items and receipt to INC

See article below for details

[INC Zoning and Planning](#)

Saturday, January 24, 2015, 1201 Williams St, 19th Floor, 9:30 – 11:30 am

[INC Awards Dinner](#)

Wednesday, January 28, 2015, Wellshire Event Center, 3333 South Colorado Boulevard (80222)

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## Meeting of Delegates and Neighborhood Leaders



Kelly Leid

WHEN: Saturday, January 10, 2015

WHERE: The [Studios at Overland Crossing](#) 2205 S. Delaware St., 80223 (In the SE area of Evans and Santa Fe – Warren Ave and Delaware St)

AGENDA:

8:30am - Networking with your fellow RNO members, coffee, continental breakfast

9:00am - INC General Business Meeting

10:00am - Special Program - Guest Speaker: Kelly Leid, Executive Director, North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative (NDCC). Kelly will discuss the six NCDD projects with an emphasis on the Brighton Blvd and North West Corner projects. The National Western Stock Show complex redevelopment will be part of the discussion. Go to [DenverGov.org](#) for more information. He will welcome questions about anything, including the Panasonic land deal in the Mayor's Aerotropolis.

About NorthDenver Cornerstone CollaborativeThe City of Denver has several major redevelopment and infrastructure projects taking place that provide a connection from Denver Union Station to Denver International Airport. Named the Corridor of Opportunity, the nearly 23-mile stretch is one of the most compelling commercial investment opportunities in the world, with thousands of developable acres.

Within the Corridor of Opportunity is a vibrant community consisting of Globeville, Elyria and Swansea neighborhoods that have a rich history of making fundamental contributions to the city. Currently, there are six different redevelopment projects in this cornerstone that provide a unique and historic opportunity to rebuild a connected community and energize a gateway to downtown Denver.

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

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## MOTION TO VOTE ON REGARDING ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICTS IN DENVER

Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation strongly urges City Council, the Mayor and the Department of Excise and Licenses not to allow the establishment of any “[entertainment districts](#)” in the City and County of Denver. Entertainment districts are authorized by Colorado Revised Statutes 12-47-301. If approved by City Council and licensed by the Department of Excise and Licenses, such districts could allow service and consumption of alcohol later than 2:00am 365 days per year and would allow patrons to carry and consume alcohol anywhere within the designated entertainment district, which could be up to 100 acres and could contain several different liquor-licensed establishments. INC believes that the resulting late-night/ early-morning noise, over-consumption of alcohol and safety problems would severely harm the quality of life of residents in or near such entertainment districts. In addition, enforcement against such problems within entertainment districts would be much more difficult if two or more liquor-licensed establishments contribute to such problems.

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## FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Larry Ambrose

### Our Collective Vision: INC 2015

As we enter 2015, please accept my sincere thanks and appreciation for all you have done and continue to do for Denver and its neighborhoods. My wish for each and every one of you is foremost health and prosperity.

With the upcoming municipal elections and runoffs in May and June, we can be certain that this year will provide exciting opportunities to learn and take action. As individuals, we can work to elect responsive and accountable city officials. Although INC will not endorse candidates or issues, we have developed platforms that state goals, objectives and policies, which we believe reflect the best interests of the residents of our community. Our role will to disseminate information about candidates and issues to empower residents of Denver to make informed voting decisions.

I am extremely grateful for the hard work, passion and concern that exist in neighborhoods all over the city. Working together, we continue to make a difference. I look forward to working with you to realize our collective vision. That vision should provide for balanced and thoughtful growth, preserving what makes our city great and envisioning what is possible to make an even brighter future for all.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Larry Ambrose". The signature is fluid and cursive, written on a light-colored background.

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## ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER



Carrie Atiyeh, Visit Denver

This year the INC Annual Neighborhood [Awards](#) Dinner, made possible by the generous support of our Presenting Sponsor, Visit Denver, is on January 28, 2015 at the Wellshire Event Center. INC Delegates, RNO Presidents and Award Recipients are invited to attend. Please mark it on your calendar and RSVP as soon as you receive your invitation, as seating is limited. Reservations are required. It is our big celebration of the year where we come together to honor the magnanimous individuals in the Denver community who make contributions to our neighborhoods.

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## Have You Nominated Someone For An Award?



