

Next INC Meeting

Saturday, April 8, 1995

New Hope Baptist Church
3701 Colorado Boulevard

9:10a.m.- Coffee and Donuts

9:20a.m.- Around the City

10:15a.m.- Short break

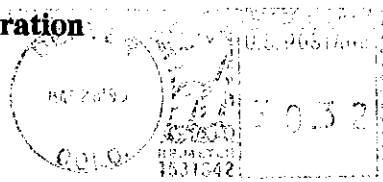
10:30a.m.- Mayoral Forum

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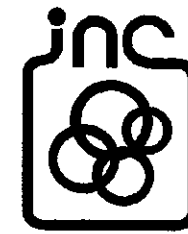
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The Newsletter of Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation

Denver Neighborhood Connection

April 1995

Minutes of March 18 Meeting

by Meredith Anderson

INC Secretary

The March 18 annual meeting of Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation was held at Calvary Presbyterian Church, 1420 S. Holly St. President Janey Hanley called the meeting to order and recognized Jim Zavist of West University Community Association for hosting the meeting and providing the refreshments.

Janey introduced City Councilman Tim Sandos, and Tim admitted that it felt good not to be running for anything! He reaffirmed his commitment to the INC and announced that he would donate to INC an additional \$1,000 from his unused funds. A heartfelt thank-you to Tim for his continuing support!

Around the City

Judy Kriss, Indian Hills, reported that the building moratorium has been extended until July 17 so that opponents to a proposed development at Parker Road and Ulster could gather the petition signatures required to downzone the property. Judy Sullivan, Hutchinson Hills, said that her group had been contacted by a company engaged in studying traffic flow patterns in the area.

Craig Eley, Southmoor Park East, reported on the continuing discussions about the overlay district at I-25 at Monaco (the Continental Theatre/Alpine Ice Arena property purchased by Garts). Milt Summerfelt reported that Washington Park East is sponsoring a candidates' forum. Theresa Taylor, University Park Community Council, decried the sand left too long on streets and stated that the resulting particulate pollution is more harmful to people with chronic lung problems than are other pollution causes. Ellen Van Ness Seymour, U Park president, reported the receipt of a grant to establish a trail for bikers and walkers, and a community bulletin board in Observatory Park. Cathee Fisher, Harkness Heights, stated that a recent meeting held with school board members resulted in a good exchange. Gordon Appell, a member of the planning office and of Cranmer-Hilltop, said his group is involved in hospital district issues and Lowry redevelopment. They are pleased with the progress at Lowry. He stated that a recent fund drive in the area had netted \$3000 to aid homeless families. On the planning front, Gordon requested INC participation in an upcoming Metro Forum to be held April 29. A preceding public meeting will be held April 19 at George Washington High School to identify important issues.

Virginia McIntyre, Virginia Village - Ellis Community Ass'n, reported that the neighborhood's signage program had been accepted by Keep Denver Beautiful. Polly Flobeck, City Councilwoman from District 5, reported on the Indian Creek rezoning effort and also stated that negotiations had broken down between UCHSC and surrounding neighborhoods. Jeannie Robb, Cherry Creek Improvement Ass'n, thanked District 10 Councilman Ed Thomas for his role in relocating several homeless people out from under the Cherry Creek overpasses. Jeannie appealed for INC volunteers to help with election night reporting to raise money for INC. Jim Zavist, WUCA, announced a candidates' forum for Council District 7.

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INC and LWV Sponsor Forums

INC and The League of Women Voters are proud to be co-sponsoring Denver municipal candidates' forums throughout the city.

