

Next INC Meeting

Saturday, December 14

St. Elizabeth Gardens
2835 West 32nd Ave.

(east of Federal Blvd., north of North High)

Host: N.W. Neighborhood Coalition

9:00 a.m. - Coffee and Donuts.

9:15 - Call to Order; Around the City.

10:20 - Short Break.

10:30 - Business Meeting and Committee Reports.

11:00 - Bernie Jones Video.

11:20 - Tom Noel, Speaker.

Noon - Adjourn.

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The Newsletter of Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation

Denver Neighborhood Connection

December 1996

November 9 Meeting

Minutes of Last Meeting

By Diane Wolta
Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Chair Stan McIntyre. "Dollar-a-Dictionary" (DAD) Drive: Stan received the \$1,000 grant presented to INC by Colorado National Bank.

Membership Committee: Connie Mays advised that dues for 1997 are due now; have 76 regular and 18 associate members.

Education Committee: Marilyn Vaughn stated that all of a sudden there are no information packets available at school board meetings; she'll be changing that.

Residential Care Use Ordinance Amendment Task Force: Co-chairs Landri Taylor and Margot Hartmann reported on the efforts of the Task Force to list INC's concerns regarding this amendment. Additional suggestions were made by the delegates. The concerns will be presented to the City Council Land Use Committee at its next meeting, Wednesday, November 13th, for its consideration, prior to this committee passing the ordinance amendment through to the City Council for a vote.

Excise & License Committee: Co-chairs Margot Hartmann and Michael Henry provided everyone with a sample Resolution that they would like each neighborhood association to adopt to support INC's efforts in this very important area. There are a small percentage of restaurants/stores which are extreme nuisances and we must improve on ways to get rid of them. Performance standards is one possibility. Having a better definition of what is required of an establishment prior to a license being issued is another. Contact Margot (321-9975) if you would like more information or want to assist on this committee.

Central Denver Transportation Study: Gave a brief presentation of what they have been doing for the past one-year plus. A final public open house will be held December 10th at Immanuel Baptist Church, 366 Garfield St., 5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., prior to the Citizens Advisory Committee making its recommendations on transportation and traffic issues in the study area. Call 281-9188 if you need more information.

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INC Dinner Honors Presidents

The annual INC Presidents Dinner was held at the Downtown Hyatt Regency Hotel on Wednesday, Nov. 13. Neighborhood association presidents, Colorado state officials, Denver City officials, representatives from AT&T, a federal judge and INC shared the opportunity to meet new friends and see old acquaintances.


AT&T sponsors the INC Presidents Dinner to honor neighborhood association presidents for the tireless efforts they make on behalf of their communities.

Rick Sullivan, Governmental Relations Manager for AT&T Wireless Service, stated "People don't get recognized often enough for the good they do for the City. AT&T doesn't want to be in the position of just asking for things all the time, but rather we want to show support for the neighborhoods. If people are willing to tell us what they think, we are ready to listen".

Two awards for outstanding community service were presented during the dinner. The Virginia Oredson Award was given to Cathy Donohue, former Denver City Councilmember and current Director of the Mayor's Office of Regulatory Reform. The Bill Gross Award was given to Denver Police Technician Johnnie Humphries of Police District 2.

Cathy Reynolds, president of City Council, was the main speaker.

INC gives AT&T Wireless and Dick Abels a special thanks for assisting in this very special evening.

Chairman's Column

By Stan McIntyre

The holiday season is here, but city issues do not take a holiday so our committees are still meeting. Your support is going to be important as to the outcome of the Nuisance Abatement Ordinance, and the Residential Care Use Ordinance. Notify your council representatives that you support INC's position pertaining to these ordinances. INC has two more issues that will be on the table next year. The revising of Denver Zoning Code, and the clarification of the City's vision and legal use of the neighborhood plans.

INC delegates should start thinking about the role we should be playing in the City. The process as to how the City is going to function with business and developers is being studied by the Renaissance Project . Their program is designed to coordinate and make the City more user friendly. Is INC going to be able to operate the same as it has in the past? The time it takes for us now to decide on city-wide issues may not be afforded to us in the future.

Members of the INC Board are now attending meetings of the Neighborhood Partnership Committee. The function of this committee is to try to find ways for City agencies, businesses, City Council and neighborhoods to work together. There will public meetings coming up after the first of the year.

I wish all a safe Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

Citizen Members
Appointed To
Lowry Advisory
Committee

Denver Mayor Wellington Webb and Aurora Mayor Paul Tauer have appointed four individuals to serve on the Lowry Development Authority Community Advisory Committee for the next three years. They are: Ellen Dumm, vice president of Historic Montclair Community Association, David Elliott, a member of the Hoffman Heights neighborhood and the City of Aurora Community Advisory Budget committee; Debbie James, INC Lowry Redevelopment Chair and president of Mayfair Park Neighborhood Association; and Sterling Kahn, past president and board member of the Cranmer Park/Hilltop Civic Association.

Editor's Note: INC recommends that each neighborhood association pass the following resolution and submit it to its City Councilperson and the two At Large Councilpersons. See related article on page 7.

RESOLUTION

Be it resolved that the undersigned neighborhood organization recommends to City Council:

1. That liquor retail stores and taverns/bars be zoned a conditional land use.

2. That the granting of new liquor uses be denied in areas where the crime statistics are greater than 20% of Denver's statistics and/or that they be denied in areas that have undue concentration using the census tract as a measure.

3. That City Council grants the zoning department authority to establish performance standards to be attached to the conditional use of all liquor licenses with the authority and funding to enforce these standards. That the following standards would include:

A public nuisance or failure to implement conditions which result in such land use impacts as excessive loud noise, trash, public loitering, drugs, prostitution, gambling, public urination, public drunkenness, drinking in public, assault, theft, vandalism, illegal detention and arrests or violation of any City, State or Federal regulation, ordinance or statute.