Josh Davies, emcee, and Dave Felice, winner of the 2014 Outstanding INC Delegate Award in honor of Walt Kembel

All Inter-Neighborhood [Cooperation members](#) are encouraged to submit nominations for the awards to be presented at the INC Annual Awards Dinner. For approximately 20 years, INC has utilized our Annual Awards Dinner to recognize individual neighbors, groups and institutions for their outstanding work and dedication in our great City. INC's Annual Awards Dinner is one of

many incredible Denver events that remind us that we are all neighbors and we are all connected.

To nominate someone, go to our INC website where you can easily fill out a nomination form. Criteria are given for each award. Here is the link to the correct web page:

<http://www.denverinc.org/2015-awards/>

Nominations must be submitted no later than Saturday, January 10, 2015.

The following are the Award Categories:

- INC Neighborhood Person of the Year
- Community Policing Award
- Outstanding INC Delegate Award
- Dollar Dictionary Drive Award
- Youth Neighborhood Leader Award
- Neighborhood Stars

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## AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED



Silent auction items are needed for the 2014 [INC Awards](#) Dinner and it's your chance to showcase your neighborhood. This year we are again asking you to find restaurants, services, and retail boutiques that make your RNO special. Ask them if they would be interested in

providing a silent auction item or even making a donation to INC. We have a lot of great and unique businesses that deserve to be known beyond their district. Now is your chance to spread the word about some of your favorite local haunts and help raise money for INC at the same time. Please pitch in! This silent auction is a major fundraiser for our organization.

## SILENT AUCTION DONATION INSTRUCTIONS

Here are the forms that will help you to solicit Silent Auction items. "Save image as" into your computer and print them out.



**REQUEST FOR SILENT AUCTION DONATION**  
Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation

**The Request**  
We are asking your business for support by donating an item to be sold at the Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation (INC) Annual Awards Dinner and Silent Auction. It will be held the evening of Wednesday, January 23, 2013 at the Welshire Court Center in Denver. The dinner's Presenting Sponsor is **VISST Denver: The Denver Convention and Visitors Bureau**.

**The Purpose**  
The primary purpose of fundraising is to help maintain and strengthen INC, empowering Denver's organizations, advocating on their behalf and for its role in support of other charitable organizations and causes consistent with its mission. Past examples of INC financial support include the Dollar Outdoors Project, the Denver Rescue Mission, the Regis Golf Scholarship Fund and contributions to food banks.

**Who Attends**  
Approximately 120 Denver neighborhood leaders, and 100 Denver City officials including the Mayor, Denver School Board and other elected City officials as well as City of Denver agency and department heads and representatives from the Denver Police and Fire Departments.

**About Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation**  
Denver INC is a voluntary, non-profit coalition of representatives from approximately 120 of Denver's Registered Neighborhood Organizations (RNOs) and associate members from city agencies and businesses.

**INC's mission is to advocate for Denver citizens by bringing together, informing and empowering neighborhood organizations to actively engage in addressing City issues such as: traffic, planning, transportation, education, parks and recreation, and public safety.**

**INC was established in 1978, operates as a not-for-profit organization and is managed by volunteers. We are also classified as a public charity under the 509(a)(1) and 179(b)(1)(A)(v) of the Internal Revenue Code. INC's 501(c)(3) Federal tax identification number is: 04-052113. INC's State of Colorado Sales Tax Exemption Number is: 90-00019-0000.**

**Recognition for Contributions to the Silent Auction**  
Your business and its contribution will be acknowledged on the silent auction table, in the event program, and in the INC Newsletter following the dinner which is widely read among Denver opinion leaders and is available online all year ([www.DenverINC.org](http://www.DenverINC.org)).

**Mailing Address**  
The official mailing address for Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation is P.O. Box 300884, Denver, CO 80218.

If your business can contribute to the Silent Auction, please contact:

INC Representative \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

INTER-NEIGHBORHOOD COOPERATION P.O. Box 300884 Denver 80218-0884



**INC SILENT AUCTION CONTRIBUTOR RECEIPT**

Name of Business/Individual \_\_\_\_\_  
Contribution (Description) \_\_\_\_\_

Value (Estimated/Actual) of Contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Member Soliciting Donation \_\_\_\_\_

INC's 501(c)(3) Federal tax identification is 04-050113. We are also classified as a public charity under the 509(a)(1) and 179(b)(1)(A)(v) of the Internal Revenue Code. INC's State of Colorado Sales Tax Exemption Number is 90-00019-0000.

