

Next INC Meeting

Saturday, June 11

Kirk of Bonnie Brae
1201 South Steele Street

9:00 a.m.- Coffee and donuts

9:15 a.m.- Around the City

10:00 a.m. - Panel on liquor
issues, featuring Beth
McCann

11:00 a.m. - Panel on
proposed changes in
group home ordinance,
featuring Jennifer Moulton

Noon - Adjourn

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May 11 Meeting

Minutes of Last Meeting

By Sara St. Cyr
Secretary

The Botanical Gardens in Congress Park Botanical Gardens had its Book/Plant Sale May 10th weekend. Committee Reports:

Dollar a Dictionary (DaD). Cathee Fisher & Tom Tayon, Co-Chairs. More money is coming in. They're working on recruiting sponsors. Talking to K Mart to work out a good price on dictionaries. Need help collecting money.

Crime Committee. Harold Brewer, Chair. Need a liaison between Police Dist. 2 & community. Need volunteers to help kids with learning. Kathy Griswold is working on a privately funded project to help kids with learning. Seeking volunteers to help kids. Call 333-3434.

Membership. Connie Mays, Chair. She also gave Treasurer's Rpt. INC has a total of 77 paid regular members, and 13 associate members. \$1,245.86. Did receive the \$2,000 from Newman's Own Fund earmarked for savings account. Savings: \$5,837.75; Checking: \$865.43; Bellevue Trust Fund: \$485.82 (Grant given to Bellevue Hale N.A.)

Excise Licensing. Margot Hartman. Since this is a new committee. Need members. Call Margot at 321-9975. More of our rights as neighborhoods have been taken away by the legislature.

Health Committee. Carter Ballinger, Chair, had nothing to report.

Around the City

Things are quiet in **West University Community Assn.** No meeting has been held in **Inspiration Point. Upper Downtown Development Assn.** is still battling Zoning Dept. regarding downzoning from B8 to B8A. Believe new "Takings" law will help them because the difference (loss) will be reimbursed by City. Proceeding on their NE downtown plan. Hope to be able to do something around Coors area.

United South East Denver (USED) will meet May 30th at Denver Board of Realtors. **University Park Commun. Council TMA** met & is applying for \$100K from DRCOG to work on problems on Colorado Blvd. Next meeting is June 27, 6:00 p.m., Glendale Community Center, 999 S. Clermont. Broncos and Phil Long Ford provided money for the City Park Playground Project. Meeting scheduled for May 18 at East High. Please announce at your general meetings that volunteers are needed. Looking for 4-5,000 volunteers for week-long construction effort. They will provide the money; we provide the labor. Construction is planned for Sept 23 to 30 (Mon-Sun).

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Legislature and Governor Weaken Liquor License Controls

by Michael Henry

On May 5, 1996, Governor Roy Romer signed legislation passed by the General Assembly which will substantially weaken the ability of local licensing authorities to regulate liquor-licensed establishments. The new law, House Bill 1282, will also result in neighborhood organizations having considerably less influence over problem bars and liquor stores.

The former statute, Colorado Revised Statutes §12-47-103(4.5)(b), was itself only recently adopted in 1995. It provided that a liquor license renewal may be denied if "the licensee or applicant

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Upcoming INC Meetings

June 11, 1996
Kirk of Bonnie Brae
1201 S. Steele St.

July 13, 1996
Best Western Executive Hotel
4411 Peoria St. (I-70 & Peoria)

August -- No meeting

September 7, 1996
Denver Board of Realtors
4300 E. Warren Ave.



Chairman's Column

By Stan McIntyre

A commitment was made by City administration and City Council to work with INC members to update the Nuisance Abatement Ordinance. Ms. Tina Scardina, Director of the Office of Neighborhood Response, and Katherine Woods, INC Housing Chair, will co-chair this committee. They are currently working on this project and have ninety days to bring their recommendations back to INC.

The purpose of INC is to gather and share information and assist neighborhood groups when aid is requested; to nominate neighborhood representatives to public commissions and boards; to take stands on neighborhood issues that have citywide impact; to provide information to neighborhoods concerning organizing and registering with the City and dealing effectively with City agencies. (Taken from INC Bylaws, Article 11, Section A) Information on how to request support from INC is outlined in Article 11, Section B. Corrected Bylaws and Position Statements should be ready by July.

