

NEXT MEETING

Saturday, July 10
9:00 am

The Heritage Club
2020 S. Monroe

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Hosted by University Park
Community Council

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MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

by Beverly Benavidez Ryken,
Secretary,
June 12, 1999

INC Chairman Dick Bjurstrom convened the meeting at 9:15 a.m. Virginia Village/Ellis Community Association hosted.

NEW BUSINESS

John Coles discussed a new Internet-based computer training program for individual users that ZipDavis at ZDU.com is offering. It consists of over 400 computer classes, via the Internet, for the next year for a nominal cost of \$40 per person. There must be at least 100 individuals to sign up for this program to receive this rate.

Dick Bjurstrom discussed the absence of Jennifer Moulton from this month's general meeting. He hopes to schedule a meeting with

Mayor Webb regarding the issue of city agencies working with INC.

OLD BUSINESS

The Board of Adjustment (BOA) denied the request to erect a sign at 2290 S. Colorado Blvd. Chairman Dick Bjurstrom was asked to attend the monthly BOA meeting and speak on behalf of INC regarding this issue for Warren University Neighborhood Association.

AROUND THE CITY

Organized Baker Residents (OBR)— OBR will be hosting their 10th Annual Garage Sale on June 25, 1999. Local newspapers will print new starting points and a map is available. RTD is scheduled to have mini buses to shuttle people around the neighborhood. A carnival will be held on July 10, 1999 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the La Familia Recreation Center, 65 S. Elati. There will be activities for both children and adults, including free swimming. Nuisance Abatement is working—a local bar on S. Broadway is working on an agreement with the city to fix up the site and clean up drug problems.

Bellevue-Hale Neighborhood Association— Submitted request

for new City mini grant for communication about handicapped access playground and park upgrades for Lindsay Park. The Association would appreciate any information on great vendors, plans, and ways to get their neighbors to help. They are hoping to piggyback onto the Beacon Club for the Colfax improvements from Colorado Blvd. to Yosemite. The Association is holding their July 16th meeting at Lindsay Park.

East Montclair Neighborhood Association (EMNA)— EMNA opposes the widening of Quebec St. between 11th & 23rd Avenues. They will pursue Yosemite St. north to I-70 as relief for Quebec St. Land and water fund of the Rockies is working with the EMNA Board to encourage the Air Force to speed up the cleanup of the TCE plume coming from Lowry. The EMNA Board is also keeping an eye on the first group of Stapleton Development housing to be built along Montview Blvd., east of Quebec.

Overland Neighborhood Association— We would like to thank all of you for your best wishes and support with the Shattuck chemical site and their hopes of getting the rock pile moved out.

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INC AT THE PEOPLE'S FAIR

by Dick Bjurstrom

This last month INC participated in several important special events. In a



Andrew Hudson of the Mayor's Office and Jim Ritzdorf of INC working together to heat the air.

twist of fate all of the events fell on the same day and therefore really stretched the resources of our organization. I'm happy to report that all went smoothly and that INC can be proud of all the people that helped staff these functions.

Let's take a closer look at what INC did last month.

The first event that took place on June 5th was the Neighborhood Resource Center statewide convention. This was an all day get together with neighborhood groups from around the state. Inc had a table featuring our Dollar Dictionary Drive. While we did not raise a huge amount of money, we did have



Dollar Dictionary Brain Trust.

many people stop by and compliment us on our efforts and ask how they could

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Chairman's Column

by Dick Bjurstrom

For several months we've been discussing how to strengthen the committee structure at INC. Both the board and I feel that one of the keys to improving INC as an organization is to revitalize the committees that are currently in place. Here are a few tips to help make this program a more successful in the coming months.

All members need to come prepared to participate. Look over the list of committees in this newsletter and pick out one that is of interest to you or to your neighborhood. Contact the committees chair and see how he sees the mission of that committee. Ask how you can fit into that structure. I'm sure he or she will be glad you asked to help.

