



Denver Neighborhood **Connection**

The Newsletter of Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation

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February 1999

January 9 Meeting

Minutes of Last Meeting

By Jim Ritzdorf
Ad Hoc Secretary

INC President Dan du Bois convened the meeting at 9:17 a.m. First Presbyterian Church and Organized Baker Residents were sponsors.

Around the City

R.D. Sewald - Neighborhood outreach grant applications are out and due back by February 15, 1999.

Office of Neighborhood Response - there is a max of \$1,600 to increase communication between neighborhoods, residents and city government.

Neighborhood Resource Center - is excited about partnering with Denver on the Neighborhood Outreach Grants. NRC is the community partnered with Colorado Regional Institute of Community Policing. Twenty-five neighborhoods metro-wide will be selected to work on problem solving and developing closer relationships with law enforcement. If you are interested in being one of these communities, please call NRC at (303) 561-2204.

Mayfair - is holding an organizing annual board meeting January 16th. Many car break-ins on Kearney and there have been no police solutions so far. They are busy with putting out the annual business directory from the neighborhood. **Washington Park East Neighborhood Assoc.** - will be hosting a meeting on February 16th with Carter-Burgess, CDOT, RTD, and the City of Denver to discuss the proposed redesign of the southeast I-25 transportation corridor. The meeting will be held in the O'Fallon theater at the corner of South Race and Mississippi. The meeting will begin at 6:45 p.m. and end at 8:00 p.m. Residents from west Washington Park NA, West University NA and Virginia Village Ellis Community Assoc. are also invited.

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Historic Denver Publishes Booklet Explaining Landmark Process

By Michael Henry
Former INC Chair

Historic Denver, Inc. has just published a comprehensive document which describes the historic preservation and the landmarking process in Denver. Funded by a grant from the gambling funds administered by the Colorado Historical Society, the booklet describes the process for obtaining Denver historic landmark designation for an individual structure or a district, the responsibilities of an owner after designation is obtained, federal and state tax incentives for historic properties, programs for historic easements and grants programs for historic properties.

The booklet was designed to explain, in clear English, to property owners and neighborhood organizations all of the aspects of local historic designation.

Landmarking of historic structures and districts can be a key component in preserving neighborhoods and fostering community pride. As of the end of 1998, Denver had 298 locally designated landmark structures and 33 historic districts. According to Mayor Wellington Webb, historic designations "stabilized and enhance Denver's older neighborhoods. Landmarking is a great way to establish deeper roots and a sense of place for this

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Chairman's Column

By Dan du Bois

One of the most important parts of INC is the dissemination of information to neighborhoods. Because there is so much going on in our city, we need to divide this responsibility among our committees. At our February 13th meeting, we will be asking for committee volunteers. It is so important for each of us to be involved in this process. Please come to the February 13th meeting and be thinking about your areas of interest! We need you!

At the January INC meeting, Stan McIntyre announced he was leaving INC. Stan, thank you for all your hard work on behalf of INC all these years.

We will be having a breakfast for all those who attend our annual meeting on March 20th. Plan to attend and make sure your neighborhood organization's dues are paid up. We will be conducting our 1999 elections and only paid delegates are able to vote.

Welcome to our two new delegates-at-large. They are Karen Taylor and Beverly Benavidez Ryken. In addition, we bid farewell to Board member Barbara Holland, who reluctantly resigned in January. Thanks for all your help, Barbara.

Historic Landmark Steps Explained

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growing city, which is now welcoming a wave of newcomers."

Some neighborhood organizations which have considered working toward designation of a historic building or a historic district have been handicapped due to the lack of clear written information concerning all aspects of the landmark program. This booklet will remedy that need.

To obtain a copy of the booklet, contact either Historic Denver, Inc., 821 17th Street, #500, Denver, CO 80202, (303) 296-9887 or the Denver Landmark Preservation Commission, 200 West 14th Ave., #203, Denver, CO 80204, (303) 640-2736.

Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation

Membership Application

My organization would like to register as a: ☐ Member (enclose \$30) ☐ Patron (enclose \$60)

Dues Must Be Paid By March, 1999 Meeting for Delegates to Vote in the March Election

Name of Organization: _____

President: _____ Address & Zip: _____

Home phone: _____

Each organization is entitled to two delegates, whose names must be entered below.

The President of the organization is NOT automatically a delegate.

INC Delegate #1: _____ Address & Zip: _____

Home phone: _____

INC Delegate #2: _____ Address & Zip: _____

Home phone: _____

Please complete the above information, enclose dues, and send to:

Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation, P.O. Box 300116, Denver, CO 80218

Minutes and Around the City

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Harkness Heights NA - Their holiday party was very well attended and was sponsored by the Victorian Theater. Also, Luminaria Night, an annual fundraiser, was very successful.

Organized Baker Residents (OBR) - Miracle Mile Business Association is working with neighbors and police on making the area along Broadway safer and cleaner. Many attended the monthly meeting including Apple Plumbing/Rite Aid development. RTD is working with OBR to put smaller buses on routes later this year. Historical research for the historical designation will continue.

East Montclair (EMNA) - The EMNA board met with the new developer of Stapleton to share ideas and concerns. It was very productive and EMNA will continue to be involved in this development. EMNA is still waiting for a response from the city and INC regarding how the city follows up on hearing decisions regarding zoning issues, to make sure owners comply. INC Zoning Chair Jim Zavist recommended that EMNA advise the realtor of any such property decisions. New development ahead includes new pool, community center, Colfax revitalization, Stapleton Development, and hopefully the return to membership of former members who had not renewed.

West Highland - Demolition at the old Elitch's began in earnest in December. Buildings, roller coasters and other structures have opened up new views. The neighbors are spending a lot of time watching the demolition and are all very excited to see the progress. **George Washington** - The small group home slated to be at 716 S. Poplar St. is scheduled to open in late January or early February 1999. They Board will not seek a hearing from the Board of Adjustments, but intend to take Ken Strapko to task for any problems that occur and are unresolved.

Denver Public Schools - Use (303) 764-3352, the DPS Board central number, to schedule facility use and to receive an application. DPS wants schools to be used, but has to be careful about liability, vandalism, etc. The general feeling is that neighborhood use of schools is not user friendly. No insurance card is needed for INC member neighborhoods. There is a twenty-five dollar a year fee for all INC member neighborhoods if filed all at once at the start of the school year. Make sure you mention INC affiliation.

INC Business

Dollar Dictionary Committee - Stan McIntyre: Bill for

\$6,905.25 for dictionaries, \$7,500 grant money from US Bank \$500 received from Fleet Reserve. Cash from Steve Nissen for dictionaries received, 6975 dictionaries received, approx. 100 left.

Grants for Neighborhood watch: \$1880 received, \$1,700 used for green booklets, 100 not used from grant and retained by grant foundation.

Motion by Steve Nissen, seconded by Diane Wolta, to give Calvary Presbyterian Church up to \$200 for use of the church for the dictionary drive. The motion was tabled until next month.

Comment by Fred Corn that committees should be accountable to INC for statements or accounting.

Steve Nissen - Firehouse Car wash started a ballot initiative to change the way Denver does zoning in business areas. Firehouse is fighting to stay where it is.

INC to Vote on Rules Change

This article amends the Dec. 14, 1998 Board minutes published in the January 1999 INC newsletter regarding the Standing Rules. The Standing Rules that were approved by the Board for vote by the Delegates should read as follows:

INC Standing Rules

1. Suspension of any Standing Rule shall be by three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Delegates.
2. The process for an issue to be brought to the vote of the Delegates shall be as follows:

a. The Committee Chair brings the issue to the Board at the soonest meeting possible; preferably the issue will be in writing with supporting documentation (i.e. copy of the ordinance, etc.).

b. The Board shall make a determination as to whether the issue can and should be placed on the next Regular meeting agenda.

c. If possible, an issue approved for the next Regular meeting agenda shall be published in the newsletter prior to the meeting. However, since this may not always be possible, Delegates shall be ready to hear and vote on issues at all Regular meetings.