Membership and participation is very important to our organization. If you know of a neighborhood group that is not a member of INC, invite them to a meeting and urge them to become members. Associate membership is also appreciated. Become one of Connie's helpers - numbers count!

INC Members (Patrons in Bold)

• Alamo Placita NA • Belcaro Park HOA • Beaumont Place HOA • Bellevue-Hale NA • Berkeley NA • Brandychase at Eastmoor Park • Broadway Terrace NA • Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods • Clayton NA • Colfax on the Hill • College View Civic Assn • Congress Park Neighbors • Cook Park NA • Cory-Merrill NA • Cranmer Park/Hilltop Civic Assn • Crestmoor Park Neighbors • Denargo Market Neighbors Coalition • Denver's Uptown on the Hill • **Downtown Denver Residents Orgn** • East Montclair NA • Eastmoor Park Condo Assn • Far Northeast Neighbors • **George Washington HOA** • Globeville Civic Association • Golden Triangle NA • Good Neighbors Assn • Greater Park Hill Community • Hampden Heights Civic Assn • Harkness Heights NA • Harman NA • Highland United Neighbors • **Hutchinson Hills/Willow Point Homeowners** • Indian Creek Neighborhood Orgn • Inspiration Point NA • Jefferson Park NA • **Mayfair Neighbors** • Mayfair Park NA • Metro Denver Local Development • Morgan's Subdivision Historic District HOA • Morrison Road Business Assn • North City Park Civic Assn • Organized Baker Residents • Pine Valley NA • Sloan Lake Citizens' Group • South Hilltop NA • South Jackson Street NA • South West Improvement Council • South Washington/Emerson Action Team • Southmoor Park East HOA • Southmoor Park HOA • St. Charles Neighborhood Group • Stokes Place/Green Bowers HOA • Sunnyside United Neighbors • The Promontory • United Berkeley Neighborhood • United Colorado Neighbors • United South East Denver • University Park Community Council • University Place NA • **Upper Downtown Development Orgn** • Valverde Neighborhood Orgn • Virginia Village/Ellis Community Assn • Virginia Vale Community Assn • Warren's University HOA • Washington Park East NA • West Highland NA • West Washington Park NA • **West University CA** • Yale Avenue Safety Comm •

Associate Members: Agency for Human Rights & Community Relations • Bill Himmelmann • Broadway Terrace Merchants Assn • Colorado Coalition for the Homeless • Denver Medical Society • Denver Real Estate Association Management • Denver Public Schools • Downtown Denver Partnership • Historic Denver • Keep Denver Beautiful • **King & Associates** • League of Women Voters of Denver • South East Denver Youth Council • **Tim Sandos** • Young Americans Education Foundation •

Education Notes

Volunteers Needed

Earning by Learning, a program to encourage children to read, is seeking volunteers for 2 hours a week for 6 weeks during the summer. Children are paid \$2 for each book they have read. This money comes from private funds. Volunteers would work with children to make sure they have read the books. The theory is that once they read they will become enthused about reading and will become better readers and students. Call Kathy Griswold at 333-3434 for more information.

East High Formidable In National Constitution Competition

Since 1987, teams from East High School have competed in the "We The People... The Citizen and the Constitution" national finals.

Beginning with the 1990-91 school year, East has sent very formidable teams to carry the DPS flag. This year's third place finish was no different.

Here's six years worth of results from the East High Team:

1990-91: Second
1991-92: First
1992-93: Second
1993-94: Seventh
1994-95: Third
1995-96: Third

In the competition, classes of students work cooperatively to learn and understand the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights. Teams are examined by a panel of constitutional scholars, lawyers, and government leaders in Washington, D.C.

This year's East High Team included: Anne Aher, Rachael Alkayali, Lisa Arnolds, Peter Baer, Sabrina Baronberg, Olivia Bridges, Jean Carbutt, Tel Cary-Sadler, Brianna Casart, Brienne Chittenden, Alair Cleveland, Casey Coler, Katherine

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Governor Signs Devastating Liquor Bill

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has failed to comply with any special terms or conditions placed on its license in prior disciplinary proceedings or by agreement between the licensee and the licensing authority."