4. That the undersigned neighborhood association supports the three liquor issues positions passed by Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation on September 7, 1996.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 199__

(signature of neighborhood officer)

Title

(name of neighborhood association)

Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation

1997 Membership Form

Please complete the information and send to:

Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation
P.O. Box 300116
Denver, CO 80218

We would like to register as a:

Member (enclose \$30) _____

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We would like to contribute _____ to the good work of INC

Name of Group: _____

President: _____

Newsletter (Y/N) _____

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Zip: _____

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(W) _____

Delegate to INC (1): _____

Newsletter (Y/N) _____

Address: _____

Zip: _____

Phone (H) _____

(W) _____

Delegate to INC (2): _____

Newsletter (Y/N) _____

Address: _____

Zip: _____

Phone (H) _____

(W) _____

Note: This membership entitles each group to a monthly newsletter for each of the above individuals if they choose. There is a maximum of three newsletters per registered organization.

I would like to order a newsletter subscription (enclose \$15)

I would like to contribute \$_____ to the good work of INC.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Let's Reach an All-time Record Membership!!

Neighborhood Cultures of Denver Funds Art Projects

For 5 years, Neighborhood Cultures of Denver (NCD) has been working with neighborhoods and artists to use the power and influence of citizens at the grassroots level in designing and implementing local art projects. Projects benefit people of all ages in a variety of ways, including new relationships, the creation of community memories, clarification of individual and collective visions for a better community, mobilization of local resources and assets, and increased skills in making art and in teamwork.

Beginning in 1997, NCD will expand operations to neighborhoods with moderate income families. Opportunities to learn more about what is available through NCD involves a call to its office or participation in a think tank.

Throughout December and into January neighborhoods can send representatives, including artists, to hear about art project funding for "traditional" NCD projects and for new project directions. Among the new projects are "Standing Taller" (involves youth ages 10-14, their parents and elders) and "Neighborhood Art Smart" (focuses on re-assimilation of schools into neighborhoods). Think tanks encourage discussion among participants about how art and cultural activities can make a difference in neighborhoods.

For neighborhoods interested in developing cross cultural understanding, respect and tolerance, NCD, together with the Mizel Museum of Judaica, is offering a special view of "Bridges of Understanding." "Bridges" shows how cultures over time have recognized and celebrated life transitions. Neighborhoods who participate in the neighborhood version of "Bridges" will learn more about "Standing Taller."

For more information, call Mary at 561-0476. NCD's address is 2505 18th St., Denver, CO 80211. Visitors are welcome.

Xmas Tree Recycling Directions

Treecycle helps Denver avoid using landfill space and paying disposal fees for a valuable resource - Christmas trees. Here's how to participate:

1. Remove all decorations (including tinsel), nails and stands from the tree and set it out for collection on your trash day between December 30 and January 10.

2. Place your tree beside (not inside) your trash container. Residents with dumpster service should leave their trees just behind their property facing the alley (not next to the dumpster, please!).

3. Flocked trees cannot be recycled. Also, please do not bag your tree.

To claim your treecycle mulch: Denver residents may reclaim their Christmas trees as mulch in the Treecycle Mulch Giveaway. Call 640-1678 after March 1 for details.

Denver Public Works Seeks Help in Catching Illegal Dumpers

In its "Squeal on a Pig" campaign, Denver Public Works is calling on citizens to help catch illegal dumpers. Illegal dumpers face cash fines of \$999, and up to one year in jail. Illegal dumping within Denver generates safety hazards and costly clean-up work.

"Public Works must spend \$150,000 annually to address the illegal dumping of construction debris, landscaping remnants and other materials discarded by unscrupulous businesses who want to make an extra profit by avoiding proper disposal practices," stated Gary Price, Director of the Denver Public Works Solid Waste Management Division.

According to Denver Code Investigator Buddy Miller, "Dumpers create severe safety hazards. Alleyways are often blocked by illegally discarded materials, posing hazards to motorists and pedestrians, especially children."

Residents who witness an act of illegal dumping in Denver can assist the City in prosecuting. Telephone reports are accepted each weekday between the hours of 7:30 AM and 4 PM by Neighborhood Support Services at 640-2000.

Witnesses should not confront illegal dumpers but must be prepared to testify in court. A description of the vehicle and driver, vehicle license plate number, as well as the date, time and location of the incident should be provided.

Group Forms to Oppose Transportation Department's Limits on Highway Access

Businesses across Colorado are up in arms over proposed rules tightening access to state highways that could choke development and force more traffic into residential neighborhoods.

Real estate developers and local governments are ready for a fight with Colorado Department of Transportation over a recently drafted revision to its highway access regulations.

About 35 people met Oct. 24 to prepare for a Nov. 1 meeting with CDOT director Bill Vidal to express their discontent with the proposals.

Jack Fox, a commercial real estate developer and one of the group organizers, estimates about 300 people are aligned with the opposition group and he expects the numbers to swell as more people learn about the tighter rules.

Although he and other opponents are optimistic that Vidal will help work out a compromise, they are ready to do whatever it takes, including legislation to stop the changes.

Reprinted from The Denver Business Journal, November 1-7.

Minutes and Around the City

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Denver Fire Chief Rich Gonzales: Gave an energetic presentation on the fire department in and as part of our communities. Their new motto is "SOS" (Seeking Opportunities to Serve). "Fire" is just a small part of what they do. They are part of our government, but unlike most government, they view themselves as here to help, because they live in a "house" in our neighborhoods too. Just call up your local station and tell them how you could use their assistance, as they are open to suggestions. Here's a short list of what they've done (besides the usual tours of the firehouse): neighborhood new resident welcome program; collect corporate donations; child safety seat and proper restraints on seats inspection program; food donations; blood pressure check for joggers; bike repair and rehab; you can use their meeting rooms; adopt-a-family at Christmas; and the list goes on and on. They have a video tape that they will show at your neighborhood meetings of all the many ways they are part of your community. They will be starting a "Jr. Fire Fighters Club" as an after school program in the middle schools, part of which will include urban survival and all aspects of safety for kids.