3. The Treasurer shall disburse payments for regular and customary ongoing expenses (i.e., newsletter printing, labels and postage, post office box, phone bill, etc.) on a timely basis without prior approval by the Delegates or Board.

The vote to approve these Standing Rules shall be taken at the February 1999 regular meeting.

Denver Lists 1999 Projects

Below is Denver's lineup of late-winter and spring projects and events coming to neighborhoods. Please mark your calendars.

The Neighborhood Empowerment Workshop - a series of workshops to introduce and explain Denver's new anti-graffiti program will be held throughout the city. "Denver - Partner Against Graffiti" is a comprehensive, anti-graffiti program whose success depends on effective partnerships between the city, other public and private property owners, and all the citizens in our community. The workshops are designed to identify the partners and their roles in our community's graffiti abatement efforts. Workshops are open to the public and will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the following Saturdays in 1999.

DATE	LOCATION
February 20	Park Hill Library - 4705 Montview Blvd.
February 27	Calvary Presb. Church - 1420 S. Holly
March 6	Montbello Library - 12955 Albrook Drive
April 3	Morey Neighborhood Ctr. - 840 14th Ave.

The Great American Cleanup - a new program with a proven history. This event expands on the former annual Glad Bag-A-Thon and offers more opportunities to meet the needs of you specific neighborhood or volunteer group. The kickoff for The Great American Cleanup will be April 22nd, and cleanup and beautification projects will take place through May 22nd. For more information call (303) 640-2900.

The City and County of Denver would like to invite neighborhood designees to join the City Park Community Advisory Committee. An initial meeting will be held in February. Committee members will be asked to attend regular meeting to: express concerns about and suggestions to improve City Park; provide feedback and suggestions on security issues; review potential designs for reconfigured parking lots near the Denver Zoo and Denver Museum of Natural History; review potential designs for improvements to 23rd Ave. and the intersections on Colorado Boulevard and York Street; review potential designs for the fish pier and Ferril Lake Fountain pump house; and to keep updated (and pass that information along) on other park projects.

All meetings will be open to the public. The committee will elect it's own leadership and will work closely with Denver Parks and Recreation to serve the community and the park well. Call 964-2530 for further information.

Convergence of Events Offers INC Opportunities

By Jim Zavist
INC Delegate-at-Large

With the convergence of several significant events, INC has an opportunity to make a major impact on the way the city does business. In 2003, the present City Council, most of whose members will be seeking re-election in 1999, will not be able to run again, due to term limits. In 2002, as we're doing in 1998, Career Service will be examining Council salaries. In 2000, the annual census will be completed. In 2001 or 2002, the city will be required to realign City Council boundaries due to changes in population. For the first time since the Poundstone Amendment was adopted, Denver will be experiencing significant residential growth at Lowry, Gateway, Montbello, Green Valley Ranch and Stapleton. While our population has hovered around 500,000 for the past three decades, in ten to twenty years we'll be adding 40,000 to 50,000 new residents, primarily in the present Districts 5 and 11.

In 2000, 2001 and 2002, a discussion needs to occur about what we want our City Council to be. One answer is to keep the present system, acknowledge that it is truly a full-time job, and will become more time consuming as the number of constituents each member serves increases. This will require increasing salaries and support staff to reflect the increased responsibilities. The other answer is to increase the number of Council members, so each member will be serving the same or a smaller number of constituents. This could allow the concept of a part-time Council to continue, with "part-time" salaries and support staff. Overall, either answer will cost about the same.

Our present Council consists of 11 district members, each representing approximately 44,500 residents, plus 2 at-large members, each serving approximately 489,500 residents. When our population grows to 550,000, if we keep the existing 11 districts, each member will be representing approximately 50,000 residents, a 13% increase. If we want to look at increasing the size of Council, two discussions will need to occur. One, what is the ideal size of a district, and two, what is the role of the at-large members. Do we want to see 14 districts and 3 at-large members? 17 districts and no at-large members? 13 districts and 2 at-large members? I don't have the answers, only a feeling that I'm better-represented in a smaller district. Fortunately, events are converging to where the discussion can occur without any incumbent having to face being put out of office or hurt financially or politically as the result of any of these changes. The one thing INC has to do is get the question asked and the discussion started.