House Bill 1282 eliminates the provision "by agreement between the licensee and the licensing authority," meaning that even if an applicant agrees to place restrictions upon the license, such an agreement would be meaningless, because violations of that agreement could not be used in the future to non-renew the license.

Under this new legislation, therefore, any representations made by an applicant to neighbors or to the local licensing authority as to the type of business to be conducted, such as hours of operation, hiring of security guards, noise levels, type of food service, etc., could not be enforced through restrictions placed on the license. As soon as a license is granted, an applicant can immediately change the entire type of operation which he or she had promised, or else the licensee could immediately transfer the license to an entirely different party. Such changes of ownership and operation frequently occur in Denver.

Colorado Revised Statutes §12-47-103(4.5)(d) formerly provided that a local licensing authority could refuse to renew a license if there were "evidence that the licensee has conducted its licensed premises in a manner that adversely affects the health welfare or safety of the neighborhood in which the licensed establishment is located." House Bill 1282, however, added to that provision the

phrase "which evidence must include a continuing pattern of fights, violent activity or disorderly conduct...as defined in Colorado Revised Statutes §18-9-106." This addition drastically reduced the effectiveness of the statute. Liquor-licensed establishments sometimes cause serious problems for the surrounding neighborhood which do not include "a continuing pattern of fights, violent activity or disorderly conduct," such as drug-dealing, prostitution, criminal activity, frequent urination and/or vomiting of customers upon neighbors' property, etc.

If neighborhoods wish to protect themselves against serious problems with liquor-licensed establishments, they will have to rely more heavily upon negotiating and enforcing private contract with an applicant or a licensee, instead of relying upon the Denver Department of Excise and Licenses to place or enforce restrictions upon liquor licenses. That, however, assumes that the applicant or licensee will be willing to negotiate such an agreement. With the passage of House Bill 1282, even that may not occur.

At the INC meeting on June 8, this subject will be discussed.

Neighborhood organizations, if they have candidate forums before the November legislative elections, should carefully discuss this issue with all legislative candidates.

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Mayor Appoints McIntyre To River Commission

Denver Mayor Wellington Webb has appointed INC Chair Stan McIntyre to the Platte River Commission for a two year term ending in April of 1998.

The commission will oversee the implementation of a series of river corridor improvements to recreational facilities, wildlife habitat, and flood control projects.

Planning for additional improvements is also part of the commission's mandate. These include projects to be undertaken with other cities and counties. Funds will come from state, federal, and private sources.

INC Joins UCN

The Executive Board of Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation has voted to exchange membership with United Colorado Neighbors, Inc. (UCN). Because of the constant threat of legislation which could negatively impact neighborhoods, INC decided to support UCN efforts to amend or kill such bills. UCN was organized in 1984 to join neighborhood and homeowners groups from around the state so that they might have a greater voice in legislation and development that affects the quality of life of all Colorado citizens.

UCN has been successful in forestalling or changing several bills at the state house, as well as promoting or defeating a number of local issues.

UCN is the only state-wide organization which representing neighborhood groups. Mike Henry, past INC Chair, is active with U.C.N.

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), 689-9627 (fax). Articles more than 200 words in length should be submitted on an IBM compatible disk in WordPerfect 5.1 or ASCII (DOS) format.

Around the City

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going to sell. Indian Creek is winding up review of final plans on TriDel Proj. Carwash is being planned for a vacant piece of land on Quebec where no commercial business is currently located. Nbrs want to make it approved for open space.

Far NE Neighbors hosted youth from all Denver Rec Cntrs May 11. West Washington Park is hosting another house tour this summer. Will keep you posted. Getting more commercial/residential zoning problems along Lincoln St. & in other areas of neighborhood. INC T-shirts are for sale. Seeds for sale are to support membership drive.

Nuisance Abatement Panel presentation: Panel members included Councilmember Susan Barnes-Gelt, Officer Daniel Yount, Tina Scardina, Director of Neighborhood Response, and Geri Castellano, Admin Asst to Cathy Reynolds.