Around the City

Colfax-on-the-Hill is working on the new B-4C zone district along with CHUN Neighborhood Assembly. **Virginia Village/Ellis** worked successfully with the city and the provider on a permit for a group home. **Far N.E. Neighbors** are excited about the launching of 800 new high-tech jobs in Montbello, and they are raffling Bronco tickets for their 30-year Anniversary Celebration.

Bellevue-Hale's new president is Sid Harrison; they thought they were working with University Medical Center on the hospital issues in their area until the Medical Center pulled out. **Berkeley** is looking forward to decreased noise when they finally get their separation/buffer for their parks along I-70 (to be paid for from Great Outdoors Colorado funds).

Changed McDeal

Organized Baker stated that the mediated McDonald's agreement has changed due to City intervention; they are working on their block watches; merchants are working with RTD on parking; the City is helping with Daly Park in the middle of their area.

North City Park is involved in the ongoing work with Stapleton Business Neighborhood Coalition. **Keep Denver Beautiful** says we did great on Make a Difference Day ... "Thank You"; the Bag-a-thon is coming up in April (26th??); they have brochures on "Illegal Signs" and "Illegal Dumping" available; election candidates got letters re: "Illegal Signs are a \$250 fine" and KOA radio helped get

the word out too; and, will there be signs (billboards) coming to the 16th Street mall on the shuttles?

Capitol Hill Weed & Seed is making Morey Middle School into a true neighborhood center. **Mayfair Neighbors** are happy about the City closing motels on Colfax; they are working on their traditional Thanksgiving Gift Baskets for 25 neighbors in the area with help from King Soopers and \$500 from their own funds; had a 2-year vacant house purchased by Rocky Mtn. Human Service Coalition which will help a first-time buyer own the home.

CHUN Charity

CHUN will award grants totaling \$42,450 from their People's Fair; dealing with the usual plethora of zoning issues; electing a new board; donated \$5,000 to district 6 police for five new bicycles; donated \$8,000 to their Historic Committee to preserve structures in the area; donated \$12,000 to their Trees Committee and planted 26 trees at Wyman Elementary school. **Cook Park** advised that Channel 8 TV (Alan D. 640-8933) is glad to come out and film events in your area (to be shown on their City Watch program); theirs will be broadcast in November.

Congress Park sent a letter to Mayor Webb urging that citizens be given tax credits (similar to the ones you can earn by doing volunteer work for DPS) for time volunteered on neighborhood work. **Colorado Coalition for the Homeless** provided copies of the Residential Care Use Ordinance Amendment today and is available to speak to your group and provide information. **Park Forest's** new president is Pat Scanlon who will be active in INC; gave a citation to Officer Barnes for great service; are remodeling their entry ways.

United S.E. Denver's November meeting will be regarding transit plans and density along transit routes. **Alamo Placita:** their upcoming general meeting will emphasize the history of their area and how to research the history of individual homes. **Harkness Heights** is doing a fund raiser for the December holidays.

Nuisance Abatement

The **Office of Neighborhood Response** reports that the Nuisance Abatement Ordinance is likely to go to the Council's Public Safety Committee on November 21 and will need neighborhood support at the City Council public hearing (probably on December 2). The city attorney, police and Mayor are supporting it. **Globeville** will be presenting its annual John Henry Public Service Award; the Mayor came out for a ceremony on starting the redevelopment of the Platte River, which will raise the neigh-

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Nuisance Ordinance: "Pass it as Written!"

November 19, 1996

Dear Denver City Council Members:

I am writing to you as the Public Nuisance Abatement Coordinator. As the coordinator, it is my responsibility to provide you my view of the proposed ordinance, and reasons why you should pass it as written.

You are, by now, aware that the Apartment Managers Association of Denver has mounted a "full court press" to get the proposed public nuisance abatement ordinance substantially changed (watered down), or voted down. I am very concerned that they may be successful by using a campaign of misinformation. If they are, the many meetings in which the public clearly stated that they wanted a strong, enforceable, public nuisance ordinance with "teeth" in it will be for naught. The meetings of the Mayor's Task Force on public nuisance, where recommendations of registered neighborhood organizations were incorporated, will become a waste of effort. The research by the City Attorney's Office, District Attorney's Office, and council staff will also be refuse. The Denver Police Department's re-alignment of personnel and purchasing of equipment for public nuisance investigations, the Zoning Administration's moving of funds to the Department of Safety for a code enforcement person, and the hiring of a city attorney for public nuisance will prove to have been futile efforts in addressing the concerns of you, and Denver citizens, for meaningful abatement of problem properties.

Task Force Members have met with the Apartment Managers Association. We listened to their objections, and took many steps to satisfy their concerns. We made some changes in the ordinance. We created policy to address other areas, and we invited them to sit on the task force to review progress, enforcement actions, and make recommendations for changes in the future, if needed.

Association representatives are bombarding you with "what if" worst case scenarios, half truths, and outright falsehoods about the effect of the ordinance, particularly, the "strict liability" aspect. The problem for the Apartment Managers Association is that they cannot point to one property that we have dealt with unfairly, and we already have "strict liability" in the present ordinance.

On the other hand, the Public Nuisance Abatement Unit has handled cases where the present ordinance has hindered quick, and effective abatement of problem properties. 810 Irving (six months to resolution), 1137 Santa Fe (five months), 737 Kalamath St. (one year), 730 Inca St. (67 days), 251 S. Grove St. (four months), 512 W. 8th Ave. (six months), 2427 Tremont St. (three 1/2 months),

645 Wolf St. (an apartment complex of 241 units. We are still monitoring it after 15 months because of present ordinance requirements) are just a few.

