

February 9 INC Meeting Features DPS Supt. Wartgow

scheduling conflict. INC is very pleased to have Dr. Wartgow as a guest at the February 9 meeting, and with more than six months under his belt this is probably a better time to have him speak to INC. Please come to the meeting prepared to ask questions about our schools.

Upcoming INC Meetings

March 9, 2002 – INC Annual Meeting at the Hiawatha Davis Recreation Center at 34th and Holly. The agenda will include INC elections and a presentation of the latest draft of the Parks Game Plan. The meeting will be hosted by Denver Parks and Recreation.

April 13, 2002 – This meeting will focus on Denver budget issues. Meeting location to be announced.

March 9 Meeting Includes INC Elections – Dues Must Be Paid to Have a Vote

INC will hold its annual meeting on March 9 to elect new officers and delegates at large. It now appears as though most of the current board, all of which are eligible to serve two consecutive terms, will be running for re-election. However, the board is always in search of new members. Anyone interested in serving on the INC board may be nominated from the floor on March 9. If you have any questions about the board's duties or would like to discuss getting more involved in INC in the coming year, please call Fred Corn at (303) 433-8577.

To run for office or vote in an INC election a person's neighborhood association must pay its 2002 membership dues on or before March 9, 2002.

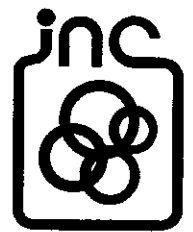
Quick Wins II Meetings Slated

By Lynn Presnall

The Quick Wins II committee will address zoning & development issues that were not included in the ordinances that passed under Quick Wins I. Committee meetings are open to the public and are held at Denver's Office of Community Planning & Development, 200 W. 14th Avenue, 2nd floor at 4 p.m. Upcoming meetings are set for February 12, March 12, March 26 and May 14.

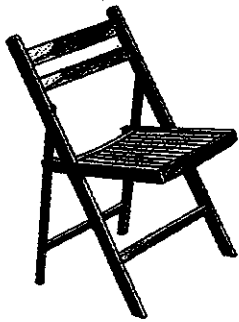
The guest speaker at INC's February 9, 2002 general membership meeting will be Dr. Jerry Wartgow, Superintendent of Denver Public Schools. Last summer INC held a meeting about DPS topics and invited the superintendent. At that time however, he was brand new to the job and was unable to attend due to a

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From the Chair

By Fred Corn
INC Chair

Well, once again INC was unable to pull off a transportation-oriented meeting. If you recall, when we tried to bring T-REX public relations people to one of our meetings we were told that it was premature; there was nothing ready to present to the public at that time.

This time it was the Denver transportation folks that blew off our January meeting. Because the Neighborhood Transportation Management Plans proposed in Blueprint Denver became so controversial, we thought it would be a good idea to invite the transportation planner tasked with developing the Neighborhood Transportation Management program for a little discussion. But once again we were told that there was nothing yet prepared to present to the neighborhoods.

This situation reminds us that in the transportation industry it seems as though the paradigm is to prepare plans without citizen input and then present the final plan to the public and take your lumps. When will someone explain to these guys that they can prevent a lot of the anguish in the later stages of the planning process by engaging neighborhoods in

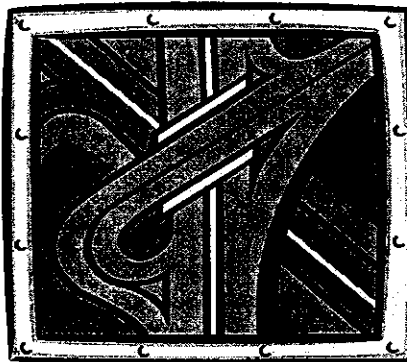
the early going. The result is a better plan with a lot less brain damage.

Switching gears, I was thrilled with the letter recently printed in the *Denver Post* regarding that paper's January 6-8 special report on the Redfield contamination and other similar environmental sites. Barbara

Fallon and the boards of the Cook Park and Virginia Village/Ellis Neighborhood Associations are justifiably angry with the irresponsible reporting in that series. Neighborhoods have enough issues to deal with, such as traffic, redevelopment pressures, and crime, to name just a few. No neighborhood should also have to do battle with the stigma of a perceived environmental threat just because a newspaper wants to sell copy.

