Next INC Meeting

Saturday, September 7

Denver Board of Realtors 4300 E. Warren Avenue

9:00 a.m. Coffee and donuts 9:15 a.m. Call to Order Reading of INC Executive **Board Minutes** Communications 9:20 a.m. Chairman's Message 9:30 a.m. Around the City 10:00 a.m. Discuss INC issues 10:15 a.m. Committee meetings 10:50 a.m. Coffee Break 11:00 a.m. Ted Hackworth Noon Adjourn

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Connection Connection

The Newsletter of Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation

September 1996

July 13 Meeting

Minutes of Last Meeting

By Diane Wolta Interim Secretary

Dollar Dictionary Drive: INC is over halfway to its goal of \$5,000, so keep those donations coming in. Excise and License: Margot Hartmann, Chair. Working on getting Gov. Romer to put a state-wide task force together to reclaim the rights neighborhoods lost in this year's legislation. See the suggestions put forth by this committee elsewhere in this issue which will allow meaningful neighborhood input into the licensing process, especially in the case of badly-run, nuisance liquor establishments. Crime Committee: Harold Brewer, Chair. The Denver Police Dept. Citizens Academy classes are currently filled but there will be future opportunities to apply for classes.

Around the City

Steve Hashberger of the City Auditor's office advised that their audits are now on the Internet, and the office continues to seek input from neighborhoods. Far Northeast Neighbors are celebrating their 30 year anniversary in September and are working on a video history; they are thrilled with the 1,350 new jobs to be brought in by the United States Postal Service; and, they want to see zoning code enforcement be proactive rather than reactive, along with strengthening zoning ordinances.

West Highland is working on graffiti removal, and is still trying to get answers to proposed Federal Blvd. improvements, while experiencing a quiet summer with less cruising.

George Washington reported that the LRA should be allowing some property transfers at Lowry before all contamination is removed, and that there have been several new residential property zonings approved on Lowry.

Green Valley Ranch reminded everyone that they are the place where the sun shines first on Denver. Cook Park reported that work is beginning on their new rec center addition, to be completed in August 1997. Alamo Placita donated \$50 to the Dollar-a-Dictionary, and they continue to press Safeway for a well designed urban style store when the store at the 6th Ave. and Downing location is remodeled.

The Office of Neighborhood Response reports that the Nuisance Abatement meetings continue and more input is needed from neighborhoods in order to change the current city ordinance to be more responsive to citizen needs; neighborhood tours will resume in the fall; and planning is underway for a Neighborhood Fair, stay tuned for more information. Park Forest

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Nuisance Abatement Task Force Calls **Public Meeting**

The Nuisance Abatement Task Force will hold a public briefing on Wednesday, September 4 at 7:00 pm at the Central Denver Library at 14th Avenue and Acoma. The Task Force, convened by Mayor Webb, will present its draft recommendations and revised ordinance. The recommendations reflect neighborhood activists' input received at a series of public meetings held earlier this summer. However, additional input at this time is still welcome and requested.

The Task Force, co-chaired by former Park Hill resident Katherine Woods and Office of Neighborhood Response Director Tina Scardina, represented several interests but had one goal: to determine how to make the city's nuisance abatement efforts more effective and efficient. The recommendations of the Task Force include a new draft ordinance, greater

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Crossing Guards Needed

Denver Public Schools Immediate Placement

- Earn property tax credit
- Receive training
- · Hot meals
- Equipment provided

Call 764-3580

Chairman's Column

By Stan McIntyre

Members of the INC Board of Directors on July 17 met with Mayor Wellington Webb to discuss ways to improve our INC Quarterly Meetings. We agreed these meetings have to be beneficial to all. The meetings will be held in different council districts so we can hear from more citizens. We will discuss one main issue, and then go into an open question and answer period where the audience may have their questions or concerns addressed by the Mayor or his staff. These meetings are now called Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation Meetings with the Mayor.

