Next INC Meeting
Saturday, September 12
RLDS Church
480 Marion Street
9:00 a.m. - Coffee & Goodies
9:15 - Around the City
10:30 - Break
10:45 - Committee Reports
11:15 - Old Business
11:30 - New Business
12:00 - Adjourn

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The August 8 delegates' meeting was called to order at 9:25 a.m. by Dan du Bois at Heider Hall, National Jewish Hospital, hosted this month by Congress Park Neighbors. Board members present: Dan du Bois, Tom Tayon, Walter Kembel, Stan McAlister, Jim Ritzdorf, Bob Screws, Dick Bujstrom, Jim Zavist, Diane Wolfa, Dr. Carter Ballinger, Virginia Wiegelt along with various neighborhood delegates.

Dan introduced Don Mares, City Auditor, who distributed the annual Auditor's report. Mr. Mares went on to explain the "surplus" in the city treasury and the bond issue and how the mayor wishes to spend the surplus. Mr. Mares reported that things are going well for Denver and it's economy.

Mr. Mares further reported that The surplus traces back to Douglass Bruce and his Amendment I (creating an artificial surplus) and that only so much money can be bought in. We have not reached the cap of which is

Southpark Park East Association
Blind-Sided By Group Home
Southpark Park East Homeowners Association was surprised and dismayed to learn that the city has purchased a home in the neighborhood for use as a group home for the mentally ill. The purchase price of the home was well in excess of $300,000.

Since the city was not required to notify the homeowners association prior to purchasing the house, it did not do so. When word of the transaction leaked out, the association received numerous inquiries from neighbors, but had no information about the city's plans. This added to the confusion and frustration.

"What is particularly galling," said Casey Funk, the association president, "is that there is already a similar group home in our neighborhood, on the same street as this new one. But we have been told that it is a done deal, and that there is little, if anything, that we can do about it now."

Funk considers the city's actions to be a "stealth operation," and promises that his association will take every step possible to prevent a second group home in the neighborhood.

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Chairman's Column

By Dan du Bois

One of our most active and long term supporters is Harold Brewer. Harold has been having a tough year. Even with the passing of two loved ones and now some surgery, he continues to be concerned about INC. We send you our best wishes, Harold.

We are publishing some proposed by-laws changes in this month's newsletter. Please take the time to review these changes so that we may have a discussion at our September 12th meeting.

We will be electing a new Board member at the September 12th meeting as well. If you are interested in participating on the Board of Directors, please let me know. Become part of the solution!

First Annual Neighborhood Leaders Conference
Scheduled for October 17, 1998

By Stan McIntyre
Conference Coordinator

Mayor Webb has requested the Office of Neighborhood Response and Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation to co-host the First Annual Neighborhood Leadership Conference. The conference will focus on three topics: The Neighborhood Registration Ordinance, The Mediation Program, and the Neighborhood Training Program. The Denver Citizens Handbook and INC's Safe Community Handbook will be unveiled at the conference.


Registration Form for Neighborhood Leaders Conference
May Be Used For Two Registrants From Each Neighborhood

Where: Denver Metro Convention Center
Date: October 17, 1998
Time: Check In & Continental Breakfast: 7:45 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.
Conference: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Organization:
Name (registrant #1):
Name (registrant #2):
Mail Registration Form to: Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Response
200 W. 14th Avenue, Room 203 Denver, CO. 80204

Registration is Mandatory - No Walk-Ins Will Be Admitted

Minutes and Around the City

Tom Tayon, Vice-chairman, announced that for personal reasons he was stepping down from the office of Vice-chair. There will be a vote at the INC Board meeting for the recommendation of Dick Bjurstrom to succeed in the position of Vice-chair.

Bob Screws distributed the INC By-laws

Stan McIntyre, Immediate Past Chairman: Recommended that the immediate past chair not sit on the board as it puts the current chair in a difficult position. He also discussed the position of associate members of INC and that they would be able to attend meetings, but would have no voting privileges. The board will discuss new by-laws and delegates and their alternates.