**CONTRIBUTOR'S COPY**  
Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation, P.O. Box 300884, Denver, CO 80218

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**INC Silent Auction Receipt**

Name of Business \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Contact \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Contribution (Description) \_\_\_\_\_

Value of Contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Address of Member Soliciting Donation \_\_\_\_\_

**INC COPY**  
INTER-NEIGHBORHOOD COOPERATION P.O. Box 300884 Denver 80218-0884

The Request letter can be used to solicit items from the businesses and the Receipt form is to be given to contributors and to INC. If you cannot download the forms, send an email to Jane Parker-Ambrose or Jane Potts and we will email them to you.

Please pickup the items or certificates from the donor businesses by ~~Friday~~, January 23 Fill out the Receipt form completely. INC needs a receipt form for EVERY donation. Take your time when filling it out to make sure it is legible. Tear (by folding along the dashed line) or cut and leave the top part with the donor.

When you have the item in hand, please call or email Jane Parker-Ambrose or Jane Potts in order to make arrangements to have the item delivered or picked up. We will instruct you as to where to deliver the items if you are able to do so. Please include the Silent Auction Receipt Copy with the Silent Auction item. **We need the items by January 26.**

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# TIME TO RENEW YOUR INC MEMBERSHIP

A mailing was sent out about your [renewal](#) in December! Renewals are due by January 1, 2015; however, because many RNOs require Board approval for expenses, INC has built in a grace period to give ample time for RNOs to submit to boards for approval.

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 need an application form go to: [denverinc.org/membership](http://denverinc.org/membership). You can print out the form and mail it in or fill out the online form towards the bottom of the page.

INC dues are structured as “standard” and “patron” levels. As you know, we are an all-volunteer organization—no paid staff. Income from your dues cover costs to host our Website, various graphic and printing needs, non-profit registration fees, out of pocket event costs (meetings, awards dinner) and business supplies. Please consider a higher level of membership for 2015 to meet our goal to become financially strong enough to hire a part-time person to manage our day-to-day needs.

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## ONE WHO SERVES INC: Diana Helper





Diana grew up in the North Shore of Chicago, [graduated](#) from Oberlin College in Ohio, met John at the University of Illinois the following year, and they married and moved to Michigan where he was teaching. THEN they moved to beautiful sunny, dry Colorado in the summer of 1955. John taught in DPS and got his Masters and Doctorate at DU.

In 2000 Diana became an INC delegate from University Park Community Council (UPCC). At her first meeting, Committees met during the break, and she wandered into the Zoning group and signed on. She became INC's Secretary and served on the board. She is currently the note-taker for the Parks and Rec Committee. One of the best changes in INC since then is that the President no longer is (gasp!) an employee of the city. That had its difficult moments. She was an INC rep in the original planning of the Gates Redevelopment, and of T-Rex, long-term commitments. She began writing a song for the INC annual dinners years ago. Be ready to sing her song again this year. She said INC has always been a way to share concerns and solutions, and has accomplished mountains of good work.

INC awarded Diana the Walt Kembel Award (Outstanding INC Delegate) in 2008, and she has a Good Neighbor award from UPCC, and two alumni awards from Oberlin (very involved in the alum group). She wrote and edited the UPCC Newsletter for many years, and has written for the Washington Park Profile for about 30 years. Other jobs include editor for Hart Publications, publications for First Plymouth and First Baptist churches, Administrative Assistant to lawyers, an Oil Co. President, a University Dean, ten years at the Denver Art Museum (DAM) lecturing and coordinating tours of Native American Art and as Benefits Chair; free-lance prose & poetry. Her simultaneous "career" is singing (and songwriting) for many events, parties, shows, recitals, schools and churches all over town. When John and Diana were raising their kids in University Park, she joined the PTA Chorus, which she later named "Hrics" and it is still going

strong.

The need for safe bikeways led Carolyn Etter and Diana, to plan Denver's bikeways with a focus on safety, and access to schools and parks. They got the first Denver Bikeway map printed, in about 1970, and developed a curriculum called BEST (Bicycle Education for Safe Transportation) for DPS. In 1976, Colorado's Centennial, Diana created the Buchtel Plan for UPCC and it was shown at the DAM with other centennial project ideas. The Plan: Buchtel Blvd. Parkway from S. University to S. Monroe Street (10 blocks). Three Xeriscaped traffic islands (made & maintained by UPCC), a small park honoring former Governor, DU Chancellor, and Pastor of Trinity Methodist, Henry Buchtel; a Trail, with historic site listing, bike lanes, and what is as of Nov. '14 officially designated Prairie Park- an accomplishment assisted by fervent INC reps on the Denver Parks and Recreation committee! She is Open Space & Parks Chair (five parks and two trails) on the UPCC board, DU liaison and INC Delegate. Diana worked with traffic, sidewalk, historic and zoning issues, and helped write UPCC Small Area Plan.