Harold Brewer (INC Crime Committee Chair) and I were invited to a meeting at the Denver Victims Service Center. We were asked for ideas regarding the Denver Victims Service Crime Prevention Program and how best to structure it to the various needs of Denver's diverse communities. We are looking forward to working with them and their program.

On August 1 I had the privilege to assist Councilman Bill Himmelmann and his staff to form the Godsman Community Neighborhood Association. After presentations by the Denver Police Department Resource Officers, the Denver Planning Office, and a question and answer period, elections were held. Officers are now in place, and we have a new INC member. We wish them well. Welcome aboard.

The September 7 INC meeting will have a different agenda to enable membership to become more involved with the various committees. We are in the middle of my term as chair and I believe we need to know what our goals are and how we can be more involved with major city wide issues in a timely manner. Membership is very important to any organization, and your participation is necessary to assure we do not become short-sighted or cannot be effective because of lack of time. Remember, INC can only be as effective as the membership wants. You can make a difference. If you have an issue, or a suggestion, share it with us. INC's only limit is what we put on it. Thank you for the first half. Now we can bring it all together. See you at the September Meeting!

Dollar Dictionary Drive Continues

The first of 5,500 dictionaries earmarked for Denver third graders were given to Colfax Elementary students on August 26 by representatives of INC and Sloan's Lake Citizens' Group. Deputy Mayor Butch Montoya attended, along with various city officials and council members, school district officials, and the media. Principal Mary Romero hosted the event.

Colfax Elementary was chosen for the first Dollar Dictionary Drive distribution because, as a year-round school, it was already in session. Other Denver elementary schools open August 28, and will receive their dictionaries in early September.

Contributions are still being accepted to pay for the dictionaries.

Second INC Make A Difference Day

Now is the time for each association to start planning for Make a Difference Day on October 26th. This is an opportunity to assist in improving the appearance of neighborhood schools. Last year INC received national recognition for this effort, and its goal is to do even better this year.

Notice to Members	
Your \$30 INC membership fee entitles you to 3 newsletters for your organization. Your newsletters should be going to the current association president, INC delegates (2), or other interested party someone who is active in city and/or neighborhood issues, or someone who might want to get active in INC.	
To update newsletter subscriptions for your association, call Connie Mays, Membership Chair, at 696-0549 or complete the form below, detach, and mail to Connie Mays, 2685 S. Dayton Way, #114, Denver CO 80231.	
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Neighborhood Association	

INC to Vote on Liquor Issue

September 1996

By Margot Hartmann Chair, Excise and License Committee

As an outgrowth of the panel on liquor license issues at the June 8 INC meeting, the following proposal will be put to a vote of INC delegates at the September meeting.

Denver neighborhood organizations are finding it increasingly difficult to combat the problems caused by badly managed liquor-licensed establishments. Although most liquor-licensed locations pose no problems for the surrounding neighborhoods and, often, can even be assets to neighborhoods, those locations which are badly managed can cause severe harm to nearby residents and businesses.

Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation and other neighborhood organizations need to engage in an organized effort, in conjunction with other groups who are also motivated to control badly-run nuisance liquor establishments, to do the following:

- 1. Persuade the Denver City Council to impose an occupational fee for all holders of liquor and beer licenses and place those funds in a separate account to be used to deal with alcohol-related problems, such as funding alcohol education, Denver Cares, DUI enforcement, additional enforcement personnel for the Denver Excise and Licenses Department, etc.
- 2. Lobby the state legislature to amend the liquor and beer licensing statues to include specific performance standards for liquor-licensed establishments, similar to California's, and to strengthen the standards for suspension, revocation or non-renewal of liquor-licensed establishments which are causing harm, and increase the license fee for liquor-licensed establishments and place those funds in a separate account to be used to deal with alcohol-related problems.
- 3. Lobby the Denver City Council to remove liquor stores and taverns from the "use by right" zoning category and make such uses conditional uses.

Denver Neighborhood Connection Publication Deadline

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. A typed copy should also be sent.

Articles submitted in hard copy only should be in Courier typeface.