Presently, the Public Nuisance Abatement Unit is working three properties where the landlords of multi-unit apartment houses have failed to take voluntary action, as requested, and now cease and desist orders and abatement plans must be issued and more time given to abate the problem. In one case, two more public nuisance offenses occurred during the "voluntary compliance" period.

The Apartment Managers Association has urged the adoption of the Aurora ordinance on "Nuisances." Such action would, in fact, be a step backward from where we presently are, because under "Nuisances" it is even more vague than ours. An improvement is possible under the Crime House section of the Aurora ordinance because it

allows for closure. However, only the crimes of drugs, prostitution and gambling are covered. The process is also very cumbersome and lengthy.

The proposed Denver Public Nuisance Ordinance has added offenses that address some of the council's requests, particularly, "bootlegging", an expansion covering weapons of violence, drive by crime, and prohibited noise. Recognizing that it is almost impossible to abate the property of the "victim" of a drive by

shooting, the ordinance allows us to "target" vehicles, used in the crime, or unlawfully carrying weapons before they are used.

The neighborhood organizations asked for the "teeth" in the proposed ordinance - **strong criminal and civil penalties**. The removal of administrative requirements in the ordinance creates the ability to abate a property much quicker, once we show that public nuisance activity occurred on the property.

The "strict liability" portion is **designed to encourage property owners**, whether they rent single family homes, duplexes, or apartment houses, **to take an active interest in the management of their property**. This section also provides a **method for dealing with the owner occupied property** that has, to date, provided so much frustration for your electorate and police.

In closing, I again urge you to pass the Denver Public Nuisance Ordinance as written. If you have any questions about the ordinance, process, policies, or procedures, please call me at 6401412 (office) or 640-9500 (pager - anytime), or Kurt Steigelmeier (City Attorney) at 640-2859.

Daniel D. Yount, Lieutenant
Public Nuisance Abatement Coordinator

"[T]he Apartment Managers Association of Denver . . . may be successful by using a campaign of misinformation."

Around the City

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borhood out of a flood plain, and the start of the National Guard Armory.

Harman reports the Mayor made an appearance at the anniversary ceremony for Cherry Creek Shopping District (as it is now to be known). State Sen. Pat Pascoe came out to find out what's going on and says call her if you need anything, 866-4852. State Sen. Doug Linkhart is working on bringing youth into community programs.

Greater Park Hill prison siting is still an issue, as is Stapleton redevelopment; they are doing a community survey regarding magnet schools. Cranmer Park/Hilltop is getting lots of "Thank You" letters from kids for their dictionaries; they are working on bringing bus bench advertising into compliance with City codes, but Public Works has no one available to work on this for the City. Inspiration Point lost its meeting place.

Mayfair Park is trying to work with Lowry Redevelopment Authority to resolve issues and keep them sensitive to neighborhood issues; they are working on helping senior citizens stay in their homes in the area; and the landfill cap on Lowry is still contentious regarding whether to spend an extra \$5 million on the cap just to get more holes for

Lowry Neighborhood Association Created

By Debbie James
INC Lowry Redevelopment Chair

The Lowry Redevelopment Authority (LRA) Board of Directors and the Coordinating Committee met on Nov 12, 1996 to establish a Lowry Neighborhood Association (LNA). Councilwoman Polly Flobeck read from a statement prepared by the Board's attorney that this neighborhood board would not be elected by its own members. Rather this board would be the Board of Directors of the LRA. She stated, "It is a board set up for legal purposes."

The meeting took place at 3:00 p.m. There were three rental management individuals present who live on the former base as a condition of their employment, and the Director of the Authority who lives in the base commander's residence as part of an employment package. City Ordinance #365, defining neighborhoods, states that "overlapping of neighborhood boundaries is strongly discouraged." However, the boundaries of LNA overlap Mayfair Park Neighborhood Association by one fourth of its land mass.

How will conflicts related to zoning be resolved?
What impact will this organization have on surrounding/overlapped neighborhoods?

What responsibilities does a non-elected Board of Directors have to Lowry residents?

the golf course. Sloan Lake is watching landlord/tenant issues, especially regarding maintenance; is working on the stadium privatization issue.

Southmoor Park E. is still fighting Gart Bros. over the size of their project and getting them to work with their neighborhood. Neighborhood Cultures of Denver has a fact sheet, "Think Tanks" and funding packages for neighborhoods (low and moderate income).

Councilman Hiawatha Davis likes the idea of the tax credits for neighborhood volunteers because these workers are the caretakers of Denver's neighborhoods. His N.E. quadrant is over saturated with correction facilities and hopes new ones don't come in there. May need another bond issue to cover the millions needed to reconstruct the prison system. He's concerned about the impact of such a bond issue on fixed income residents and urges all members to get a dialogue going with their councilperson on this.

A Pledge to Children

(from page 5)

SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS, \$119,500 -- Gave funding and authority to DPS for guards to assist children at 45 intersections.

MAYOR'S OFFICE OF ARTS AND CULTURE, \$36,250 -- Sponsored "Symphony in Residence" programs at two high schools.

DENVER RECYCLES, \$25,000 -- Teacher training, landfill and processing facilities tours, scholarships to the Educators Institute at Colorado School of Mines, activity kits, outdoor and classroom education.

This is a conservative review. It does not count programs for youth that serve children from schools outside DPS even if most participants are DPS kids, such as girls' athletics. It does not count bookmobile stops and after school programs by the Denver Public Library or programs of the Denver Housing Authority. It does not count block grants for homeless families or children's health care through the neighborhood clinics and Denver Health Medical Center. It does not count small grants to Denver schools from various city offices or from City Council members, or the new traffic engineering for DPS schools to adjust to new school attendance boundaries or the many, many others ways we work together with DPS.

