

## Next INC Meeting

**Saturday, June 10, 1995**

Kirk of Bonnie Brae Church  
1201 South Steele Street  
(Steele & Arizona)  
Parking on street

9:15 a.m.- Coffee and Donuts  
9:30 - Around the City  
10:20 - Short Break  
10:30 - Downtown May D & F Historic Designation  
10:35 - Stapleton Redevelopment  
10:45 - Lowry Redevelopment  
Noon - Adjourn

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# Denver Neighborhood Connection

June 1995

## Minutes of May 13 Meeting

by Meredith Anderson  
INC Secretary

The meeting was held at the US West Auditorium, 1005 17th St. INC President Janey Hanley opened the meeting by thanking US West for generously providing the location and coffee for the meeting. INC provided the refreshments.

### Around The City

Roland Ray, Hutchinson Hills Homeowners Ass'n., reported a big increase in the assessed valuation on home properties. His group will provide neighbors with a list of comparable sales and a means to protest possible inequities. Deadline for protests is May 27. Rich Maginn, Curtis Park Block Council, discussed a meeting held with city traffic engineers concerning a re-thinking of the one-way street issue in light of traffic generated by events at Coors field, Elitch's and related activities. Alan DeLollis of the city cable channel thanked Janey and INC for their work in promoting the candidates' forums; there will be more as the mayoral and auditor runoff elections approach. District 7 will sponsor a forum May 23 at Goldrick Elementary; District 6 on May 31 at the Montessori school, 1460 S. Holly. Judy Kriss, Indian Creek, reported that an agreement had been reached with the developers of a contentious project in that neighborhood. The originally-proposed 6 high-rise units were reduced to one with an overall density not to exceed 350 units, with deed restrictions, waivers and conditions. Townhomes are to be constructed before commercial areas. The new proposal will come to a city council vote by July's end. The billboards bill and the takings issue are two to watch for during the next state legislative session.

Debbie James of Mayfair Park Neighborhood Association reported on a fundraiser to help defray Lowry costs. Jim Zavist, West University Community Association, reported that a new Wild Oats Community Market is open at I-25 and Washington Street. His group is monitoring three traffic studies: the Central Denver study, bounded by Colfax, Broadway, Evans and Quebec, dealing with issues including one-way streets, the Alameda bridge over Cherry Creek, and commuter traffic through neighborhoods; the I-25 Corridor study from 6th to Lincoln, dealing with the issue of meeting increasing

## Lowry Family Center Begins Operations

The Lowry Family Center opened in March of 1995. Its purpose is to create a safe, healthy, cohesive community through individual and family support and empowerment. The geographic boundaries of the Center's service area are: Colfax on the north, Monaco on the west, Alameda on the south, and Havana on the east. In addition to families in this area, the Center also serves students from the Community College of Aurora.

In assisting family members to become economically stable and self-sufficient, the Center offers services in the following areas:

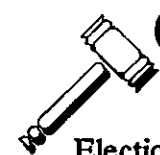
- Family support and advocacy.
- Early childhood care and education.
- Maternal and child health check-ups.
- Alcohol and drug prevention and treatment.
- Juvenile delinquency prevention.
- Recreational programs.

The Lowry Family Center resolves to be responsive to family and community concerns. Let them know how they are doing. The INC representative to the Center is Stan McIntyre, 757-0035.

### Don't Forget!

**Mayor's Quarterly Meeting:**  
**June 14**  
**from 7 to 9 p.m.**  
**at the downtown Central Library**

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## Chairwoman's Column

By Janey Hanley

Elections are almost over, and once again I need to thank many of you for volunteering to collect election results. The polling places that you go to this time may be different from last time, so please check the letter that you will get from Jeanne Robb. Special thanks to Connie and Jeanne for organizing us!

There was recently an article in *The Rocky Mountain News* that mentioned "elevating" INC's position. It is very important to all of us that INC remain strong in the future. I want to reassure all of our members that there will be no major changes in our organization without much discussion, and a vote of the entire membership. Your Board has in the past made conscious decisions to stay at arm's length from city government because that is where we felt we could be the most useful to you, and that will not change without your input.