Be aware of meeting outside of INC that concerns your chosen committee. I know we all are inundated with meetings. but if you can go to a meeting in your committee area and then bring

the information you receive back to your committee it makes INC that much more aware of what is going on in the city.

Bring your neighborhoods concerns to committees you don't sit on. You can talk to other committee chairs or officers about concerns your neighborhood has. Often your problems are ones that other areas of the city are going through or already have gone through. More times than not just asking around will get a solution to your problem. If not that committee might start working on a solution.

Lastly be an active member. Speak up during Around the City and during committee meetings. You never know when you might have the solutions to seemingly unsolvable problems

These are just a few suggestions that could help make our committee structure and INC a stronger organization. Please feel free to bring your own ideas on this topic to the next meeting. ■

NEIGHBORHOOD REGISTRATION STATUS—UPDATES DUE BY JULY 31, 1999

by Michael Henry

Denver neighborhood organizations will have an opportunity to update their registration information (such as name, address and telephone of contact person, boundaries of the organization, etc.) IF any information has changed since January, 1999. In addition, any new neighborhood organizations can register by filing the registration forms with the Office of Neighborhood Response by July 31, 1999, according to Lois Court, Director of the Office of Neighborhood Response, who will be sending each registered neighborhood organization a letter regarding this opportunity in late June or early July.

The registration completed in January, 1999 reflects a total of 173 neighborhood organizations, 13 of which were newly registered for 1999. The new organizations include Byers on Alameda Avenue, City Park West Neighborhood Association, Cole Coalition, Cole Neighborhood Association, Diversified Broadway Business Association, Five Points/Curtis Park Collaborative Council, Golden Key Manor Civic Association at Point South, Highland Economic and Community Health Organization, Transportation Solutions, Washington Park Community Center, and Wellington Square Homeowners' Association.

Some of the 1998 registered organizations which failed to register in 1999 include Alameda-Cedar-

Milwaukee Neighbors, Garden Court Mutual Housing Association, Green Valley Ranch Homeowners' Association, Hampden Heights Civic Association, Old San Rafael Neighborhood Organization, Potter Highlands Preservation Association, Ruby Hill Neighborhood Association, Sloan's Lake Healthy Neighborhood Project, Sunset Terrace Association, The Greater Cherry Creek Chamber of Commerce, The Landing at Marston Lake, West 29th Avenue Neighborhood Association, Cheesman Park West Association, La Fontana Condo Association, Plaza de Monaco Towers and Condominium Association, Plaza III Townhome Association, Inc., Polo Club North, Provence Townhome Association, and Quincy Park Homeowners' Association.

Since the passage of the neighborhood registration and notification ordinance in Denver in 1979, every year has brought a turnover in registered neighborhood organizations, with some new groups being formed and some groups disbanding. Unfortunately, every year there are a few groups that simply fail to submit their paperwork on time even though they continue to exist.

If a new neighborhood group fails to submit its registration by July 31, it will not receive the notifications from the city regarding zoning, liquor licenses, etc. until the next registration opportunity in early 2000. *If a neighborhood organization which did register in early 1999 has not had any change of contact person, etc., it does not need to submit anything until the annual renewal is due in January, 2000.* For information, contact the Office of Neighborhood Response at (303) 640-5827. ■

TO THE INC MEMBERSHIP

by Jim Ritzdorf

As an organization we are currently undergoing a transition. The last two months of the *Denver Neighborhood Connection* has been sent to individuals on 2 different membership lists; one, the current delegates and presidents of registered neighborhood organizations that have paid dues since January 1, 1999. A second older list has been used in an effort to reach all possible members while we culled the list, to have an up-to-date listing of everyone who should be receiving our mailings.

We feel that we now have a comprehensive list of delegates, presidents and organizations that should be receiving the *Denver Neighborhood Connection*. All registered neighborhood organizations that have paid dues in 1999 are listed on page 3 of this newsletter. INC's fiscal year is from January 1 to December 31. Unless specified on a check, any dues paid in 1998 are considered dues for 1998.

