

Next INC Meeting

Saturday, April 13

Chaffee Park Funeral Home
4750 Tejon (I-70 & Tejon)

hosted by Morrison Road
Business Association
of Denver

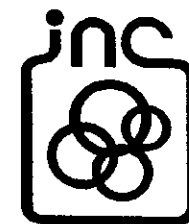
9:00 a.m.- Coffee and donuts
9:15 a.m.- Around the City
10:20 a.m. - Short break
10:30 a.m.- Committee reports
and open meeting to discuss
neighborhood concerns
Noon - Adjourn

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1996 Good Neighbor Awards

Editor's Note: Below is a transcript of remarks made at the March 9, 1996 INC Delegates' Meeting, during which Carol Dawson, Marilyn Vaughn, and Bob and Rae Hilbert were presented with INC's 1996 Good Neighbor Awards.

Carol Dawson

INC Good Neighbor, Carol Dawson, is serving her second term as President of the Morrison Road Business Association of Denver (MR BAD). As a property and business owner on Morrison Road, Carol operates a large used and new carpet store and is always generous with her carpet donations to non-profit organizations...including the MR BAD office.

Whether business is good or suffering, Carol is a leader in her volunteer endeavors and looks for diverse ways to assist her neighborhood. Last spring, as the graffiti and vandalism escalated on Morrison Road, Carol was a front runner in pursuing the formation of a Residents Against Drugs and Crime (RADAC) chapter that works in conjunction with the Guardian Angels to decrease crime. Volunteers have completed their training and have been weekly patrolling the streets for three months. Carol is the president of the newly formed Westwood Chapter of RADAC and spends much time patrolling and recruiting additional residents and business associates in joining the fight to take back the neighborhood.

Abraham Lincoln High School has utilized Carol's business savvy and knowledge as Carol has participated in student/community leader panel discussions. The panels have led to increased determination to education the youth of today.

INC is proud to name Carol Dawson as a 1996 INC Good Neighbor!

Marilyn Vaughn

INC Good Neighbor Marilyn Vaughn is well known to Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation for her dedication to her neighborhood, Inspiration Point, and to INC itself. Marilyn has served as INC's secretary and currently is serving as Chair of the INC Education Committee.

Marilyn was one of the founding forces organizing the Inspiration Point Neighborhood Association ten years ago. Shortly after formation of her neighborhood group Marilyn became IPNA's delegate to INC. Marilyn has edited the neighborhood newsletter and served as Secretary of the Inspiration Point association. She currently serves as Education and Zoning Chair for her neighborhood group.

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Neighborhood Connection Articles

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Billboard Reduction Achieved

By Michael Henry

Denver neighborhood groups should be moderately proud of the fact that, during the first week in March, nine billboards were removed from Speer Boulevard and Park Avenue. On February 5, 1996, the Denver City Council passed an ordinance, which the Mayor signed on March 9, to "settle" litigation threatened by the billboard companies.

In 1988, Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation and many individual neighborhood groups joined with several other organizations, such as the League of Women Voters, Historic Denver, Inc., the Urban Design Forum and the Denver Chapter of the American Institute of Architects in a successful effort to have the City re-codify Denver's billboard code. One provision of the ordinance, which was passed in June, 1988, provided that all billboards along Speer Boulevard and along Park Avenue (between East Colfax and Welton Street) must be removed by five years after the passage of the ordinance. The billboard companies, however, refused to comply and threatened to sue the city for unlawful "taking" of their property.

In February, 1996, seventeen billboards remained of those which should have been removed in June, 1993.

Under the settlement ordinance, the billboard companies have removed nine of the seventeen billboards, while the remaining eight are allowed to stay.

The billboards which have been removed were at the southeast corner of Broadway and Speer, 1060 Speer Boulevard, 1128 Speer Boulevard, 501

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Chairman's Column

By Stan McIntyre

To our membership - thank you for all the time and effort you gave to amend the INC Position Statements and update our bylaws. Congratulations and thank you to the 1996-97 INC Executive Committee for accepting the responsibility to serve our members.

INC was challenged by Mayor Webb at the last Mayor's Quarterly Meeting to help the city find a location for our detention facilities, shelters and group homes. INC will be able to assist in these matters only if we have INC representatives assigned to these committees. I thank Mayor Webb for showing confidence in INC by asking for our assistance and support. The next Mayor's Quarterly Meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on April 18 at the Central Library. Topics include the summer youth program and the role of neighborhood representation.

The April 13 delegates' meeting will be reserved to address the concerns of our member organizations. Please come prepared to voice your problems and plans. Your neighborhood concerns and achievements and your participation in INC are important to us. Only you can let us know how we can be of assistance to your organization. I'll see you at the April 13th meeting!

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1996 Neighborhood School Pride Day Being Planned

INC's 1995 DPS Autumn School Grounds Beautification Project for Make A Difference Day was a great success. The organizers want to start planning for the October, 1996 project early, so the results can be even better. The task force will hold its first planning meeting on April 9, 1996 at 4:30 p.m. at 900 Grant Street in the 4th floor lunchroom. Everyone is welcome to attend and help get this year's project off to a great start.