Several of you are involved with the Central Denver Traffic Study. Please remember to give us updates! The first meeting of the Technical Committee for the South MIS study was held last week. This study is being done in conjunction with similar studies of transportation alternatives to the airport from downtown, and from Golden to downtown. All of these studies are tied into DRCOG's 2020 Vision process. When the studies have made significant progress we will have CDOT come to one of our meetings.

Don't forget the Mayor's quarterly meeting will be held on June 14th, at the Central Library. The topic there will also be transportation in Denver. We have asked to have Dennis Royer there to explain the processes involved in his traffic department.

In closing, it is my hope that INC will always remain a place where we can come together and work together even though we don't all share the same opinions. Having differing ideas and feeling safe enough to express and share both our concerns and accomplishments is part of INC's strength. Let's make sure we don't lose that ability!

Hope to see you on the 10th. It promises to be an informative meeting!

## Keep Denver Beautiful: Fight Graffiti

Keep Denver Beautiful wishes to inform Denver neighborhood organizations and homeowner associations as to how they can assist in reducing graffiti vandalism by promoting responsible retailing. Many businesses are unaware that it is unlawful to sell spray paint to minors. Citizens can help retailers combat graffiti by:

1. Identifying retailers who sell spray paint so that they may be invited to participate in responsible retailing. Let Keep Denver Beautiful know the store name and address that doesn't currently display responsible retailer materials.
2. Distributing written program materials available from Keep Denver Beautiful to retailers in your neighborhood.
3. Encourage participation by thanking those retailers who display the program materials.

Responsible retailer posters can be obtained by calling 640-2901.

## INC Members

(Patrons in Bold)

Agency for Human Rights & Community Relations • Alamo Placita NA • Athmar Park NA • Ballpark NA • Beaumont Place HOA • Belcaro Park HOA • Bellevue-Hale NA • Berkeley NA • Bonnie Brae NA • Brandy Chase at Eastmoor Park • Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods • Cherry Creek North NA • Clayton NA • Colfax on the Hill • College View Civic Assn • Congress Park Neighbors • Cook Park NA • Cory-Merrill NA • Country Club Improvement Assn • Cranmer Park/Hilltop Civic Assn • Crestmoor Park Homeowners • Curtis Park Block Council • Denargo Market Neighbors Coalition • Denver East Central Civic Assn • **Downtown Denver Residents Orgn** • East Montclair NA • Eastmoor Park Condominium Assn • Enterprise Hill HOA • Far Northeast Neighbors • George Washington HOA • Golden Triangle NA • Greater Bible Park Civic Assn • Greater Park Hill Community • Hampden Heights Civic Assn • Harkness Heights NA • Harman NA • Highland United Neighbors • Historic Denver • **Historic Montclair Community Assn** • Hunt Club HOA • **Hutchinson Hills Homeowners** • Indian Creek NA • Inspiration Point NA • Jefferson Park NA • Lower Downtown District • Marion Street Coalition • **Mayfair Neighbors** • Mayfair Park NA • Metro Denver Local Development Company • Morgan's Subdivision Historic District HOA • North City Park Civic Assn • Organized Baker Residents • Overland NA • Park Forest HOA • Pinecrest Village Improvement Assn • The Promontory • Sloan Lake Citizens Group • South Hilltop NA • South Jackson Street NA • South Washington/Emerson Action Team • South West Improvement Council • **Southmoor Park East HOA** • St. Charles Neighborhood Group • Sunnyside United Neighbors • University Park Community Council • University Place • Upper Downtown Development Orgn • Upper Larimer NA • Uptown on the Hill • Valverde Neighborhood Orgn • Virginia Village/Ellis Community Assn • Warren's University HOA • Washington Park East NA • West Highland NA • West University Community Assn • West Washington Park NA • Woodside Village II Condominium Assn • Yale Avenue Safety Comm •

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Keep Denver Beautiful • Denver Board of Realtors • Downtown Denver Partnership • Governor's Community Partnership Office • King & Associates • Mary DeGroot • Dan Oredsen • Tim Sandos • RTD •

## Education Committee Report

by Marilyn Vaughn  
Chair, Education Committee

**DPS FUND IN CRISIS:** The ability of the Capital Reserve Fund (which is used by the schools for furniture and equipment purchases over \$250 and remodeling/maintenance expenses over \$2,500) to fund the district's needs is in question. The carryover balance is estimated to be \$2 million, \$1 million of that held in emergency reserve as required by Amendment 1 (translates into can't be spent). New buses are going to be needed in the near future. The upgrade for the software and hardware business package is expected to cost \$3 million.