John and Diana just celebrated their 60th anniversary. She has had great support for her activities from her husband and kids when they were young. Their son Stephen is a theater director and producer in Australia, with his wife and their two daughters. They have visited Australia 13 times. Their daughter, Katherine, was a successful art consultant in NYC until she died of cancer in 2007. They have lived in their house since 1956, and seen a lot of changes in University Park, but through it all the neighborhood- founded in 1886- keeps on working to maintain the integrity of its character, a beautiful place "for the health of mind and body" as its founders decreed. She is glad to be a part of INC, to share in its mission to make all neighborhoods wonderful places to live. Isn't it exciting to know someone as involved as Diana? Next time you see her at an INC meeting introduce yourself. She is living a life of passion, which has benefited Denver and her neighborhood.

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## COMMITTEE CORNER

### Education Committee

The INC Education [Committee](#) met in early December at the newly renovated Byers Denver School of Science and Technology (DSST). Byers is also a temporary home for Bromwell elementary students while their school is being remodeled. Val Flores, who is our newly-elected Colorado Department of Education Board member representing Denver, attended the meeting and updated the group on upcoming issues for 2015. Issues Dr. Flores discussed included increased funding for preschool, and how to effectively get families to take advantage of these programs.

Our next Education Committee meeting will be on the first Wednesday of the month, January 6, 2015 at 6 pm. We will meet at 430 South Newport Way, 80224, located just north of the Denver Green School and northeast of George Washington High School. Please RSVP to meeting

host and co-chair Meg Schomp at: [mmschomp@gmail.com](mailto:mmschomp@gmail.com). Light snacks provided. We will review the DPS Bond Oversight Committee recommendations for surplus funds, which will be made to the DPS Board of Education.

Contact Meg if you have other issues to include on the agenda, or for directions. Other updates on DPS activities and concerns our Education Committee anticipates discussing this upcoming year can be found highlighted here, including:

Responses to the recent student walk-outs protesting incidents in Ferguson and Staten Island and alleged police brutality.

Superintendent Boasberg receives positive evaluation and bonus from the Board of Education.

Denver Plan

Bond updates

Changes in southwest and northeast Denver school designs

Common Core State Standards and Testing

Anticipated education issues in 2015 Legislative Session

Links you may want to check out:

<http://co.chalkbeat.org/2014/12/23/the-eight-stories-that-changed-colorados-education-landscape-in-2014/#.VKXkcSvF9IE>

<http://co.chalkbeat.org/2014/12/18/dps-board-finalizes-plans-for-kepner-superintendent-evaluation-at-last-meeting-of-2014/#.VKXgUivF9IE>

<http://co.chalkbeat.org/denver-public-schools-boardtracker/>

<http://co.chalkbeat.org/2014/12/15/plans-for-manual-and-kepner-on-the-table-as-dps-discusses-turnaround-strategy/#.VKXkjSvF9IE>

<http://www.cpr.org/news/story/compromise-key-2015-colorado-legislative-session>

[http://ballotpedia.org/Education\\_Committee,\\_Colorado\\_House\\_of\\_Representatives](http://ballotpedia.org/Education_Committee,_Colorado_House_of_Representatives)

<http://coloradopols.com/diary/65456/2015-state-senate-education-committee-meet-the-freak-show>

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## Transportation Committee Member Agenda

The next Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation ~~Transportation~~ Committee will be on Thursday, January 8th, 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 January 8th, 6-8 p.m.

We have two topics for our first 2015 meeting:

Denver Public Works 2014 Multimodal Accomplishments and 2015 Programs and Plans -- Jose Cornejo, Executive Director Denver Public Works leadership will review key 2014 accomplishments in the areas of bike facilities, pedestrian facilities, signal systems, project coordination and implementation, and major completed plans. Then the majority of the time will focus on 2015 programs, plans and project implementation based on the final annual budget and work plan. Jose Cornejo will be joined by Crissy Fanganello, Director of Transportation, and other high-level Public Works officials. This will be a great opportunity to get to know Public Works leadership and to bring up the topics of interest in your neighborhood during the Q&A period.

