April 12 INC
Meeting Focuses on Denver Citywide Office Candidates

Arizona Street, and will begin at 9 a.m.

While there will not be a regular meeting, the Around the City sheet will be circulated, so those with neighborhood news or concerns can jot them down as it goes by.

Dollar Dictionary Drive Kicks Off

By Cathee Fisher
Dollar Dictionary Co-Chair

The March 2003 INC meeting marked the launch of this year’s Dollar Dictionary Drive. Each of the more than 50 attendees received a copy of either the 250 page Webster’s Thesaurus or the 450 page New Encyclopedic Dictionary. Every Denver Public Schools (DPS) third grade student will receive as their own both of these books in September.

The books we have given to the DPS students since 1996 have been a gift from the community for them to use for their continuing education and to share with their family members. The books the INC members received are meant to be used when needed, but are more importantly a visible example of either the “dinosaur book” (thesaurus) or the new blue dictionary, which has the U.S. Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States: “...it is a gift to be used as a show and tell fundraising tool.

Additionally, our brochure has been updated to reflect this year’s program. Inserted in this newsletter are both the blue edition and a white copy that can be easily copied. This program has worked because neighborhood organizations, individuals, businesses and our civic workers and leaders have said “Great Program” and have supported it with their enthusiasm and dollars.

Your support is most needed in spreading the word, so people can participate. Please copy the tri-fold brochure for extended distribution or place excerpts in your neighborhood newsletter. If you need more copies, let us know.

The numbers - 1996 to 2003

Students to receive a dictionary and thesaurus of their own in 2003 = 9,000
Total books distributed (including 2000 classroom sets) = 98,000
Cost of the 2003 program = $25,000
Current funds available = $3,144
INC meeting challenge = 50 people x $100 = $5,000

This will put us at 32.5% of our 2003 fundraising goal. A great start, but not the finish line. Everyone’s efforts are needed and appreciated. Thank you for your support!
March INC Elections

Elections always seem to give me mixed emotions. On the one hand I'm saddened as many of the board members are term limited and are unable to continue in their current capacities. During my time as Vice Chair and now as Chair, I've gotten used to them, appreciated their input, support and opposition and I have seen the passion that they have when it comes to neighborhood issues. I will miss them and I hope that we will be able to continue to work together on common issues well into the future.

On the other hand, change happens. While I don't know all the newly elected board members as well as I do the outgoing ones, I have seen these people, heard about these people and feel that their passion to neighborhood issues is no less passionate than the members they have replaced. I am looking forward to working with our new board members in tackling not only the challenges that face us now but also the issues and challenges that will present themselves to us.

The board members are listed on the last page of this newsletter and we are all looking forward to a very challenging year ahead. Hopefully, if there is room in next month's DNC newsletter, our current board members will be willing to tell us a little about themselves so that you can get an idea of who they are and a little of their background.

That's the Way it's Always Been

After our elections I was asked why we don't have written ballots and why there wasn't something placed in Denver Neighborhood Connection about the people running for INC board positions. I didn't have an answer other than this is the way it's been done. In talking further about this it got me thinking (which can be bad as it seems to create more work) about not only our annual elections but other things that we do because that is the way it's been done.

If anyone has any suggestions on what they would like to see changed or how they would like to see thing done here at INC, please drop any of the board members or myself a note or phone call. It is always helpful to hear what you think as often we find that not everyone sees things in the same way.

We are here, we want to hear from you and we want to be helpful to you, the neighborhoods of Denver, so give us a call.

Thanks

Thank you to the Denver Water Board for not only hosting March's meeting but for the informative presentation on our current water supply status, proposed action being taken as well as discussion on surcharges. It was very informative and there was some good discussion during the presentation. Thank you, Joe and Leslie.