Nuisance Abatement is for all property, public as well as private. The Ordinance doesn't exempt anyone. DHA is most helpful & moves the fastest. Need police especially to be more user friendly.

What's Working? The City & community are working together. Enforcement seems to be variability between districts. People are frustrated with lines of accountability. There needs to be a clear delineation of who does what along the process. A central team with authority needs to be there with clear lines of accountability. Needs to have the city attorney take a case to court to see what happens. A one-page form delineating who does what is needed so that we can provide it to the community. More enforcement thru zoning is a possibility. A confidentiality policy needs to come from the Chief of Police.

Geri addressed the issue of confidentiality by advising us to perhaps not go to businesses and tell them what you've done. City needs your help in doing this. Lt. Yount agreed at the March Nuisance Abatement meeting to take this specific issue to Chief Michaud. The issue is in Civil Liability Bureau where it's supposed to be written up & presented to Chief soon.

There is a need to bring zoning & nuisance together. Staff & Council need to think through zonings and rezonings. Takings is a two-way street.

The Office of Personnel & Public Safety is in charge of changes to Nuisance Abatement Ordinance.

Key Issues for Working Group to Address:

1. Commercial zonings in residential areas.
2. Consistency in response.
3. Money to provide staff.
4. Criminal issues are related to vacant & abandoned bldgs. We need to continue working on those.
5. Clarify lines of authority.
6. Willing to take risks & close something down even if its only to make a point.

7. Confidentiality.
8. Problems of legal and illegal immigration into the City.
9. Tougher sanctions for repeat offenders.
10. Follow-through in all areas.
11. Communication on what is or isn't in law & wider distribution thru media, etc.
12. Probation period suggested that when someone is cited that individ is required to report their continued compliance rather than have the agencies do the work.

A vote was taken on the above 12. The Top 5:

- Tougher sanctions for repeat offenders.
- Follow thru & monitoring.
- Requiring violators to report on their compliance.
- Increased Staffing.
- Consistency & response.
- Commercial zonings in residential areas.

Only in an INC meeting could you vote 5 times. 640-5827. Geri would like to see commitment to communicate; presidents of NAs need to take time to read NA materials sent or given to you.

Important phone number to call with questions or comments:

Councilmember Susan Barnes-Gelt	640-2888
Officer Daniel Yount	640-1412
Councilmember Dennis Gallagher	640-2172
Tina Scardina,	
Office of Neighborhood Response	640-5827

Education Notes

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Huff, Morgen King, Colin Kronewitter, Jon Lay, Sadat Montgomery, Christopher Robinson, Emily Saslow, Brian Schumacher, Robyn Short, Eric Swan, Hadley Vargas, Allison Waggener, and Kristine Wilfley.

Since 1989, the team has been coached by teacher Deanna Morrison.

Boettcher Scholars

Two of the 40 1996 Boettcher Scholarships were awarded to DPS students. They are Megan Elam Hall from Thomas Jefferson High School, and Melissa Lynn Woodvine from George Washington.

The scholarship provides full college tuition and fees, and an allowance for books and living expenses. The scholarship may only be used at colleges or universities located in Colorado. The scholarship is renewed each year if the recipient maintains a high academic record.

The Boettcher Scholarship Program is designed to assist students who are potential community and career leaders.

Around the City

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United Airline employees are participating. Goal is to have 700 people/day to get the work done. Continuing construction at Buchtel Trail. U-Hills is a major concern. Plan to talk to developer. DU is slowing their redevelopment & are working with community. Office of Neighborhood Response completed Zoning 101 and 201 Workshops. Plan to complete neighborhood tours before summer break. In fact, had final tour May 10 in Park Hill. Janey Hanley be will co-chair of Public Nuisance Neighborhood Partnership Committee. New member of department is RD.

Berkeley NA received an award for the Jim Baker Mtn Fest. Working on acquiring 30 acres of land (old gravel pit) with financial aid from Adams County folks. Received \$5K from the Adams County Sheriff's Dept. Everyone is invited to attend 1996 Festival. Looking for sponsors to help raise the 25% of funding that needs to be raised by citizens.