There are three remaining forums. Please attend and tell your neighbors about them. Let's make this joint endeavor a success! All forums are from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Mayoral Candidates' Forums:

April 11
Montbello High School
5000 Crown Boulevard

April 25, 1995
Kunsmiller Middle School
2250 South Quitman Way

At-Large City Council Forum:

April 20, 1995
Gove Middle School
4050 East 14th Avenue

Upcoming INC Meetings

Saturday, May 13
Sponsor: Greater Park Hill
Program: Uses of Computers

Saturday June 10
Sponsor: Cory Merrill Neighborhood
Program: Stapleton and Lowry Redevelopment

Public input is being sought in a study to determine transportation priorities in Southeast Denver. Public meetings are scheduled from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. on May 2 at South High School, and on May 3 at Cherry Creek High School.

For further information call 820-4802.

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Time is Running Out . . .

To Pay 1995 INC Dues. Deadline is April 20!



Chairwoman's Column

By Janey Hanley

Special thanks to Kathy Cheever for all the work she puts in every year on the Good Neighbor Awards, and congratulations to all of this year's recipients. Once again, I need to thank Tim Sandos, not only for giving out the Good Neighbor Awards, but for his generous gift of \$1000! What a terrific friend he has been, and I hope he will join us often in the future.

I am looking forward to this year, and to working with the new board. I think the future holds some exciting growth and redevelopment possibilities for Denver. My pledge to you as INC Chair is that we will continue working to make this organization a strong and viable voice for Denver's neighborhoods now and in the future.

My thanks to you for participating in our position statement process. We will continue to work on the position statements throughout the year. Please remember that from now on we have to publish any changes and vote on them the following month before we can actively support a change in the statements.

Also, thanks for helping us collect election results. It is an easy way to make INC some money. Later in the spring we will be asking you to help us give out promotional items at Coors Field and stay for the game. This should be a fun fundraiser!

Please come to the meeting on April 19th about Denver's growth, and let us know what your concerns are. Also, please encourage people to attend the forums we are co-sponsoring with the League of Women Voters!

See you on the 8th!

Denver Growth Summit Slated

Growth is the topic of an April 19 meeting organized by the Denver Planning Office, in cooperation with INC and several other groups. The meeting is a precursor to the Governor's April 29 Denver Metro growth meeting. There will be general discussions of many different topics, including traffic, pollution, crime, and education. There may be break-out groups. We want to know your feelings so that Denver's delegates can represent us well at the Governor's meeting. The meeting will be:

April 19, 1995

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

George Washington High School Auditorium,
Monaco & Leetsdale

(Entering from the Monaco parking lot is easier.)

Here is a chance to share your vision of Denver's future, as well as your concerns!

In connection with the growth meeting, Gordon Appell of the Planning Office is asking any individuals who are interested to write a 1 to 2 page paper about Denver's future growth. Papers will be summarized and included in a briefing book to be given out at the meeting on April 19th. Send your papers to:

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ping and entertainment mecca for the region are my happiest prospects.

9. What, if any, experience have you had working with one or more neighborhood organizations?

Frew: During the past decade, John Frew met and worked with neighborhood leaders throughout Denver on many issues and facilitated the successful work of broad-based community coalitions. John Frew, his wife Marcia, and daughter Lindsey live in Park Hill neighborhood. John and Marcia have been active supporters of their local neighborhood group, and in lower downtown where the Frews own and operate a small business.

Crider: As an At-Large School Board member, City Councilman-At-Large, and as City Auditor, I have always represented the interests of all the citizens of Denver. In my 24-year history of public service, I have been involved with nearly every organized group in the city. When I become mayor, I will immediately appoint my Neighborhood Advocate to keep the lines of communication open between neighborhood groups and my office.

DeGroot: During my eight years on City Council I have worked with over 25 registered neighborhood and small business organizations in my district. I have worked to start and nurture new neighborhood and small business organizations. I have a strong record of appointing neighborhood representatives to city committees. Among my legislative accomplishments I developed the Colorado Boulevard Plan, the pop top ordinance, and the ordinance banning gun shops from residential neighborhoods.

Webb: I have been involved in the Whittier Neighborhood Association since I arrived. I worked with the Congress Park community to curb the expansion of University Hospital and secure representation on the Board of Directors for the Denver Botanic Gardens.