Our strength is in the number of organizations we represent and have involved. We are currently, and will continue, increasing membership for INC. In that effort, we will continue to send a *Denver Neighborhood Connection* to presidents of registered neighborhood organizations even if the organization is not a member of INC. By the same token, this will be the last issue of the *Connection* that will be sent out using the out-dated list. If you have questions about dues or membership, or if there is a question about past payments, please call either Jim Ritzdorf at (303) 322-7058 or Dick Bjurstrom at (303) 756-6421. We hope to soon see all neighborhood organizations as INC members. ■

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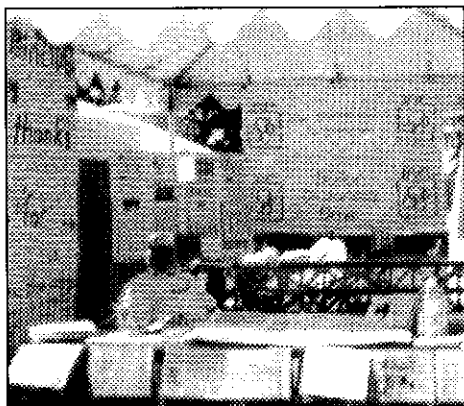
start the same type of project in their area. The conference also featured several breakout sessions,



Al Rule wants a tip.

which discussed topics that are critical to neighborhood organizations. I'm happy to report that current and past INC members led several of these groups.

The other event that coincided with the NRC convention was the



Your president hard at work?

start of The People's Fair. As you know INC was pouring beer at one

of the beer booths throughout this event. Saturday's sales were off due to bad weather but rebounded to normal levels on Sunday. Thanks to Diane Wolta and Fred Corn for organizing this event. INC also had a booth for the Dollar Dictionary Drive all weekend at the fair. The booth raised about \$130.00 and definitely improved the visibility of this important project. Thanks to



Your membership dollars at work.

Cathy Fisher, Steve Nissan and Dan DuBois for staffing this booth.

All in all it was quite a successful weekend for INC!



They want their dictionaries NOW!

UPCOMING MEETING

July 10, 1999
9:00 am

The Heritage Club

2020 S. Monroe

AGENDA:

9:00
Coffee & Chat

9:15
Around the City

10:15
Committee Meetings & Reports

10:45
Break

11:00
Jennifer Moulton
Director,
Dept. of
Community
Planning &
Development

NOT A MISPRINT!
We will once again try to
have Jennifer Moulton present.

Hosted by University Park

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

by Jim Ritzdorf

At our June meeting INC received membership dues from Curtis Park Neighbors, Indian Creek Neighborhood Association and North Downtown District, Inc. We continue to gain membership. INC currently has 46 registered neighborhood associations as members; let's work together to reach the goal of 100 neighborhoods as 1999 members of INC.

I recently attended a fund-raising auction for Columbine High School. Tom Sullivan, a nationally recognized motivational speaker, spoke of becoming proactive rather than reactive. Many of his comments could have been directed toward INC and the neighborhoods we steward just as easily as toward the Columbine community. There hasn't been a catastrophic event in our neighborhoods like that which occurred at Columbine, but we continue to see a decline in neighborhood participation. If we continue to be reactive to city, state and national issues, we as neighborhoods will never be in a position to positively affect these issues. On the other hand, if we as an organization strive to increase membership and increase our participation proactively with the city, we will be in a much better position to deal with not only smaller events but also to deal with the "catastrophic event," whatever that may be.

We have also received subscription dues from the League of Women Voters and the Neighborhood Resource Center. The board wants to acknowledge the help other organizations are interested enough in INC to pay for a subscription to our newsletter.