Candidate Forums

Don't miss the INC citywide office candidate forum at our April 12 members' meeting at Washington Park United Methodist Church, 1955 East Arizona Street. INC has also co-sponsored a series of other opportunities to meet, hear and question Denver candidates. The remaining forums in the series are:

Thursday, April 24
6-7:30 p.m. Mayoral Candidates
Location: Denver 8 TV Studios, 2390 Ulster Street, Denver

Saturday, May 10
6 p.m. All Run-off Candidates
Location: East High School, 1545 Detroit Street, Denver
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- Placing gift labels in 18,000 books

  Dates: Thursday, August 7 - 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
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  Location: Rocky Mountain SER
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  Individuals or groups are welcome for an hour or all day. Call for details, or to volunteer.

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Around the City

Athmar Park – Wal-Mart is going to develop Alameda Square. Neighborhoods that want info regarding cabaret licenses, please call or e-mail. APNA has a fact/how-to sheet that it can share. Athmarpark@aol.com or 303-936-9206.

Solid Waste Management – Mulch giveaway and compost sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 3rd from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Graffiti is moving to highly visible areas and citizens are being encouraged to report it or assist in taking it down. Authorization forms are available by calling the Graffiti Hotline at 720-865-STOP (7867).

West Washington Park Neighborhood Assn – The proposed redevelopment of the old Gates factory site that straddles South Broadway south of I-25 will have a huge impact on the area as it redevelops over the next 25 years. Currently, planning for the traffic impact on South Broadway and South Lincoln access due to the re-building of the I-25 overpass is a major challenge. The association has just gone through the cabaret license process, and those seeking the association’s perspective on this experience may call 303-722-9046.


Capital Hill United Neighbors – Is struggling with the drought and with the city but is still expecting to have the 32nd Annual Capitol Hill Peoples’ Fair on the streets surrounding Civic Center Park on June 7th and 8th.

Cherry Point Homeowners Assn – Has concerns with proposed Denver Water Department drought surcharges. Due to difference in base rates, surcharges not fair as Denver residents would see a 15% increase while non-Denver resident would see lower percentage increase.

Actions Taken

Zoning Code Reorganization – Approved by the general membership.

Drought Surcharges – Discussion at the last INC Board meeting included an examination of drought surcharges proposed by Denver Water. The Board approved the sending of a letter to the Denver Water Board regarding the unfairness of proposed surcharges, different surcharge scales depending on whether a level 2 or 3 is involved, and having more and smaller surcharge steps rather than a few large steps.

INC Member Neighborhoods

With 2003 Dues Paid
(Patrons in Bold)

Alamo Placita NA
Athmar Park NA
Baker Historical NA
Beacon Club
Bellevue-Hale NA
Berkeley NA
Capital Hill United Neighbors
Cherry Creek North NA
Cherry Point HOA
Colfax BID
Colfax on the Hill
College View NA
Cook Park NA
Cory-Merrill NA
Crestmoor Park HOA Filing 2
Denargo Market NC
East Montclair NA
Greater Park Hill Community
Hamden Heights CA
Hamden South NA
Harkness Heights NA
Harman NA
Highland United Neighbors
Hilltop Heritage
Hutchinson Hills/Willow Point NA
Ivy Street NA
Jefferson Park United Neighbors
LoDo District
Lowry Neighbors
Lynwood 7 & 8 HOA
North City Park CA
Park Forest HOA
Platt Park People’s Assoc.
Sloan’s Lake Citizen’s Group
South Gaylord NA
South Hilltop NA
South Jackson NO
Sunny Lawson Park NA
Sunnyside United Neighbors, Inc.
Upper Downtown Development Org
Virginia Vale CA
Virginia Village/Ellis Community Association
Washington Park East NA
West Highland NA
West University NA
West Washington Park NA

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April, 2003

Denver Neighborhood Connection
Next Meeting
Saturday
April 12
2003

Washington Park
United Methodist
Church
1955 East Arizona St.

AGENDA
8:45
Coffee and Chat
9:00
City Council At-Large
Candidates
10:30
Auditor Candidates
Noon
Mayoral Candidates
1:30
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