Switching gears again, you all should have recently received an INC membership application in the mail. INC dues are due at the beginning of the year, and they must be paid on or before March 9, 2002 in order to vote in the annual INC election. Please fill out the membership application; it is especially important for us to have the correct names and addresses of your neighborhood association delegates. If you

do not have an application, we have provided one in this issue.



Check it Out!

INC Web Page

www.neighborhoodlink.com/denver/inc

Minutes of January 12 Meeting and Around the City

**By Eddie Britt
INC Secretary**

The January meeting of Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation was hosted by the Capital Hill United Neighborhoods with help from CHUN representatives Josh Brodbeck and Michael Henry. It was held at the Radisson Inn along Colfax Ave. Although the plan was to have attendees from both the Traffic and Parking Divisions of Denver, this was postponed by a phone call at the last minute, leaving INC without sufficient time to invite alternate speakers. This was felt by some to demonstrate a lack of respect by these two city divisions for its citizens and neighborhoods and should be considered during future engagements. However, the Chief of the Denver Fire Department Derrick Juniel was kind enough to fill

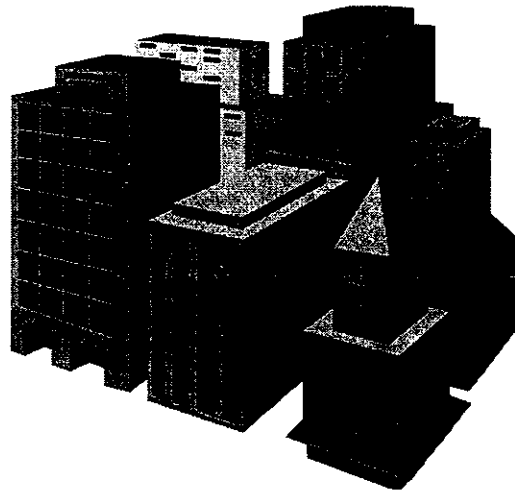
Chief Juniel updated the crowd of more than 37 neighborhood leaders gathered in the Santa Fe conference room on the Denver Fire Department's newly instituted fee program for fire inspections and upcoming training programs. The fee program is designed to increase revenue by charging businesses on a sliding scale dependent on types of businesses and the size of the building, type of facility, and types of hazards and risks assessed. It is designed on an estimated \$25 per hour manpower to help pay for the 23,000 inspections that the Fire Department conducts each year. The new fees will be used to help hire four additional inspectors and three administrative staff members.

Fire Chief Juniel briefly touched on training programs,, mentioning training techniques at Currihan Hall, the Terra Center, and the former Mile High Stadium. The different locations will help test the preparedness of the department in relation to hazardous materials, burns, and coordination between

the Denver Police Department and other public safety units across the Denver Metro region (including the cities of Aurora and Littleton). There was also discussion of newly opened fire station No. 29, located in the Green Valley Ranch area, and of future plans for new stations, which includes the possibilities of a long range study. For information on current statistics of the Denver Fire Department, including runs and calls, contact 720-913-3423.

Also at the meeting, the INC delegation passed two resolutions:

1. The first was a resolution to recommend to Mayor Webb the reappointment of two members of the Board of Adjustment for Zoning Appeals: Jon Hindleman, as a member of the Board, and Mary Ewing as an alternate. The motion carried with 27 in favor, none opposed, and none abstaining.



2. The second motion was to write a letter to City Council in support of the latest draft of Blueprint Denver, the Land Use and Transportation Plan recently supported by the Denver Planning Board and currently being reviewed by Council. The motion carried with 23 in favor, 1 opposed, and none abstaining.

There will be a discussion, and possibly a motion, at our February 9, 2002 meeting regarding City Council redistricting. INC is considering whether to submit a formal position statement to City Council, which will finalize the new district maps in May.

