



*Denver Neighborhood*

# *Connection*

*Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation*

*February 1995*

## **January 1995 - INC General Meeting**

The January delegates' meeting of the Interneighborhood Cooperation was held on January 14 at Merritt Memorial Church, 2246 Irving Street. President Janey Hanley opened the meeting at 0928 by introducing Mike Casey, president of Sloan Lake Citizens Group, the host for the meeting. A warm welcome from Mike was followed by another warm welcome from Linda Wells, pastor at Merritt Memorial, who extolled the sense of community which INC provides.

Janey Hanley then announced that Councilman Tim Sandos had provided a cash stipend of \$500 to INC, a part of a surplus from his Council operating budget, which will be used for operating expenses. Thanks to Councilman Sandos for his recognition and support!

Janey then noted the recent passing of former INC president and longtime Crime Committee chairman Bill Gross. She said that she had been asked about who would replace Bill, and offered that Bill was not someone who could be replaced. His devotion to neighborhood safety and crime issues and his gently persuasive means of getting things done will be sorely missed. Beyond that, we say goodbye to a dear friend.

Around The City - Jim Zavist, West University Community Association, had nothing to report and bid everyone welcome. Phil Anderson, RTD Board member, expressed concern over the status of the Board relative to future service by RTD. He mentioned Light Rail, service for seniors and the handicapped, and he urged interested citizens to attend the RTD Board meeting scheduled for January 19 at 10 am. Rich Maginn, Curtis Park Block Council, added that projections by the Air Quality Council assume continued expansion of Light Rail.

Kirby Ambler, HUNI, introduced himself. Carter Ballinger, Mayfair Neighbors, reported that Mayfair recently elected a new slate of officers for the coming year. Connie Mays, Beaumont Homeowners Ass'n, reported that concern in her area over a cabaret license application by an existing business proved to be premature as the owners merely wanted to add a piano, which requires a Cabaret designation. She also reported in her capacity as INC Membership Chair that membership forms for 1995 have been mailed. Jack McCroskey, former RTD Board member and a CPA, announced his candidacy for Denver Auditor and expressed his support of Light Rail, promising a personally guided tour to any interested delegates! Mike Henry, CHUN, reported progress in his attempts to achieve compliance with the Billboard ordinance. Mayor Webb agreed to have the owners of the billboards in noncompliance contacted and asked to remove the billboards, with no action resulting in legal intervention by the City Attorney.

Tanya Swan, South Washington Emerson Action Team, said that their citizens were occupied with parking and speeding problems. Ken Strasser, Whittier Neighborhood, advised delegates that Whittier would host the February meeting to be held at Manual High School in the Community Room - entrance on Williams between 25th and 26th, patio entrance near basketball gym. He also reported the election of two new officers and that they were working on the problem of vacant and boarded-up property. Lynn Coleman, School Board member and candidate for Denver City Council, introduced herself and talked about the importance of good communication between the school district and the city

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**Reminder!!! Your 1995 annual INC dues have to be paid to vote on position statements at our Annual Meeting in March**

**Attention!! See Page 3  
1995 INC Good Neighbor  
Award Application**

**Join us for box lunches after  
the annual meeting... Listen  
for details at the February  
meeting!**

**Call Neighborhood Cultures  
of Denver to find out about  
next deadline, 556-6378. We  
really want to give out grants  
for art!**

## **Saturday Ski Program**

Volunteers are needed for a couple of programs that work with people with disabilities.

The **Saturday Ski Program** need aides to assist with loading and carrying ski equipment. Transportation and discount lift tickets for Winter Park included. Program runs through February.

Assist individuals in the **Swimming Program**. The program runs weekly for hour and there are day-time and evening classes that need volunteers through April '95. Contact Janell at 331-4030, Denver Parks and Recreation Community Recreation Department, 2300 15th St., Denver, Colorado 80202-1139.

**Next INC Meeting**  
**Whittier Neighborhood Association**  
**Representatives of Department of Regulatory Reform, and**  
**Department of Human Rights & Community Relations.**

## **C**hairwoman's Column by *Janey Hanley*



This month's column is a thank you column. First, I want to say thank you and much continued success to Tim Sandos. For those of you who missed the January meeting he has given INC a terrific contribution of \$500! We are truly appreciative.

And thank you to all the neighborhoods who signed up to host meetings next year. We have a really fun mix of locations throughout the city! And Stan wants to thank you for saving him many phone calls, and much worry.

And special thanks to those of you who stayed for the committee meetings. I hope that when we vote for the Board, and the new position statements in March, we will have as good a turnout. That way INC can truly belong to its member neighborhoods, and be a stronger organization.

Please remember to pay your dues before the March meeting so that you can vote for the Board, and the position statements! If you need to check on your dues before the meeting, call Connie Mays at If you can't come to the February meeting, but would like to join us for a box lunch after the annual meeting, please call Norma, Jeanne, Connie, or me and make a reservation.

See you at the meeting!

## 1994 INC Executive Committee

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## POSITION STATEMENTS

### Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation

1995



#### EDUCATION POSITION STATEMENTS

**WHEREAS**, the quality of neighborhoods depends on maintaining high quality schools, INC supports the following positions **Neighborhood Representation:** INC will work to make sure that there are neighborhood organization representatives on major DPS committees, citywide and specific schools, especially Collaborative Decision Making Committees (CDMs), and that timely notification is given for all meetings.

