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The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Chair Stan McIntyre. "Dollars-a-Dictionary" (DAD) Drive: Cathie Fisher advised that it appears the money from this year's successful drive has been centroid. Motion: Passed unanimously (32-0) "INC should sponsor this event again next year." It was noted that experience gleaned from this first time event dictates that many more people will need to be involved next time on this committee, both up front and throughout the year in order to continue building on this year's success.

Residential Care Use Ordinance Amendment: Will be discussed again at the January 8th City Council Land Use Committee Meeting, 10:30 a.m. Support for INC's position from neighborhood groups at that meeting is necessary and would be greatly appreciated. Contact Margot Hartmann for a copy of INC's position, or Stan for a copy of the City Council's list of items that are being discussed.

Education Committee: Marilyn Vaughn had to leave early due to a family emergency, so Stan reported that INC will be sending DPS a letter advising them that INC does require an information packet prior to all board meetings.

Northwest Coalition for Better Schools: Presented Cathie Fisher with a plaque for her work in promoting neighborhood cooperation with the area schools -- "Muchas Gracias!"

Excise & License Committee: There is a sample Resolution on page 2 of December's newsletter. It is extremely important that every neighborhood association adopt such a resolution ASAP and support INC's efforts in this very important area. Contact Margot (321-9975) if you need a copy of this resolution, which would like more information, or want to assist on this committee. Additionally, the Mayor's Task Force on this issue is looking at a suggestion from the liquor/restaurant industry, that a "30-day Occasional Cabinet License" be issued to establishments desiring same, instead of having them apply for a cabaret license each time an establishment occasionally needs one, which is the current policy. The proposed "30-day" license

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Chairman’s Column

By Stan McIntyre

The Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation annual meeting March 8, 1997 is just around the corner. For those who wish to run for office now is the time to get support from your association, and have a delegate ready to nominate you. Dick Bjuistrom will preside during the election. To place your name on the ballot call 753-9198.

INC Delegates, and Chairpersons have been actively dealing with the nuisance abatement ordinance, residential care ordinance, liquor issues, and block watch (community policing). Your support is crucial when these proposals come before City Council. Letters of support to council members help, your presence at council meetings is even better.

I hope all associations are aware of the Neighborhood Partnership Meetings being held. The goal of this committee is to try to establish a better working relation between city, businesses, and neighborhoods. This committee will be presenting this program for community input after the first of the year.

While attending the City Council Public Safety Committee meeting December 19, 1996 I picked up their agenda. The Committee requested that the Police Department, City Attorney’s Office, and Public Works Department meet and develop a proposal for instituting photographic radar speed enforcement in Denver. The Committee also asked that this group talk to INC to get feedback from neighborhoods regarding the implementation of this idea. The proposal should include identification of location in the city to use photo radar, plans for enforcement, and a review of all available technology. We will keep you informed when this program is ready to be presented.

Our next INC Quarterly Meeting with the Mayor will be February 5, 1997. This program should be well attended as we not only have the Mayor’s ear, we have his staff and department heads available to answer your questions and hear your concerns. Association presidents bring your boards and neighbors. The meeting will be in Southwest Denver Council District #2. The February INC Newsletter will have the location.

INC and City Agencies Host Meeting

The Office of Neighborhood Support Services, Office of Neighborhood Response, and Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation will host a meeting at the Museum of Natural History, Wednesday, March 19, 1997 from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Become informed on the duties of the Public Service Office of Neighborhood Support Services. Meet the inspector assigned to your area. This information will assist your neighborhood on how to file a complaint against properties not in compliance with Denver City Codes.

Liquor Task Force Report

By Margot Hartmann
Excise and License Committee Chair

Several recommendations have come out of the Denver Liquor License Task Force which should be of interest to neighborhoods. These involve the creating "occasional" cabaret licenses, and limiting the number of neighborhoods that receive notification of liquor license applications.

