

December 11 INC Meeting Discusses Neighborhood Diversity, Noise

diversity in membership and participation for neighborhood groups." Many Denver neighborhood groups realize that their neighborhoods are reflecting increasing ethnic diversity among their residents and businesses.

Most neighborhood groups would like to find methods and tools to encourage new residents to join and participate in the work of the neighborhood groups and to partner with longtime neighbors who are ethnically different. Many groups would also welcome ways to engage young people, elderly citizens, disabled folks, economically disadvantaged people, etc., so that the whole range of neighborhood populations can participate in neighborhood activities. A panel of people with different experiences and vantage points will give valuable and constructive ideas.

Also at the meeting Lisa Dobson, who chairs the INC Cruising Committee, will request petition signatures and votes from INC delegates and RNOs from all over Denver. This will be to support a request to City Council to substantially increase the fines for amplified sound violations and make them mandatory fines. It is currently a \$50 ticket that can be and often is dismissed in court. It is being requested that the current ordinance be amended to provide penalties equal to those levied for

The December 11, 2004 INC Delegates' Meeting will be held in the newly-renovated District 3 Police Station,, 1625 South University Boulevard (just north of I-25 on the west side of University).

The subject of the program will be "How to encourage

disturbing the peace, which is a \$100 fine for the first offense, \$250 for a second offense within 5 years and \$500 for third and subsequent offenses within 5 years, which cannot be suspended or discharged except for a finding of indigency, in which case public service hours may be substituted.



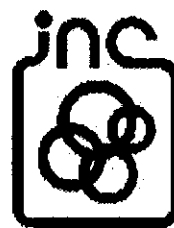
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Annual Presidents' Dinner Scheduled January 26, 2005

The dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Colorado Convention Center. Key-note speaker will be Peter Park, Manager of the Denver Department of Community Planning and Development.

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INC Delegates' Meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month at 8:45 a.m.

The INC Board meets on the second Monday of each month at 6 p.m. on the top floor of 1201 Williams Street, Denver, CO. All members are welcome.

The INC web page can be found at www.neighborhoodlink.com/denver/inc

Notes from Nov. 6 Neighborhood Conference

*By Diana Helper
INC Secretary*

Nearly 300 neighborhood representatives, City staff members and City Councilpersons attended the Neighborhood Conference sponsored by Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper and Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation (INC) on November 6, 2004 at the Denver Waste Water Building.

City departments and agencies set up displays in the lobby, with staff members and with informative handouts. These tables were well-visited before the meeting and during breaks. INC President Elizabeth Hamilton introduced the Mayor, who listed many City accomplishments and said there is much yet to be done. Better communication and notification of neighborhoods by the City, more "give and take" is a priority, and the Mayor will name a Neighborhood Liaison person by the end of the year. Awards for community service were presented to Tom Knorr, longtime Executive Director of CHUN and the People's Fair, and to Carla Madison and Paul Weiss for their work with City Park West.

Questions for the Mayor regarded enforcement for parking, anti-crime leases, and for number of cars and residents at a dwelling, traffic planning, neighborhood plans, creating a new central park in the City, and support for the Pedestrian Master Plan.

Kim Bailey, Director of Parks and Recreation, said the Department must take care of "what we have" and provide upgrades. She talked about improvements in the Department accomplished and underway.

Peter Park, Director of Community Planning and Development (CPD), said regulations should be a means of development. CPD is working to align planning, permitting, and inspection. Zoning should be based on people, not vehicles. We must recognize urban strengths, recognize and encourage good design, and

create a predictable environment for developers which does not compromise neighborhoods. He said CPD will be initiating a Neighborhood Planning process in 2005.

Bob Kochevar, representing the Manager of Public Works, spoke of the master plan for a Strategic Transportation Plan, based upon Blueprint Denver; also parking, paving, and Single Stream Recycling. Following his presentation, there was a break, allowing time for attendees to talk informally with the speakers and other City personnel present.