#### **Accountability Committees:**

INC will encourage the maintenance of viable and functioning accountability committees for instructional programs and finances at all Denver Public Schools.

#### **Neighborhood Committees:**

INC member organizations and DPS schools will be encouraged to match school needs with neighborhood resources. Examples include establishing working education committees of parents and non-parents participating directly in tutorial, recreational, supply drives or other support programs at their local schools and thereby increase mutually supportive school/community ties.

#### **Multicultural Schooling:**

INC is representative of a variety of neighborhoods and cultures which make up the City of Denver. INC, therefore, encourages celebration of and respect for Denver's multicultural diversity and supports help to non-English-speaking students.

#### **Integrated Housing/integrated Schools:**

INC will encourage cooperation of housing policy makers, in both the public and private sectors, with DPS to create naturally integrated Denver neighborhoods and schools. Neighborhoods should be kept informed of the DPS/Denver Housing Authority/Denver Planning Office/Metro Denver Fair Housing Center program to encourage voluntary housing integration and thereby produce naturally integrated walk-in schools to end busing for integration. INC will encourage the Denver Public Schools to work with the Boards of Realtors to fully inform them and their clientele of the opportunities available in the Denver Public Schools. Boundary

adjustments should be an option to produce naturally-integrated walk-in schools.

#### **Education Forum:**

INC will offer an annual Neighborhood Education Forum to address an educational issue of concern to all Denver neighborhoods.

#### **Candidates' Forum:**

Neighborhood participation will be encouraged in school board candidates' forums.

#### **Satellite Schools:**

If transportation is needed to achieve integrated schools, the burden should be shared equally by all participants.

#### **Charter/Alternative Schools:**

Charter and alternative schools should be placed in facilities that are appropriate to the educational needs of students, that neighborhoods be consulted and that the school not be disruptive to the neighborhood.

#### **Quality of Education:**

INC will work to make sure that school programs are tailored to meet the full range of needs for all students. INC supports smaller class size to improve the quality of education. We also support continual monitoring and evaluation of programs and personnel.

On discipline, INC recommends DPS enforce discipline policies that provide a safe, orderly learning environment for all children as a higher priority than due process for disruptive children.

#### **School Finance:**

INC encourages its neighborhood members to work with their state representatives and senators to give educational funding top priority and to pass a school finance bill which will base state aid to local school districts not on real (or in the case of Denver, perceived) wealth, but on the actual needs of students because Denver Public Schools have a disproportionate number of disadvantaged students, including those who live in one parent households, who are on public assistance, or whose parents are themselves illiterate. Such a finance plan should exhaust all possible sources of financing and not be just property tax based. Such state financing should include expanded financing for early childhood education. INC supports budget items which have a direct impact on student learning.

#### **District Finance:**

INC urges the Board of Education to research having a separate foundation for funding DPS programs and other means of innovative financing. Cooperation is encouraged with business and industry. Administrative

efficiency should be a high priority in any finance plan.

#### **Community Input on Budget:**

Because DPS expenditures have a direct effect on the education of the district's students; and greater knowledge of needs may be available at the building level, INC urges the Board of Education to open up its budget producing process to provide maximum input from the community and to produce a budget document comprehensible to the average citizen. Local school budgets should be shared with the community.

#### **Special Programs:**

INC supports literacy training for adults, preschool and after school programs to help disadvantaged students catch-up and more early childhood education programs both through school and community efforts.

#### **Cooperative Programs:**

INC encourages the development of programs in cooperation with the city, businesses, neighborhood organizations, etc. for more effective educational delivery and more efficient use of DPS and city facilities. INC will encourage the lowering of barriers to community use of DPS facilities. Avenues should be explored to use volunteers effectively in the schools.

#### **Neighborhood Notification/Participation:**

Whereas, neighborhood groups too often get no answer to their concerns,

Whereas, administration tends to take a paternalistic attitude toward communications from neighborhoods,

Therefore, be it resolved: INC urges that input from citizen groups should be fully utilized and incorporated into district policy wherever feasible, not just disregarded. Communications should be two way.

The Denver Public Schools and principals should inform neighborhoods and neighborhood organizations, not just parent groups, of planned changes in programs, building usage, asset disposition and attendance area boundaries. Development of policies for closing and reopening schools with community input is encouraged. INC encourages DPS to complete and implement its asset management plan with full participation of neighborhood groups. Neighborhood input on criteria for hiring superintendents and principals and on all pertinent issues should be taken seriously. Local schools, through newsletters or other means, should inform neighborhood organizations of school activities.

#### **Collaborative Governance:**

Because giving parents, teachers and neigh-

borhood representatives more influence over individual school building organization—what is taught and how it is taught—appears to be one way to raise the quality of public education, INC looks with favor upon any measures which would give parents, teachers and neighborhood representatives, in collaboration with school principals, more influence on how schools are organized, how schools set budget priorities and how they teach and adapt to children's different learning styles and abilities. Neighborhood representatives should be included on CDM committees. CDMs should be separate from and accountable to SIACS.