Virginia Wielgot - Social Services Committee: After two years of application to the Department of Social Services (DSSS) Ms. Wielgot has been appointed to a five year term by Mayor Wellington Webb. The seven-member board advises the department manager, Mr. Phil Hernandez, on policies and operations of the department and reviews and comments on the proposed annual budget for the Department of Social Services. DSSS oversees: Adult self sufficiency, homeless veterans, child protection, family crises centers, adoptions, adult protection, VA benefits, youth services, foster care and child support services. The board generally meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at department headquarters, 2200 West Alameda from 4 to 6 p.m. The meetings are open to the public. Any questions, contact Virginia Wielgot at 757-1914.

Lisa Ferreira, Nuisance Abatement Committee: They are awaiting the final language of the ordinance and the review board is now on hiatus. They will continue to meet if mandated by law.

Chairman Dan du Bois adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:45 a.m.

INC Presidents’ Dinner IS COMING IN OCTOBER! DETAILS TO FOLLOW
Alley Vacation May Be Better Than No Vacation at All

Jim Zavist
INC Zoning Chair

Alleys, by definition, are provided primarily to service adjacent properties. They aren't streets or thoroughfares. In the older parts of Denver, many blocks were originally laid out with alleys parallel to the blocks' long dimensions. Denver also has a process for "vacating" or "giving back" the land occupied by alleys that are no longer seen to be needed to service specific, adjacent properties. As was raised at INC's August meeting, the city does not receive any direct financial benefit (payments) for an alley vacation. The common assumption is that the city benefits indirectly through increased property values and through reduced maintenance demands.

In today's development world, alleys are generally seen to be a hindrance to more commercial developments. These developments also return higher property taxes, so it's in the city's financial best interest to make alleys "go away" where they impede appropriate redevelopment. While it can be argued that if adjacent land is selling for $45 a square foot, the alley or street should be worth the same amount, when comparing "like to real situations," it doesn't work out that way. If a developer has assembled a full-block parcel, he or she will most likely be the only person willing to bid on the land occupied by the alley or street if it were to be put up for public auction to the highest bidder. The result is the city could hope to see a single bid of $1 or $10 or some other incredibly low amount. Given the costs of marketing or auctioning the property (to receive top dollar, as required by city charter), the city actually loses money when it puts the alley or street up for sale. Thus, it makes more sense to transfer the property without the formalities of marketing, and to encourage redevelopment where alley vacation makes sense.

At the neighborhood level, you'll typically see two types of alley or street vacation requests. One is the type outlined above, where a developer has purchased all the properties facing an alley but not the alley itself. The city usually requires the developer to turn the alley 90 degrees, designating it as a public road, and paying to construct the new alley connection. The developer also needs to pay for any utility relocations. In most cases, the actual land area traded is not significantly different in area from the alley or street area gained. The big gain for the developer is having one larger parcel of land to work with, instead of two smaller ones split up as public roads.

Neighborhoods need to look at any vacation request on two levels. One, are the direct impacts, such as changes in traffic flow and accessibility acceptable or tolerable? Two, are there any opportunities to use the request as leverage to (hopefully) get the developer to respond positively to neighborhood concerns that are not addressed by other city rules and regulations? The city can respond to specific, reasonable concerns; the city can't simply deny the request because we don't want to see our neighborhoods change. Alley and street vacations are simply another tool for the neighborhoods and the city, and another hurdle for the developer in the development process.

INC's Virginia Wiegot
Appointed to Seat On Social Services Board

By Virginia Wiegot
Chair, Social Services Committee

At long last! After two years of applying to serve on the advisory board of the Denver Department of Social Services (DDSS), I have been appointed by Mayor Webb to a five-year term. This, in my opinion, is due to the fact that my efforts on behalf of DDSS have been well recognized. I am pleased and honored to be appointed to the position of Resident Director (Mr. Phil Hernandez) with regard to the policy and operation of the department and reviews and comments on the proposed annual budget for the DDSS.

