

Next INC Meeting

Saturday, March 9

Rocky Mountain School of
Expeditionary Learning
3750 S. Magnolia Way

9:00 a.m.- Coffee and donuts
9:15 a.m.- Position Statements
10:00 a.m.- Around the City
10:20 a.m.- Short break
10:30 a.m.- Good Neighbor
Awards
11:15 a.m. Election of new
Executive Committee
Noon - Adjourn

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March 1996

February 10 Meeting

Around the City

By Meredith Anderson
Secretary

The meeting was convened by President **Janey Hanley** who thanked the Northwest Neighborhood Coalition for hosting the delegates. District 9 Councilperson **Debbie Ortega** welcomed the delegates and relayed the importance of getting to know all areas of the City. She mentioned impending legislation which would impact all areas of the City and stressed fairness and balance in outcome. When asked about the feasibility of neighborhood leaders having faxed to them copies of impending bills, Ms. Ortega said that the expense of such an effort would be prohibitive; however, City Council information is available on the internet (Denver Free-net). The Council office phone is 640-3012.

Steve Harshberger of the Auditor's Office said that all parts of the City are well represented in that office. **Charlotte Stevens**, Director of the Safe City program, lauded a million dollar grant from Council funding programs to promote education, provide domestic counseling and combat substance abuse. She highlighted the Summer Scholars program which had proven results in better grades and a decrease in dropouts. Charlotte urged all of us to attend two upcoming events: A presentation by Michael Medved on March 13 at Gove Middle School concerning violence in the media, and a Youth Summit on May 3 at the Convention Center.

Community Policing

Manager of Safety **Butch Montoya** spoke of the importance of law enforcement in crime prevention, saying that a community policing effort is based on problems and concerns identified by members of the affected communities. His goal is to formalize the link between police impact teams and all of the varied service providers within the City. He cited a successful graffiti sting in police district 4 and the impact of the curfew program. He cautioned that federal support for jobs programs for youth is gone and suggested that corporate sponsorships might help take up the slack. He urged that we contact Senator Ben Campbell to express support for re-instatement of funding for jobs. He said that the Gilliam Youth Center would not expand - its capacity is 78 but that the County jail would expand and might move to Smith Road. The Joint Budget Committee of the state legislature will designate a site for a new juvenile detention facility if the City does not itself choose one by March first. Three sites being considered are Stapleton, Fort Logan and the current City jail site.

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Position Statements, Executive Committee Votes Scheduled

At the March 9, 1996 meeting of Inter-Nighborhood Cooperation the delegates will vote on the position statements which were published in the February *Neighborhood Connection*. Also, the election of the new Executive Committee will take place.

The annual Good Neighbor Awards will be presented, and an abbreviated version of Around the City has been scheduled.

The meeting is being sponsored by the Southmoor Park East Homeowners' Association, and will be held at the Rocky Mountain School of Expeditionary Learning (RMSEL), a public school which is a joint venture between Denver Public Schools and several suburban school districts.

RMSEL is in the former Southmoor Elementary School, 3750 S. Magnolia Way. This is at South Monaco Parkway and Magnolia, across Monaco from an RTD Park-n-Ride. Magnolia is at the first traffic light on Monaco south of the Hampden and Monaco intersection. Turn on Magnolia, then into the school parking lot, and enter at the west door near the parking lot.

Zoning Seminar

The Denver Office of Neighborhood Response has scheduled a seminar on zoning on March 23. The seminar will be held at the Central Denver Library basement conference room A from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call Tina Scardina at 640-5827 for information.

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Chairwoman's Column

By Janey Hanley

The past two years have passed very quickly! My special thanks to all the Board members who have worked so hard and been such a help. Included in this newsletter on page 4 is language from INC's new brochure. If you look at what your Board members have accomplished, you will know how hard they have all worked, and how much of a contribution they have made to INC, and to our City. They all deserve our thanks, and appreciation.

It's almost time for Stan and the new board to take over. I am excited for the new board, and especially for Stan! Being Chair of INC is truly challenging, and at the same time terribly demanding. Please continue to be as supportive and involved as you have been for the past two years. I thank you for your involvement and commitment. INC, Stan and the new Board need your continued support.

INC will continue to face new and different challenges as Denver grows and changes. Your suggestions of having committee meetings more than once a year, and having INC, in conjunction with the City, offer education in City processes are constructive ideas. Both will help INC to grow with the City, and to better cope with issues as soon as they arise. My charge to you is to stay involved and help keep INC a strong and vital organization that can serve its membership well!