#### **Affordable Day Care in Schools:**

Because adequate, high quality day care at an affordable cost is becoming an absolute necessity for most parents this city and nation, INC urges use of Denver Public Schools' buildings before and after regular school hours, staffed either by DPS personnel or by private contractors, to provide high quality day care in convenient locations, at prices based on ability to pay.

#### **Maintenance of Facilities:**

INC encourages DPS to research better ways of using maintenance dollars and to keep maintenance, including grounds maintenance, a priority in budget planning and respond quickly to neighborhood complaints.

#### **School Board Districting:**

Because the Board of Education of the Denver Public Schools is a citizens board and each area of the city faces differing situations, INC urges the Board to district itself so that all areas of the district will be represented.

#### **Open Contract Negotiation:**

INC supports good faith efforts by all parties in DPS contract negotiations and encourages open negotiation sessions so the public can be fully informed of all issues.

### **HEALTH CARE AND ENVIRONMENTAL POSITION STATEMENTS**

**WHEREAS** health care is an issue that pertains to all persons, age, income, or employment status, **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** INC will work to encourage neighborhood organizations to promote health care and wellness issues for all citizens, in meetings and programs.

**WHEREAS** clinic health care is less expensive than emergency room care, **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** INC will work to encourage greater utilization of and support for the Denver Health and Hospitals Neighborhood Health Clinics, including:

1. an expansion of their hours;
2. an increase in the number of clinic sites;
3. the establishment of mobile units.

**WHEREAS** good health contributes to the well-being of all persons, **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** INC will encourage the Denver Public Schools to provide health education at all levels of instruction and will encourage neighborhood organizations to work with City institutions, employers, or other groups to provide health education, including preventive care and life style changes needed to improve the quality of life.

**WHEREAS** hospitals can contribute either obstacles to or remedies for neighborhood problems, **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** INC will work to encourage hospitals to

1. be more responsive to the needs of their neighborhoods; particularly when hospitals want to expand their facilities;
2. provide affordable health care to their immediate neighbors;
3. provide employment opportunities for nearby residents.

**WHEREAS** health care is no longer affordable for most citizens without some kind of health insurance, **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** INC will work to encourage all employers to provide adequate health care insurance for all their employees and their families: and will support legislation that would study and make significant recommendations to help provide health care to all persons, regardless of income level.

**WHEREAS** the health clinics in the Denver Public schools provide needed health care for school children, **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** INC will encourage neighborhood organizations to work with the Denver Public Schools and Denver Health and Hospitals to encourage the continuation and expansion of these health clinics and seek funding outside the education budget.

**WHEREAS** the misuse of alcohol and the use of tobacco products cause health and economic harm to our community and citizens **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** INC supports policies that:

1. require accurate product information, directed only at appropriate recipients;
2. discourage illegal underage consumption;
3. provide the most appropriate location of treatment facilities.

**WHEREAS** some Denver neighborhoods have become heavily polluted with industrial toxic wastes **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** INC will work with health authorities to identify the polluters, promote safer Denver

emission standards, and cease this neighborhood pollution.

### **HOUSING POSITION STATEMENTS**

**WHEREAS** there remain areas of Denver with segregated housing patterns, and **WHEREAS** segregated housing patterns produce segregated schools and employment practices, and

**WHEREAS** segregated schools result in school busing, to achieve court compliance and

**WHEREAS** Denver and other cities have reduced school busing to integration through voluntary fair housing practices in the private and public sectors,

**THEREFORE, INC** supports housing strategies that produce school, employment and housing integration and opportunities on a voluntary basis, such as those developed by Housing for All in its "Housing Integration Plan for Metropolitan Denver," and INC encourages all Denver neighborhood organizations to implement appropriate integration strategies, including those outlined in the Housing Integration Plan.

#### **2) EMERGENCY SHELTERS AND GROUP HOMES FOR SPECIAL POPULATIONS**

**WHEREAS** the need for emergency shelters and housing for other special needs groups remains high in the Denver metro area; and

**WHEREAS** the concentration of emergency housing shelters and other types of group housing for special populations can have a negative effect on the surrounding residential neighborhood

**THEREFORE, INC** supports the development and implementation of a City-wide and metro area homeless policy that will increase affordable housing, maintain an adequate supply of emergency housing, support families in transitional housing, develop effective long term housing for special needs populations, and preserve existing and create additional single-room occupancy sites; and

INC supports Denver zoning ordinances that promote appropriate dispersion of group housing facilities throughout the City, and that are applicable to all providers of such housing.

#### **3) RESIDENTIAL DIVERSITY**

**WHEREAS** the viability of Denver and its neighborhoods depends on residential diversity, and

**WHEREAS** families with children are an

important part of that diversity, and WHEREAS families with children are excluded from some housing opportunities within our City, and

WHEREAS residential diversity requires the availability of housing in a range of sizes, prices, and types in compliance with state and federal law.

THEREFORE, INC supports efforts to increase the available stock of family-size 3 and 4-bedroom housing units, including affordable rental units of this size;

INC supports the elimination of discrimination in housing against families with children and INC encourages the development of vacant parcels of land within the city in ways that increase the diversity of available housing.