The occasional cabaret concept, drafted by Alan Dill, would allow a tavern or restaurant that has a liquor license to operate as a cabaret for up to 30 days in a calendar year. It provides for no hearings or notification to neighborhoods. The task force agreed to a compromise which would require notice to neighborhoods, but a hearing only if an objection is received.

Regarding neighborhood notification procedures, the minutes of the task force's December 4 meeting are as follows:

"Currently, the Department notifies all neighborhoods groups whose boundaries overlap in any fashion the boundaries of the designated area... The consensus of the group was that it would be acceptable for the Department to notify only those neighborhood groups whose boundaries coincide within 200 feet of the location of a new application. The Department will start this procedure immediately."

INC members who are concerned about these issues should call Margot Hartmann at 321-9975. Also, neighborhoods should send in their resolutions in support of liquor issues which was published in the December Denver Neighborhood Connection.

1997 INC Quarterly Meetings With the Mayor

February 5, 1997
May 5, 1997
August 5, 1997
November 5, 1997

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:
Member (enclose $30)  Patron (enclose $60)

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

Name of Group:

President: _______ Newsletter (Y/N) _______
Address: _______ Zip: _______
Phone (H) _______ (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!!
**Around the City**

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Councilman Dennis Gallagher said he was glad to have this INC meeting in his area and briefly noted: the redesign on old Ellich's is working because there have been meetings twice a week to get neighborhood input, as well as from RTD and state elected representatives -- the theater will be preserved -- they are negotiating the P.U.D. with the developer including trees, parking, etc. They are having a "name the new project" contest, they will have a party in their neighborhood when one of their billboards comes down; they are discussing issues related to contracting out Mike High School; trying to make owners of cabins responsive to neighborhoods and to discourage their request to allow 18-20 yr. olds to be able to work in these establishments.

Uptown SE Denver is setting up a Traffic Forum (with CDOT, DRCOG, RTD/METRO, etc.) for 7:30 p.m., 2/10 at Thomas Jefferson High and 2/11 at George Washington High, more info, in January. Cory-Merrill: the new Circuit City has opened and all is going well, security says watch out, not all neighborhoods are involved in planning processes, i.e. their Pecos Gateway Development, where Denver Housing Authority gets input and neighborhoods don't get invited to meetings.

DownTown Denver Residents say cranes are in the neighborhood and that's good, and lots of Holiday staff is happening; Farr NE Neighbors got lots of "Thank You's" for the dictionaries which were distributed to 3rd graders, and the American Dream is alive and well in their area, especially due to all the new economic development. Bonnie Michaelson (a property owner) encourages everyone to keep working together.

Auditor's Office mentioned that there might be some "interesting" things involved in the Denver General Hospital transfer to the new state authority that INC and neighbors want to know, i.e., if this plan (sometimes we will get it back, including any and all debt -- which would seem to be contrary to state law! Colin on the Hill held its Annual Holiday Victorian Home Tour.

Colorado Coalition for Homeless states that contrary to some talk they do not support the homeless being able to sleep wherever they want; a new apartment complex will open in Arapahoe County (yes, it is just barely across the Denver County line, sorry) and they are building in Lakewood, too, in an effort to disperse such housing, especially to the suburbs.

**Letter to the Editor**

Editor:

On behalf of the Colorado Electronic Election Poll we want to thank all INC members who collected election results for the incredible job you did covering precincts on election night. We know how late the results were posted, we know how ruddy some of you were treated, and we know that in most cases you stayed until your job was completed. We really cannot thank you enough. You should know that the last precinct report was phoned in at 9:55 p.m. and you should also know that the numbers you provided to Denver and Arapahoe counties were used until after midnight election night. In other words, the county reports did not surpass our precinct numbers until after midnight, well past the time our local newscasts were over.