The responsibilities of DDSS include:

- Adult self-sufficiency
- Homeless veterans
- Child protection
- Family crisis center
- Adoption
- Adult protection
- VA benefits
- Youth services
- Foster care
- Child support services

The board generally meets on the third Thursday of the month from 4 to 6 p.m. at the department's headquarters at 2200 W. Alameda. The meetings are open to the public, and specific questions may be discussed at 7:57-194.

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Minutes and Around the City

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There is ongoing work with PUD's and that "builders want to run through Cherry Creek." Steve Nissen, CHUN: CHUN and Washington Park were meeting regarding the Rite Aid at 6th and Broadway. He is concerned with "corporate welfare, giving away land to $300,000 worth of public property." The site of Fox Television received from the city $200,000 to $300,000 worth of parking space. Cherry Creek also received an alley from the City and County of Denver. Dick Bjurstrom, University Park: They had 1,500 kids at the Fourth of July parade. The "gus'gabber" is in limbo - lost option to purchase at Colorado Blvd. and Evans. They raise $1000 for Observatory Park.

Irma Zimmerman, Overland Neighborhood: Having a protest march on Saturday September 8th, regarding the August 11th primary issue on the ballot banning radioactive waste in the city and in particular the Shattuck Superfund site at Evans and Santa Fe Drive. She urged registered voters to vote "Yes" on 1A the referred question.

Landy Taylor, Montbello/Green Valley: He worked on the Citizens Bond Task Force (and spoke later in the meeting regarding this group). He thanked Denver Public Schools and the Board of Education for their help in the Montbello school district. Montbello is having celebration days.

Dunn, New Hill: He attended the Cherry Creek on various issues. Judy Sullivan, Hutchinson Hills: Having a Neighborhood Pride project focusing on homes whose landscape is outstanding. There are 30 nominations so far. They are having trouble enforcing parking restrictions.

Duo da Bois, Lower Downtown District, Inc.: They have achieved a total of 600 off-street parking spaces. Dunn Hill, Northwest: The parking meters downtown are now $1.00 per hour. There will be Lofa Tours October 10th and 11th which in addition will have an information fair regarding living in lower downtown Denver. They are already planning their Christmas decorating to light up all of Union Station much like the City and County building. He announced that his meeting will be on September 12th at the RLDS Church at 480 Marion,

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Proposed Bylaws of Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation
8-20-98 Draft

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be "Inter-
Neighborhood Cooperation" (INC), a Colorado
nonprofit corporation.

ARTICLE II - OBJECTS

The purpose of INC shall be to:

1. A. Bring together the independent neighborhood
organizations of Denver in a coalition to represent the
interests of neighborhoods and to collectively address
issues of common interest, especially those which may
have citywide impact;

B. Encourage autonomy, diversity and power for
neighborhoods, and to offer assistance when aid is
requested and applicable;

C. Provide information to neighborhoods concerning
organizing, registering with the city, and dealing
effectively with city agencies;

D. Adhere to the principles of democracy and openness
for all Denver neighborhoods;

E. Nominate neighborhood representatives, without
regard to political party affiliation, to serve on public
commissions, boards and task forces; and

F. Accept responsibility for shaping Denver's future by
forming this coalition of neighborhood organizations.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERS

A. Organization Members. "Member Organizations" (MO) shall be those neighborhood organizations
registered with the City of Denver which meet the
following requirements:

1. Organized primarily to meet its neighborhood's
needs and wishes;

2. Have geographic boundaries that are set by its
members and which do not cover the entire city;

3. Have a minimum of twenty (20) resident
members;

4. Membership is open to all residents of its
neighborhood;

5. Have officers who are elected by its members; and

6. Hold at least one (1) open general meeting each
year; and

7. After application to INC, are approved as an MO
by a majority vote of the Delegates, and has paid its INC
dues in full.