Survey Results Compiled

At the annual meeting of INC, 26 people filled out a questionnaire describing those areas in which neighborhoods would like some assistance from INC. The highest priority was the need for assistance dealing with zoning and code enforcement for zoning.

INC has worked with the Office of Neighborhood Response (ONR) and held two training sessions on zoning this past spring, which were videotaped (Zoning 101 and 201). These are available for neighborhood organizations through the ONR.

Knowing how to work with Planning and Community Development and learning how to obtain neighborhood services were the other two highest priorities on the survey.

INC committee chairs and board members have been given copies of the tabulated survey. INC members wishing to obtain a copy of the survey results can call Stan McIntyre at 757-0035.

In September, the regular INC meeting will have time scheduled for committee meetings so issue areas and recommendations for action can be discussed. If you have a concern or need additional information, please contact the committee chair or the Executive Board.

As a large coalition of neighborhoods, INC can identify and be proactive about issues neighborhoods have. INC confers regularly with the City of Denver to make sure it is responsive to the neighborhoods. You can help by participating on an INC committee and also by letting the INC board members know what your issues are.

Zoning Code Morass

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ceived answer, is whether Denver's zoning tools are up-todate and able to meet the needs of the next century. Although Denver has adopted a few new tools in a piecemeal fashion, such as PUDs and overlay districts, Denver needs to examine the entire tool-box in a comprehensive way.

Although you and the administration may wish to wait to begin the implementation of the recodification until after a permanent zoning administrator is selected and until the study is completed of how to streamline the permitting process, I strongly hope that City Council can give very careful thought to the need for recodification now and begin to put a work program into place.

Denver enacted its first zoning code in 1925. The zoning code was re-codified in 1956, thirty-one years later. It is now forty years after the 1956 revision. With every year that passes, the code gets more out-of-date and confused. We all need to work together to make this very important part of city government more effective.

Sincerely,

Michael Henry

Letter to the Editor



Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank INC members who have volunteered to assist the city on two projects.

The first project is the Neighborhood Partnership Committee. As you know, the Neighborhood Partnership Committee has been formed to explore how to improve the way the city, businesses, and neighborhoods work together. The INC Board will be well represented on this committee; participants include Debbie James, Dan DuBois, Janey Hanley, and Stan McIntyre. Other neighborhood representatives include Paulette Hirsch, Michael Henry, and Amy Rathburn. As of the date of this letter, we expect to appoint two or three other neighborhood representatives as well.

The committee will be co-chaired by Janey and Mr. George Thorn of Mile High Realty. The committee's first meeting is August 28, and these members are committed to working through the first of next year on this project. I look forward to reviewing the committee's progress over the next few months.

The second project is nuisance abatement. I want to acknowledge the participants from INC who are reviewing

and assessing the city's public nuisance abatement ordinance. They are Harold Brewer, Jim Zavist, Margot Hartmann, Carter Ballinger, Janey Hanley, and former member Katherine Woods. Other neighborhood representatives include Lisa Ferreira and Floyd Martinez. I expect to receive the group's recommendation soon and intend to give it every consideration. In the case of nuisance abatement, neighborhoods and city staff have the same goal - to make our neighborhoods safer - and the issue at hand is to make the enforcement tools the best they can be for all parties.

As I mentioned at the INC quarterly meeting earlier this month, the city relies heavily on neighborhood input, both in formal and informal ways. In order to keep this city vibrant, the relationships we have forged to date must continue to be strong and reflective of all our constituents. That is a goal I know we share.

Again, I want to thank you for INC's participation on nuisance abatement and the Neighborhood Partnership Committee. I look forward to working with you in the future.

Wellington E. Webb Mayor

Education Report

By Marilyn Vaughn Chair, Education Committee

School shots will be available this fall in eight DPS elementary schools and in all 18 DPS middle schools.

Immunizations required for school enrollment will be offered at Valdez, Bryant Webster, Cheltenham, Knapp, Holm, Columbine, Smedley and Barney Ford elementary schools the week before school starts and the first week of school. Middle school immunization programs will be expanded to include Hepatitis B for all 6th graders in DPS middle schools.