#### 4) RESIDENTIAL PLIGHT AND DETERIORATION

WHEREAS long term vacancy or neglect of housing units by absentee landlords, financial institutions, or others who fail to properly care for property results in neighborhood blight and deterioration, and

WHEREAS such blight and deterioration discourage ownership or rental of properties, strain City police and fire resources, and pose health and safety threats,

THEREFORE, INC supports efforts to educate owners about applicable codes, available resources for code compliance, and available remedies for non-compliance;

INC supports efforts to hold owners accountable for the condition of their properties and problems caused by the occupants; and

INC supports revisions to the zoning ordinances that discourage neglect of properties by owners speculating on increased property values in mixed use or over-zoned areas.

#### 5) HOUSING DEVELOPERS COMMUNICATION WITH NEIGHBORHOODS

WHEREAS neighborhood groups know the history and context of events and development in their areas,

THEREFORE INC seeks and will support efforts by housing developers (public, private and non-profit) to be responsive to neighborhood concerns by pro-actively contacting neighborhood groups and providing them with methods for two-way communication.

#### 6) HOUSING DENSITY/LAND USE PATTERNS

WHEREAS high density housing can be out of scale in a lower density residential neighborhood, and

WHEREAS commercial encroachment is a

manner of continuing concern to low density residential neighborhoods,

THEREFORE, INC encourages development that protects the scale of the neighborhood by locating high density housing where it provides a transition between commercial areas and lower density residential neighborhoods.

#### 7) LAND USE PATTERNS/TIME LIMITATIONS

WHEREAS Denver presently sets no limit on how long a revised zoning classification on a specific parcel of land can remain unused, and

WHEREAS the uses of adjacent parcels of property may change so that zoning classification is no longer appropriate to the housing density of the neighborhood,

THEREFORE be it resolved that INC supports a time limit of two years for development to begin or revert to the original lower density zoning.

#### 8) MIXED USE ZONING

WHEREAS mixed use zoning has led to a loss of housing in neighborhoods where such zoning exists, and

WHEREAS office use is taking up more and more of the usage in neighborhoods which were previously primarily residential,

THEREFORE, INC supports development of a City ordinance which requires a specific amount of housing for every square foot of commercial development in a mixed use zone, with special emphasis on neighborhoods which have had their residential character undermined by increased office and other commercial development.

#### 9) ASSISTANCE FOR FIRST-TIME HOME BUYERS

WHEREAS many first-time home buyers in Denver have difficulty in qualifying for a mortgage loan,

THEREFORE INC supports loan programs which provide common-sense lending and underwriting practices which are based on a family's history of willingness and ability to pay and address special needs.

#### 10) ASSISTANCE FOR FAMILIES FACING EVICTION/FORECLOSURE

WHEREAS economic difficulties can result in many Denver residents losing their homes, both rental and owner-occupied, and

WHEREAS the cost of finding new housing can be substantially greater than the cost of keeping those same residents in their current homes;

THEREFORE, INC urges the City to take appropriate measures including priority funding to help people stay in their current homes, and

INC encourages the affirmative marketing of all foreclosed units to encourage neighborhood integration which supports neighborhood walk-in schools.

#### 11) LOW INCOME HOUSING

WHEREAS Denver continues to have high demand for units of low income housing, and

WHEREAS resources from the public sector for the construction of new units of low income housing have been reduced, and WHEREAS redevelopment projects often eliminate units of low income housing, and WHEREAS the City occasionally participates in such redevelopment projects, THEREFORE INC encourages passage of a City ordinance requiring the City or any developer working with City subsidies (including special regulations and zoning relaxation's) to replace or pay for the replacement of any low income housing units they eliminate.

#### 12) DISPERSAL OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING THROUGHOUT METRO DENVER AREA

WHEREAS affordable housing is in short supply throughout the metropolitan Denver area; and

WHEREAS Denver has historically been responsible for a disproportionate share of low-income and subsidized family housing for the metropolitan area;

THEREFORE INC supports programs and efforts which assure that all housing providers and all jurisdictions exercise their responsibility to provide affordable housing dispersed throughout the entire metropolitan area.

### METROPOLITAN GROWTH ISSUES POSITION STATEMENTS

1. WHEREAS INC supports metropolitan cooperation in addressing issues of a regional nature, such as air pollution, transportation needs, law enforcement, and the funding of indigent health care, and

WHEREAS the demands and consequences of population growth in the Denver area impose negative effects on Denver residents — such as degradation of air quality, increased traffic congestion, and greater demands on services provided by the City and County of Denver,

BE IT RESOLVED that INC supports all efforts aimed at requiring suburban users to reimburse their full cost of services and infrastructure paid for by Denver tax dollars and used by suburban residents.

**2. WHEREAS** the Denver metropolitan area and the need for additional water supplies are growing, and

**WHEREAS** the Denver Water Department as a major water supplier to the entire metropolitan area must continue to provide sufficient water for future economic growth of the region,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that INC, on behalf of the people of Denver neighborhoods, supports the policy of having growth pay the full cost of providing additional water supplies to the metropolitan area and that Denver be given additional consideration from the surrounding areas to address the problems created in Denver from the growth of the metropolitan area.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that efforts to increase the water supply for the metro area be coupled with additional conservation efforts by all types of water users.