B. Voting Members ("Delegates"): By

1. Each MO shall specify to INC in writing no more
than two (2) separate individuals as the delegates of
record. Any change in such delegates by the MO shall
be provided to INC in writing. For a Delegate to be eligible
to vote, or be elected to office, the MO shall be a member
with their dues paid in full;

2. Each Delegate shall have one (1) vote;

3. Each Delegate's term shall be determined by their
MO and provided in writing to INC; and

4. The Delegates shall be collectively known as the
"Delegates".

5. An alternate delegate can replace a Delegate, and
vote, with written authorization from the President of the
Delegates' MO.

C. Powers of the Delegation. The Delegation shall
have full power and authority over the affairs of INC, but no
Delegate, MO, Committee or individual whomsoever shall
be obligated or bind INC to any commitment or position without
the approval of the Delegation.

D. Dues

1. The amount of the dues paid by MOs shall be
established by the Executive Committee and shall be due
and payable yearly by January 1st, except that the dues for
a new MO shall be prorated on a prorated basis.

2. A grace period for receipt of the dues paid in full
shall be given until the start of the March meeting. Any MO
not paid in full by such time shall be dropped from
Membership and their Delegates shall not be allowed to
vote or run for office until such time as the dues are paid in
full and thereby reinstating membership.

E. Associate Members. An associate Member is a civic organization with ten (10)
or more members, that pays a fee to get the newsletter.

F. Associate Members are non-voting members.

G. Subscription to the newsletter may be received by
an individual or non-member neighborhood
organization that does not wish to actively participate after
paying the subscription fee. Subscription recipients are non-
voting members.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

A. Officers. Officers of INC shall be a Chairman, a Vice
Chairman, a Secretary, and five (5) Delegates-at-
Large, who shall be elected by the Delegation for a term of
one (1) year or until their successors are elected. They

currently-developed areas is also worth exploring, if they can be
implemented without imposing negative impacts on adjacent
existing residential areas.

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existing areas (like the Cherry Creek area) will be neighborhood
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if an owner is considering a new development:

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B. A straight rezoning can be attempted, subject to
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or
C. A FUD can be attempted, subject to review by
Denver Planning and approval by City Council, or
D. Re-zoning to a new "multi-use" district can be
attempted, with the initial zone change subject to review by
Denver Planning and approval by City Council, and
with subsequent modifications and implementation issues
subject only to administrative review and approval by
Denver Planning.

All projects will be reviewed, a dedicated group of people will
be formed to review, and there will be public meetings.

We're all familiar with the protections, issues and processes associated
with these first three options. What really concerns me about the
last option is that while the underlying zoning would be
being more discretionary to the staff of the Planning
Department, it would remove the City Council, our elected
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assurance. Still, even with these reservations, I'm intrigued by the
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generally accepted current suburban model. My concerns are
with implementation and the potential for abuse. If these issues
can be resolved, there could be a true win-win solution for all
parties involved.

Survey Shows Effectiveness
of Neighborhood Organizations

By Michael Henry

A survey prepared for the City of Denver as a component of
the process to update the 1989 Denver Comprehensive Plan gives
evidence of the effectiveness of neighborhood organization in Denver.

The survey, conducted by Norwest/Poll Research, Inc., and sponsored by
the Denver Urban and Regional Research Program and The Centers of
the University of Colorado at Denver questioned 875 persons by telephone

The published survey results show that 45% of the respondents
said that they had attended one or more meetings of their
neighborhood associations during the last couple of years to
discuss civic policy, community issues or school issues.

While asked whether the respondent's neighborhood has an
organization that brings residents together to work on issues,
sponsor activities, or promote community interests, 73% answered
yes, 21% answered no, and 6% did not know.

Of those who responded that they were aware of such an
organization, 58% said that they belong to or had attended
meetings of their neighborhood associations during the last
couple of years. In addition, 86% of those who were aware of
their neighborhood associations said that the neighborhood
association did represent their interest.

