

## **May 10 INC Meeting Features Run-Off Forums**

Humboldt. Forums start at 9 a.m. and will go until all run-off forums are done. Although there will not be time for an Around the City report, there will be a tablet for the entry of any news from neighborhoods. That information will be published in the next issue of *Denver Neighborhood Connection*. Any neighborhood or organization that would like to help defray the expense of donuts and juice, and maybe pizza for lunch if the forums last that long, should contact any INC Board Member.

## **Zoning Code Simplification Public Hearing Scheduled for May 12**

***By Julius Zsako  
Denver Community Planning  
and Development***

The May 10, 2003 INC Delegates' meeting will consist of municipal election run-off forums. With the number of qualified individuals running, it is anticipated that there will be several run-off races. The meeting will be held at Cole Middle School, at 32<sup>nd</sup> and

Denver City Council has moved a proposal for the simplification and streamlining of the Denver Zoning Code out of committee and has established a schedule for final adoption. The Land Use, Transportation & Housing Committee of City Council took the action on Tuesday, March 25th. The Committee is chaired by Polly Flobeck, and members in attendance were Councilmembers Charlie Brown, Joyce Foster, Susan Barnes-Gelt, Kathleen MacKenzie, and Elbra

Wedgeworth.

The Denver Zoning ordinance contains about 400 land uses within 67 zone districts and sub-districts. It is confusing, hard to use, difficult to modify, hard to make web accessible, and 936 pages long. "The current structure of the Denver Zoning Ordinance was adopted in 1956. Over the years many additions have been made to the Ordinance, but little has been deleted," stated Senior Planner Theresa Lucero. "Reorganization and reformatting of the Denver Zoning Ordinance is a key priority for implementing Blueprint Denver, our citywide Land Use and Transportation Plan," added Lucero. "The goal is to leave the fundamental use and development privileges intact while consolidating land use types and definitions," said Denver Zoning Administrator Kent Strapko.

Under the proposal, the number of land uses is expected to drop from 400 to 100. It went before the regular Mayor/Council meeting on April 1st, and the first reading before City Council occurred on April 14th. City Council will hold a public hearing on May 12th prior to taking a final vote on the sweeping measure.

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# From the Chair

**By Wayne Jochem  
INC Chair**

The April INC Candidate Forum meeting at Washington Park United Methodist Church was very well attended and the feedback I received from those I had time to briefly chat with was very positive. Throughout the day, I was also asked who provided the food and refreshments. INC member neighborhood group Platt Park People's Association provided the refreshments and INC provided the food. People were also asking why we didn't have a "tip jar" out as they were thankful and wanted to donate. Well, to be honest, we didn't think about it. However, for those that would like to, donations can be mailed to: INC, P.O. Box 181009, Denver, CO 80218.

## **Thank You!**

I want to use this opportunity to thank the partnership members who came together to organize and put on the Denver Decides series. This project consisted of over 20 municipal candidate forums that have been televised on Channel 8. Thank you to the following organizations and members whose support, dedication and effort helped make the series possible:

**Organizations** (in alphabetical order): Denver Visitors and Convention Bureau, Historic Denver, Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation, League of Women Voters.

**Panel Members:** Fred Corn – INC, Gene Dilbeck – Visitor and Convention Bureau, Kathleen Brooker – Historic Denver, Nancy Ulrich – League of Women Voters, Wayne Jochem – INC, Tom Knorr – INC, Arthur Rosenblum – INC, Bea

Harris – Visitor and Convention Bureau, Wanda Padilla, Mike Henry – INC, Bill Mitchell – Visitor and Convention Bureau, Elizabeth Hamilton – INC, Bobbie Hiesterkamp – League of Women Voters, Jim Zavist – INC, Jan Marie Belle – INC, Scott Bemis – Visitor and Convention Bureau, Janey Hanley – INC, Pat Grant –

Visitor and Convention Bureau, Tina Bishop – Historic Denver, Paul Kashman, Natalie Fisch – League of Women Voters, Jim Johnson – Historic Denver.

**Moderators:** Fred Brown, Lynn Kimbrough, Sarah McCarthy, Ed Sardella, Marilyn Schuey, Alex Stone.

**Channel 8:** David DiManna, Byron West, Steve Hansen, Allan DeLollis, Allan Hayden, Phil Garvin of Colorado Studios and crew.

**Forum Meeting Locations:** Denver Channel 8 TV Studios, Temple Events Center, John F. Kennedy High School, Calvary Baptist Church, Brentwood Methodist Church, Washington Park United Methodist Church, Cole Middle School.

I would also like to extend a special thank you to Dick Bjurstrom, who has coordinated this from start to finish and, in my opinion, has made this the success it has been. Dick, on behalf of myself, INC and the partnership that you helped form, Thank You!

And, lest I forget, thanks to all the wonderful people I've met who have helped at the forums, such as our time counters from the League of Women Voters, the people who showed up to see, meet and listen to the candidates, those who submitted questions for the candidates, those who were actively involved in supporting their candidates and the voters who decide who will be will be representing us and taking us into the future. Without each and everyone of you, our democratic system wouldn't work as well as it does.