Bridj: Private, On-Demand, Dynamic Express Bus Service -- Councilwoman Mary Beth Susman. What if we had bus-on-demand service in Denver that offered express service based on rider demand, with comfortable reserved seating, Wi-Fi, and a price point that is less than parking, a taxi, Uber or Lyft, but higher than local bus fare? Could such a service play a useful role in increasing mobility choices, reducing congestion and alleviating parking issues? How might it work here? Currently in limited "beta" service in Boston and recently expanded to Cambridge, Bridj uses mobility data to create "dynamic" routes guided by smart phone app interaction. Denver's Councilwoman Mary Beth Susman has been closely watching services like Bridj to help increase transit choices, and will speak to us about this new type of service.

#### Call for Participation - INC Transportation Committee Platform Development

Following on the development of INC's Platform for Denver's Urban Parks and INC's Zoning and Planning Platform, it's time to develop our platform for transportation topics. We'll be meeting two or three times in early 2015 to develop a platform to recommend to the INC general membership.

If you or someone from your neighborhood would like to be on the working group to develop the INC Transportation Committee Platform, please write to [transportation@denverinc.org](mailto:transportation@denverinc.org). We'll be picking dates for our working group meetings shortly, based on availability of participants. You can also send in suggestions for topics to the same address.

#### 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)!

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[Zoning and Planning Committee Minutes](#)



By Greg Kerwin, Co-chair of the committee

The INC ZAP (Zoning and Planning Committee) met on December 6, 2014 from 9:30 am to approximately 11:45 am at the Park Hill Library. More than 50 committee members and guests attended.

#### Discussion of Short-Term Rentals in Denver

##### Presentation by Councilwoman Susman

The meeting began with a short presentation by City Councilwoman Mary Beth Susman concerning the City Council “Sharing Economy” Task Force she is chairing. She said the task force has not made any decisions concerning a possible ordinance allowing short-term rentals and expects to take a long time to study the issues.

Susman said short-term residential rentals are allowed in many mixed-use zones in Denver, but the owner in those zones must apply for a lodging license. She noted arguments, based on data from Portland that short-term rentals allow a homeowner to use the rental income to stay in the house. She also noted that some residents are worried short-term rentals will harm the residential character of their neighborhoods. She attributes this concern to isolated incidents that are troublesome. She said Denver has laws regulating disorderly conduct and disturbing the peace that can be used to address obnoxious behavior.

Susman noted that short-term rentals of less than 30 days are currently illegal in Denver residential neighborhoods. She cited an estimate that Airbnb currently is offering about 1,000 units for short-term rental out of 300,000 households in Denver. She noted about five different groups like Airbnb are offering short-term rentals in Denver including VRBO. She said the City

does not consider it illegal for these groups to advertise their rentals on the Internet. Denver's Neighborhood Inspection Services (NIS) department investigates short-term rentals when the City receives a complaint. NIS does not pro-actively try to identify short-term rentals. When NIS receives a complaint it checks the owner's website and sends an employee to talk with the owner or occupant, asking if the rental is less than 30 days.

If the owner admits it is a short-term rental, the inspector gives a 10-day notice of a use violation. If the owner receives two 10-day notices, then there can be administrative fines that can escalate to a cease-and-desist order. The Board of Adjustment has allowed owners time to cease their short-term rentals when the owner has made future rental commitments.

If the owner does not respond to the NIS inspector's inquiry, the City can issue a notice for inspection followed by escalating fines of \$150 and \$500. The inspector also can monitor the unit for traffic and occupancy and ask tenants about the length of their occupancy. The City is currently monitoring nine short-term rental violations, and has two citations calling for an inspection. Sometimes owners produce a lease for 30 days and say it is not their fault if a tenant leaves early.

#### Comments and Discussion

During initial comments, ZAP committee members noted the following:

- 1) The City's current enforcement system is not addressing the problem because many rentals occur over a weekend when enforcement inspectors are not working; so individual residents have to build their own case for enforcement;
- 2) In the University of Denver area owners are renting just their front or back yard for parties in homes that students rent; some of these parties include keggers with no bathroom available; it can be difficult for police to address issues because the student tenants did not rent the yard out.
- 3) Certain college groups such as Novo University are using Airbnb and VRBO to locate short-term housing for interns; this is happening in the North City Park and Clayton neighborhoods.
- 4) On a recent vacation to Page, Arizona, the system there seemed to be working well with the city issuing licenses after at least 70% of surrounding neighbors consent to the rental; because of the demographic there, most renters are asleep by 9:00 pm.
- 5) Dave Felice of Greater Park Hill noted that the term "sharing" is not accurate because these rentals are a moneymaking business for the owners. He noted that Portland's regulation of these is too lax; these should be strictly regulated if they are allowed in Denver.