One last reminder - please pay your dues by the 9th of March so you can vote for the new Board and the position statements! See you on the 9th!

Bag-A-Thon Scheduled For Saturday, April 20

Keep Denver Beautiful, a program of the Denver Department of Public Works, is sponsoring the 10th annual Glad Bag-A-Thon on Saturday, April 20, 1996.

The City-wide cleanup project will take place between 9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Neighborhood associations will soon be receiving registration forms, which should be returned as soon as possible so that adequate cleanup supplies can be reserved. Hundreds of volunteers are needed.

In the weeks before the event, neighborhood representatives will be invited to attend a meeting to discuss the Bag-A-Thon and how each neighborhood and the City can work together to make this year's program the most successful cleanup effort ever.

Questions can be addressed to Nedra Ingram at 640-2900.

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 • Brandychase 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 Comm. 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 • Morrison Road Business Assn • North City Park Civic Assn • Organized Baker Residents • Overland NA • Park Forest HOA • Pine Valley 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 • Southeast Denver Youth Council • Southmoor Park East HOA • St. Charles Neighborhood Group • Stokes Place/Green Bowers HOA • Sunnyside United Neighbors • United Southeast Denver • 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 • Whittier NA • Woodside Village II Condominium Assn • Yale Avenue Safety Comm • Young Americans Education Foundation • **Associate Members:** Bill Himmelman • Keep Denver Beautiful • Denver Real Estate Association Management • Downtown Denver Partnership • Governor's Community Partnership Office • King & Associates • Mary DeGroot • Dan Oredsen • Tim Sandos • RTD • League of Women Voters

INC Brochure Excerpts

(from page 4)

scaping of parking lots, historic preservation, billboard controls, modification of temporary sign regulations, and control of nuisance properties.

Since 1992, has worked with the Colorado Council of the Arts and the Mayors Office of Art, Culture, and Film to help put together the Neighborhood Cultures of Denver program. The program offers art grants to low income underserved neighborhoods of Denver.

Sponsored forums for: the Denver city council, mayor and auditor elections, as well as forums about: the Denver bond elections, school mill levies, crime prevention, and other topics.

Produced and distributed questionnaires for the 1995 Mayoral race (published in the *INC Connection*), city council at-large, auditor, and at-large school board candidates.

Promoted and is participating in simplifying the zoning code.

Recommended changes to update and improve the Neighborhood Registration and Notification Ordinance, which was revised in 1995.

Participates in regular meetings with League of Women Voters, historic preservation groups, and other organizations to discuss issues affecting Denver neighborhoods.

Works toward improving relations between neighborhoods and schools: sponsors forums on educational issues and for board candidates.

Sponsored and coordinated Neighborhood - School Pride Make A Difference Day for Denver Public Schools in October, 1995.

INC board members serve or have served on the following committees:

Board of Adjustment for Zoning Appeals
Colorado Boulevard Overlay District
Denver Classroom Teachers Assn. (DCTA) Committee on School Improvement
Denver Coalition for Educational Priorities (DCEP)
Denver Community Housing Resources Board
Denver Housing Task Force
DPS Bond Election Review Committee
DPS Budget Steering Committee
Fifty for Housing
Governors Interregional Council for Growth
Lowry Family Center
Lowry Redevelopment Authority Citizens Advisory Committee
Mayor Webb's 1995 Transition Team Steering Committee
MAC Citizens Advisory Council
Metro Growth Forum
Neighborhood Health Board of Denver Health and Hospitals
Oversight Committee for Zoning Simplification Process

Safe City Summit
Safe City Review Board
South East Corridor MIS (Major Investment Study - Transportation) (CDOT)
Southwest Corridor MIS (RTD)
United Colorado Neighbors
Winter Park Citizens Advisory Committee

Group Home, Shelter, Residential Care Ordinance Reviewed

Since late November, 1995, a group of citizens, convened by the Denver Planning Office, have reviewed Denver's Residential Care Use Ordinance, which was passed by the City Council in mid-1993. The purpose of the review has been to determine whether, in light of experiences with the implementation of the ordinance and considering recent developments in the Federal Fair Housing Act, any adjustments in Denver's ordinance are needed.

The main efforts of the committee have been to study the issues of 1) spacing and neighborhood impact of residential care uses; 2) definitions and categories of different types of residential care uses (including shelters, community corrections, group homes, transitional housing); 3) the notification and public meeting process and 4) management, control and accountability of residential care uses.