INC MEMBERS (Patrons capitalized)

(GOAL: 100 in '99)

Alamo Placita NA
Beacon Club
Bellevue Hale NA
Berkeley NA
Cherry Point HA
CHUN (Capitol Hill United Neighbors)
Clayton NA
College View NA
Cook Park NA
Cory/Merrill NA
Country Club Historic Neighborhood, Inc.
Curtis Park Neighbors
Denargo Market NC
Downtown Denver RO
East Montclair NA
East Washington Park NA
George Washington Home Owners Association
GREATER PARK HILL COMMUNITY, INC.
Harkness Heights NA
Harman NA
Highland United Neighbors, Inc.
HISTORIC MONTCLAIR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.
HUTCHINSON HILLS/WILLOW POINT HOMEOWNERS
Indian Creek Neighborhood Association

Inspiration Point NA
Lower Downtown District, Inc.
Mayfair Neighbors, Inc.
Mayfair Park NA
Metro Denver Local Development Corp.
North City Park Civic Association
North Downtown District, Inc.
Organized Baker Residents Overland NA
Park Hill for Safe Neighborhood
Sloan's Lake Citizens Group
Sonny Lawson Park NA
South Gaylord NA
South Jackson Street NA
Stokes Place-Green Bowers Home Owners Association
Sunnyside United Neighbors, Inc.
UNIVERSITY PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Virginia Village Community Association
Warrens University Community Council
West Highland NA
West University Community Association
Whittier NA

For membership information, call
Jim Ritzdorf at (303) 322-7058.

We will continually be running a membership drive, so if you have any suggestions for groups that are primed to join us, call me at (303) 322-7058 and we will concentrate on them first. As always, if you have corrections for addresses and dele-

gate names or questions about membership or would like to join the membership committee, let me know at the next meeting or at the above number. I could use help to lighten the work load and brainstorm for ideas to increase membership. ■

INC TO STAFF LODO MUSIC BEER BOOTH

Thanks to all the INC friends and members who helped us staff the beer booth at the People's Fair. In spite of the weather, our volunteers showed up to serve—and pour. Two neighborhoods that participated with more than 15 volunteers from each, Organized Baker and North City Park Civic Association, will each receive \$500 for their efforts. INC owes a special thanks to those of you who helped out and were not financially rewarded. It is the individual volunteers who fill the shifts, making it possible for INC to continue staffing booths at these events, and therefore to offer the \$500 awards to member organizations.

Well, now it's time to round up volunteers again. INC will be staffing a beer booth at the LoDo Music Festival Friday and Saturday July 16 and 17, 1999. Three member neighborhood associations have already signed up with the minimum number of 15 volunteers, but we still need additional volunteers. There will be two shifts each day: 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm, and 8:30 pm to midnight on Friday; and 3:00 pm to 7:30 pm, and 7:30 pm to midnight on Saturday. Volunteers are needed for all shifts, but especially for the late shifts (although the late shifts are the busiest and therefore the most fun to work, we seem to have a lot of early-to-bed members that don't want to have that much fun.) If you would like to help INC raise money, meet new people, and gain free admission to the LoDo Music Festival, contact Fred Corn at (303) 433-8577. ■

DENVER RESIDENTS PUT TRASH IN ITS PLACE!

The numbers are in and Denver residents really cleaned up May 22, when they delivered more than 900 tons of trash to City trucks as part of the Great American Cleanup. More than 4000 people participated in the annual citywide event, doing everything from graffiti removal to cleaning up alleys and vacant lots.

Keep Denver Beautiful, a program of Denver Public Works/Solid Waste Management, sponsored the spring cleanup and coordinated 22 rear loaders at 11 collection sites throughout the City. A total of 804 individual truckloads were brought to the sites.

Breakdown by area:

28th & Holly	5 loads
Colfax & Pearl	30 loads
35th & Dahlia	20 loads
48th & Chambers Rd.	200 loads
26th & Williams	30 loads
46th & Gaylord	25 loads
4th & Julian	21 loads
S. Clay & Evans	93 loads
North High School	250 loads
50th & Lincoln	65 loads
52nd & Tennyson	65 loads

Press release issued May 1999 from Keep Denver Beautiful, sent by Jeanie Sedgely. ■

GOOD NEIGHBORING MONTH

The Neighborhood Resource Center's second annual Good Neighboring Month is July 4 through August 3, 1999. The emphasis is on helping neighbors get to know each other through block parties and neighborhood improvement projects. NRC is offering free assistance to individuals and neighborhood groups in planning their block parties, with free Good Neighboring Kits, Block Party Packs, and applications for micro grants.