#### **PARKS AND RECREATION POSITION STATEMENTS**

I. INC shall support the City and its citizens in procuring, developing, and maintaining sufficient usable park space in all areas of the City to maintain our per capita needs for open green space, and INC shall oppose any action which would diminish such open green space.

II. Parks need to be well-maintained to be an asset to the neighborhoods. Maintenance should include trash cleanup, weed control. Landscape maintenance and prompt graffiti removal. Neighborhood representatives need to be involved in development of park maintenance standards.

III. INC supports the funding of deferred capital maintenance projects in parks and is committed to study and support any reasonable method of such funding.

IV. INC encourages the City to pursue cost-effective, efficient and thorough park and parkway maintenance, including the study of privatization. INC encourages the Department of Public Works and Parks and Recreation to work together in the maintenance of trees along parkways.

V. Neighborhoods should be notified of any change in land use or traffic patterns of any park.

VI. INC fully supports neighborhood participation in the process to determine whether a historically designated park structure can be rezoned for compatible non-park use.

VII. INC supports the work of private orga-

nizations to improve parks. Furthermore, INC strongly urges such organizations (The Park People, Denver Urban Forest, Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado) to seek neighborhood participation in park planning and funding.

VIII. INC shall work to ensure that recreation centers serve the needs of their neighborhoods in staffing, program, and hours of operation.

INC encourages neighborhoods, schools, and the Department of Parks and Recreation to work together to use City and school facilities for recreation, education, and the support of youth and the community.

IX. Parks need to be policed to ensure the safety of park users and the peace and safety of neighbors surrounding the park. Parks must be made safe for use by all law-abiding citizens and not just certain elements or political or social groups. INC encourages adequate lighting for safety in parks.

X. INC encourages the City to pursue methods of raising funds from mountain parks, including fees for suburban users. If funds from the sale of assets become available, such funds should be used only for capitol improvements, deferred capitol maintenance, or as a maintenance endowment.

XI. Because of population growth and increased usage and also because of the increased amount of park lands to maintain, INC opposes any cut and supports increases in the park maintenance budget even if funds become available from an endowment or from GO Colorado.

XII. INC encourages the responsible citizen use of parks and supports city efforts to ensure such responsible use.

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY POSITION STATEMENTS**

INC will support all efforts to raise the consciousness level of the general public regarding our responsibility to our neighbors.

WHEREAS citizens are not obeying city laws and ordinances automatically, INC will support all efforts to raise the consciousness level of the general public regarding our responsibility to our neighbors. Denver's future will be built on a foundation of safe and economically secure residential neighborhoods. This foundation requires that our elected and appointed officials capture the opportunity to strengthen the quality of life for those who choose to live in our city. Inter Neighborhood Cooperation has placed a top priority on assuring that Denver citizens are provided basic personal safety and protec-

tion of their homes and property. We will not be a community that celebrates its openness, diversity and quality of life for long if we don't assure the opportunity for our citizens to live their lives and raise their families in peace. Enforcement of the existing laws, prosecution of criminals and prioritizing of public safety are the keys to assuring the safety of our families.

To assure these ends INC resolves to support those policies and those officials that place public safety as a primary role of government.

**WHEREAS** the level of criminal activities in our city is unacceptable and a clear and present danger exists for all of our citizens as a product of that activity.

**THEREFORE**, INC calls for the elected and appointed representatives to establish a campaign against crime focused on the most serious crimes confronting our citizens: Drugs (their use and sale), Burglary (including the sale of stolen merchandise), Assault (including rape) This campaign must be charged with the reduction of the crime rate in Denver.

**WHEREAS** crime remains a significant problem in Denver's neighborhoods, and **WHEREAS** neighbors watching out for each other have been found to be an effective deterrent to neighborhood crime;

**THEREFORE**, INC encourages every block in every neighborhood in Denver to implement a Neighborhood Watch program.

**WHEREAS** there is a need for ongoing dialogue between the community and city officials regarding crime prevention, **WHEREAS** neighborhoods/police communication is vital to successful crime prevention efforts,

**WHEREAS** INC provides an important communication link for Denver neighborhoods regarding crime prevention issues;

**THEREFORE**, INC requests that the Monthly Police Report be mailed to INC. INC recommends that each neighborhood organization provide a name of a neighborhood contact person to the police for their district, and the police utilize INC neighborhood leaders in organizing district meetings. INC will hold open meetings twice a year with city officials on the issue of crime prevention.

**WHEREAS** crimes committed by parolees and residents of half-way houses are a danger in the neighborhood, and poor supervision of half-way house residents increases opportunities for crime;

**THEREFORE**, INC recommends closer supervision of parolees and half-way houses,



and that half-way houses be distributed among all neighborhoods in the city, not concentrated in a few neighborhoods.

**WHEREAS** police visibility is an important crime deterrent in neighborhoods, youth continue to test the curfew laws, prompt follow-up reports from detectives after crime contribute to a feeling of neighborhood security, and current gun laws continue to foster an unsafe situation;

**THEREFORE**, INC supports increased police visibility, enforcement of the curfew laws, follow-up reports within thirty days from detectives after a crime, and revision of current gun laws.