Neither does this report count non-financial support the City gives to the school district. Most recently, we agreed to the DPS request to assign its security officers the authority to issue traffic tickets around schools.

But this report gives a fair view of the City's real commitment to help educate all our children. Denver stands up to its pledge. Education is everybody's business.

Transportation Study Hosts Open House

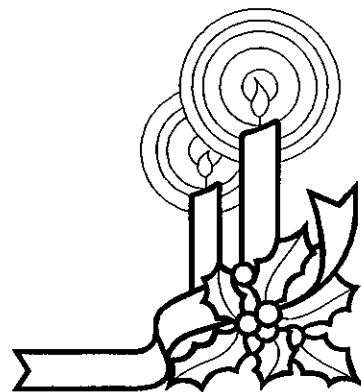
The Central Denver Transportation Study will host an open house from 5:30 to 9:00 p. to review the work of its Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) on Tuesday, December 10, 1996, at Immanuel Baptist Church, 366 South Garfield Street, Denver. The open house will be an opportunity to see exhibits and discuss the study with the CAC, the consultants, and the City staff. A short overview presentation is scheduled for 7:30.

The study was initiated because of the City's and the neighborhoods' concern about preserving the quality of life in Denver neighborhoods as traffic demands increase. The City of Denver and its consultant, Kimley-Horn and Associates, have been working for ten months with the CAC to determine how to lessen the effects of traffic on neighborhoods while addressing the area travel demands in central Denver (bounded by Colfax, Quebec, Evans, I-25, and Broadway).

The CAC has recently hosted meetings for the six sub areas within the study boundaries. They have been developing a set of solutions to address issues raised by the public such as: traffic behavior and speed, volumes, noise, safety, and other problems associated with increased traffic in Denver. This complex issue requires a coordinated set of actions that gets to the root of the problems and is based on the most current thinking about managing traffic.

The 18 member committee has studied traffic data, reviewed computer models that predict results of proposed changes to the traffic system, and discussed the trade-offs for various opinions. They have met with local and national experts, their neighborhood associations, and the general public in an effort to create a significant new approach to traffic management.

The public is invited to this meeting to review and discuss the actions the CAC is considering. The CAC's recommendation will be forwarded to the Planning Board and City Council after the first of the year. These bodies will hold formal public hearings and vote on the recommendations. Approved action items will then be included in the comprehensive plan.



INC Position on Proposed Residential Care Ordinance

TO: Zoning and Land Use Committee of the Denver City Council

FROM: The Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation

RE: The Residential Care Ordinance

DATE: November 8, 1996

The Board of INC, and its general membership, commend the many hours of work expended by members of the City, providers, and various neighborhood representatives who gathered to revise the Residential Care Ordinance. The environment surrounding certain aspects of the Ordinance has been contentious since the Denargo/Salvation Army Homeless Shelter incident. Nevertheless, it is important that the work done on revising this Ordinance be recognized as worthy.

As a result of the vote to "not support the current revision" as presented to the General Assembly, October 12th, INC appointed a task force to make specific recommendations to the Ordinance Task Force. These changes are outlined below. The Board of INC, and its general membership, will endorse the current draft of the Residential Care Ordinance with the following changes:

1. Establish spacing minimums and guidelines for enforcement.
 - a. Measurement should be defined as "property line to property line."
 - b. Remove the 10% fudge factor in determining the spacing.
 - c. Transitional Housing should be included in the spacing requirements.
2. Continue current process of notification for large and small facilities.
3. Older adults should be changed back to 60 years (rather than 55 years).
4. Strengthen the enforcement guidelines that the City will follow when disputes arise (i.e. Denargo/Salvation Army).
5. There should be a maximum number beds in a large facility.
6. Performance standards should be established for facilities before licensing.
7. Initiate a process similar to the process used in re-writing the Nuisance Abatement Ordinance.

INC recognizes the long arduous effort in revising this Ordinance. Again we commend and thank the Task Force assembled.

A Pledge to the Children of Denver

By Mayor Wellington E. Webb

Talk is cheap.

Commitment costs -- in time, people and money.

So it was with real commitment that Denver made its pledge to the City's children and their education. In honor of the U.S. Conference of Mayors' Education Day on Nov. 21, 1996, I would like to report on our progress.

As Mayor, I promised to make Denver a partner of Denver Public Schools for the education of all our children. I pledged to support DPS's four goals to ensure our children enter school ready to learn, become able readers, enjoy their schools as neighborhood centers, and make a successful move from school to career. I pledged to help DPS meet Colorado goals to boost attendance, cut the drop-out rate and improve student performance. I pledged the City would take on this task in the spirit of cooperation and shared interests.

This is a conservative report on almost \$5 million spent or soon to be spent by the City and County of Denver on behalf of the children of the Denver Public Schools and their younger brothers and sisters. Some programs outlined below have been growing for several years. A few are long-standing efforts to support DPS. Some are new within the last eleven months since we opened the Mayor's Office for Education and Advocacy.

Denver has devoted money, time and people to this purpose because the safety and economy of Denver today rest on public confidence in the schooling of its children in DPS. We continue to meet our pledge because the future well-being of Denver rests on the success of these young people as citizens, breadwinners and good neighbors.

Here is the list:

SCHOOL-BASED CLINICS, \$1,040,000 -- Since 1992, this program grew from three school-based clinics to 11; \$940,000 a year goes to run the clinics; another \$100,000 delivers immunizations in all middle schools and, this year, in nine elementary schools.

EDUCATION, \$1,050,000 -- The new Education Office committed \$500,000 a year in block grant funds for Great Kids grants. First year grants targeted elementary-age reading and early childhood education. Second year grants will be directed to middle and high schools as they return to neighborhood boundaries. We just announced the new Club Denver program of after-school clubs in DPS middle schools, a \$300,000 commitment for a program with a school-to-career focus; \$50,000 comes from the South Platte education fund. Other projects include a summer program in two middle schools, minority teacher recruitment and K.I.D.S grants.