In the past few years I have made every effort to attend all neighborhood gatherings to which I was invited. When I could not attend, I sent staff members. Neighborhoods and their organizations, formal or informal, are among the city's greatest strengths.

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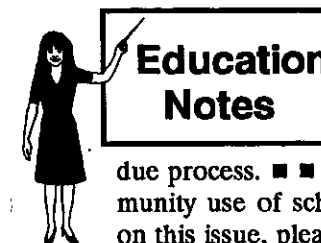
publisher of the INC newsletter. Joe Morgan, longtime owner of Morgan's Pharmacy on Evans and Downing, was lauded for his support of his neighborhood through WUCA and UPCC and for imparting his unique sense of wisdom and historical perspective throughout. Alice Sampson, who resides in the Sunnyside neighborhood, was recognized for her tireless efforts at fighting graffiti. She began a weekly graffiti removal sweep named the "Sunday Supplement" and achieved a 50 percent reduction of graffiti in her neighborhood. Congratulations and a heartfelt Thank You to all of the honorees!

Election of officers and board members proceeded as a block by acclamation, there being no new nominees from the floor. The executive board remains as in 1994. New at-large members are Cathee Fisher, Harkness Heights, and Frank Lopez, Berkeley Neighborhood. Outgoing board

members to whom we owe a debt of gratitude are Carol Dutcher and Mike Henry.

Discussion of INC position statements centered around the Housing position statements, particularly item 2. Ann Callison expressed reservations that Denver's core city could follow the course of some eastern cities where the core deteriorated while the suburbs flourished. She proposed an amendment to the position statements on housing which would have stated that INC does not support the HUD rules on Economic Spatial Integration, but withdrew the amendment subsequent to opposition expressed by several delegates. The position statements as they are written, including published amendments to the Zoning, Land Use and Liquor License position statements, were accepted.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:10 pm.



Education Notes

Please be sure to pick up copies of the At-Large Board of Education Candidates' Answers to INC's questionnaire at the meeting on April 8. INC positions are noted with the exception of discipline, which statement was passed at the annual meeting. INC recommends that DPS enforce discipline policies that give a higher priority to a safe, orderly learning environment than due process. ■ ■ ■ The Denver Public Schools has formed a task force to study significant issues surrounding community use of schools and INC has now been invited to participate. If you have had experiences or any thoughts on this issue, please call Marilyn Vaughn at 423-2616.

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help reduce air pollution by reducing idle time. I would also open up the Lowry Landfill files the current administration made secret to determine whether we got a good settlement/cleanup plan; enforce Denver's "smoking vehicle" ordinance, since most auto pollution is caused by a small percentage of cars; appoint or reappoint responsible people to the Denver Water Board to protect that precious resource; make sure the Army cleans up pollution at Lowry AFB.

DeGroot: Air Quality - Actively support alternative mass transit options (see no. 4). Reduce street sanding. Increase street sweeping. Support tough state air quality standards.

Brownfields - Work with property owners to clean up their properties and return them to productive use.

Parks - We need more park space in many of our developed neighborhoods, and we need better maintenance of our parks and our urban forest.

Webb: a) Population increase/quality of life. Continue to emphasize more urban parks and open space, increased viability of mass transit, traffic control, and recycling. b) Air quality. Use of sand on streets has been reduced by 30% and street sweeping increased. Continue to push light rail development and tree-planting programs. c) Persistent soil/air contamination. Continue to pursue federal funds to clean up the Rocky Mountain Arsenal, the ASARCO site and other "superfund" sites in the Denver area, including suing a polluter and the EPA over the radium dump in Overland Park.

7. How would you balance the need for low-income/homeless/special needs housing, the need for integrated neighborhoods, and neighborhoods' desire for stability?

Frew: Each neighborhood must be allowed to manage its own destiny such as school, traffic or housing issues, whenever possible. But individual neighborhoods cannot become dumping grounds and, as a compassionate city, Denver must meet its residents' housing needs. If there is a real commitment to problem solving by the city, neighborhoods and other metro-wide interests, a master plan can be created and implemented to equitably share the load throughout the metro Denver region.