# Dollar Dictionary Drive Taking Off

*By Cathee Fisher*  
**INC Dollar Dictionary Drive  
Co-Chair**

INC's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Dollar Dictionary Drive is a program that puts a new dictionary and thesaurus in the hands of every Denver Public Schools third-grader - more than 9,000 of them. The cost of this project for 2003 is going to be \$25,000, of which \$4,822 has been raised so far.

## New 2003 donations

Alamo Placita Neighborhood Association  
Baker Historic Neighborhood  
Baker Historic Neighborhood Individuals  
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Council Candidate Peggy Lehmann  
Councilman Charlie Brown  
Councilman Ed Thomas  
DPS Student Board of Education  
East Montclair Neighborhood Association  
Greater Park Hill Community  
Harvey Park Improvement Association  
League of Woman Voters Education Fund\*  
Mayfair Park Neighborhood Association  
Optimist Club of Monaco South  
University Park Community Council

\* The League has pledged to donate \$1,000 for each of the next four years in addition to its 2003 \$1,000 donation.

Please send tax deductible donations to:

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# INC Member Neighborhoods

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(Patrons in Bold)

Alamo Placita NA	<b>Mayfair Neighbors</b>
Athmar Park NA	North City Park CA
Baker Historical NA	Park Forest HOA.
Beacon Club	Platt Park People's Assoc.
Bellevue-Hale NA	Sloan's Lake Citizen's Group
Berkeley NA	South Gaylord NA
<b>Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods</b>	South Hilltop NA
Cherry Creek North NA	South Jackson NO
Cherry Point HOA	Sunny Lawson Park NA
Colfax BID	Sunnyside United Neighbors, Inc.
Colfax on the Hill	<b>Upper Downtown Development Org</b>
College View NA	Virginia Vale CA
Cook Park NA	Virginia Village/Ellis Community Association
Cory-Merrill NA	Washington Park East NA
<b>Crestmoor Park HOA Filing 2</b>	<b>West Highland NA</b>
Denargo Market NC	West University NA
East Montclair NA	West Washington Park NA
<b>Greater Park Hill Community</b>	
Hampden Heights CA	<b>Supporters</b>
Hampden South NA	Councilman Dennis Gallagher
Harkness Heights NA	Councilman Ed Thomas
Harman NA	<b>Denver Housing Authority</b>
Highland United Neighbors	<b>Denver Water</b>
Hilltop Heritage	<b>Denver Health &amp; Hospitals</b>
Hutchinson Hills/Willow Point NA	Bonna Gayhart
Ivy Street NA	G. Grant
Jefferson Park United Neighbors	Neighborhood Resource Center of Colorado
LoDo District	One Sky, One World
Lowry Neighbors	
Lynwood 7 & 8 HOA	

## Denver Neighborhood Connection Article Deadline

is the 18th of each month.  
Submission should be e-mailed to the Editor, Craig Eley, at [craig@eley.net](mailto:craig@eley.net)

### **Hampden South –**

The snowstorm created many damaged pine trees and neighbors are busy cleaning up. Public Works will take branches cut and tied into 4 foot lengths and placed out on trash day.

**Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods** - Gearing up for the 32nd Annual Capital Hill People's Fair June 7 and 8 around the Civic Center. Call 303-830-1651 for more information.

**University Park Community Council** – Neighborhood Plan effort goes before the City's Inter-Agency Review Committee in May. This meeting is the neighborhood's opportunity to justify and explain its reasons for wanting to create a plan. Have received many letters of support from neighboring neighborhoods, DU, Councilpersons and others.

**Denver Public Schools** – Denver Classroom Teachers Association Joint Taskforce on Teacher Compensation unveiled a draft comprehensive compensation system for teachers on April 18<sup>th</sup>. A video explaining the draft will air on Channel 22 from 1-4 p.m. several times a week from through mid-May (12:45, 3:45, 4:45 p.m. Monday thru Wednesday, 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

**Zoning** – Planning is working on new regulations to control exterior lighting. Jim Zavist is representing INC in this matter. His perception is that the greatest problem is lighting conflicts where residential areas abut commercial, institutional and industrial uses. Rules are needed which are clear and enforceable, and don't require an engineering degree to understand.

**Parks** - Dogs off-leash areas continue to be a major topic of discussion. If the drought allows, Parks and Rec plans to start a demonstration project with 8-10 sites throughout the city this summer.

**RTD** – Now that the union contract has been approved, its next task will be looking at all of the pass programs to make sure they generate adequate revenues and are available and applied equitably.

**West University Community Association** – Neighbors are in mediation with Denver Christian High School to hopefully reduce parking conflicts. The



University of Denver is pursuing another rezoning to accommodate its growth. The association is continuing to work with Gates

redevelopment with other neighborhood groups.

**Historic Baker Neighborhood Association** – Is holding its 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Bargain Bonanza on Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. This well-known event features 35-40 yard sales throughout the Baker Neighborhood, complete

with a map.

**Lowry** – A hundred family garage sale at Lowry will be held May 31<sup>st</sup> between Quebec and Fairmount, just North of Alameda, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. A community-wide clean-up is being kicked off by a Westerly Creek clean-up by Logan School.