**WHEREAS** many neighbors do not know what to do to prevent crimes against themselves and their property;

**THEREFORE**, INC will place highest priority on communications with police and police visibility in the communities. The INC Crime Committee will develop guidelines and help to implement strategies for neighborhood policing. INC will continue to cooperate with city officials in the education of citizens on crime prevention and will encourage other groups to do this, also including the importance of calling 911; the crack hotline, 640-KRAK; and the crime line in each police district: District 1, 964-1111; District 2, 331-4070; District 3, 698-3330; and District 4, 937-4444.

**WHEREAS** INC believes that the proliferation of easily accessible hand guns and semi-automatic weapons has a dangerous effect on neighborhoods.

**THEREFORE**, INC urges residential, city, and state authorities to work for: 1. Prohibit sales of any firearms in a residential neighborhood; 2. Create gun free zones around all DPS property; 3. Prohibit the sale of guns and ammunition to persons under the age of 18.

## TRANSPORTATION POSITION STATEMENTS

### I. Mass Transit

A. INC supports the construction of a city wide rapid mass transit system. This support is contingent on the following criteria:

1. The rapid mass transit system must be built at a reasonable cost.
2. The public must be able to vote on any system requiring new taxes.
3. Neighborhood representatives must be allowed substantial input into the planning process to ensure that transit lines and stations are compatible with the residential character of neighborhoods near the system.

4 The rapid mass transit system must be well integrated with the existing bus system to maximize access for Denver residents.

5. Every effort should be made to integrate other means of mobility with mass transit such as pedestrian ways and bikeways.

B. INC supports the expansion of the proposed RTD Metro Area Connection (MAC) as the beginning of a metro wide rapid mass transit system. This support is contingent upon the following criteria:

Neighborhood representatives must be allowed substantial input into the planning process to ensure that the transit lines and stations are compatible with the residential character of neighborhoods near the system. The rapid mass transit system must be well integrated with the existing bus system to maximize access for Denver residents.

INC supports the construction and expansion of the proposed Air Train from Denver Union Terminal to Denver International Airport. This support is contingent upon the following criteria:

Neighborhood representatives must be allowed substantial input into the planning process to ensure that the transit line and stations are compatible with the residential character of neighborhoods near the system. The rapid mass transit system must be well integrated with the existing bus system, light rail, and future commuter rail and trolley to maximize access for Denver residents and suburban commuters.

D. INC support an equitable distribution of mass and/or rapid transit throughout the city— north/south, east/west.

E. INC supports strong public participation in determining the alignment and sequence for the expansion of any new mass transit system. INC encourages the use of specific definitions and projects laid out in previous plans.

F. INC supports the expansion of the vintage trolley system from the Central Platte Valley into Lower Downtown

G. INC supports strong participation by RTD to make every effort to explore, promote, and utilize existing mass transit programs and new alternatives to provide superior transit in the metropolitan area.

### II. Air Quality

A. INC supports all efforts of the Better Air Campaign to voluntarily reduce personal vehicular traffic to improve the quality of Denver's air.

B. INC supports the use of cleaner automobile fuels in the Denver area, especially

during winter months. This includes the replacement of present diesel fuels with cleaner diesel varieties.

C. INC urges the consideration of air quality goals in all transportation and land use planning. This is particularly important in planning future development in the high pollution downtown and Platte Valley areas.

D. INC encourages employer incentives for use of mass transit and carpools.

E. INC encourages the removal or mitigation of the pollution from older cars.

### III. Effects of Traffic on Denver Neighborhoods

A. INC supports efforts to study the one-way street system and conversion one way commuter streets to residential streets where practical. INC urges the City to implement Phase II of one-way street conversion.

B. In general, INC supports efforts to keep automobile traffic on freeways and major arterioles, minimizing the noise and safety impacts on Denver neighborhoods.

C. INC Supports efforts to reduce traffic volume and speeds on streets in residential areas in the City and County of Denver.

D. INC supports efforts to mitigate noise in residential areas on or near major arteriole and freeways.

E. INC Supports adequate planning to mitigate parking impacts in residential areas.

F. INC encourages neighborhood participation and input be included in all transportation studies by both the City and County of Denver and the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT).

### IV. Street Maintenance and Improvement

A. INC urges improvement of the City's snow removal system to maintain passable arterial and residential streets.

B. INC supports study of ways to reduce particulate pollution resulting from sanding of streets.

C. INC supports adequate long range planning for street maintenance and improvement.

D. INC supports funding of the replacement/improvement of infrastructure that enables neighborhoods to maintain and improve access while promoting residential quality.

### V. Person Mobility

A. INC supports improved maintenance and expansion of the City's bikeway system.

B. Pedestrian walkways should be maintained and improved: development of additional walking malls on streets such as 16th Ave. between downtown and East High School should be pursued.

C. Handicapped access to sidewalks, public areas, and places of business should be improved.

#### **VI. Airport/Vertiport**

A. INC supports the continual use of only Denver International Airport as a means of reducing the impacts of airplane noise on Denver neighborhoods and fostering economic development.