Denver Neighborhood Connection Deadlines

Articles for the March *Denver Neighborhood Connection* must be submitted by February 19 to Dan du Bois, INC Chairman, 1616 17th Street #368, Denver, Colorado, 80202; (303) 628-5495 (fax); ddubois@denver.infi.net (e-mail).

Nomination Form

1999 Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation Good Neighbor Award

This is an opportunity to honor the unsung heroes of your city. Do you know someone who deserves special recognition for community activities in your neighborhood? This is your chance to honor that person. Activities deserving recognition might include: providing food or clothing to the needy; volunteering regularly for neighborhood activities; working as a volunteer with children, the disabled or the elderly. Please fill out the nomination form and bring it to the February 13 meeting. Or, it can be mailed or faxed to:

Dan du Bois, LDDI, 1616 17th Street, Suite 368 Denver, CO 80202
Fax (303) 628-5495.

Nominations must be received by March 5, 1999

Nominee Information:

Name _____

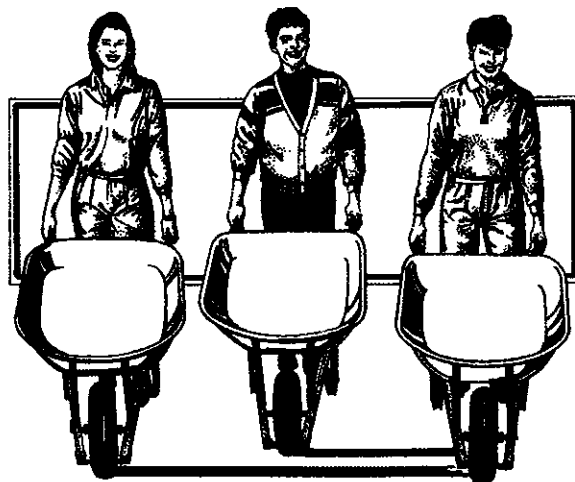
Address _____

City _____

Zip _____

Telephone _____

Business or
Employment _____



Neighborhood Group Making Nomination:

Name of Group _____

Contact Person _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Telephone (hm) _____ (wk) _____

**Attach a statement explaining why the nominee should receive the
Good Neighbor Award**

Next INC Meeting

Saturday, February 13

**Ramada Inn
1150 E. Colfax Ave.
(Colfax & Marion)**

9:00 a.m. - Coffee & Goodies

9:15 - Around the City

10:30 - Break

10:45 - Committee Reports

11:15 - Board of Directors

Forum

11:30 - Old & New Business

Noon - Adjourn

See INC's web site at
<http://denver.neighborhoodlink.com/>

INC Members

Patrons in Bold

Alamo Placita NA • Athmar Park NA • Ballpark NA • Bellevue-Hale NA • **Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods** • Cherry Point HOA • Clayton NA • College View NA • Colfax on the Hill • Cook Park NA • Congress Park NA • Cory-Merrill NA • Crestmoor Park HOA • Denargo Market NC • **Downtown Denver RO** • East Montclair NA • George Washington HOA • Globeville Civic Assn • Godzman NA • Golden Triangle NA • Green Valley Ranch • Hampden Heights CA • Harkness Heights NA • Harman NA • Highland United Neighbors • Hutchinson Hills/Willow Point HOA • Indian Creek NA • Inspiration Point NA • **Lower Downtown District** • **Mayfair Neighbors** • Mayfair Park NA • North City Park NA • Organized Baker Residents • Overland NA • Pinecrest Village LA • Sloan Lake Citizens' Group • South Jackson Street NA • South Gaylord NA • South Hilltop NA • Southmoor Park East HOA • **Southwest Improvement Council** • St. Charles NG • Stokes Place/Green Bowers HOA • Sunnyside United Neighbors • The Beacon Club • University Place NA • **University Park Comm. Council** • Upper Downtown Dev. Org • Virginia Village/Ellis CA • Warren's University HOA • Washington Park East • West Highland NA • **West Washington Park NA**

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