The immunization project is a partnership of the Mayor's Great Kids Initiative, Denver Health Medical Center and DPS. The elementary school project was first proposed through the City - Schools Coordinating Committee of Denver and DPS. In 1995-96, 160 students were immunized at Valdez Elementary School. Immunizations required before enrollment in Denver elementary schools are MMR (measles, mumps and rubella in one injection), DPT (diphtheria, pertussis and tetanus in one injection) and oral polio vaccine.

The middle school project is a new public health strategy to control Hepatitis B, which can develop in early adulthood if pre-teens are not vaccinated. For the past three years, all DPS 6th graders have been able to get a measles, mumps and rubella booster at their middle schools. Last year, over 1,400 DPS 6th graders received MMR vaccines through this collaborative effort. The Hepatitis B protocol requires three injections spaced over six months and is a new requirement for entry into 7th grade in 1997. Immunizations will be administered by DPS school nurses and supervised by Denver Health physicians. Parent permission is required.

The immunization project has been developed under the direction of Dr. Paul Melinkovich, director of the Denver School Based Health Centers, and Dr. Susan Scheuring, DPS program manager of Nursing Services.

Nuisance Task Force

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incentives for compliance, more serious consequences for violations, increased flexibility in required administrative actions, and support for increased staffing in a newly centralized police unit. The draft ordinance and report will be forwarded to Council after the public meeting on September 4 and after Webb's review. For more information contact R.D. Sewald at 640-5827.

Around the City

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thanked INC, with an assist from Councilwoman Susan Barnes-Gelt, for putting together the meeting discussing the pros and cons of having city Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) continue to be dispatched out of the hospitals, or whether moving them to fire stations, and

therefore under the control of the Fire Department, would be better.

Virginia Village-Ellis donated \$100 to the Dollar Dictionary Drive. Globeville has been chosen to participate in "Acts Against Violence" in cooperation with Channel 6 TV, and they are working against the proposed zoning amendment to the Group Home Ordinance because they feel it gives too much power and discretion to the city zoning administrator. Denargo Market has filed a brief and is awaiting the judge's decision on the designation or re-

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designation of Sacred Heart house as a boarding house, shelter, or . . . whatever it

Southmoor Park East is working on getting adequate parking for the new Gart Bros. development phase I, before they are allowed to start

phase II of the development.

W. University Park continues to work on DU expansion plans and related traffic concerns. N. City Park celebrated the opening of its new recreation facility, located in a local fire house.

Mayfair Park reports that the new property manager is making a positive difference in the rental properties at Lowry. Harkness Heights advises that the survey to replace the Speer Blvd. viaduct is in process, and that the old Elitch's site may finally be going under contract.

Neighborhood Watch Watches Out

By Harold Brewer Chair, Crime Committee

All across the nation, residents of cities are struggling to maintain and improve safety and the quality of life in their neighborhoods. Needless to say, there is much that works against such a struggle, but the neighborhood communities are the most powerful tool any group of citizens has. Your neighborhood is what you make of it.

Neighborhood Watch is "Neighbors looking out for each other." It is an organized group of neighbors engaged in a wide range of specific crime prevention activities as well community oriented activities.

Neighborhood Watch asks the residents of a community to get to know each other, to watch out for each other, to be alert, and to be willing to call the police when something is amiss. Thus, it can be a vehicle toward a number of community crime prevention goals, decreasing opportunities for offenders to act undetected. This program improves citizen-police relationships, overcomes people's feelings of powerlessness about crime, enhances a "sense of community" among neighbors, and raises the level of informal social control that people exercise over their environments.

The Denver Police Department has six police districts. Each District has its own assigned Community Resource Officer (CRO). To start a Neighborhood Watch program, contact the Community Resource Office in your district for information (District information is listed at the end of this article).

Your CRO will meet with your neighbors. He or she will explain in detail how the program works. Also, the CRO will supply your group with a Neighborhood Watch infor-

mational program package, and will help with the initial process in organizing your neighborhood watch.