Crider: Denver provides most metro-area assisted housing. It is time surrounding counties provided their fair share. I proposed a metro mayor's housing task force two years ago, and I would work to set one up. In 1980, 15 Denver neighborhoods had a poverty rate of 25%+; that number went to 23 neighborhoods in 1990. I would work to bring good jobs to Denver to reduce poverty. Prosperity brings natural housing integration. I would work with realtors to realize more integration. My Neighborhood Advocate would make sure neighborhood concerns are addressed.

DeGroot: Enforce the existing group home ordinance. will have policies to encourage private sector development of single room occupancy hotels. I will also work with existing non-profit organizations to provide needed housing.

Webb: I fought the federal government to force them to make monies available to suburban neighborhoods for low-income housing rather than enforcing the extensive use of Lowry for that purpose.

Because HUD is slated for demise, I will form a small neighborhood-oriented committee to determine how best to administer a mixture of voucher programs and resident-/government owned/managed housing projects.

8. How would you maintain Denver's quality of life and encourage economic development while planning for long term needs?

Frew: The quality of life in Denver is largely dependent upon the quality of life in neighborhoods. Encourage sustainable long-term development, integrating environmental, economic and social factors. Before expanding into residential areas or busy commercial corridors, John Frew would strengthen existing businesses. Denver is not only losing desirable jobs to the suburbs because of commercial space, but also because of education, job skills, job readiness and low pay issues.

Crider: The key to balancing Denver's quality of life with economic development lies in attracting the right type of industry and employment that doesn't detract from our quality of life, such as small businesses that don't pollute or require large amounts of traffic to any one area. The majority of businesses in the metro area today are small. Denver needs to increase this as a revenue source and employment base, while at the same time working continually to enhance our quality of life.

DeGroot: My vision is a vibrant core city with a great public school system, good middle income jobs, and safe neighborhoods. I have a twelve point plan for helping the Denver Public Schools outside the classroom, so that they can concentrate on activities inside the classroom. Another priority is to encourage the retention and expansion of middle income jobs by helping existing Denver businesses grow and prosper. See no. 5 for safe neighborhood ideas.

Webb: The sale of Winter Park and the resulting endowment of additional/enhanced urban parks and their maintenance is my first joy. We use and love our outdoor space. Continued emphasis on the arts and culture is my second goal. Coors Field, a redeveloping LoDo, continuing street fairs throughout the city, revitalizing downtown as a shc

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Harriet Hogue of the Planning Office encouraged comment on the I-25 overlay district; she can be reached at 640-4768. Harriet reported that Lupe Herrera will be giving up her planning position and moving to HUD, which leaves Harriet's office with four planners instead of the original seven. Steve Nissan, CHUN, reported that the Capitol Hill Peoples' Fair will be held on the first weekend in June. Chuck Michaels, Cory-Merrill, reported on the closing of St. Thomas Seminary and that they want to have input as to the fate of the property. Cliff Kuhn and Christy Romano of East Montclair invited all to attend a mayoral candidates' forum at East High on April 10 at 7:30. Nancy Walsh, Curtis Park Block Council, invited delegates to participate in a Rally for Peace this afternoon at 26th and Arapahoe Streets. Jerry Burns, VP of United Southeast Denver (USED), reported that the I-25 Overlay District is seeking volunteers. Walt Kembel, Harmon Neighbors, announced a candidates' forum to be held April 18 at Bromwell School. Doug Bevins of Curtis Park reported on successful acquisition of landmark designation status.

Khaki Woods, Greater Park Hill, reported that Tucker Hart Adams would be speaker at an upcoming event. Frank Lopez, Berkeley Neighborhood, announced a Jim Baker fest to be held May 19 - 21; volunteers - and tents! - are needed. Marilyn Vaughn, Inspiration Point, reported that they will host a candidates' forum April 6. She reported progress in reaching accord between DCTA and School Improvement Accountability.