Stephanie O'Malley, Director of Excise & Licenses, talked about licensing for safety, for alarms, and liquor and cabaret licensing. At the request of Registered Neighborhood Organizations (RNOs) there is now 45-day advance notification to RNOs for the latter types of licenses. The Liquor Licensing Task Force is hard at work.

Police Chief Jerry Whitman said more recruits will get awareness training for 911, and cited the work of the Discipline Review Board and the Use of Force Review Board. Following this presentation, Gaetano's Pizza was served (by arrangement of INC's Karen Cuthbertson).

Lucia Guzman of the Mayor's Office of Human Rights talked about inclusiveness, getting along together, learning about each other and working to make Denver one of the most diverse but unified cities in the country.

Julius Zsako, Communications Director of CPD, read the changes proposed for the RNO Ordinance, and said that RNOs should register with the City during December and January. Another informal break followed this presentation.

Peter Park then gave a power-point talk and fielded a Q & A time on Form-based Zoning and other related topics. The present zoning process is very complicated, and at times out of sync with Blueprint Denver and the Comprehensive Plan. A task force to work on zoning change has been assembled, and citizens' advisory groups will be convened as time goes on. The proposed timeline is to define the process, then January - March '05, establish problems, April - August, discuss alternatives, September - March '06, write many drafts, April - October, adoption.

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Neighborhood Conference

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A lively Q & A time followed, and because the majority of the concerns expressed by RNO representatives dealt with issues under the jurisdiction of Neighborhood Inspection Services, Zsako asked if there is a need for a separate meeting on these topics. This was agreed to be a good idea, and he will try to set up such a meeting before the holidays. Those interested may call Julius Zsako at 720-865-2969. The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m. A number of attendees remained to talk further with some of the speakers.

INC Membership Information

*By Vicki Gritters
INC Membership Chair*

Hello from Vicki Gritters, INC Membership Chair. Some of you have been asking "How do I join INC?" This month we are putting the membership form in the newsletter. Fill it out and mail it to the address listed on the form along with your membership dues. Dues vary depending on what class of membership is appropriate for you or your organization. Dues amounts are explained on the membership form on page 11.

If at any time you need additional forms, please call me at 720-283-3169 and I can e-mail or fax a form to you. From time to time I will be mailing additional forms and letters to you reminding you that it is time to renew your INC membership.

Karen Cuthbertson distributes the INC newsletter electronically. If you have any e-mail address changes, please send them to her at Athmarpark@ecentral.com.

In order to vote in INC elections, dues must be paid

by the March, 2005 meeting.

New members are welcome to join at any time. Those with questions can contact Vicki Gritters at 720-283-3169 or at gritters12@wcox.com.

INC Zoning & Planning Meeting Minutes

**By Diana Helper
ZAP Committee Member**

A large group attended the INC ZAP (Zoning And Planning) Committee meeting on October 23 to hear law professor George "Rock" Pring speak on Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation (SLAPP) in Government. These are suits threatened against people or organizations who have exercised their right to express opinions. Pring said we should not be intimidated by threats from developers for expressing opposition to their plans under our First Amendment rights (see related article on page 9).

Reports from ZAP members included: At the Planning Board's (PB) discussion to approve the proposed Gates (East) site rezoning to Mixed Use, the PB included no public comment time. The reason given was that the proposal had been approved by Community Planning and Development (CPD) Department and thus did not come to PB as an "action item" which requires public comment. ZAP members voted to write a letter requesting that such items be "action items" with public comment at PB. Theresa Lucero and Charlie Meredith of the Zoning Office spoke about simplifying the Zoning Code. Dennis Swain of CPD also attended this ZAP meeting.

There was brief discussion of General Development Plans which deal with issues related to infrastructure (roads, water, open space requirements in Mixed-Use zones). This topic will be discussed further at the November 13 ZAP meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m. The next ZAP meetings will be November 13, 2004 and January 22, 2005.