Once again, thank you very much for your diligence, dedication, and most of all, your reliability. We make our job much easier and more pleasant.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Slavin
Jeanne Roberts
Election Coordinators

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**Minutes and Around the City**

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In 1994, SouthWest Improvement Council (SWIC) purchased foreclosed homes on West Center, and set about making this development a good example for neighborhood improvement. It has been a lot of hard work, there have been a few bumps in the road, and we are not done yet!

But we are getting there! Thanks to loans from the City of Denver, Norwest Bank, and Vectra Southwest, we acquired the property, and installed security doors, new furnaces, windows, carpeting, bathrooms and flooring. Everything was renovated. We hauled tons of trash to the dump, and continue to do so, thanks to some unknown neighbor's penchant for dumping large items on our property.

This year, we tore off an old back porch and installed a newer, safer design. And thanks to continued support from Norwest, Vectra, and Bank One, we are building a new retaining wall and next spring will install landscaping and a decorative fence. We hope the fence will stand up to the "Midnight Dump?" Our purpose is to create quality housing that is decent, safe, and affordable for families.

To find out more call Jan Belle at the SWIC office, 934-2181.


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**Around the City**

Berkeley celebrates the Holidays with "Bows for Berkeley" by tying red bows to all the traffic lights throughout their area. W. University reports that there is dust moving and side-walks being added in Harvard Gulch Park, and that they supported the new group home in the area, by Urban Pathways/greenway teams. Alamo Platae reports that the President feels INC meetings are very important and will be looking to send more representatives to our meetings.

Believe-Inle is anticipating a "new world" when University Hospital begins its move out of the neighborhood. Tarkness Heights has its Luminaries celebration December 15. N.E. Denver Housing Center advised INC that "SWAT" (Social Weapons and Tactics -- to control crime on residential property training is available for landlords and property managers, call Jill St. Aubin, 377-3344 for info. CHUN held its annual office open house and 200 neighbors showed up; it is lining up its board and officers for 1997.

**Bye Bye Billboard**

W. Highlands has a new Walgreens going up, and great cooperation from the developer in designing the center; they are losing a big billboard and the redevelopment of old Ellich's is going well. University Park is working with a developer in the area to build a school park. George Washington had 160 people at its last meeting on traffic. They want to figure out how to curtail cut through traffic and hopes that the city will help; also, they are still opposing the extra $5 million cost to put a cap on a section of Lowry Air Force Base (as remediation for contamination) in order to merely expand the golf course; and they suggest that everyone get a copy of DRCOG's draft of the "2002 Vision Plan" (455-1000) and attend the public hearing on this topic on January 15, 1997.

Highland United reports that the cruisers are home for the cold weather and that they are also losing a billboard at 34th Ave. and Tejon. Mayfair distributed 25 gift baskets for the needy in its area; there is a nice church for sale at 8th Ave. and Holly. Mayor's Office of Neighborhoods has received a response advised that apartment managers are really putting up a fight against the proposed Nuisance Abatement Ordinance amendment -- there will be discussion at the next Public Safety Council Committee meeting, and that they were able to assist Cook Park Assn. in getting some curb and gutters in their area adjacent to and in conjunction with Arapahoe County.

Denver Mayor's lawsuit continues, Globivelle is working out complications in planning a new park near the new National Guard Armory. Virginia Village/Ellis is hoping the Mayor's office (via discussion at INC's quarterly meeting with the Mayor, held December 4, 1996) can assist in remediating CDOT's underground water plume contamination in the area; working on a school park at Ellis Elementary School in conjunction with the CDM, PTA and Submarine Vets; after winning some arms at the library and with the help of community, the community room in the Virginia Village Branch library will be dedicated to the memory of librarian extraordinare Geneive Meade.

**Down with Diet Magic**

Keep Denver Beautiful: the "Diet Magic" signs are a huge problem, call in the phone numbers on the signs to Virginia McIntyre - 757-0035. The city is trying to get rid of them but everyone needs to pull down illegal signs. Dept. of Public Works says the next city-wide Bag-a-Thon is Saturday, April 26, 1997. Please put this date on your neighborhood's calendar and plan on participating.