Harry Nier, Indian Creek, reported that 3000 people have signed petitions thus far; their aim is to collect over 7000 signatures. Betty Ann Tichener, Virginia Village-Ellis, reported on efforts to put a charter middle school at the site of the old Ash Grove Elementary, a senior center since 1984. Mike Henry, an INC founder, reported on behalf of CHUN a traffic study centered in Capitol Hill, the first meeting to be held in early May.

Ann Caples, Organized Baker Residents, announced that Cinco de Mayo celebrations will be May 7, 6th Ave. at Santa Fe. On June 17 there will be a Fiesta yard sale with dancing, art and treats. Their park and community center have received grants for refurbishing. Gloria LeFree, SWEAT, reported problems with speeding and traffic and frustration with the city's slow response. Rich Maginn, Curtis Park Block Council, invited all to a demonstration of the capabilities of telecom - Internet to be given at the May INC delegates' meeting at a DPS location. Kirby Ambler, Highland United Neighbors, reported that a Social Services satellite station is slated to go in at Speer and Zuni with no prior public hearing or input. The impact of the facility will be 300 car trips daily, excluding the projected 120 employees. TechWest and CCD will also be part of the complex.

Dorothy Wells, Cook Park, reported that the Goldsmith Gulch project has started. Larry Bokar, North City Park Civic Ass'n, reported good progress with the refurbishing of the structural, design and garden aspects of City Park. Berkeley Neighborhood reported loss of police officers from District 1 to District 6, and that impact teams were being lost.

Ben Levek of Congress Park (welcome back, Ben!) relayed Mayor Webb's intent to expand the board of the Denver Botanic Gardens to include membership from the neighborhoods. An applicant denied a liquor license at 12th and Clayton reapplied for the adjacent storefront which he also owns, skirting an ordinance which prohibits reapplication within one year. Kathy Cheever, Greater Park Hill, was recognized by Janey for her work with the Good Neighbor Awards. Cathy fondly remembered former committee members Virginia Oredson and Bill Gross. We miss you, Virginia and Bill.

Connie Mays, INC Treasurer and Membership Chair, reported that 20 listed INC members had not paid dues for 1995. Meredith Anderson, Bellevue-Hale reported disappointment at the Health Sciences Center withdrawing from MOU talks. Bellevue-Hale will participate in the Keep Denver Beautiful sponsored Neighborhood Cleanup on May 6. Tom Gargan, USED, reported that UHills has been sold to Home Depot and the mall is slated for redevelopment. Ann Callison, George Washington Homeowners Ass'n, thanked the Colorado Health Dep't, the Attorney General's Office and the Denver City Attorney's office for their oversight of leasing at Lowry. She reported that the District 3 Police had recently broken up a drug and prostitution ring there.

Carter Ballinger, Mayfair Neighbors, reported that the Mayfair King Soopers had recently installed videocams surveying the property after assaults in the parking lot had been reported. Mayfair will cohost a candidates' forum on April 13 at Palmer Elementary. Bal Chavez, Director of Excise and License, urged everyone to call their state representatives in support of House bill 1145 which would legislate tighter standards under which liquor licensees could apply for renewal. Tilly Bishop and Tim Foster are the bill's sponsors. Bal can be reached at 640-3196.

Kathy Cheever, Chair of the Awards Committee, called upon Councilman Tim Sandos to present the 1995 INC Good Neighbor Awards. First to be introduced were Dr. Cecil Glenn and Peg Meeker, both of Park Hill, recognized for their work on Stapleton noise issues and for establishing the Noise Hotline and serving on the Noise Advisory Committee. Next INC recognized Rich Maginn for his many years of service to the Curtis Park neighborhood and to the INC, as past Chairman and for serving as

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Mayoral candidates were asked to respond to each question in 75 words or less. The order in which the responses are printed was chosen by lot.