Any citizens interested in reviewing the work of the committee and providing comments to the committee are invited to attend one or both of the below public meetings:

Tuesday, March 19
7:00 p.m.
basement conference room
200 W. 14th Avenue

Wednesday, March 20
4:00 p.m.
basement conference room
200 W. 14th Avenue

The work of the committee has not yet been concluded and much remains to be done. Comments and ideas are very welcome.

Those with questions or concerns should contact Michael Henry (neighborhood co-chair), 377-6609, or Louise Boris (care provider co-chair), 830-2714.

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, 80237. 758-9499 (hm), 757-5000 (wk).

Around the City

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Maureen McGraff of Safe City's curfew program spoke of the effectiveness of the program, with juvenile crime down 25 per cent and victimization down 30 per cent. Apprehended violators are brought to "safe sites" with attendant services from March 1 - Sept. 30 only; the other part of the year, violators are brought to court. The program has also been effective in reducing the time it takes an officer to handle a case from about 90 minutes to about 23 minutes. The program has seen a drop in recidivism from 56 per cent to 7 per cent.

Russ Hackstaff of The Ross Co. and Phil Hernandez, Manager of the Denver Department of Social Services, spoke of their support for locating the re-designed Human Services Center on Federal Blvd. just south of Colfax near the West Side Health Center. Advantages include a cluster of uses within easy access of public transportation near the largest portion of its client base, with open space nearby (Rude Park). This is a PUD application which City Council must approve. CCD may hold some classes there and there is talk of providing a parking garage. The RFP process did not include neighborhood input.

Takings Bills

David Broadwell of the Colorado Municipal League expressed grave concerns over several "takings" bills pending in the legislature which would impair a community's ability to manage growth and would preclude citizen participation by removing rights of initiative and referendum. He cited S.B. 61 and H.B. 1303 among those to which we as citizens need to voice opposition. To inquire about current or pending legislation at the state level, phone 866-3055. The Colorado Municipal League can be reached at 831-6411. There are parallel bills which would severely limit the right of citizens to oppose or help revoke liquor licenses.

Southmoor Park East continues talking with the Garts regarding lighting, barriers, and traffic snarls created by exiting theatre patrons. Neighborhood Cultures Grants are available; funding is being sought. Bellevue-Hale - problems with a DHA tenant being evicted and the yard holding the furnishings for several days. This creates an eyesore. Funding is in place for a new playground in City Park to be constructed wholly by volunteers - volunteers are needed! Several committees have been formed to handle the logistics.

Virginia Village/Ellis will host a jobs fair for youth in southeast Denver. Also, there will be a Circuit City going in on Colorado Blvd. at Florida, resulting in a significant increase in traffic. It will be 35,000 s.f. plus a 3600 s.f. "pad". It was also reported that changes to a PUD filing at Evans and Colorado should require a new opportunity for public input.

INC memberships are due; please see Connie Mays.

Must be paid up in order to vote at the March Meeting.

Councilperson Susan Barnes-Gelt wants to sponsor a meeting concerning the effectiveness of the Neighborhood nuisance ordinance with members of concerned neighborhoods. This

topic will be on a future INC agenda. Dustin Samuel of the DPS Career Education Center spoke in praise of many new course offerings and invited all to attend an open house on February 20. Dustin can be reached at 964-3000.

Harriet Hogue, Denver Planning, urged support for the Colorado Children's Campaign. Call them at 839-1580 for info. Rezoning of Downtown and Golden Triangle will be discussed at a meeting on Feb. 15 concerning the B8-A zone. Harriet can be reached at 640-4768.

Lowry - has the planning board been deliberately cut from the planning process? Are public hearings "courtesy" only? Council Public hearing is time for public testimony. Planning Commission is willing to meet with neighborhoods, according to Norma Edelman.

Fear and Loathing at DHA

Sunnyside - DHA loathe to open public records. Harman Neighbors - the traffic study continues. Lowry may be site of a senior center, skating arena. The Berkeley school is trying for historic designation and funds for preservation. A developer wants to add buildings to the site.

Judy Kriss brought up whether INC should undergo some restructuring. Should INC be more proactive in response to issues? Should INC committees meet more often to funnel issues, with plans of action, to the delegates? Neighborhood plans as they exist now are merely "guidelines"; they need to be codified to hold authority. Judy has filed to run for the District 10 House seat being vacated by Doug Friednash. North City Park Civic Association - "Operation Ceasefire" will attempt to reduce the number of guns in circulation by offering Nuggets tickets in exchange for firearms, March 9. Call 640-4422.