**Sunnyside United Neighbors** – Had its annual meeting and pizza fest that was very well attended and many candidates were present showing their support. Its Graffiti Committee continues to provide strong grass roots support - - paint-outs are on odd numbered Saturday mornings. Many candidates have taken part in paint-outs. The group is being asked to help out with surrounding neighborhoods to develop their own groups.

**Citizens for a Residential Quebec** – Discussions are beginning on the formation of public/private corporations to build trolley lines serving East Denver.

**Platt Park People's Association (3PA)** – The new 3PA Board recently assumed its duties. The association was very pleased about the number of individuals in the neighborhood who were willing to come forward to offer their time and energy to the Board. The association is currently involved in a membership drive to further increase the participation of residents. It is also disseminating information about the opportunity to obtain mulch. Several social events are being planned, including the Second Annual Ice Cream Social.

**George Washington HOA** – Held its annual election of Board of Directors on April 23 at Fallis Elementary School.

**East Montclair Neighborhood Assn.** – Will have its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Yard Sale on May 17. Proceeds will go to the association and to the Ashley Elementary Library.



**May 31 – Denver Post Mayoral Run-Off Debate** – In the event of a run-off, the Denver Post will be sponsoring a run-off debate. It has given INC a limited number of tickets for this event. Please contact INC Chairperson, Wayne Jochem, on his pager at 303-899-7689 for information and tickets to this event.

**May 31 & June 1** - Lynwood will be having its Annual **Neighborhood Garage Sale** this weekend. Lynwood is located in southeast Denver just north of Place Middle School. Go south on Oneida from Leetsdale.

**June 7 & 8** - Volunteers Needed – The Capital Hill United Neighborhoods **People's Fair** is coming! INC will again have a beer booth at this wonderful event and we are in need of volunteers. This year, as in years past, volunteers from member neighborhoods will earn \$15 per shift for their neighborhoods. Also this year, as was done last year, non-member volunteers may help staff the shifts with the understanding that their \$15 will be donated to INC's Dollar Dictionary Drive on their behalf. INC Board Members Diana Wolta and Mark Maddan will be scheduling volunteers so please give them a call!

**June 22** - The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer **Garden Tour** is planned for Sunday June 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Colorado Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (CCASLA) coordinates the tour that features gardens designed by professional landscape architects and showcases many of Denver's finest private residential retreats. Cost is \$14 and helps benefit CCASLA's non-profit Jane Silverstein Ries Foundation. The foundation awards scholarships and grants to students, organizations and individuals who demonstrate stewardship of the land. For more information call 303-830-6616 or go to [www.ccasla.org](http://www.ccasla.org).

**Congresswoman Diana DeGette** is asking for your input to help her better address the needs of our communities. She is asking that INV members send any

invitations to events or meetings that we would like her to attend to her district office. She would also like information about your organization, outstanding achievements, recent successes, calendar of upcoming events and updated contact information. Please contact Greg Diamond, Congresswoman DeGette's congressional aide, at 303-844-4988 or email at [greg.diamond@mail.house.gov](mailto:greg.diamond@mail.house.gov)

**Denver Health** has sent a letter in response to a story that ran in the Denver Post on Denver Health's care for the homeless. According to Patricia A. Gabow, M.D., the article contained serious factual errors and it is not true as the Post story stated that their policies have "left thousands of homeless residents struggling to get medical care". For more information regarding the facts, please contact Bobbi Barrow at 303-436-6606.

**Denver Forestry** is asking for help in getting the following out to neighborhoods, associations and groups throughout Denver regarding the Ips beetle with attacks spruce trees. According to Denver Forestry, there has been an increase in the number of spruce trees that have been infected and removed due to this beetle infestation. Drought conditions and mild winters have made this outbreak difficult to control. Once a tree is infected, removal is the only option. Denver Forestry also has a list of contractors who spray trees. For more information call 720-913-0651.

**Keep Denver Beautiful** is seeking a neighborhood representative to serve on the Keep Denver Beautiful Advisory Board.

Keep Denver Beautiful is a public/private partnership whose mission is to enhance the visual appearance of Denver by addressing issues such as litter, graffiti and illegal dumping through action projects and educational outreach. Its program utilizes an active volunteer advisory board to increase community awareness and support of program goals, projects and objectives and to gain significant technical and professional assistance. More information about Keep Denver Beautiful can be obtained from its website at [www.denvergov.org/keepdenverbeautiful](http://www.denvergov.org/keepdenverbeautiful).

The Advisory Board meets on the second Wednesday of each month from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. at the News4 offices at 1044 Lincoln Street. For further information, contact Neddra Niblet, Program Administrator, at 720-865-6800.

**Next Meeting**  
**Saturday**  
**May 10**  
**2003**

**Cole Middle School**  
**32<sup>nd</sup> & Humboldt**

**AGENDA**

**8:45**

Coffee and Chat

**9:00**

Election Forums  
Featuring Municipal  
Run-Off Candidates

**Noon**

(or whenever forums  
are completed)

Adjourn

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