The new "Dollar Dictionary Drive" will also be discussed. This is a Neighborhood-School Pride Project that is a spin-off of last year's activities. The initial goal will be to provide a pocket dictionary for every third grade DPS student in August 1996.

Come help organize, communicate, share your ideas and lead to successful 1996 INC events. For information call Cathee Fisher, 433-5221.

Education Notes

By Marilyn Vaughn
Chair, Education Committee

The Northwest Coalition for Better Schools Fair will showcase the northwest area schools on April 27 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at North High School, 2800 W. 32nd Ave. There will be performances by school groups, ethnic foods and school booths.

Bryant-Webster Elementary School has entered into the National Register of Historic Places and the Colorado Register of Historic Properties.

Debusing and boundary changes are resulting in some schools overflowing and others below capacity. Projections will be available for perusal at the April meeting.

Mayor's Quarterly Meeting
April 18, 7:00 p.m.
Denver Central Library

1996 Good Neighbor Award Recipients

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Marilyn has served her neighborhood with an unselfish attitude, always putting the interest of the association and INC before everything else. She has attended countless meetings with city and school officials and is a familiar face at Denver Board of Education meetings. Many other DPS committees and task forces benefit from her knowledge and input. Marilyn attacks everything with diligence and professionalism. Marilyn's neighbors know that when Marilyn is representing them, their interests are definitely being protected--as individuals or as a group.

INC proudly salutes Marilyn Vaughn . . . a 1996 INC Good Neighbor!

Bob and Rae Hilbert

It is a special privilege to recognize Bob and Rae Hilbert as INC Good Neighbors. This couple holds the distinction as the nominee for good neighbor with the most supporting letters of nomination. Bob and Rae Hilbert are greatly loved by their neighbors and truly worthy of this award.

One neighbor reports: "Rae has spent countless hours on the phone making sure people get to the polls to vote. Of course she hopes it's for her candidate -- don't we all -- but it's more important for her to see us involved. She teaches us how and doesn't make judgments when we're not as effective as she's been able to be. Bob and Rae continue to be informed. They then inform the rest of us. They take a stand and give 110%. They have probably attended more City Council meetings and spoken up for what is best for this city than all of us nominating them have together."

Neighbors report more: "Bob and Rae volunteer. We have yet to participate in any Park Hill activity where we haven't seen them. Whether it is hosting at a house on the Home Tour, or manning the auction at the street fair, or simply attending the neighborhood Fourth of July barbecue or winter progressive dinner--the Hilberts participate. They are there for each of us as members of a community and for the community itself."

Bob and Rae have worked on so many issues to help keep the neighborhood a safe, clean and quiet place to live. They have:

- * worked for years on defeating an RTD proposal to put light rail down Colfax Ave. or mid-block between 16th and Colfax;
- * helped close several unwanted bars on Colfax and kept an adult book store from opening in the neighborhood;
- * coordinated getting and planting trees for Niagara St. and the 6700 block of 16th;
- * kept contact with the owners of the Niagara House Motel and helped thwart the negative goings-on at the motel;

* delivered the Greater Park Hill paper and they still have the "helping hand" in their window;

* when neighborhood crime became a flash point in the community, Rae took up the call to find a Sector Leader to help organize her part of the neighborhood -- and when no one had the time to prepare and distribute the sector newsletter -- Rae took this job on herself.

Their neighbors sum it up: "If ever there were role models for the kind of care and involvement it takes to build a good neighborhood, Bob and Rae are it." "Bob and Rae are fine examples of what good neighbors should be!"

INC is extremely proud and pleased to present Bob and Rae Hilbert as INC 1996 Good Neighbors.

Rae Hilbert died on March 14, after a valiant fight with cancer. INC offers its condolences to her husband Bob, her family, and the Park Hill Neighborhood, which will sorely miss her special sparkle. Rae left a legacy of love and caring which can serve as an example to us all.

Billboards Fall to Ordinance

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West 12th Avenue, 1306 Speer Boulevard, 1340 Speer Boulevard, Speer Boulevard and Zuni (southwest corner), 2350 Speer Boulevard and 18th Avenue and Park Avenue.

Although the supporters of the 1988 billboard code are disappointed that the settlement only provided for "half a loaf," the count of billboards in the City and County of Denver has been significantly reduced since the passage of the ordinance in 1988. According to City figures, the 629 billboards which existed in 1988 have now been reduced to approximately 500. As redevelopment of vacant land occurs, the number of billboards will continue to grow smaller.

On March 5, Councilpersons Debbie Ortega, Ramona Martinez and Dennis Gallagher voted against the settlement ordinance, believing that the section of Speer Boulevard in northwest Denver was left with too many billboards under the settlement. Those who support billboard control in Denver should support those council representatives if they attempt to budget funds to purchase one or more of the billboards in northwest Denver.

Transportation Study Public Meeting

The first public meeting for the Central Denver Transportation Study, sponsored by the City and County of Denver, will be April 9, 1996 at Mitchell Hall, Denver Botanical Gardens, 1005 York St., from 7-9 p.m. The study area encompasses Broadway to Quebec, and Colfax to I-25/Evans, and will be looking at lessening the effects of traffic on neighborhoods.