Broken down by geographic area, trust in neighborhood
associations was highest in the northeast (89%), followed by
northwest (86%), while southeast and south west showed
80% trust in neighborhood associations. Citywide, homeowners
were more likely to say that neighborhood associations
represented their interests (85%) as compared with renters.
African-Americans expressed more confidence in their
neighborhood associations (91%) as compared to Anglos (86%)
or Hispanics (75%).

The results of this survey should demonstrate to Denver
citizens, Denver neighborhood associations and Denver
government officials that, in general, Denver citizens have a
high degree of awareness concerning their neighborhood
organizations and also have a very high degree of confidence that
their neighborhood associations represent their interests.

While most neighborhood organizations already knew this, it is
encouraging to have this fact confirmed by an objective source.

Pro's, Cons of Proposed Multi-Use Zone Districts

By Jim Zarzis

INC Zoning Chair

At the City Council Land Use Committee meeting on July 22
a "Multi-Use" Zone District was presented to the committee
for initial review and comments. The following are my observations
and concerns based on the discussions I heard:

1. The concept of multi-use zone districts is definitely one
worth exploring, especially in large, undeveloped areas like
Gateway and Stapleton.

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Dr. Carter Ballinger – Health: Remind members of the article in the newsletter of CPR training at Coors Field in September.

St. McIntyre – Dollar Dictionary Drive: The dictionaries are due to arrive sometime this month. INC will put its labels on the front of the dictionaries and individual neighborhoods can affix their labels on the inside. The committee is working with the PTA and neighborhood organizations. The labeling will be at Calvary Presbyterian Church, 1420 South Holly once again this year; date to be announced. A check is in the mail for $7,500.00 from the US Bank for the project to go to Janez Hanley, Neighborhood Resource Center.

St. additionally reminded INC of the Neighborhood Leadership conference on October 17th, by invitation only and with only 250 attendees, the application will be going out in the INC newsletter. Every neighborhood should have two people attending the conference (one being the neighborhood president). The conference will have 3 break-out sessions (with all in attendance able to be in all of the sessions): Neighborhood Leadership Skills; Mediation; Regulating Neighborhood Ordinances.

St. continued with an update of the Graffiti Task Force: That it has finished its work and had a press release focusing on three concerns: 1) Law Enforcement 2) Clean-up and 3) Education. Graffiti will be tried with state court rulings and parents will be held responsible. It will go before the City Council.

Ludwig Taylor of the Citizens Bond Task Force spoke again about the bond issue which he co-chaired along with other citizens. He mentioned Jeff Shoenaker was involved and the have collaborated before. The committee was not made up of city-paid bureaucrats. Mr. Taylor reminded the INC group that the schools are our neighbors and wise versa and that the strength was with the chair of the DPS Board. They worked on 18 projects for schools which included soccer and ball fields sodding and arts and culture. There are a total of 286 different projects which reached to $80,000,000. Community Channel 8 broadcast the meetings and only two people were against the proposed projects. They did not see the police stations in neighborhoods as a

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shall assume their duties as of the close of business of the election meeting.

B. Qualifications. Only a Delegate shall be eligible to serve as an Officer. No Officer shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office. An Officer who accumulates three (3) unexcused absences from meetings during a term in office may be removed from office by the Delegation. An Officer may be removed for cause.

C. Duties of Officers. Officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these Bylaws and such other duties as directed by the Delegation or are applicable to the office as prescribed by the parliamentary authority adopted by the organization.

1. The Chairman shall:
   a. Preside at all meetings of the Delegation and the Executive Committee;
   b. Propose the agenda for all meetings;
   c. Appoint an Audit Committee of three (3) delegates to review the Treasurer's records at the end of the fiscal year;
   d. Appoint the Chair and members of all committees with the approval of the Delegation; and
   e. Be ex officio member of all committees.

2. The Vice Chairman shall:
   a. Perform the duties of the Chairman in his/her absence or at his/her request; and
   b. Perform other duties as directed by the Delegation.