A representative of Fair Share living in Washington Park noted that problems with renters can occur with long-term renters too and questioned the lack of statistics to show there are problems with short-term rentals. He contended the average guest is age 45 with a college degree who wants to live like a local and does not create problems for neighbors.

A resident of Virginia Village commented that having short-term rentals in a neighborhood is like having a motel. It is difficult to control what is happening and residential neighborhoods do not want such businesses nearby.

A resident of Lowry who rents out her house through Airbnb explained the rentals help her because she has erratic jobs. She has not had problems with vandalism.

AE from Globeville noted that residents of Elyria, Swansea and Globeville have authorized accessory dwelling units and would like to see such use. They are excited about the prospect for more jobs and income in the neighborhood with income diversification from their property. They recognize there may be some bad actors in the industry with people who don't care about the surrounding neighborhood. They would like to see each Denver neighborhood be able to decide for itself whether to allow short-term rentals. This point drew applause from the audience.

A resident of West Washington Park noted that her neighborhood discussed short-term rentals and accessory dwelling units before the 2010 zoning code was adopted and reached a consensus they did not want them. They also believe short-term rentals reduce the availability of affordable housing for teachers, police and others. They view long-term renters as contributing to the community.

#### ZAP Subcommittee on Short-Term Rental Issues Presentation of Their Analysis

The ZAP Subcommittee on short-term rentals then presented their analysis of the issues. A summary of their work was distributed before the meeting in a document called: "Analyzing the Impact to Denver's Neighborhoods Regarding Short-Term Rentals Including Short-Term Vacation Rentals," a copy of which is posted on the INC website.

The following Subcommittee members discussed their analysis of the impact of short-term rentals: Margie Valdez, George Mayl, Bernadette Kelly, Charlotte Winzenburg, Cindy Sestrige, and Don Tressler.

Major points from their presentation include: 1) the internet website platforms that offer short-term rentals just function as a middleman, employing few employees; 2) many cities have challenged short-term rentals and noted enforcement problems although not all renters pose problems; 3) in many cities that license STRs, many owners choose not to obtain a license; 4) in Denver short-term rentals are illegal but there are about 1,500 operating here; 5) this can be a lucrative business for property owners; 6) short-term rentals in Denver already are reducing the availability of affordable residential units for students and seniors, and harming the property values of nearby homes; 7) because short-term rentals already have been having an adverse impact in certain Denver neighborhoods, Denver needs to act now to address enforcement concerns; 8) Denver's existing complaint-driven enforcement work has not been effective, and creates a problem that police officers are not able to address well; 9) the NIS group is understaffed; 10) many Denver residents do not want to see residential neighborhoods be commercialized by such rentals; 11) there are unresolved issues about whether a homeowner's insurance policy will cover liability resulting from short-term rentals; 12) short-term rentals create higher costs for all residents by commercializing neighborhoods and displacing long-term renters.

#### Further comments and discussion

In further discussion, the following points were made:

A resident of Congress Park explained major problems there with a home owned by an absentee owner that is rented through Airbnb and marketed to visitors seeking to use marijuana. The home is fully booked with turnover on nearly a daily basis. Neighbors see people coming and going, often arriving late at night and confused how to find the house and the lockbox with a key. The visitors smoke marijuana on the front porch and front yard. This interferes with neighbors' use of their property. The owner has no incentive to address the problems because it is seeking positive reviews from renters. The City has been slow to assist neighbors with these problems.

A Fair Share representative from the Clayton neighborhood indicated his group would like to speak to INC in favor of short-term rentals. They see positive aspects from Airbnb rentals.

A Park Hill resident said that the owner-occupied properties work better with rentals. She commented that there can be troublesome homeowners too.

#### Vote on Short-Term Rental resolution

Two votes were held on a ZAP Committee resolution asking the City to fund adequate enforcement of existing rules prohibiting short-term rentals and asking for sufficient advance notice and participation in the City Council's Sharing Economy Task Force meetings. The resolution passed. The ZAP members voted: In favor: 23, Opposed: 2, Abstain: 5. The committee also allowed a separate vote of the visiting non-ZAP committee members who attended. Their vote was: In favor: 6, Opposed: 16, Abstain: 0. This issue will be presented to the INC Delegation at a future meeting.