The District Accountability Committee and others have recommended the formation of an advisory committee to set priorities and make recommendations on expenditures from this fund. It has yet to happen. Currently, \$100,000 is projected to be spent from this fund for the remodeling of the auto shop at North and for a "Welcome Center" making use of computers. At the same time, the Chapter 1 Academic Skills Center classroom equipped for computers and air conditioned is being vacated. What would you suggest? The proposed year-round school at Colfax Elementary has a request for air conditioning at a cost of \$250,000. What would you recommend? Meanwhile, there is a growing need for classroom space in the far northeast and mid-southwest. Would you recommend another bond election? Would you recommend a mill levy increase on top of increased valuations?

Would you rather first recommend a community advisory committee for the Capital Reserve fund? Please call the Board of Education, 764-3211 or the superintendent's office, 764-3301.

**COMMUNITY USE DRAFT:** Selected excerpts: Other users (than local schools and school organizations) will be charged fees to cover the costs associated with facility use....Civic and Neighborhood Improvement Associations....note that these groups presently do not pay any facility rental fee in DPS. They do, however, pay in the KCMSD....Requests for use must be made a least three weeks in advance....A \$25.00 deposit....will be required from community and commercial rate users at the time the requesting person or group returns their application....If approved, the applicant shall make payment through the Office of Facility Use at least five working days prior to the date of scheduled use....The Office of Facility Use will administer these procedures under the management oversight of the Chief Operating Officer of the District....The following District facilities are NOT available for community use: Computer, technical and science labs....There is also a Hold Harmless/Insurance section (too lengthy to cite).

...One of the goals of the Denver Public Schools (the District) is "To develop schools as neighborhood centers." ...The Board of Education recognizes: That the District facilities belong to the school community....

**MAGNET SCHOOLS' COST:** From DPS report, October, 1990. "...This is estimated to be about \$7,307,619 above what would be needed to serve these pupils in their home schools."

**BOARD MEETINGS ON CABLE:** Denver Board of Education meetings are shown on cable television, Channel 22, live. This is usually the first and third Thursdays at 4 p.m. with public hearings on the first Thursday at 7 p.m.

For further information on any of these topics, call Marilyn Vaughn at 423-2616.

## Arts Festival June 17 & 18 at Four Mile House

The Rocky Mountain Bead Society and Four Mile Historic Park will be co-sponsoring the first annual Rocky Mountain Arts Festival on Saturday, June 17 and Sunday, June 18, 1995 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Four Mile Historic Park. The park is at 715 S. Forest Street in Denver, a few blocks east of the intersection of Cherry Creek Drive South and Colorado Blvd.

Open to the public, the \$1.50 grounds admission includes; admission to the park, craft demonstrations, RMBS bead artists displaying and selling their work, additional artists and craftspeople booths, access to food and beverage vendors, and live performances. The event will also offer hands-on activities for children, stagecoach rides, and 14 acres of grounds to wander and explore. The \$3.50 adult admission price and \$2.00 children's admission price includes a guided tour of the park's Historic Museum.

The park is the site of Denver's stagecoach stop along the Cherokee Trail. It is a living history farm and the site of Denver's oldest house. Picnic facilities are available. Books about beads and beadwork will be offered by the Rocky Mountain Bead Society to benefit their library and educational projects. The arts festival is organized and staffed by the staff and members who volunteer at Four Mile Historic Park.

For more information, contact Robin Howe, RMBS President and show chairperson, at (303) 399-3087, or Betsy Martinson, the Director of Four Mile Park, at (303) 399-1859.

## Neighborhood Connection Articles

Articles for *Denver Neighborhood Connection* must be submitted by the 20th of the month prior to publication to the Editor, Craig Eley, 3800 S. Peach Way, Denver, CO 80237. 758-9499 (hm); 757-5000 (wk); 689-9627 (fax).