3. The Secretary shall:
   a. Record the proceedings of all meetings;
   b. Keep all documents pertaining to the organization.

4. The Treasurer shall:
   a. Be custodian of all funds, keeping accurate and complete records;
   b. Disburse funds at the direction of the Delegation.

c. Present a written financial report at each Delegate meeting.

5. Delegates-at-Large shall perform such duties assigned by the Delegation.

D. Nominations. Nominations shall be from the floor at the March meeting, unless otherwise directed by the Delegation.

E. Elections. Any Delegate of record at the time of the election is eligible to serve in office. Election shall be by ballot. A majority is required to elect.

F. Vacancies. A vacancy in the office of Chairman shall be filled immediately by the Vice Chairman. Vacancies in other offices shall be filled immediately on an interim basis by appointment of the Board. Vacancies in other offices shall then be filled by vote of the Delegation within the next two (2) regular meetings.

ARTICLE V. – MEETINGS

A. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Delegation shall be held monthly with notice being given in the newsletter. The date, time and place shall be determined in advance of the notification by the Executive Committee.

B. Annual Meeting. The regular Delegate meeting held in March shall be the Annual Meeting at which the election of Officers shall take place.

C. Special Meetings. Special meetings may be called by the Chairman, and shall be called at the written request of at least ten (10) Delegates, with not less than seventy-two (72) hours notice. Notice shall be given by telephone to all Delegates. No business shall be conducted that is not mentioned in the call to the meeting.

D. Quorum. A quorum for the conduct of business shall be twenty (20) Delegates.

E. All INC meetings are open to the public, but only the Delegate vote.

ARTICLE VI. – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A. Composition. The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected Officers and the five (5) Delegates-at-Large.

B. Authority. The Executive Committee shall manage the affairs of the corporation between meetings of the Delegation. Duties shall include management of INC funds, application of position statements in accordance with the objectives as stated in Article II, recommendation of policies and programs for consideration by the Delegation, development of an annual budget, and any other functions assigned to it by the Delegation.

C. Meetings. Meetings may be called by the Chairman and shall be called at the request of two (2) members of the Executive Committee.

D. Quorum. A quorum for the conduct of business shall be five (5), including the Chairman, or the Vice Chairman in his/her place.

ARTICLE VII. – COMMITTEES

A. A Committee shall consist of two (2) or more individuals.
Proposed INC Bylaws

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182. B. All Committee Chairmen shall be a Delegate;
183. however, any individual of an MO may serve on
184. a committee.
185. C. Standing Committees. The Standing Committees
186. shall be: Membership, Newsletter, Budget, Zoning, and
187. Transportation.
188. D. Special Committees. The Chairman may appoint
189. special committees as the need arises with the approval
190. of the Delegation.

ARTICLE VIII – FISCAL YEAR

192. INC’s fiscal year shall begin April 1st and end March
193. 31st each year.

ARTICLE IX – DISSOLUTION

194. In the event of INC’s dissolution, the assets of the
195. corporation shall be apportioned to exempt organizations
196. under 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code. The assets shall not be
197. distributed to its Member Organizations, Delegates,
198. Officers or any individual.

ARTICLE X – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

200. The rules contained in Robert’s Rules of Order Newly
201. Revised, 1990 Edition, shall govern INC in all cases to
202. which they are applicable and in which they are not
203. inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special rules of
204. order INC may adopt.

ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

206. These Bylaws may be amended at the Annual Meeting of
207. the Delegation by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, provided that
208. the amendment is submitted in writing and is published
209. in full in the call to the Annual Meeting.

Nuisance Abatement
Law Passed

By Lisa Ferreira
INC Representative

Nuisance Abatement Oversight Committee

On July 13, 1998 the City Council voted on Council Bill 474 of
the 1998 series. This was an amendment to the current
Nuisance Abatement Ordinance, removing the sunset provision
requested by Council in January 1997. After 5 hours of testimony
the Council voted 10-2 in favor of the amendment, (with
Councilman Himmelmann and Councilman Hackworth opposing the amendment) thereby making it a permanent law on the
books.