Dollar Dictionary Report

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



Thank you to everyone who has donated money or given support to this wonderful program this year and since it's beginning in April, 1996. In that long ago time we had an idea and \$200 of seed money. Since then, with \$100,000 of community donations, we have provided 68,000 students with a dictionary and thesaurus of their own. This gift from the community of these valuable learning tools will last a lifetime for each student.

Thank you to all our 2004 donors & supporters.

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Mayfair Park Neighborhood Association
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North City Park Civic Association
Optimist Club of Monaco South
Park Forest HOA
Platt Park People's Neighborhood Association
Red Star Community Donations
Rocky Mountain SER Community Center
Safeway Public Relations
Sheri S. Tepper, Author's Grant
University Park Neighborhood Association
Virginia Vale Community Association
Virginia Village/Ellis Community Association
Washington Park East Neighborhood Association
West University Community Association
Whittier Neighborhood Association

This year there are third grade students attending 98 Denver elementary schools who were the recipients of this gift from members of the community. The cost for these books for each student is \$2.50, for a dictionary and a thesaurus. Each student has been thrilled with this gift of two books for his or her personal library. Those who were able to see the students receive their books know how heart-felt the thank yous are from the students and from all who have seen the excitement learning brings to each of us every day. Your efforts helped to make this program a success!

One student's words express the thoughts of many:

"Dear Friends,

Thank you for the great dictionary and thesaurus. I'm using my thesaurus to find more grown-up words to find what words mean the same but are different. And I'm using my dictionary to find all my spelling mistakes by looking up words to find the meaning of words when I'm reading or just thinking. You were very smart to understand that third graders are mature enough to use them. I'm using my thesaurus right now. I looked up realize and found understand. I can't thank you enough for the books. I'll use them any time I can. I also am promising again to you that I will always take care of them. Thank you."

Tax deductible contributions can be sent to:

INC Dollar Dictionary Drive
PO Box 18347
Denver, CO 80218

INC Awards Nomination Form

Each year, INC sponsors three awards which are given during the annual Presidents' Dinner in the fall. Review the criteria for each award and, if you know someone who qualifies, use this form to nominate that person for one of the awards. **Nominations are due by January 8, 2005**, and should be mailed to INC at P.O. Box 181009, Denver, 80218 or e-mailed to INC Chair Elizabeth Hamilton at elizabeth.hamilton@ci.denver.co.us.

The Virginia Oredson Award

- Criteria:
1. The nominee should have encouraged Denver neighborhoods to work together in a common effort to solve community problems and in particular has supported INC.
 2. The nominee should have established a record of selfless community service in a number of different causes.
 3. The nominee should have encouraged and motivated others to volunteer their services to engage in community improvement efforts.

The Bill Gross Award

- Criteria:
1. The nominee should work in the public safety sector in the City and County of Denver.
 2. The nominee should have a strong record of working with neighborhoods to better public safety in the community.
 3. The nominee should have made Denver a safer place in which to live.

The Walt Kembel Award

- Criteria:
1. The winner must be an INC delegate or member.
 2. The award winner should have contributed to INC during the past year over and above normal expectations to develop and promote the organization or
 3. The winner should have moved INC forward or in new directions in creative or unexpected ways.

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Award nominated for (circle one)

Virginia Oredson Award

Bill Gross Award

Walt Kembel Award

Name of Nominee: _____

Nominee's Day Phone: _____ Night Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Nominating Organization: _____ Contact Person: _____

Contact Person's Day Phone: _____ Night Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

INC Zoning & Planning Writes to City Officials

On November 13, the INC Zoning and Planning Committee sent the following letter to Barbara Kelley, the chair of the Denver Planning Board, and to Peter Park, the Manager of the Denver Department of Community Planning and Development:

The Zoning and Planning Committee of Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation wishes to express our concern to you about the apparent refusal by the Denver Planning Board to allow public testimony at a recent meeting concerning a re-zoning application. If true, this refusal is a great disappointment to citizens who, in the past, have felt that the Planning Board genuinely desired to have comments and participation by the public.