# Around the City

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demand; possible means include widening or adding lanes, adding HOV lanes or expanding light rail, and the institution of tolls; and lastly the expansion of light rail along Santa Fe from Broadway to Mineral, with adequate parking at Evans and Santa Fe a main issue with an RTD projection of 1900 riders per day. Dan du Bois, DDRO, welcomed everyone to Downtown and reported there is lots of new stuff to see and do.

Tim Dunn, W. Washington Park, reported problems with heavy traffic. He reported reservations about the possibility of adding an alternative middle school to the existing Byers Alternative High School, as the current school is not a closed campus as was promised and drugs, burglaries and car thefts are troublesome issues. DPS is lacking in cooperation; the neighborhood only learned of the middle school plan through the news media. The pilot plan has been suspended.

## McUgly

Sarah St. Cyr reported a bitter conflict over a proposed McDonald's to be built at Lincoln and Alameda, a "McUgly" glass-boxed structure in noncompliance with the neighborhood plan. Mayor Webb has written a letter demanding compliance and Cathy Donohue of the office of regulatory reform is looking into a possible downzoning. Owners Randy and Stanley Stein have threatened the neighborhood with the presence of a porn shop if their McDonald's is stopped. There are 20 of these McDonald's with the square glass play areas slated for the Metro area in 1995.

Lisa Willis, NCPA, announced a general membership meeting May 23rd at the east YMCA with candidates invited. Harry Nier, Hunt Club Homeowners, thanked Harriet Hogue of Denver Planning, District 5 councilwoman Polly Flobeck and Judy Kriss for their work in helping resolve the Indian Hills development issue. Ken Strohson, Whittier Neighbors, reported the receipt of an Enterprise Community federal grant of 2.9 million over three years awarded in January to Denver. Stella Madrid of DHA has been the primary person working with neighborhood groups in NE Denver in securing these funds. Vesta Giltner, Greater Bible Park, reported that construction in the park is behind by about two weeks.

Carter Ballinger invited the delegates to attend the

Mayfair May Fair scheduled at Palmer Elementary to dedicate the new addition there. He reported the Denver

Women's Medical Club has issued a guide to the Metro area, and that the Neighborhood Health

Board would be securing a site for a poison control center in the Lowry Neighborhood. Ann Caples of Organized Baker Residents reported on the election of new officers and that the LODO trend of lofts and artisans' centers was extending into the Baker area.

Chuck Michaels reported that the closed St. Thomas Seminary site may be occupied by the Archdiocese headquarters and some housing may be developed, which may create a conflict. Some houses are being converted to condos on S. Jackson. Rita Sokolowski, Cory-Merrill President, stated that a newspaper report had misreported some numbers and that no high school would be going into the St. Thomas site; residents don't want the zone change. Cory-Merrill is involved in quadrant meetings discussing traffic issues, and they are planning a neighborhood trip to a Rockies game.

Virginia McIntyre, Virginia Village-Ellis, assured her friends at INC that she and Stan are "coming down" from the election frenzy. Dorothy Wells, Cook Park, reported progress on the Goldsmith Gulch flood control project and the possibility of a senior center at the Ash Grove site. Marilyn Vaughn, Inspiration Point, reported on improvements being made to the park. In her role as INC Education chair, Marilyn asked for an INC volunteer to serve on the DPS Historic Preservation committee. Civic groups are still not charged for community use of DPS meeting facilities. She expressed concern at the depleted reserves in the Capital Improvements reserve fund; please refer to her article elsewhere in this issue. The DPS Board of Education can be reached at 764-3211.

## Day in Court

Ben Levek, Congress Park, reported that they will have their "day in court" concerning a reapplied-for liquor license at 12th and Clayton (same owner, next-door storefront) after a previous denial. They will apply RCDA grant money toward the installation of an information kiosk. Teller school received a Neighborhood Cultures grant for multicultural diversity programs. Ben also reported crime to be significantly down in the Congress Park area, thanks in

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part to an aggressive Neighborhood Watch program. After years of work, the Congress Park Neighborhood Plan will be presented at a public hearing on June 7. Karen Taylor and Cathee Fisher of Harkness Heights reported on the public process for redevelopment of the old Elitch Gardens site. Make a Difference Day, October 28, will see Harkness Heights getting involved in a cleanup effort at their neighborhood school.