Remember, you are *not* police officers. You are the eyes and ears for your neighbors. Your responsibility is to report any unusual or illegal activities to the police. Use the dispatch number to call in a complaint: 640-2011. Remember, dispatch is not able to trace your call to your house.

Do not call the 911 number unless it is a life-threatening situation or a burglary is in progress. The 911 operator can trace your call and will. You, as neighbors, are the best judges of what is going on in your community.

Citizen involvement in crime prevention has grown considerably, resulting in programs that promote home security, area surveillance, and citizen reporting of crimes to the police.

The security of the city, its citizens, and their properties depends upon the people themselves. No police department can effectively protect life and property without the support and cooperation of the citizens it serves.

The police and your neighbors need your help, your eyes and your ears. Criminals cannot and will not operate in areas where the citizens are alert.

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Those interested in being considered for an appointment to a Denver board or commission, please write to:

Donna Good Boards and Commissions Office of the Mayor 350 City and County Building Denver, Colorado 80202 (303) 640-2358

Please include a resume if available. Your home address and zip code are essential, since all appointees should be Denver residents. More information may be obtained by contacting Donna Good.

Lowry Community Advisory Committee

Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation has submitted to Ms. Jennifer Moulton, Director of Planning & Development, the following individuals for consideration to serve as representatives of INC on the Lowry Community Advisory Committee: Debbie James, Mayfair Park; Tom Benton, Mayfair Neighbors, Inc.; Boris Tabakoff, Historic Montclair. This process was according to INC bylaws.

Nominations for Secretary

Nominations will be open for the office of INC Secretary. The election will be held October 12, 1996 at our regular INC Meeting.

Hand Out Dictionaries at Your School

If your neighborhood association would like to take part in the Dollar Dictionary Drive distribution, contact Cathee Fisher at 433-5221 or see her at the September 7 INC meeting.

Beekeeping and Zoning

Interest in beekeeping has grown in Denver, and the city zoning ordinance does not specifically address the issue. On July 26, representatives of the beekeeping community met with Mayoral Deputy Chief of Staff Theresa Donohue, Acting Zoning Director Kent Strapko, and INC representative R.J. Ours to discuss Denver's policy. As a result of that meeting, the Zoning Department is examining options for handling the matter through either existing variance application procedures or legislation. No future meeting is set. Those with questions can contact R.J. Ours at 329-9477.

INC Day at City Council

At the September 9, 1996 Denver City Council meeting, Councilmembers Susan Barnes-Gelt, Susan Casey, and Joyce Foster will be introducing a resolution proclaiming September 9 Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation Dollar Dictionary Drive Day. Plan to attend and support this project as well as to thank City Council for its support. The Council meets at 6:30 p.m on the fourth floor of the Denver City and County Building. Your attendance can make a difference.

Post No Bills

It is unlawful to post advertisements on public property within Denver. Public property includes, but is not limited to, utility poles and boxes, street signs and trees located within the right-of-way. Denver's code was implemented to ensure pedestrian and motorist safety.

Denver Revised Municipal Code Sec. 3-1, Posting on Public or Private Property: "Any handbill or sign foun' posted, or otherwise affixed upon public property, may be removed by the Police Department or the Department of Public Works."

"The person responsible for causing the unlawful posting of any notice described herein will be liable for the cost of removal. Persons liable under this section include, but are not limited to, any individuals or businesses whose advertisement, message or information appears on or is contained in notice posted unlawfully."

For further information, contact Neighborhood Support Services at 640-2000.

Adopt-a-Trail Program

The goal of Denver's Adopt-a-Trail program is to empower neighborhood organizations and businesses to maintain and improve the nearly 130 miles of Denver area trails. This is a way for INC members and other groups to have a positive impact on their neighborhoods, and develop a pride of ownership.

Any group or organization is eligible to adopt trail stretches ranging from one city block up to one mile. A one year commitment is required. The general expectation is for groups to do trail maintenance, and trash and graffiti removal. Improvements such as benches, fencing, flowers and trees are highly recommended. Specifics for each group are agreed to between the adopting group and the parks and recreation department. More information is available by calling 964-2517.