Apparently, the Planning Board has decided that, unless an agenda matter is technically designated and conducted as a "public hearing," no comments from members of the public will be allowed. We strongly encourage you to re-think that decision and to engage citizens in that process. At the very least, citizens need to be clearly informed about when the Planning Board welcomes public comments and when it does not wish to hear from citizens.

In his response to a questionnaire from Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation during the 2003 campaign, (now) Mayor Hickenlooper said:

I will protect the integrity and unique character of Denver's neighborhoods, delegating vital resources and decision-making power to the neighborhoods themselves. Active neighborhood involvement can be the most powerful determinant of school quality, economic development and effective transportation planning. I will encourage neighborhood participation in the important issues facing Denver and will explore the use of new mechanisms for citizen involvement beyond just the traditional public meeting model.

Residents of neighborhoods, as you know, are vitally interested in planning and zoning issues and want to be

involved with their representatives in decisions about such issues. Of course, citizens can testify before City Council at public hearings on re-zonings, zoning language amendments and neighborhood and City-wide plans. Those opportunities, however, are at the very end of a lengthy process and are sometimes too late to make a meaningful difference.

We hope that you will be willing to find ways to encourage, rather than discourage, public awareness of and participation in the many important planning decisions that you make.

Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation would be happy to work with you on this issue. Thank you for your consideration.

On November 13, members of the INC Zoning and Planning Committee sent the following letter to Bill Vidal, the Manager of the Denver Department of Public Works:

The Zoning and Planning Committee of Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation supports your intention to develop a Strategic Transportation Plan for the City. Such a plan was needed many years ago.

Our committee agreed today upon the following recommendations to you regarding the plan:

- The plan must be multi-modal, incorporating not only automobile transportation and transit, but also pedestrian and bicycle transportation;
- The plan must address safety;
- The plan must address environmental issues, including air and noise pollution;
- The plan must balance the quality of life in Denver neighborhoods with the need for traffic flow;
- The development of the Strategic Transportation Plan should not delay resolving or implementing solutions to specific urgent traffic problems in neighborhoods;

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- The plan should include consideration of effective enforcement against dangerous traffic violators;
- The plan must not be just a plan, but must include implementation and funding strategies.

Most importantly, our committee strongly urges you to involve representatives of neighborhood groups and other citizens in the scoping, design and oversight of the study and to keep all citizens regularly informed about the progress of the study. In his response to a questionnaire from Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation

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Thank you for your consideration.

Non-Profit Resource Information

The following resource information, which may be useful to neighborhood groups, is from the Denver Office of Strategic Partnerships, a new City office. One of its purposes is to provide assistance to small non-profit organizations in Denver.

Fundraising Resources

Association of Fundraising Professionals: www.afpnet.org
Colorado Grants Guide: www.crcamerica.org
Colorado Grants Home Page: www.coloradogrants.org
Foundation Center: www.fdncenter.org
Giving USA: www.aafr.com
Grants.gov: www.grants.gov
Grant Station: www.grantstation.com
Grant Writing USA: www.grantwritingusa.com
Grassroots Fundraising Journal: www.grassrootsfundraising.org
Grassroots Institute for Fundraising Training: www.grassrootsinstitute.org
Independent Sector: www.independentsector.org
Thompson Publishing: www.thompson.com
JVA Consulting (through its Colorado Compassion Initiative, strives to build the capacity of small faith- and community-based organizations): www.jvaconsulting.com

Grant Writing USA (presents grant writing workshops): www.grantwritingusa.com

Non-Profit Resources

Colorado Association of Funders: www.coloradofunders.org
Colorado Association of Nonprofit Organizations: www.canpo.org
Colorado Nonprofit Development Center: www.startnonprofit.org
Community Health Charities: www.healthcharitiesco.org
Community Resource Center: www.crcamerica.org
Community Shares: www.cshares.org
Denver DOVIA: www.denverdovia.org
Independent Sector: www.independentsector.org
Metro Volunteers: www.metrovolunteers.org
Mile High United Way: www.unitedwaydenver.org
Young Nonprofit Professional Network: www.ynpn.org/denver