Pamphlet Available

Zoning Dept. reports that spring construction is rampant in neighborhoods. Pamphlet on "Construction in the Neighborhood" is available from Planning Office & will be sent out to various neighborhood organizations. Neighborhood Regulations Ordinance requires that Planning Ofc have copy of Bylaws or Articles of Incorp. Call 572-4636. Contact George Washington for information on person they hired inexpensively (just over \$500) to produce the docs required by the Ordinance.

Craig Cook of DPS was publicly thanked for changing a Lowry meeting that was going to be held at Lowry where there are no lights. Meeting changed to May 16 at Geo Wash HS at 7 p.m. Another TMA has started at Lowry. Colo St Dept of Hlth is putting lab at Lowry. They refused to shrink size of parking & said they had been planning this since 1988. There's talk about building on 6000 sf lots which is not in character with size of other neighborhood lots, but are planning at least 10K sf in some places. Side comment: Building a Bronco Stadium is not being done for the people.

Inspiration Point. Increasing traffic on 52nd Av because of three large home improvement facilities. Mayfair has paid its dues finally. Glad to report that park is developing well. The dedication is Sat., Aug 10. Additional lighting will be installed. Bands of Denver will play. Univ Hosp is dedicating its new tower next weekend. Call Carter Ballinger if interested in the Camera Club. It meets twice a month at Univ Meth Church. Mayfair challenges other neighborhoods after Mayfair provided dictionaries for each of their elementary students. Highland United Nbrs is having problems. Prison Task Force. Harkness Hts' Cathie Fisher circulated a Petition asking Police to support the laws that are out there to control citizenry when they get out of

control referring to Fed. Blvd. problem last weekend. Alamo Placita is still working on Safeway expansion ideas. Gave Councilman Thomas credit for getting the US West boxes relocated. Hilltop reports everything is as usual. Virginia Village-Ellis. More traffic, more traffic.

Problems are not being addressed. Trying to raise money to improve community room at library. Make checks out to Denver Public library Mead Virginia Village Library.

Ballot Initiative

Congress Park is working on ballot initiative re campaign contributions. Don't feel that what was passed is not enough. Call 293-2140 for information. Colfax on the Hill states that everything is blooming. If interested in setting up a Neighborhood Watch Program, call Karen Underwood at 640-2621. CHUN reports that someone has challenged the license application for the People's Fair. Grove City Park Civic Assn. states they are working on the playground. North City Park is getting its street curbing taken care of. Jeannie Robb as a member of Polly Flobeck's office attended.

Cory-Merrill NA conducted its General Mtg last Wed where the membership committed to working on Nbrhood Watch. St. Thomas Seminary is in midst of pulling permits for renovation of older building. Archdiocese plans to move in July 1. Also planning to build baseball & soccer fields. Nice to see dandelions gone soon. Working with Circuit City at Colo/Fla. Its bays will face Colo Blvd. not nbrhood. Hoping to get no left turn off of Miss. Councilwoman Susan Barnes-Gelt attended. Southmoor Prk East is waiting for Continental Theater. Worrying about the impact it will have on traffic.

Dealin' Doug

Beaumont Place working on cleanup. Area is 99% residential, but one car dealership on fringe is total mess. Wrote a ltr to Dealin Doug. They're cleaning it up. Greater Park Hill Discussed the new library, Summer Scholar Prog, & siting of Juvenile facility. Believe they've done their fair share. Mayor has until Aug. to choose a site. Central Dnvr Transp Stdy is available.

Bed & Breakfast at Alameda/Monaco & Senior Citizens at 300 block S. Holly. Cook Park NA Goldsmith Gulch proj winding up. Dedication is latter part of June. Virginia McIntyre reports that Denver Bagathon was 2nd to Philadelphia in US. Geri Castellano of Councilwoman Cathy Reynolds' office advised that Parks & Rec Committee is looking for neighborhood representatives. Call 640-3630. It meets once/mo. Key position. Lively place to be involved.

Congress Park is concerned about what is going on there with parcel of land btwn 13th & 14th that DPS is

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