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**Earlier Deadline For Denver Neighborhood Connection**

For the next (February, 1997) issue only, the deadline for submission of articles to Denver Neighborhood Connection will be January 13, 1997. Submit them to Craig Eley, 3800 S. Peach Way, Denver, 80237.
For Your Information

1997 Bag-a-Thon Scheduled
The 1997 Glad Bag-a-Thon is scheduled for Saturday, April 26, 1997. Hopefully, this advance notice allows every organization and group time to plan to participate. There are volunteer opportunities for everyone.
Keep Denver Beautiful will be providing more details in the weeks ahead. Plan on joining scores of other volunteers in cleaning up Denver. INC members are invited to share this information with their associations, and include it in their newsletters.
Questions can be addressed to Keep Denver Beautiful at 640-2000.

Election Judges Needed
Positions as election judges are open for Denver registered voters who are interested in earning money and serving the community.
All election judges are required by state law to attend a training session for each election they intend to work. Judges are paid $5.00 for attending the training session. Election judges are paid $100.00 for working on election day. All judges must report to the polling place at 6:15 a.m. and remain until all assigned duties are completed after the polls close.
For further information, Democrats should call 336-8183. Republicans should call Terri Stephens, 640-4865.

Colorado/Alameda Avenue Intersection Meeting and Workshop
The Colorado Department of Transportation in conjunction with the City and County of Denver will be sponsoring a public information meeting and workshop for the Colorado Boulevard/Alameda Intersection Improvement Project. The meeting will be held at Augsburg Lutheran Church in Denver on Wednesday, January 22, 1997, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting will be to disseminate information regarding the project and to solicit input from the public.

INC Executive Board Meeting
January 14, 1997, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Kirk of Bonnie Brae, 1201 S. Steele St.

USED Sponsors Traffic Forums
United South East Denver (USED) is sponsoring two Traffic Information Forums during the month of February. These forums are designed to bring residents of southeast Denver information on all the transportation issues and proposed changes by the major agencies of the City and County of Denver and others. The dates and locations are:
February 10, Thomas Jefferson High School
3500 S. Holly St.
February 11, George Washington High School
655 S. Monaco St.

Invited speakers are: Denver Transportation Engineering, Central Denver Transportation Study, South East Major Investment Study, CDOT, RTD, DRCOG, Lowry Redevelopment Authority (GW only).
The schedule for each evening will be:
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Pottor stations, individuals may purchase information from each agency.
7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Five minute presentations on high lights from each agency.
7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Question and answer period.

Dates to Remember
Jan. 11 INC Meeting, 9 a.m.
777 Bannock St.
Jan. 13 Denver Neighborhood Connection deadline
Jan. 14 INC Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
Kirk of Bonnie Brae
Feb. 5 Mayor’s Quarterly Meeting
April 26 Glad Bag-a-Thon

Nomination Form
1997 Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation
Good Neighbor Award

This is an opportunity to honor the unsung heroes of your city. Do you know someone who deserves special recognition for community activities in your neighborhood? This is your chance to honor that person. Activities deserving recognition might include: providing food or clothing to the needy; volunteering regularly for neighborhood activities; working as a volunteer with children, the disabled or the elderly. Please fill out the nomination form and mail to INC Good Neighbor Award, P.O. Box 300116, Denver, CO 80218.

Nominations must be received by February 19, 1997

Nominee Information:
Name ____________________________
Address __________________________
City ____________________________
Zip ____________________________
Telephone _________________________
Business or Employment ____________

Neighborhood Group Making Nomination:
Name of Group _______________________
Contact Person ______________________
Address ____________________________ City ____________ Zip ____________
Telephone (home) __________________
(work) ____________________________

Attach a statement explaining why the nominee should receive the Good Neighbor Award.