Mayor’s Neighborhood Partnership Summary
As proposed by the Partnership Committee

1. Newsletter: This was not well received.

2. Citizen Handbook: Compile a comprehensive primer which explains how city government works, including how citizens participate. Info sources should include the 1987 Self-Help guide, Know Your City Government, INC Zoning Guide, City Telephone List, etc.

3. Conference: Conduct annual or semi-annual conferences which focus on issues of city-wide concern for both neighborhoods and businesses. The conference should facilitate the exchange of information of all parties.

4. Neighborhood Plan Process: Assess the neighborhood planning process to develop a common understanding of the purpose, process, development, and implementation of neighborhood plans.

5. Information, Mediation, and Outreach Functions: Create an independent entity under the Mayor to provide ombudsmen, information, and mediation functions for neighborhoods. Wants advisory board to assist new entity, including recommending executive director candidates to mayor for appointment.

6. Board and Commission Appointments: When it is determined that a group of people should be formed to make an impact on an issue, the city must assure that neighborhoods most affected by an issue be given priority to serve. A review of existing bodies should be performed, and corrections should be made.

INC Bylaw Amendment Proposed
The following has been proposed as an amendment to the Bylaws of Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation:

Motion: Abolish INC position statements and amend the bylaws to strike such reference to position statements.

This motion will be brought before the delegates at the September 13 meeting.

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Chairman's Column
By Stan McIntyre

The summer holidays are over and we have just a few months before the end of the year. INC not only has its own programs to update, but our INC Executive Committee people are involved with the Mayor's Partnership program, the committee to determine if we need new jail or police issues, and the Denver Comprehensive plan.

The reorganization of INC, and organizing the INC Foundation so we can become a 501(c)(4) for INC and 501(c)(3) for the INC Foundation will take input from all of us. Our bylaws will have to be updated, and new bylaws for the INC Foundation have to be written.

The way we have served our members in the past will not be effective with the way the city agencies are changing. The Renaissance Program and the Mayor's Partnership program will have an impact on DNA. INC is involved with the programs that came out of that program. You as delegates will determine the future of INC.

A few hours of your time would help in getting our file system together, our office organized and open a few hours a week. Committees need members so the committee chairs have help. Remember to use the INC phone at 393-8036.

Fire Department Offers Classes To Citizens and Neighborhoods
By Richard L. Gonzales
Fire Chief

The following classes and programs are offered by the Denver Fire Department as a public service to its citizens.

School Activities: Learn not to Burn, puppet shows, fire safety tractor, safety Fair, Cub Denver, job career Fair, School to Careers, Explorers Program, and child safety seats.

Business Safety Classes: fire extinguisher classes, fire warden training (highrises), fire drills, fire safety classes for facilities such as nursing homes, hospitals, social services, and visiting nurses etc.

General Fire Safety: day care and pre-school, parent and adult classes, senior and disabled, child safety seat classes, neighborhood and homeowners associations and apartment and housing associations.

Fire Stations: tours, open houses, demonstrations, recruitment information, general services; i.e., lift assists, blood pressure checks and lockouts, etc.

For further information on these and other programs contact our community services division at 286-4927.

September 6 Is Federal Boulevard Clean-up Day

Saturday, September 6 marks the day the Federal Boulevard Impact Team (FIT) cleans up Federal Boulevard in an effort to improve the area. The team needs support from all neighbors in the city.

Bring neighbors and friends and join FIT at 80 S. Federal Boulevard from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. For more information call 892-7755 or 393-8036.

Education Committee Meeting Set
By Marilyn Vaughn
Chair, Education Committee

The Education Committee will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, September 11, at the INC Office, 1445 High Street (basement, entry on south side). Plans will be made for the October 11 All-Large Board of Education Forum and the position statement for education: Come write your ideas for what you would like to see from the educational establishment, e.g., outcomes, relationships with the community and neighborhoods, private and charter schools, etc. Any member of an INC member organization is eligible to be a member of a committee.

Denver Neighborhood Connection Deadline, Address Information

Articles for Denver Neighborhood Connection must be submitted by the 18th of the month prior to publication to INC, P.O. Box 300118, Denver, CO 80238-2018. Entries must be submitted as typed originals. No faxes, please.