1. Please describe how you will seek participation in city affairs by citizens in general, and neighborhood groups in particular.

Frew: John Frew will establish a Community Assembly, an advisory body consisting of representatives from every Denver neighborhood. Neighborhood assemblies would allow priorities and solutions to percolate up from each neighborhood based on their issues and experiences. The city-wide Community Assembly would identify priorities-in-common to help set the city's yearly neighborhood agenda and oversee funding to meet the goals. As mayor, John Frew would be personally involved in this process.

Crider: Expanded participation by Denver citizens in government will be a key priority of the Crider administration. As mayor, my office will be open every Monday from 4-7 p.m. for anyone who wants to see me for any reason. I will designate a full-time Neighborhood Advocate to act as an ombudsman for neighborhood groups and report directly to me to keep the lines of communication open.

DeGroot: Registered neighborhood groups and small business groups will always be advised of pending city actions which might affect their areas of interest, and will always be invited to participate in the deliberations leading to a decision.

Webb: Webb Administration appointees who worked with neighborhoods and I met with the residents of each council district. We re-introduced ourselves and neighborhoods expressed concerns. Neighbors knew who to call when problems arose. Appointees attended meetings to which they were called. In 1994 Denver residents were concerned about safety. Seventeen "Safe City Summits" were convened in the city and all city resources were directed toward meeting the needs of each of the individual neighborhoods.

2. Do you feel the Denver Comprehensive Plan (adopted in 1989) is serving the city as it should? If so, how would you incorporate it into your administration? If not, what process would you propose to revise or replace it?

Frew: Overall, the Comprehensive Plan has served the city well. But it is outdated. John Frew would: (1) provide necessary resources to conduct a state of the neighborhoods analysis and develop neighborhood plans where necessary; (2) work with city agencies to use the Comprehensive Plan as a tool for planning and inter-agency collaboration; and, (3) ensure that the charge to evaluate progress and update the Plan regularly is fulfilled.

Crider: The original 1989 Comprehensive Plan and annual updates are driven by bureaucrats and planners. While there is a need for planning, the private sector is still responsible for growth and redevelopment. We should view the CP as a fluid document subject to change as the needs of the people of Denver change.

DeGroot: For the most part I believe it is. The appropriate people in my administration, such as the planning director and manager of public works, will be told to use the comprehensive plan to guide their decision making and budgeting processes. If changes are needed they will go through a very public amendment process.

Webb: The 1989 plan has served the Webb administration well. The economic times have changed. Many of the plan goals have been achieved. Concerns have shifted. The Webb administration has used a mixture of city employees, neighborhood representatives, and concerned residents to chart new plans as needed. Yet another comprehensive plan should be undertaken in the near future.

3. Do you believe that the Denver Zoning code (last recodified in 1956) should be revised? Why or why not? If so, how would you propose to implement the recodification?

Frew: Yes. 1950's zoning standards are outdated for 21st century planning. A complete re-write of the Zoning Code is long overdue. Current efforts are piecemeal, will not be completed for more than a year, and invite minimal public involvement. John Frew would initiate a full public process to ensure an opportunity for input from all perspectives, to thoroughly identify community concerns related to zoning issues and to produce a user-friendly Zoning Code.

Crider: I would not dramatically change the zoning code. The code is the first line of protection for property owners, a guarantee that protects property rights. Enforcement is an extremely important function of city government. Members of the Board of Adjustment should represent the needs of Denver's neighborhoods, not the political goals of the mayor who appoints them.

DeGroot: I support a simplification of the zoning code to make it more user friendly, but not a wholesale revision. So many individual decisions on where to live, where to locate a business, where to invest, have been made on the basis of the existing code. To make a major revision would be disruptive to too many people. I will continue to support reasonable revisions to individual zone districts.

Webb: The Denver Zoning Code is currently being revised to simplify the code and to eliminate redundancies. New zoning classifications have been and will continue to be introduced and passed by City Council as they are needed.