West Highlands - Federal Blvd. improvement meeting to be held Feb. 13 at North High. Berkeley - Denver and Adams City working on a Mobile grant for \$30,000. Land for arts, cultural events, 40 acres north of I-76. Tina Scardina, Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Response, lists communication as a high priority. Neighborhood tours give firsthand view of problems. Seminars available on a variety of topics.

Byers may be the new location for the School of the Arts. A high-rise is under discussion for Logan between 2nd and 3rd.

Mayfair Park - the Sunset Village proposal on Lowry failed. Colfax on the Hill - working on mapping overlays for group homes, liquor licenses, etc. Can attach a rider to a liquor license application to ensure the license won't be transferred.

Education Committee Report

By Marilyn Vaughn
Chair, Education Committee

Highlights of Denver Public Schools' Community Use Policy especially important to neighborhood organizations:

Category A: Free Rental - Includes non-school organizations such as civic and neighborhood improvement associations. Required to pay non-refundable, one-time annual application filing fee, currently \$25.00.

Applications for use for first-time users must be made at 900 Grant, Office of Community Use (Office), telephone number 764-3352, 764-3350. Should be submitted at least 3 weeks prior to date for requested use. Applicant will be notified by the Office as to the approval or disapproval of the application.

Appropriate labor and incremental costs may be charged for usage beyond normal school operating hours. Custodians are paid 30 minutes before and after scheduled time of event. Overtime rate is \$23 an hour. (Suggestion: Even though all applications must go through 900 Grant, work with your principal and facility manager regarding flex time.)

Any applicable fees are to be paid 5 days in advance of event. (Note: Due to number of bad checks, it is possible only certified funds will be accepted in future. Not policy now.)

Facilities should be inspected at time of initial occupancy. Any damage will be billed to the using group. The Chief Operating Officer or designee will be judge of damage.

If usage is considered high risk, certificate of insurance may be required. There will be the ability to buy into a district liability policy.

A survey form will be given to both the user and the facility manager after the event to be returned to the Office.

Use of such areas as kitchens and auditoriums have additional requirements.

Other items (maybe) of interest - Superintendent Irv Moskowitz's contract has been extended by one year to August 31, 1999.

Sites for high school alternative education are under review. It is unlikely there will be a single site. It is likely that the program will remain at 29th and Zuni but will move

from Byers. District officials hope for an early decision so that adequate planning can be done for 97-98 school year.

The district is negotiating to lease the United Cerebral Palsy Association building at 2727 Columbine Street. It may be used to relieve space crunch in northeast Denver. Meanwhile, the Association will be moving to Ash Grove Elementary.

The use of temporary buildings continues to be mentioned. From the presentation your writer saw on such facilities, please note they are modular buildings. They are not cheap and give the appearance of being permanent. They can be moved, however. Such units are being put in place at Cowell Elementary, 4540 W. 10th.

INC Publishes Brochure

Editor's note: INC has published an informational brochure which explains its purposes and activities. The following are excerpts from that brochure.

INC Activities

Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation (INC) serves as the eyes, ears and voice of Denver neighborhood associations.

Annual INC Activities:

Functions as an informational pipeline and provides networking opportunities for Denver neighborhoods.

Publishes and distributes newsletter, the *Denver Neighborhood Connection*, to INC members, registered neighborhood groups and city offices.

Meets monthly, every second Saturday morning, to update each other on neighborhood issues around the city and to closely examine a city issue.

Publishes annual position statements on education, environmental, healthcare, housing, land use, metropolitan growth issues, parks and recreation, public safety, transportation, and zoning issues. These position statements help guide actions taken by INC each year.

Hosts the Mayor's Quarterly Meetings, in conjunction with the Mayor's office as a means of providing up to date information on current issues in Denver.

Sponsors annual Presidents' Dinner for presidents of neighborhood organizations.

Recent INC activities:

Participated in successful, and often hard fought, efforts to adopt city ordinances related to: downtown rezoning building height restrictions, the pop-top ordinance, land-

Dues Due

1996 INC dues must be received by March 8, 1996 in order for an organization's delegate to vote on INC position statements during the March meeting. Dues are \$30 per year (\$60 for those who wish to be INC patrons) and can be mailed to P.O. Box 300116, Denver, CO 80218.

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