POLICE, \$583,000 -- Six school resource officers, civics and law classes in high schools, traffic safety education, one officer assigned to a middle school.

SAFE CITY, \$96,000 -- Summer Scholars, Zuni Academy, summer camp, youth employment. Over the last three years, Safe City gave \$309,000 to programs for school-age children.

FIRE DEPARTMENT, \$144,300 -- Fire drills, fire safety inspections and compliance, investigations, fire safety classes, tours and demonstrations.

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING, \$600,000 -- In-school programs to help young people complete school and prepare for work, in seven city neighborhoods.

RECREATION, \$605,000 -- S.O.A.R. after-school recreation developed with the Colorado Rockies is in six middle schools and two elementary schools at a cost of \$300,000 a year; a City program of after school recreation four days a week in seven elementary schools costs \$305,000.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, \$290,000 -- Two family resource schools, nine playgrounds and one school site landscaping at old Crofton, now called "24th Street Gilpin."

PLATTE REDEVELOPMENT, \$120,000 -- \$650,000 is committed over three years to programs for students in all levels at DPS schools. In 1996, \$120,000 will be used to set up programs for DPS elementary, middle and high school students.

SOCIAL SERVICES, \$74,800 -- Social workers in 10 elementary schools and two middle schools; staff liaisons with all Montbello schools, an anti-truancy project and an assessment project.

TELEVISION SERVICES \$10,200 -- Channel 8 produced ads for the Shakespeare Festival, a series on the boundary changes in DPS, videos for the Great Kids grants workshops and other programming.

PARKS, \$162,400 -- Fees waived for DPS at playing fields, picnic areas, golf courses, tennis courts, pools; teacher training in life saving and CPR; a pilot project opening five school pools on Saturdays.

EXCISE AND LICENSING, \$15,100 -- This is a low estimate of DPS fees waived for false alarms and child care licenses.

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Dollar Dictionary and Make A Difference Day, 1996

Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation (INC) was the driving force behind two 1996 community efforts to forge closer ties between the community, the neighborhood associations and the public schools and their students in Denver. The effort and logistics to accomplish this goal was monumental although in April the concept seemed so simple and easy.

The "Dollar Dictionary Drive" may have happened even if INC had not received an Honorable Mention for its 1995 School Grounds Beautification Project, but having the ability to provide seed money for the project and cover the initial expenses of printing and mailing was the icing on the cake. Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation had the opportunity to spearhead this project as an active volunteer networking organization of Denver neighborhood associations, which in themselves are active volunteer organizations 365 days a year.

6,400 3rd Graders

By Thanksgiving 6,400 3rd graders attending 85 elementary schools in Denver had their own 450 page Dictionary & Thesaurus (the dinosaur book). It would take Captain Kangaroo's pockets to hold this pocket dictionary.

Every step was a complete swing of the pendulum from "how easy could it be" to "no way will this work." The initial goal of providing 5,500 dictionaries at 49 cents each changed to 6,400 dictionaries at \$.89 to \$1.99 each. Our initial 5,000 book order from K-Mart could not be increased and then was 433 books short. At the same time enrollment was increasing daily and donations were coming in very slowly. In August every K-Mart and Office Max in the Denver metro area was scouted for even one book that would help INC reach its goal. The last 1,100 dictionaries were shipped to Denver in October off K-Mart shelves in Buffalo, St. Louis, Kansas City, Phoenix and points in between thanks to a very special K-Mart manager.

Colorado National Banks Donation

Donations have come from individuals, businesses, neighborhood associations, foundations and the Mayor's Education Advisory Council. By Thanksgiving there were enough donations to pay for all the dictionaries at 99.4¢ each and cover expenses. A special grant of \$1,000 was received from Colorado National Banks. The INC Board has voted to repeat the Dollar Dictionary program in 1997 and Colorado National Banks will be a sponsor.

Individuals from throughout the community including Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation and neighborhood association representatives, City employees, school board and City Council members and the Deputy Mayor have visited the schools to hand out the dictionaries to the students. Everyone involved has thought it was a wonderful project.

Many of the people who were involved with the 1995

Autumn School Grounds Beautification thought the Dictionary Drive was our 1996 Make A Difference Day Project, but INC actually did both. The October 26th project was not as big as last year because so many major projects were done last year. This previous work stimulated increased efforts throughout the year both inside and outside the schools to improve both the physical environment of the schools and the educational effort and involvement of everyone.

More Than 50 Schools

This year over 50 schools and their neighbors took on special projects from painting library walls and playground equipment to general grounds maintenance and the planting of trees. It was cold and snowy on October 26th and back-up projects of cleaning walls, windows and computer rooms and oiling auditorium seats were tackled.

Additionally, the Mayor and Keep Denver Beautiful organized a neighborhood clean-up by providing special drop off spots for trash and autumn debris throughout the City.

Counting noses for these types of projects is difficult at best, but it is estimated that 3,000 participated. To

this can be added 6,400 third graders, 275 teachers and 85 principals who will do their part in using those dictionaries to increase knowledge among themselves, their families and the community.

SCFD Funds Available

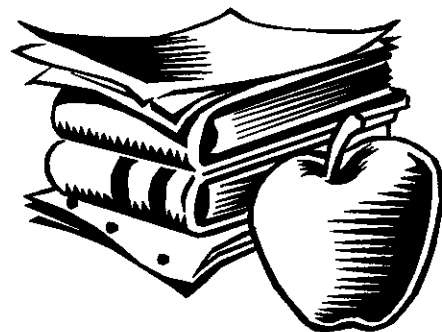
The Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD) is a source of funding for organizations that provide arts, cultural history, and natural science programs and services to the community. The SCFD collects and distributes sales tax to large and small cultural organizations in Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson counties.

To find out if your organization is eligible, and for more information about how to apply for SCFD funds, call 860-0588.