#### Vote on Entertainment Districts resolution

After a brief introduction by Michael Henry, the ZAP Committee also voted on a resolution urging the City not to allow any "entertainment districts" in Denver. These districts allow service of alcohol after 2:00 am and carrying of open containers between establishments within the entertainment district, which can be as large as 100 acres. The ZAP committee members voted: In Favor: 27, Opposed: 0, Abstain: 1.

#### Next ZAP meeting:

The next ZAP meeting will be on Saturday, January 24, 2015 at 1201 Williams Street, 19th floor.

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## INC Executive Committee Minutes

12/08/2014

Submitted by: [Thad Jacobs](#), Secretary

Board Members Present: Larry Ambrose, Ray Ehrenstein, David Stauffer, Thad



Jacobs, Steve Nissen, JJ Niemann, Gayle Rodgers  
Committee Chairs Present Katie Fisher, Maggie Price, Meg Schomp, Margie Valdez, and Greg Kerwin

Quorum established  
Call to order: 6:01pm

Motion: Approval of INC November 11<sup>th</sup> Exec Committee Meeting Minutes: made to approve by Katie Fisher, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ray Ehrenstein – approved as submitted.

Financial Treasurer's Report

CDs: \$12,070.56

Savings: \$12,516.89

\$\$ Dictionary: \$468.81

Checking: \$286.32

Balance: \$25,342.58 all accounts through end of 11/30/14

Motion: Approval of INC Financial Treasurer's Report: made to approve by Katie Fisher, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gayle Rogers – approved as submitted.

Budget Discussion – Larry Ambrose

Budget in December for the next year. We will be doing it in January this year  
Committees please come up with wish list of funding needs for 2015 budget and submit those ideas to Jane with copy to Larry Ambrose and Cindy Johnstone  
May need to look at where to budget the bulk mailing permit annual cost (INC/Dollar Dictionary)  
Need to look at website domain renewal and possible migration of domain ownership from Go Daddy as general budget items in 2015

Liability Insurance Update – Steve Nissen

Received 2<sup>d</sup> quote for \$1100

Steve Nissen will move forward with initiating the purchase of the insurance based on the motion.

Motion: To approve Steve Nissen to execute on the CAMPO insurance for organizational officers and agents quote for ~ \$816 made by Meg Schomp, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ray Ehrenstein – approved

Award Dinner Update – Larry Ambrose

Awards nomination have been sent out  
Venue has been selected, Wellshire Inn  
All inclusive price of \$30 per person  
Invitations will be printed and mailed soon, need to verify President mailing list  
Online RSVP will be available, email confirmation of registration will be sent to Gayle Rodgers  
Gayle Rodgers will also help handle the phone reservations  
Silent Auction items please solicit for information  
Need to get a donation form to collect the information specific on the item donated

Election Forums – Steve Nissen

We are being asked to sponsor separate forums for Walk Denver  
More discussion still needed

#### Charitable Giving Task Force – Larry Ambrose

Jane Lorimer is willing to head up a task force to spearhead ideas  
JJ Niemann, Meg Schomp willing to join and help  
More discussion and ideas to come back to the EC

#### Public Works Power lines Undergrounding Advisory group – Larry Ambrose

Jose Cornejo has sent a letter and is willing to meet and establish an advisory group to meet

#### GDP Working Group – Larry Ambrose

Larry Ambrose and Margie Valdez still working with the group on GDP items

#### St Anthony's – Larry Ambrose

Larry Ambrose asking ZAP committee to look at the redevelopment and see if the ZAP committee needs to take a stand on the redevelopment  
Look to review with ZAP in January

#### Pedestrian Advisory Committee – Larry Ambrose

Larry Ambrose had no update on the current status

### Committee Reports

#### Membership Report – Dave Stauffer

Exceeded goals for membership in 2014 with 100 members  
41 associate members  
Renewals and non-renewal invitations to join INC were mailed last week

#### Committee Membership Discussion – Larry Ambrose

Need to have a policy or amend bylaws on who can vote at committee meetings  
Current bylaws have some grey area on this topic, may have provisions within the bylaws that allow for the President to appoint people to committees