B. INC supports continuing study of locating a city wide vertiport. The location should be determined after agreement and discussion from all surrounding neighborhoods with regard to noise, safety, air traffic patterns, and automobile traffic.

#### **VII. Design Considerations**

A. Existing parkways should be better-maintained and improved. Additional parkways should be developed where feasible with adequate planning for continued maintenance.

B. INC strongly supports the preservation of the residential character of Denver's parkways and remaining one-way streets.

C. The historic character of streets and parkways should be recaptured and maintained.

D. INC supports efforts to improve public right-of-way, including tree planting, continual care, linear parks, installation of new or historic lighting street lights, and cleanup activities.

#### **ZONING, LAND USE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE POSITION STATEMENTS**

I. INC shall support a comprehensive revision of Denver's 1956 Zoning Ordinance, and shall seek the inclusion of neighborhood groups and their interests and concerns in the revision process.

II. INC shall support an amendment to the Neighborhood Notification Ordinance to specifically allow registered neighborhood organizations to appeal the decisions of the Zoning Administrator to the Board of Adjustment for Zoning Appeals.

III. INC shall support the strict enforcement of all requirements of the existing Denver Zoning Ordinance, shall encourage Denver's Zoning Administration to become proactive in their enforcement efforts, and shall encourage Zoning Administration to support neighborhood requests for special enforcement efforts.

IV. INC shall work to maximize the participation and involvement of citizens and neighborhood groups in all zoning, land use, liquor license, and permit decisions in the City and County of Denver, and to oppose

any practices which minimize such participation.

V. The neighborhood notification ordinance of the City and County of Denver is an extremely valuable tool which enables registered neighborhood organizations to participate more effectively in city decisions affecting neighborhoods. INC shall work to expand the neighborhood notification process to increase timely written notice to each registered group of each of the following activities located inside the boundaries of the neighborhood group:

1. Any change in land use or traffic patterns of any park;

2. Any application for transfer of location or ownership, or renewal, of any liquor, beer, or cabaret license;

3. Any industrial revenue bond or housing bond application;

4. Any capital expenditure proposal by any city agency;

5. [Any permit for any institutional use;

6.] Any application for a demolition permit;

In addition, the agenda of each meeting of the Zoning and Land Use Committee of the City Council shall be mailed to each neighborhood group, regardless of whether an item appears relating to the specific boundaries of the group.

VI. INC shall work to protect the existing character and scale of residential neighborhoods, of historic landmarks and landmark districts, of parks, and of views of the mountains and the Denver skyline, and to oppose any action which would work against these values.

VII. INC shall work to minimize the negative impacts of businesses or heliports which are immediately adjacent to residential districts.

VIII. INC shall work to amend the Zoning Ordinance so that all non-conforming uses will be required to be brought into compliance within a specific period of time, or at sale, or that non-conforming uses be rezoned to reflect their actual use.

IX. INC shall work to amend the Zoning Ordinance so that failure of a non-conforming business to obtain legally-required licenses will immediately terminate the non-conforming status of that property.

X. INC shall encourage the City to procure, develop and maintain sufficient usable park space in all areas of the City to maintain our per capita needs for open green space, and shall oppose any action which would diminish such open green park space.

XI. INC shall work to limit the expansion of

existing, and an increase in the number of, parking lots in residential neighborhoods which serve non-residential uses, to encourage cooperative parking in existing lots, and to require landscaping of all existing parking lots in Denver.

XII. INC shall encourage all neighborhood organizations and all providers of group homes and institutional services to communicate and work with each other to improve understanding and reduce hostility between neighborhoods and providers, shall encourage the mandatory notification of neighborhood organizations when the services or management of group homes or service providers are changed or expanded, and to oppose any efforts to extend the licensing period for group homes and service providers beyond the present one year period.

XIII. INC shall oppose any attempt to allow 3.2 beer-licensed establishments to automatically receive full liquor licenses.

XIV. INC shall work to ban all billboards in the City and County of Denver, and to support the strengthening of the current city sign code.

XV. INC shall encourage the city to update its record keeping to a central registry so that all pertinent information is available by both specific property address and by owner's name, and that agencies inform each other of violations.

**ALL INC POSITION  
STATEMENTS WILL BE  
VOTED ON AT THE  
MARCH 18, 1995  
INC ANNUAL MEETING.**

**IT IS VERY IMPORTANT  
THAT EACH  
MEMBER ORGANIZATION  
REVIEW THE  
POSITION STATEMENTS.**

**TWO DESIGNATED  
DELEGATES FROM EACH  
MEMBER ORGANIZATION  
ARE ALLOWED TO VOTE.**

**MEMBER  
ORGANIZATIONS  
MUST PAY  
THEIR 1995 DUES  
IN ORDER TO VOTE.**



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government. Christie Romano, Montclair East, said that they had applied a successful neighborhood grant application toward streetscaping and banners for streetlights. she stated her opposition to the idea that liquor license renewals are currently handled with no opportunity for public input. Albert Ammon, a member of Citizens for Balanced Transportation, said he is active in air quality issues and supports an extension of light rail past Auraria to Union Station. Don Mares, State Senator and candidate for Auditor, and notably the son-in-law of INC delegate Shirley Schley, greeted everyone and lauded the efforts of INC. Curt Borrell, Pinecrest Improvement Association, introduced himself. Margot Hartmann, Colfax on the Hill, stated her enthusiasm for their inclusion in the new Police District 6 and talked about "love letters" sent by the group to sites in need of improvement trashwise. She also reported progress in developing a Community Electronic Bulletin Board.