The deadline to apply for Denver County eligibility is January 13, 1997.

January 11 INC Meeting

Denver Health & Hospitals (DGH)
Second Floor Classroom
Topics: Resuscitation
Blood Donors



Draft Cabaret Ordinance Explained

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fied live entertainment or recorded entertainment which is of no greater volume than recorded background music provided in the interior of the building, measured at the speaker, may be provided, and patron dancing may be permitted, on the premises beyond the interior of the building, but no live entertainment shall be provided beyond the interior after 8:00 p.m. No entertainer shall dance with any patron or guest.

(4) *3.2 beer cabaret.* A cabaret licensed to sell 3.2% beer in which live entertainment or recorded entertainment or both is provided. Patron dancing may be permitted. No entertainer shall dance with any patron or guest.

(5) *Adult cabaret.* A cabaret in which adult entertainment is provided, whether or not such adult entertainment is provided together with any other type of entertainment authorized by this article. Patron dancing may be permitted. No entertainer shall dance with any patron or guest.

(6) *Acoustic cabaret.* A cabaret in which only unamplified live entertainment is provided. No patron dancing shall be permitted.

(7) *Events center cabaret.* A multipurpose cabaret with a seating capacity of at least two thousand (2,000) in which either live entertainment or recorded entertainment or both is provided and in which patron dancing is permitted. No entertainer shall dance with any patron or guest.

Section 2. That Section 6-33.5 of the Revised Municipal Code, relating to the age restrictions of employees and entertainers working in the classes of cabarets regulated under Article III of Chapter 6, shall be added to read as follows:

Sec. 6-33.5. Limits on ages of employees and entertainers.

(a) No person under eighteen (18) years of age shall be employed or permitted to participate as an entertainer in any standard cabaret, dance cabaret, special dance cabaret, 3.2 beer cabaret, acoustic cabaret, or events center cabaret without the written consent of a parent or legal guardian or the written approval of the director.

(b) No person under eighteen (18) years of age shall be employed or permitted to participate as an entertainer in an adult cabaret.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any cabaret licensee, or any employee or agent of a cabaret licensee, to violate any provision of this section.

(d) Nothing in this section shall authorize any person under twenty-one (21) years of age to sell or dis-

pense alcoholic beverages except as permitted under section 12-47-128(5) of the Colorado Revised Statutes.

Section 3. That Section 6-34 of the Revised Municipal Code, relating to the age limits of patrons admitted to or entering cabarets regulated under Article III of Chapter 6, shall be and is hereby repealed and re-enacted, as amended, to read as follows:

Sec. 6-34. Limits on ages of patrons.

(a) Except as provided in section 6-33.5, it shall be unlawful for any adult cabaret licensee, or any employee or agent of an adult cabaret licensee, to permit or allow any person under twenty-one (21) years of age to patronize or gain entry into that adult cabaret during its hours of operation; or for any person under twenty-one (21) years of age to gain entry or attempt to gain entry into an adult cabaret during its hours of operation.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any standard cabaret, dance cabaret, special dance cabaret, or acoustic cabaret licensee, or any employee or agent of such licensee, to permit or allow any person under eighteen (18) years of age to patronize or gain entry into the cabaret, unless said person is accompanied by a parent or legal guardian, or for any person under eighteen (18) years of age to gain entry or attempt to gain entry into a standard cabaret, dance cabaret, special dance cabaret, or acoustic cabaret, unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian; provided, however, that this prohibition shall not apply to a restaurant where entertainment is offered in a room or rooms separate from that patronized by the person under eighteen (18) years of age for the purpose of eating.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any 3.2 beer cabaret licensee, or any employee or agent of a 3.2 beer cabaret licensee, to permit or allow any person under eighteen (18) years of age to patronize or gain entry into a 3.2 beer cabaret, unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian, or for any person under eighteen (18) years of age to gain entry or attempt to gain entry to a 3.2 beer cabaret, unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian; provided, however, that this prohibition shall not apply where the 3.2 beer cabaret is a bona fide restaurant habitually and continuously serving meals to guests.

(d) It shall be unlawful for any events center cabaret licensee or any employee or agent of such licensee to permit or allow any person under sixteen (16) years of age to patronize or gain entry into the cabaret, or for any person under sixteen (16) years of age to gain entry or attempt to gain entry into an events center cabaret, unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian; provided, however, that this prohibition shall not apply when the events center cabaret is being operated without selling, offering or providing any alcoholic beverages and when alcoholic beverages are not displayed, exhibited or otherwise exposed.

Nuisance Ordinance Support Needed

By Katherine Woods

The revised Nuisance Abatement ordinance has been further delayed, but not for lack of interest. On Thursday, November 21, the Nuisance Abatement Work Group presented the ordinance to the Public Safety Committee to ask that it be sent to City Council for adoption. This was after trying to work with apartment owner and property manager organizations. These organizations have mounted a large campaign to delay the process until they get time and the opportunity to further review the ordinance. Councilman Ed Thomas and members of the Public Safety Committee (plus five more Council members for a total of nine Council members in attendance) asked that the work group meet with representatives of property owner and property manager organizations one more time with a facilitator to try to resolve issues with the proposed ordinance. The Nuisance Abatement Work Group is to return to the Public Safety Committee (for the third time). At that time, we hope that the ordinance is then forwarded to City Council for adoption into law.

Councilman Thomas asked to be present at the facilitated meeting and set ground rules that concern about the ordinance be presented in writing prior to the meeting and that the inflammatory scenarios the apartment manager association has been distributing are not helpful to the process.

We need your help. Please contact your Council and at-large representatives to convey your support of the revised Nuisance Abatement Ordinance. Ask that it be adopted in its entirety and without delay. It may be helpful to use the resolution form provided on page 2 of this issue of *Denver Neighborhood Connection*.