SLAPP Suits And Resources to Fight Them Explained

By Lori Potter

Active citizens often harbor a concern that their statements before governmental bodies (such as in Planning Board or City Council meetings) may come back to haunt them. Most community leaders have heard of lawsuits being filed against citizens who have filed a complaint form with their local zoning authority, circulated a petition or testified against a special use permit. More than a decade ago, two DU professors, George Pring and Penelope Canan, studied this phenomenon and named it "SLAPPs." Their book, "SLAPPS: Getting Sued for Speaking Out," remains the gold standard for those seeking to understand this issue.

In Colorado, the law protecting citizens against liability for comments (written or oral) to governmental bodies is quite strong. In 1984, the Colorado Supreme Court decided the "*POME*" case, *Protect Our Mountain Environment v. District Court*, 677 P.2d 1361 (Colo. 1984). *POME* came about when a developer who obtained rezoning of property in Jefferson County sued the citizens who had opposed rezoning. The citizens had testified and submitted letters to the county commission, raising density, traffic, wildlife, water and other impacts. After they were unsuccessful, the citizens group filed suit, which they lost. The developer then charged the group with abuse of process and conspiracy. In a landmark decision, the Colorado Supreme Court outlined the protections owed to citizens under the circumstances. Since then, dozens of courts in Colorado and many other states have followed the *POME* case.

POME puts the burden on the filing party to prove three things near the outset of the case: (1) that the citizen's statements had no factual support and no legal basis; (2) that the citizen's primary purpose was to harass the filer, or had some other improper objective; and (3) that the citizen's statements had the potential to adversely affect the filer's legal interest. This is a

difficult burden, and the failure to meet it results in dismissal of the suit. *POME* gives real meaning to the petition clause of the First Amendment (the right to petition the government for redress of grievances shall not be denied).

In May, 2004, two decades after *POME*, the Colorado Supreme Court revisited and reaffirmed its holding in the case of *Brisben v. Krystkowiak*, 90 P.3d 859 (Colo. 2004). This case involved a \$16 million claim for damages by a housing developer against an Air Force captain, Eric Krystkowiak, who testified before the Colorado Springs City Council against a zoning change for the development. The Supreme Court affirmed the dismissal of the case against the captain, but not until he had spent years and prevailed in three different courts.

The *Brisben* case illustrates two of most troubling aspects of SLAPP suits. First, they are almost always legal "losers," in the sense that the citizen ultimately wins and the court finds the case meritless. That is exactly the point, say Pring and Canan: These cases are filed not to win but to intimidate once-active citizens into silence, and to prevent others from ever speaking out at all. They have a chilling effect on citizen participation in government. Many citizens accept settlements of these cases, make apologies and disappear from public life. So, while *POME* may provide a strong defense and the case ultimately fails in a legal sense, the suit filer may win in a political sense.

Second, even citizens with the stamina and nerves to endure, like Krystkowiak, face the question of how to obtain a lawyer to represent them. The *Brisben* case made a rare exception to the rule that the successful defendant does not win its attorneys' fees from the other side. This is one of the flaws in the system that *POME* couldn't cure. The legislatures in many states have passed laws shifting the attorney's fees from citizen to filer upon dismissal of a SLAPP suit, but Colorado has no such statute.

There are many resources available to citizens who have been sued or who want to take steps to avoid it, starting with Pring and Canan's book (Temple University Press, 1996) and including:



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Denver Digs Trees Distribution Scheduled

The Park People, through its *Denver Digs Trees* program, will be distributing low-cost and free shade trees to Denver residents next spring for planting along the street in the public right-of-way. *Denver Digs Trees* distribution day is scheduled for Saturday, April 16, 2005, at six locations across Denver. Tree request forms will be mailed this fall. Public trees are available only to residents of the City & County of Denver.