Editor Craig Eley can be reached at 777-5000.

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Minutes of Last INC Meeting

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beginning of all discussions.

(4) New INC office phone number: 393-8036. Please do not call Stan at home for INC issues.

Committee Reports:

(1) Social Services: Virginia reported that it is talk that the Social Services Advisory Board may expand in size. This would be interesting proposal since it hasn’t had a quorum at its present size in many months and never seems to conduct any business.

(2) City’s Renaissance Project: Dick B. reported that there are three streamlining pilot projects beginning. They will include: fences, curb Outs and how zoning and its official operate. Another idea being floated includes city-wide complaints being centralized. Currently, city departments have no idea when other departments cite a property or have a “problem” property. They would like to see multiple violations folded into the Nuisance Abatement process, without citizens having to file the complaints. Career service personnel seem to be “staking points” on getting new ideas and plans implemented.

(3) Membership: Motion: To admit new member College View, passed unanimously.

(4) Education: Marilyn is asking all who are interested in serving on this committee to meet with her on September 11th at 7 p.m. in the INC office, 1445 High Street (basement entrance on south side). Accreditation rules are being looked at this week. No neighborhoods have requested grants under “Great Kids Initiative”, call Marilyn for more info.

(5) Finance: Dick F. will have suggested draft changes to INC Bylaws and Position statements at the August 14th Executive Board Meeting. Paperwork is moving forward to get 501(c)(4) status for INC and to get 501(c)(3) status for the new INC Foundation, which will do fundraising and educational work.

(6) Lawry: Debbie advised that neighborhoods met with the Mayor and are waiting to hear what the Mayor will suggest as changes in the “business as usual” on boards and commissions out there.

(7) Dollar Dictionary Drive: Cathy says we need volunteers for labeling the week of August 18th at Calvary Presbyterian Church.

(8) Zoning/Parke: Jim Z. stated that the city has named three new sister city parks, and parks is currently looking at field permitting issues – if your neighborhood wants input or has issues now is the time to comment. The City Council Land Use Committee is looking at combining the directors of zoning and building into one position, since each is currently open and it might help to work with the Renaissance Project. Council is also looking at updating the Comprehensive Plan prior to rewriting the zoning code. INC will send a letter reminding the city to get lots of neighborhood people involved on any advisory committee or task forces that will be formed to work on the Comprehensive Plan/rewriting issue. Any one out there interested in working on that? Tell Stan and Jim.

INC BOARD MEETING

September 15th, 7:00 p.m.

At the INC Office, 1445 High St. (South Side Basement Entrance)

Please mark your calendar now!

(9) Crime: Harold said the next tour of the City and County jails is August 22nd.

(10) Housing: Stan announced an August 18th meeting at 7 p.m. at the INC office for this committee, come if you want to be involved with housing issues.

(11) Other Items:

(a) Denver Neighborhood Partnership is having its briefing meeting with City Council on August 11 and it’s meeting with Mayor Webb on August 12 – Tina Scardina (Office of Neighborhood Response) gave a summary of the initiatives being presented for implementation by the city.

(b) Transit 97 (Dick Bjurstrom) requested that INC take a vote supporting the tax in November for light rail, since it’s position statement supports light rail. However, the letter stated that the vote would occur at our September regular meeting. Motion: Not to take a vote on Transit 97’s Guide the Ride position at this meeting. Passed overwhelmingly 22-3-2.

(c) Barsum Improvement Council (Ray Krupa) gave us an update on what their area is doing to counteract/catch taggers and graffiti property defacers (including real and dummy surveillance cameras) and handed out some information on collecting judgments through Small Claims Court.

Presentation:

Ted Pinkowitz of e central, 830-0123, was to demonstrate and set up neighborhood home pages on the web at his Interactive Neighborhoods site, however, not having the proper telephone line hookups prevented this from occurring. Those who were interested, adjourned to Stan’s nearby home to do the hands-on work. Call Ted any time your neighborhood wants info on getting your page up and running. It’s simple and easy and you can add to your information and update whenever you want. Best news – it’s free!

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.