Around the City

Washington Park East N.A. - The general membership meeting was held at the United Methodist Church located at 1955 East Arizona at 7 p.m. The topics discussed included emergency preparedness presented by Mike Michalek from the

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Denver Office of Emergency Preparedness as well as the status of the Southeast Corridor Neighborhood Coalition and the T-REX refinement proposal.

Platte Park People's Assoc. (3PA) - The newest neighborhood association in Denver, adopted by-laws on Jan. 8 and will hold elections in March. The general meetings are scheduled for the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Platte Park Senior Recreation Center, located at the intersection of Logan & Florida. 3PA has launched an active Committee for Responsible Development and also a Traffic Committee, which is taking off fast!

Denver Digs Trees - The Denver Digs Trees program is searching for neighborhood volunteers for tree distribution and planting on April 20th. Pre-requested street trees will be distributed starting at 8 a.m.; yard tree sale starts at 9:30 a.m. at seven distribution sites across Denver. Trees are 8-12 feet tall at distribution and include 30 varieties of shade trees including ornaments of small trees. Call 303-722-6262 for volunteer and tree information and distribution sites.

Ivy Street Neighbors - The neighborhood had a successful holiday lighting project, those that participated had wonderful displays.

Greater Park Hill Community, Inc. - Our group is currently working with Councilwoman Happy Haynes on traffic calming measures around a cluster of schools and the Park Hill Library. The association is watching the redrawing of the council boundaries that will be finalized in May.

Mayfair N.A. - The neighborhood association held an annual organization meeting Jan. 5. The CCCC program attempting to improve the Colfax corridor has impressed it.

University Park Community Council - UP's portion of a traffic mitigation plan, worked out over the past two years with the University of Denver Neigh-

borhood Traffic Mitigation Plan Task Force, has received a go-ahead. A meeting to discuss details of implementation will be scheduled soon. The removal of the Steele Street bridge is creating considerable traffic congestion in the University Park neighborhood. temporary bike/pedestrian span on the site is very useful, connecting UP and the Cory-Merrill neighborhoods. UPCC website has been rejuvenated at www.neighborhoodlink.com/denver/upcc. Diane Helper may be reached at 303-733-4902.

INC Board Meeting

The board decided that the April INC meeting will focus on either budgets or the city bond issue, attempting to bring in the city's consultant on the issue and also individuals from the Denver Office of Budgeting and Planning. Talks were also held regarding the Dollar Dictionary Drive and also a new program involving the INC Public Safety Committee.

A vote was taken regarding the financial management of INC. It was decided 6-0-1 to roll over \$1,000 each month until a total of \$4,000 is in the bank, holding \$1,000 in reserves at any given time.

Stan McIntyre of the Public Safety Committee introduced a proposal to support an application for \$2,000 grant for Risk Watch, which passed with a vote of 8-0. The vote was taken to explore the options of initiating a program of public safety involving children of Denver Public Schools and all departments of the Denver Public Safety agency.

Advertise In Denver Neighborhood Connection

INC is now accepting ads for its newsletter. The circulation is about 400, going to all the Neighborhood Association Presidents and INC delegates as well as various city offices. Your ad should be business card sized and should be e-mailed to craig@eley.net. The deadline is the 20th of the month, and the cost is \$30.00 per ad per month. You will be invoiced after the ad has run. Please call Joyce Goulet at 303-298-0401 for further information.

Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation 2002 Membership Application

My organization would like to register as a: ☐ Member (enclose \$35) ☐ Patron (enclose \$70)

Dues Must Be Paid On or By the March 9, 2002 Meeting for Delegates to Vote in the March Election

Name of Organization: _____

President: _____ Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ E-mail address: _____

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: _____ E-mail address: _____

INC Delegate # 2: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ E-mail address: _____

Association Boundaries (approximate):

North _____

South _____

East _____

West _____

Enclose dues and send this form to:

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Next Meeting
Saturday
February 9
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Heritage Club
2020 South Monroe St.

(on Monroe just South of
Buchtel)

Sponsored by
University Park
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AGENDA

8:45

Coffee & Chat

9:00

Around the City

10:00

Committee Reports

10:30

Break

10:45

Jerry Wartgow
Supt. of DPS

Noon

Adjourn

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