Zoning Code a Complex Morass

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Editor's note: The following is a letter from former INC Chair Michael Henry to Councilwoman Debbie Ortega, with copies sent to the Mayor, all Councilmembers, and various administrative staff. It outlines some of the history of the present Zoning Code.

Dear Debbie:

September 1996

I am writing to you, as chair of the City Council Zoning Committee, to urge you, the Committee and the entire Council, along with the Planning Office and Zoning Administration, to give serious thought to re-codifying the Denver Zoning Code.

Two years ago, in June, 1994, Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation sent the following petition to Mayor Webb:

"The undersigned members of registered neighborhood groups strongly urge you and the City Council to begin the process to re-codify the Denver Zoning Code (last revised in 1956) and to budget for the staff work required as soon as possible. The revision of the zoning code was one of the ten core goals of the 1989 Comprehensive Plan, but very little work has yet begun. An updated, simplified, user-friendly zoning code will be a great benefit to neighborhood groups and all citizens."

An updating of the 1956 zoning code has been an annually adopted goal of INC for the last many years; however, INC is not alone. In 1984, the Denver Chamber of Commerce stated that a "revised comprehensive zoning plan for the city of Denver needs to be completed as promptly as possible... such a comprehensive zoning plan should be a high priority of the city." In 1986, Denver Planning Director Bill Lamont issued a statement which called the revision of the Denver Zoning Code "an imperative."

The 1989 Denver comprehensive plan stated that "to assure the desired development of Denver, to retain and attract to Denver families of all economic means and to protect the stability of Denver and quality of its neighborhoods and its economy, the city must review and revise its zoning, development standards and administrative procedures which in the past have inhibited such activity and benefits." Although considerable study has been given in the past few months to studying a way to streamline the building/zoning permitting procedures, the simplification and updating of the entire zoning code should not be forgotten.

As you know, the zoning code has a very significant impact upon both the quality of life in our neighborhoods and the ability to develop and operate businesses in Denver. Rightly or wrongly, more and more citizens are look-

ing to the zoning code and the Zoning Administration to resolve problems, such as noise problems at the Botanic Gardens and management problems of group homes, which are not strictly related to land use.

Denver's zoning code currently contains 482 pages, with 35 different zone categories (not including Planned Unit Developments). A total of approximately 1,100 amendments have been made since the last re-codification in 1956. Between January, 1988 and January, 1996, the language of the zoning code has been amended 318 times, or approximately 40 times per year.

Those numerous amendments, many of which were worked upon and supported by neighborhood groups, individually patched small problems in the zoning code. Unfortunately, in the last 40 years, no one has addressed the code as an organic whole. The Denver Zoning Code is a 40-year old, very complicated and confusing patch-work quilt that only a very few attorneys, architects, real estate experts and enforcement officials in Denver can understand and interpret. Such an outdated and confusing code generates equal disrespect from neighbors and business people. Citizens cannot respect laws that they cannot understand.

As you know, Merlin Logan assisted the City Council in making an important first step in simplifying the code. Unfortunately, however, it was just that, a first small step. When Merlin retired in January, 1996, he informed me that he thought that he had accomplished about 10% of the task of simplifying the zoning code. Unfortunately, no one seems to be putting a program in place to accomplish the 90% of the simplification task remaining.

By simplification of the zoning code (which I call Phase I), I mean a careful editing job, which would streamline and make the code more user-friendly. Many more sections can be combined, as Merlin did, in table form. In addition, a great many confusing inconsistencies should be cleaned up. One zoning staff member informed me that he had located six different definitions of "bakery" scattered throughout the code. As another example, I have located at least 22 different types of matters throughout the code which require some type of neighborhood notification. Most of those processes, however, are different from each other, which can only contribute great confusion to all concerned.

In addition to simplifying and editing the zoning code, another whole set of issues needs to be addressed, which I call Phase II. The question, to which I have no pre-con-

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