Ellis Community Association reported a big increase in traffic through their neighborhood streets. Harry Nier, Indian Creek, reported the same experience and said that a high-density development had been approved including six buildings, 4 residential and 2 commercial. Nancy Landauer, Greater Bible Park, reported on improvements to Bible Park and a proposal by DPS to sell some land near Thomas Jefferson High School. Karen Underwood from Mayor Webb's office announced a block captains' training session to be held January 28th. Paul Wishard, also from the Mayor's office, expressed his disagreement with the expressed philosophy and apparent direction of the new RTD board. Kaki Wood informed the delegates that the last public hearing on the nuisance ordinance revisions would be on January 23rd at the City Council meeting. The Sports Complex Development wants to be included in the planning. West Colfax and Sloan Lake are among the issues. Virginia McIntyre, Ellis Community Ass'n and member of the Keep Denver Beautiful board, reported on their last meeting. Dorothy Wells of Cook Park reported that DPS intends to sell Ash Grove School, which is currently being used as a senior center. She stated that RTD needs to provide a trash barrel to serve the stop at Monaco and Evans.

Larry Bokar, North City Park, reported that at their meeting in January DPS school board members and principals would be invited to discuss school issues. In addition

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**1995 Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation****Good Neighbor Award**

Here is an opportunity to honor the unsung heroes of our 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 for 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 mail to INC Good Neighbor Award, c/o Kathie Cheever, 2205 Ash Street, Denver, CO 80207.

**Nominee Information:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Organization or Business \_\_\_\_\_

**Neighborhood Group Making the Nomination:**

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

The Nominee should receive the Good Neighbor Award because:

(Attach additional sheets as necessary)

# Don't forget your 1995 Membership dues!!

Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation  
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there will be speakers to commemorate Black History Month. The Colorado Pesticide Network will notify neighbors prior to any spraying of trees in the public right of way if you request it by calling them at 236-7330. Walt Kimball, Harmon Neighborhood, related a big increase in traffic in Cherry Creek due to increased traffic in the area. He urged members to attend a council zoning and land use committee meeting on Jan. 25 at 1030 am concerning amendments to the so-called Pop-Top, Scrape-Off ordinance. Comments can be directed to Penny May, 640-3804. James Fitzsimmons, Ellis - Virginia Village, cited concerns of increased traffic, RTD service, the Ash Grove sale, and the Colorado Boulevard Overlay District. Lee White introduced himself as a candidate for the School Board. He is from Park Hill. Fran Rew, South Hilltop, announced that their new directory is available. Harriet Hogue, Denver Planning Office, addressed the group briefly about the Colo. Blvd. Overlay planning. Kathy Fisher of Harkness Heights announced the receipt of an arts grant to be used to produce a living history of the area on a two hour video. Larry Beer introduced himself as a candidate for City Council at large, as did Susan Barnes Gelt. Janey Hanley identified INC Board member Stan McIntyre as a candidate for the Denver School Board. Stan proudly stated that there are 14 members in United South East Denver (USED) and that they will be meeting on Jan. 24 at the Denver Board of Realtors office, 4300 E Warren Ave., to discuss the Albertson's project at Colorado Blvd and Evans. Mike Henry and Jim Zavist are working with city zoning on the recodification of the Denver Zoning Code. Shane Nicholson of John Frew's mayoral campaign introduced himself. Janey encouraged delegates to sign up their organizations to host future INC meetings. Tom Tayon, Cory Merrill Neighborhood, announced his candidacy for City Council district 6. Debbie James, Mayfair Park, reported ongoing efforts to shape the Lowry re-use plans. Councilwoman Mary DeGroot talked about amendments to the Colo. Blvd Overlay plan. Milt Summerfelt, Washington Park East, happily reported that the bath house at the north end of the park has achieved landmark status.

Carter Ballinger introduced Dr. Diane Niedzwiecki of the Colorado State Department of Health and Environment, who gave an excellent presentation about the use and effects of pesticides. She was followed by Dennis Creamer of Conoco, who spoke of environmental

## Next INC Meeting Saturday February 11, 1995

**Manual High School**  
1700 East 28th.

(Take York or Josephine to  
28th. Go west to Williams.  
Enter at the rear of the  
school.)

9:15a.m. - Coffee and Donuts

9:30a.m. - Around the City

10:20a.m. - Short Break

10:30a.m. - Presentation on  
Stapleton 2000

10:45a.m. - Cathy Donahue from  
Regulatory Reform, and  
Tina Scardina from the  
Office of Citizen Response  
12:00p.m. - Adjourn

concerns in our changing world. At 11:30, the delegates assembled into small discussion groups for the purpose of reviewing, revising and re-stating the INC position statements, after which the meeting was adjourned.