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to meet evolving needs. Members of the current code revision committee include planners, engineers, architects, members of neighborhood organizations, and interested Denver residents.

4. What strategies do you propose to use to alleviate traffic congestion?

Frew: First, coordinate the traffic lights! Then move beyond traffic engineering to transportation planning. Traffic congestion and pollution will be alleviated through effective land use and planning policies that reduce the miles people drive. No new one way streets through residential neighborhoods. Frew supports light rail, expanding Denver's bike/pedestrian trails, increasing education about public transportation, telecommuting, flex-time and job-sharing. The best solution is to convince people to live in Denver, not the suburbs.

Crider: Traffic congestion can be reduced by aggressively encouraging people to observe "no drive days"; working with RTD to improve and expand public transportation; working with Traffic Engineering to synchronize or time stop lights for maximum traffic flow; adding or lengthening turn pockets and green turn arrows where necessary to reduce waiting at lights and widening roads where warranted.

DeGroot: I support alternative methods of transportation such as light rail, bike lanes, car pools and HOV lanes. Transportation demand management, which links development density to traffic counts, as was done for the Colorado Center in my council district, should be used more frequently in zoning cases.

Webb: The Sixth Avenue/Speer Boulevard tunnel and the 20th Street bridge are open. The 23rd Avenue viaduct will open soon. Committees, which include neighborhood residents, are evaluating the use and conversion of one-way streets in south Denver, and traffic light synchronization is being reworked. I have encouraged city employees (via convenient, city bus pass purchase locations, changing areas for bicyclists, and flexible work schedules) to decrease peak hour traffic. I have also worked to expand the light rail system.

5. Which of the current crime prevention programs do you feel are most effective? Why? What new programs would you initiate?

Frew: Neighborhood watch and community policing have been effective because they work with neighborhoods to implement the strongest anti-crime strategies.

Frew's *Safe Neighborhood Plan* promotes "COPS" (Community Organizing Policing Sites) as intensive, highly visi-

ble, mobile crime fighting bases, increases bicycle patrols, expands the curfew program to 365 days a year, and reclaims our neighborhoods by requiring that graffiti vandals clean up their mess under police supervision and pay for the cost of cleaning it.

Crider: I am not satisfied with any of the current "crime prevention" programs, because crime is not being prevented. My first step as mayor would be to appoint a Manager of Safety with a background in police work. My idea to establish a 6th Police District by reallocating existing resources has already been adopted by the present administration. I pledge to let the police do their job unfettered by politics, with my full support. I am attaching my 10-point plan for crime prevention for your information.

DeGroot: I have a 12-point plan to fight crime which includes a zero tolerance policy towards violent crime and drug-related activity, closing the worst six crack houses my first week in office, and "maximum harassment/maximum penalty" for gang members. I will expand the curfew program to seven nights a week within the existing budget, reinstate the Juvenile Bureau within the police department, and strengthen domestic violence, child abuse and hate crimes programs.

Webb: Community policing, putting more officers on the street, making sergeants and lieutenants responsible for individual neighborhoods (rather than sectors or shifts) twenty-four hours a day, becoming actively involved with neighborhood groups and pressing their concerns with other city agencies (like licensing or zoning) is essential and will be expanded. The Weed and Seed and Safe City Summit programs have allowed residents, especially those in high crime areas, to target their concerns and work toward their goals.

6. Please list Denver's three worst environmental concerns, and briefly how you would deal with each.

Frew: Air quality Open emissions testing station in Denver; promote alternatives to single occupant vehicles; expand light rail; take regional leadership in addressing pollution issues; convert another 10 - 20% of city's fleet vehicles to alternative fuels.

Solid waste management: Expand curbside recycling throughout city; purchase city supplies made from recycled materials; promote composting by the city and public.

Neighborhood protections: Strengthen neighborhood zoning/industrial code; support pesticide notification; establish permanent collection facility for household hazardous waste.

Crider: My strategies for handling traffic congestion will

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