#### Education – Meg Schomp

Wednesday night meetings to try and drive consistency  
Dollar Dictionary Sponsorship Meg Schomp will be reaching out to the following potential sponsor organizations; Donnell Kay Foundation, Daniels Fund Foundation, Rickenbaugh Auto, Denver Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Committee, Denver Foundation

#### Communications Committee – JJ Niemann

New website has been up  
Need to hire someone to work on web templates, data input, etc. for news letters  
Need to have budget built for communications needs moving forward for 2015

#### ZAP – Margie Valdez / Greg Kerwin

Two motions passed out of committee to come to the delegation for further discussion and vote

- Encouraging City Council and Mayor not to support any legislation on entertainment districts to the delegation in January
- Abide by zoning code to forbid short term rentals in residential areas and to enforce the current laws

February delegate meeting to have forum on solutions, options, regulation ideas on how to deal with residential short-term rentals. We will vote on a motion at the March Delegate meeting.

#### Parks & Rec – Katie Fisher / Maggie Price

Issues with the gasification process going on at the Zoo, the burner is on the City Park end and is ugly

When Parks & Rec Committee agreed with the theory of gasification, it was assumed by the Zoo and by some members of City Council that INC as a whole agreed with the entire project, but a resolution was never brought to the Delegation

#### Old Business

Updating articles of Incorporation still needs to happen

#### New Business

EC name change – think about it and we will revisit at the January EC meeting

Thad Jacobs will be resigning as Secretary in January; he will cover the January meetings for minutes.

Adjourn 8:11 pm

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## Renew your RNO with the City by January 31

Strong neighborhood groups are key to the [health](#), safety and prosperity of Denver's diverse communities. Each year, registered neighborhood organizations (RNOs) are asked to renew their registration with the City and County of Denver. Annual renewals ensure that city departments are using up-to-date contact information to communicate with active neighborhood groups.

The renewal period is December 1 through January 31. To renew your organization's registration, or to learn more about neighborhood organizations, please visit

[DenverGov.org/RNO](https://denvergov.org/RNO) or you may call Alexandra Foster, Communications Program Manager at [720.865.2969](tel:720.865.2969) or email her at [Alexandra.Foster@denvergov.org](mailto:Alexandra.Foster@denvergov.org).

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# Mayor Hancock Opens Office of Special Events

In December the City and County of Denver is officially opening the [Office of Special Events](#), a one-stop shop for all events and film organizers in the city that will streamline the work of 17 city agencies that permit an estimated 650 events and 350 filming projects per year.

The OSE will also serve the community at-large by opening lines of communication with impacted neighborhoods, early and often. Increased demand has created a need for improved coordination. Through this new system, residents in affected areas as well as event organizers will receive more respectful and responsive city services.

I will lead the OSE, overseeing the coordination of the full event process cycle, including planning, management and review of special events, as well as neighborhood outreach and notification around those events.

In 2013, the city brought together representatives from the 17 city agencies that either permit special events or coordinate event resources. The team conducted a thorough local and national study of special events systems that included reviewing current permitting systems in Denver and in more than 15 other cities and gathering input from local event organizers, neighborhood groups and residents.

Thank you to those who helped provide critical input. As a result of this research and outreach, the city created a one-stop shop as well as a roadmap for improved permitting, which is now being implemented by the OSE. Of note, the OSE has already implemented a run/race /walk/ride cap for 2014 and increased on-site presence and monitoring by city staff at events in Denver.

Additional responsibilities of the Office of Special Events include:

- \*Implementing a robust notification policy to alert residents of all event/film activity in their neighborhood.
- \*Engaging in regular outreach to residents and event/film organizers to understand the impact of special projects and closely monitor their needs and concerns.
- \*Evaluate and implement equitable use of rights of way and public parks, as well as continuously assess appropriate usage of public spaces and resources.
- \*Track the financial impact of events and permitting on the city.

The Hancock administration is committed to providing unparalleled customer service and department efficiencies. By implementing a comprehensive, collaborative process driven through this one-stop shop, we will better serve Denver's active, engaged community that is growing in popularity, nationally and internationally.

To contact the Office of Special Events, visit the website [cityofdenver.gov/specialevents](http://cityofdenver.gov/specialevents) call [720-913-1501](tel:720-913-1501), email [denverEvents@denvergov.org](mailto:denverEvents@denvergov.org) or [denverfilm@denvergov.org](mailto:denverfilm@denvergov.org)

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