Denver Digs Trees involves hundreds of volunteers and reaches every corner of the City. Since its beginning, The Park People's *Denver Digs Trees* program has helped distribute more than 25,000 trees in and around Denver. The organization has made a commitment to providing tree species that are best suited to Denver's dry climate. Among the species that will be available are: Shademaster Honeylocust, Autumn Purple Ash, Northern Red Oak, White Oak, Patriot Elm, and Ohio Buckeye. A broader selection of species will be available through the sale, including flowering trees such as Japanese Tree Lilac and Aristocrat Pear.

Because Denver is located on the high arid plains, trees play a critical role in the City's health and livability. As few deciduous trees grow naturally in our climate, the planting of trees over the course of Denver's history has been vital to the City's livability.

Free Trees

This year the Park People are offering free street trees to the following neighborhoods:

Auraria/Lincoln Park
Baker
Cole
Elyria/Swansea
Five Points
Globeville
Jefferson Park
NE Park Hill
Valverde



Westwood

By promoting the many environmental, social and civic benefits of urban trees, The Park People engages citizens in initiatives to close equity gaps in underserved neighborhoods and to make trees a community priority across Denver. Along with the well-known environmental benefits of trees (energy savings, cleaner air, etc.), studies have also shown that trees help increase property values, reduce crime, and can even lead to children's improved school performance.

Street tree request forms are available now. Denver residents wishing to receive a form should call The Park People's office at 303-722-6262, or send an e-mail to info@theparkpeople.org. Trees for private property cannot be pre-ordered, but will be available for sale to the general public on April 16. The Park People's *Denver Digs Trees* program is sponsored in part by Denver Water, Colorado State Bank and Trust, The Home Depot Foundation, Colorado Garden Show, Xcel Energy Foundation, Boeing, and the City & County of Denver.

SLAPP Suits

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www.slapps.org ("SLAPPs and Petition Clause Immunity")

www.casp.net ("Guarding Against the Chill: A SLAPP Victim's Guide")

www.thefirstamendment.org/slapp

Each of the above sites also provides referrals to lawyers with SLAPP defense experience. The American Civil Liberties Union is another good source of advice and referrals.

Lori Potter is a lawyer with Kaplan Kirsch Rockwell LLP in Denver with experience in SLAPP defense.

Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation (INC) 2005 Membership Application

INC is a consortium of Denver neighborhood representatives who believe that neighborhood organizations deserve a greater role in participating in city government, as well as a shared vision that individual neighborhoods are stronger when they work together and learn from one another.

Please visit www.neighborhoodlink.com/denver/inc for more information.

**NOTE: Only delegates of Registered Neighborhood Organizations (RNOs) may vote on INC issues.
Dues must be paid by March 12, 2005 for delegates to vote in the March election.**

Date: _____. My organization would like to join as a(n):

- ☐ Member (voting RNO: \$35)
- ☐ Member Patron (voting RNO plus contribution: \$75. Patron names appear in **Bold** in our newsletter.)
- ☐ Associate (non-voting individual or group: \$20)
- ☐ Associate Patron (non-voting individual/group plus contribution: \$75. Patron names in **Bold** in our newsletter.)

Organization name: _____ Email address: _____

Organization boundaries (if applicable):

North: _____ South: _____

East: _____ West: _____

Organization address: _____ Zip: _____

**NOTE: Each organization may list TWO voting delegates, whose names MUST be entered below.
The President of the organization is NOT automatically a delegate.**

Organization President: _____ ☐ Check here if President is also a delegate

Mailing address: _____ Zip: _____

Email address: _____ Phone: _____

INC Delegate #1: _____ **NOTE: If President is a delegate, then he or she is delegate #1. Proceed to Delegate #2**

Mailing address: _____ Zip: _____

Email address: _____ Phone: _____

INC Delegate #2: _____

Mailing address: _____ Zip: _____

Email address: _____ Phone: _____

Please enclose your dues with this form and bring to an INC meeting or mail to:
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