As a member of the West Highland Neighborhood Association, I participated in the Task Force that met from April 1996 until January 1997 to discuss the pros and cons of nuisance abatement. We found many neighborhoods frustrated by the lack of "teeth" in the existing law. Specifically, that landlords rarely mitigated a nuisance to the satisfaction of a neighborhood. We discussed the importance of timeliness and that neighbors wanted swifter action -- 45 to 60 days instead of years. After the Council vote in January 1997, Stan McIntyre asked me to be the INC appointee to the Oversight Committee, a committee that was created by the same amendment that gave us the sunset provision.

I have been honored to have been the INC representative on the Oversight Committee for Nuisance Abatement, a role that led to my appointment as co-chair of the committee. I would like to thank all the neighborhoods that participated in the writing of this ordinance, your time and dedication along with your willingness to try this "one more time" helped us finally get an ordinance that neighborhoods and the city can be proud of. I would also like to thank those residents of Denver who chose to attend both City Council hearings, along with the sunset review

Denver Code Enforcement Agencies Combined

In order to provide more coordinated and efficient code enforcement services, the code enforcement and office support staffs of three agencies have been combined into a single inspection unit called Neighborhood Inspection Services. Separate inspection units formerly known as Neighborhood Support Services, Residential Health and Zoning Administration have been combined into a single unit. "These units were housed inefficiently in different locations with separate customer service staffs, computer systems and case files" stated Jann T. Moulton, Planning and Development Office Director. According to Moulton, "Neighborhood residents often complained that it was confusing as to which agency referrals for various code violations were to be made. Delays sometimes resulted as complaints were occasionally referred to the inappropriate inspection unit. Such confusion and delays are a thing of the past, as citizens need only telephone one agency at 640-7900."

It is the mission of Neighborhood Inspection Services to protect the quality of life within Denver neighborhoods by seeking maximum compliance with Denver code requirements concerning interior and exterior property maintenance. Neighborhood Inspection Services inspects residential and business property in order to assure code compliance. Residents may report apparent code violations by calling 640-7900 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The staff will discuss the nature of each

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denial. Finally, I would especially like to thank Councilwomen Barnes-Gelt, Casey, Haynes, Martinez, Ortega, Flebeck and Foster, and Councilmen Davis, Gallagher, and Thomas for recognizing the process and the volunteers who worked so hard to improve their neighborhoods.

Over the past few months City Council has been accused of treating a law onto the books without the consent of citizens, referring to the original vote in January 1997 on the Nuisance Abatement Ordinance. As a concerned individual who did not want to see any other neighborhood wrested from sleep due to a drive-by shooting, I chose to participate in the process. All of the citizens who participated in this process took their tasks seriously. City staff who participated in the process took their jobs seriously. All I can say to those who decry this law is "Where were you when we were wakening through the process?"

Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation

Membership Application

My organization would like to register as:  □ Member (enclose $30) □ Patron (enclose $60)

Name of Organization: ____________________________________________________________

President: ____________________________ Address: __________________________________

Home phone: ____________________________ Fax: ____________________________

Each organization is entitled to two delegates, whose names must be entered below. The President of the organization is NOT automatically a delegate.

INC Delegate 1: ____________________________ Address: ____________________________

Home phone: ____________________________ Fax: ____________________________

INC Delegate 2: ____________________________ Address: ____________________________

Home phone: ____________________________ Fax: ____________________________

Please complete the above information, enclose dues, and send to:

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

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Editor Craig Eley can be reached at 757-5000 (wk) or 758-9499 (hm); craig@eley.net (e-mail).

INC members who wish to publicize their neighborhood news, accomplishments or events should put Denver Neighborhood Connection on their neighborhood newsletter mailing lists. Newsletters should be sent to the Editor at 3800 South Peach Way, Denver, CO. 80237.