### Mondo Condo

Walt Kembel, Harmon Neighborhood, announced a public hearing before City Council on June 12 concerning plans to put a 44-unit condo complex on a 50-ft. lot at 100 S. Monroe St. Sarah Bradley, Alamo-Placita, reports off-hour parking by Aug. 1 and a revitalized neighborhood watch. Barb Hurst of CPBC announced participation in the neighborhood cleanup sponsored by Keep Denver Beautiful. Kaki Woods of Greater Park Hill reported on the Metro Growth Summit and announced a public hearing at 9 am on June 27 about the proposed waste disposal facility on Smith Road. The DPS plan to begin de-pairing schools will affect their neighborhood. Connie Mays reported 1995 INC memberships at 82 thus far. She thanked those who helped earn money for INC by serving as election reporters to CEEP and asked that those volunteers repeat their service for the June 6 runoff; those who cannot are asked to let her know at 696-0549.

Julius Zsako of Keep Denver Beautiful thanked all those who participated in the Neighborhood Clean-Up and reported that 19,000 DPS students had participated. Denver Public Works will be repeating its popular compost bin sale June 23-24 at South High School; for information call 640-1678. Phil Perington, CHUN, reported that the Guardian Angels are looking for a new storefront location. He spoke about the Ballpark Neighborhood Association, 2045 Larimer St. For information call 297-0155.

### Lowry Redevelopment

Norma Edelman, Park Forest Homeowners, reported that the Lowry CAC will meet at Cory-Merrill and encouraged folks not to get caught up in the Lowry rumor mill. Ann Callison of George Washington Homeowners took issue with a letter of rebuttal by James Meadows, Executive Director of the Lowry Redevelopment Authority, which appeared in the April issue of the *Denver Neighborhood Connection*. In his letter Mr. Meadows contended that the incidence of crime in the Lowry neighborhood remains remarkably low, as it was when the Air Force occupied the area. Ann maintains that for the 250 families at Lowry there

have been 411 calls in to police district 3 since October. She is concerned that District 3 has lost 22 officers and 3 patrol cars, and that after September 1 funding for the police patrols of the area, in force since the closure of the base, will be gone.

Gary Roll, West Highland N.A., said that elections had been held on May 2 and they were holding a graffiti cleanup after the INC meeting. They will participate in Elitch redevelopment talks and host a fundraiser. An assisted living center is being redeveloped into 48 condos. The Colorado Christian Home, a new facility, will be built at 29th and Tennyson. The Highland Street Fair will be June 17. Susan Barnes-Gelt, newly elected City Council at-large, greeted and thanked the delegates. Cyndi Kahn of Park Hill and Paul Wishard from the mayor's office spoke briefly. Jerry Burns of University Park announced a district 6 candidates' forum.

Stan McIntyre, Virginia Village-Ellis, said that for its district 6 forum USED would be polling neighbors via letter for its top three neighborhood concerns. VVE feels that it would take too much money to bring the Ash Grove school up to code for housing the Thurgood Marshall Charter School. Stan will serve on the Advisory Committee for the Family Resource Center at Lowry. Frank Lopez, Berkeley Neighborhood, reported that over 150 volunteers turned out for the April clean-up day. They successfully opposed a transfer of a liquor license with Adams County. The Mountain Man Fest is scheduled for May 19 at Tennyson and Lowell Boulevard.

### Summer School

Cyndi Kahn, GPH, spoke about Park Hill's Summer School project, which serves 1700 elementary school kids at 20 schools. Then Janey Hanley proclaimed Tim Sandos an honorary Board Member of INC for his continuing support of INC programs and efforts.

Rich Maginn asked Tim to speak about Internet applications with digital cable, and he cited several possible uses for the potential 200-500 channels: judicial uses with criminals making "appearances" without having to leave the prison; teaching and information sharing; interactive meetings at multiple locations; transfer of medical diagnostic results to consultants and specialists, and for teaching purposes; and - closer to home - shopping and bill-paying. Rich and his student assistant proceeded to demonstrate internet capabilities using a laptop and modem to tap into information system from Denver to the White House. Rich praised DPS as having advanced internet capability which needs to be developed for widespread use by students and staff.

The meeting was adjourned at noon.