The Nuisance Abatement Work Group has worked hard since June on revising this ordinance. There has been a positive working relationship between City of Denver staff, Council, and neighborhood representatives. We need to have a strong showing of neighborhood support. Successful adoption of the revised ordinance will make it easier to rid the neighborhoods of criminal nuisance properties.

Molly Brown House Offers Free Holiday Tour

On December 15 the Molly Brown House Museum, 1340 Pennsylvania, invites families and guests to enjoy a free day, noon to 4:00 p.m. (the last tour begins at 3:30 p.m.). The museum, devoted to interpreting Victorian lifestyles, will be decorated in grand Victorian style for the Christmas season. For more information call 832-4092.

This event is made possible by the citizens of Colorado and the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District CityArts III.

Virginia Oredson Remembered For Service to Others

Virginia J. Oredson was born in Kansas City, Missouri, in 1923. After grade school, she moved with her family to Omaha, Nebraska. After her junior year in high school, her father was transferred by the United States government to Denver, where Virginia finished her high school years at East High School. She then went to the University of Nebraska for several years, before she left the university to contribute her efforts to the United States World War II activities by working at Lowry Field. In addition, she joined with the Junior League to entertain the military at Lowry.

In 1946, Virginia married Dan Oredson, who describes himself as "her long-time friend and dancing partner." After moving to Pennsylvania and Ohio, Virginia and Dan were transferred back to Denver in 1955.

In addition to being a homemaker and raising their son, David, Virginia became a director and, later, president of Historic Montclair Neighborhood Association. One of her biggest challenges during that period in the mid-1980s was the neighborhood battle against several badly-managed problem bars on East Colfax, many of which battles were successful.

Also in the mid-1980s, Virginia became a delegate to and board member of Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation, where she served as a hard-working, constructive, calming influence. She served as secretary of INC and was an active member of the INC Crime Committee. According to Dan, "Virginia was so fond of the people in Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation that it might be said that it came right after her family in importance in her life."

Virginia Oredson passed away suddenly on April 13, 1993. She is survived by her husband, her son David, his wife Pamela and two grandsons, J.D. and Zach.

Criteria for Virginia Oredson Award

1. The award winner should have encouraged Denver neighborhoods to work together in a common effort to solve community problems and, in particular, should have supported Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation.
2. The award winner should have established a record of selfless community service, preferably in a number of different causes.
3. The award winner should have encouraged and motivated others to volunteer their services and to engage in community improvement efforts.

Neighborhood Connection Articles

Articles 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).

Draft Cabaret Ordinance Explained

November 6, 1996

To Whom it May Concern:

Attached is a draft of proposed changes to the cabaret ordinance and a summary of the last General Government Committee meeting describing those changes. The General Government Committee requested that copies of the draft be sent to all registered organizations. Please review the language and call Kelly Brough at 640-4018 if you have any concerns or questions regarding the draft proposal. The Council will discuss this draft at a meeting on Monday, November 18, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Conference Room, Room 451 of the City and County Building. Thank you in advance for your assistance with this matter and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,
Councilman Dennis Gallagher
Chair of the General Government Committee

P.S. Feel free to write with your comments.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

Wednesday, October 30, 1996. 9:00 a.m.
Council Conference Room

Committee Members present: Gallagher, Martinez, Foster
Committee Members absent: Casey, Ortega
Other Councilmembers present: Thomas, Davis

1. Cabarets Licensing Issues

Committee Action

- The Committee requested that a bill be drafted to amend the Code as follows:
- 1.) Allow employees to be 18 years old and older in all cabarets and model the State law with regard to servers requiring 18 to 20 year olds to only serve where meals are regularly served and where an employee over 21 supervises the 18 to 20 year old employee.
 - 2.) Allow patrons 18 years old and older into cabarets, except adult cabarets. (See number 3 below for adult cabarets.) The Committee also requested that enforcement and penalties be enhanced for violations of the liquor code.
 - 3.) Allow only those adults over the age of 21 to enter adult cabarets.

The Committee requested that information be provided to all registered neighborhood organizations of the proposed changes to the cabaret ordinances. The Committee also requested that Councilwoman Foster and Kelly Brough be kept informed of meetings and progress that Excise and Licenses, City Attorney's Office, and Zoning Administration make pertaining to dealing with Amusements and adult entertainment where no liquor is served. The Committee will meet to discuss the proposed "Amusements" ordinance on Monday, December 23, 1996 at 9:00 a.m.

The Committee requested that a meeting be scheduled discuss the policy pertaining to "teen nights" in cabarets and that business owners of such clubs be invited to that Committee meeting.

Kelly J. Brough, Denver City Council Office, October 8, 1996

A BILL
FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE III
(CABARETS) OF CHAPTER 6 (ALCOHOLIC BEVER-
AGES) REGARDING AGE RESTRICTIONS FOR
EMPLOYEES, ENTERTAINERS, AND PATRONS OF
CABARETS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CIT.
AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. That Section 6-32 of the Revised Mu-
nicipal Code relating to age restrictions of employees and
entertainers working in the specified classes of cabarets
regulated under Article III of Chapter 6, shall be and is
hereby repealed and re-enacted, as amended, to read as
follows:

Sec. 6-32. Classes of cabarets. Classes of cabarets
and permissible activities at establishments within each
class shall be as follows:

- (1) *Standard cabaret.* A cabaret in which only live entertainment is provided. No patron dancing shall be permitted.
- (2) *Dance cabaret.* A cabaret in which either live entertainment or recorded entertainment or both is provided and in which patron dancing is permitted. No entertainer shall dance with any patron or guest.
- (3) *Special dance cabaret.* A cabaret in which either live entertainment or recorded entertain-ment or both is provided and in which patron dancing is permitted, which entertainment is con-fined to the interior of the building which consti-tutes or is located upon the licensed premises, as defined in the Colorado Liquor Code. Unampli-

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