Good Neighboring Month begins on the Fourth of July, traditionally the beginning of many summer barbecues. It culminates with National Night Out on August 3, a national celebration of community safety where people spend a summer evening meeting or getting to know their neighbors better.

Anyone can throw a great block party, and the Good Neighboring Kit has easy tips on parties and other ways of getting to know the people who share your neighborhood. Kits are available from NRC or at metro area Safeways. Inside the kit is a request for a free Party Pack, which includes free supplies, courtesy of Safeway, for your block party—including paper plates, plastic utensils, cups and ice cream. The kit also includes an easy application for grant money for a neighborhood improvement project.

This year's Good Neighboring Month emphasizes the importance of building long-term relationships with neighbors through block maps. NRC

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Virginia Village/Ellis Community Association—The best idea the Association has found to communicate with neighbors to get new people to attend their regular monthly meetings is to purchase real estate type signs that advertise "Your community association monthly meetings are (date, time & location)." These signs can be purchased for approximately \$200 for 7 signs. The Association attendance has increased by several new people at each meeting.

Cory-Merrill Neighborhood Association—Pop-top and scrapeoffs were voted the priority for Board members to concentrate on for zoning issues. They are dedicated to learning more on zoning laws and to educate their neighbors at the same time. The Association recently elected new officers and looks forward to having one of their best years yet.

East Washington Park Neighborhood Association—EWPNA will be having a neighborhood meeting on June 23rd, from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at the Denver Academy, 1101 S. Race. The Association would like to explore

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is offering full-color blank block maps for residents to fill out with important information about their neighbors. Past block maps have included emergency phone numbers, names of every resident, special skills of neighbors or fun facts about each household. The block map effort aims to create networks in every neighborhood in metro Denver.

For more information about the Good Neighboring Project or for your free Good Neighboring Kit, block map or grant application, contact the Neighborhood Resource Center at (303) 561-2204. ■

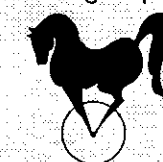
the group's vision for their neighborhood. Specifically, there are concerns for maintaining the neighborhood's character and architectural integrity.

West University Community Association—The EPA has discovered that the cap on the radioactive dump in Overland is cracking, further fueling the Association's concerns about the existing "solution." The Association has concerns about RTD's proposed fare schedule for the southwest light rail line and the incentives it offers suburbanites to park in Denver when they want to go downtown.

Denver Public Schools—June 30, 1999 is the groundbreaking for the greening of the middle school playing field project—a joint city/school effort. Summer school will be available for students within DPS this year—the focus this year is on literacy. Teacher contract negotiations are at an impasse. Mediation will take place in late August. ■

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COMMUNITY SAFETY FAIR & CPR DAY

Saturday, August 28
8:30 am - 3:00 pm
McNichols Sports Arena

For the third year, the Metro Denver CPR Task Force is sponsoring a one-day Community Safety Fair combined with CPR training for the citizens of Denver and surrounding areas.

The accompanying Safety Fair will feature demonstrations and exhibits by Colorado Urban Search and Rescue, Denver Fire and Denver Police. Safety Fair visitors can receive handouts on family preparedness, Y2K preparedness, electrical safety, and severe weather safety, and more.

The training will include basic adult and infant/child CPR instruction and will be offered in Spanish and English. The program is designed for all family members over 13 years of age. Training will be provided by staff members from the American Red Cross and the American Heart Association.

Free parking will be available.

Admission to the Safety Fair is free.

CPR admission will cost \$5.00, and includes a free t-shirt.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28
8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
MCNICHOLS SPORTS ARENA

For more CPR information, call Ms. Elbra Wedgeworth at (303) 436-7160, or call Denver Health at (303) 436-6606. ■