

Homelessness Plan, Park Alcohol Sales Subjects of May 14 INC Meeting

meeting will be held in the third floor conference room and will be sponsored by Stapleton United Neighbors (see map on page 10).

The featured speaker will be Deborah Ortega, Executive Director of the Mayor's Commission to End Homelessness. INC delegates will have the opportunity to review the draft Plan to End Homelessness (see article on page 9). Also scheduled for discussion by the delegates is a proposal to allow the sale of alcoholic beverages in some City parks.

People's Fair Beer Booth Fundraiser Set for June 4 & 5



By Diane Wolta
INC Treasurer

neighborhood association signs up --- must be 21 years or older, no experience necessary. Have one coordinator for your neighborhood call Diane Wolta at 303-759-4089 with your sign-ups (need a name and phone for each volunteer). Hurry, these slots go quickly.

It's here! The event you wait for each and every year is once again upon us - the INC beer booth at the CHUN People's Fair, Saturday and Sunday, June 4th and 5th. Sign up now, first come, first served for the time slots. Your neighborhood makes \$10 for each time slot worked by a volunteer your

Saturday, June 4

10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. - need 2 people
11:30 - 3:00 p.m. - need 4 people
1:30 - 4:00 p.m. - need 4 people
3:00 - 6:00 p.m. - need 4 people
4:30 - 7:30 p.m. - need 5 people

Sunday, June 5th

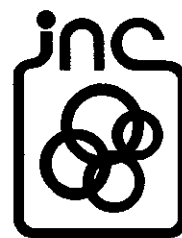
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The next INC Delegates' Meeting will take place on Saturday, May 14 at 8:45 a.m. in the Stapleton Development Corporation offices, 7350 E. 29th Avenue (in the Stapleton Town Center at 29th Avenue and Quebec Street). The

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INC Member Neighborhoods (Patrons in Bold)

The names below reflect those associations from which 2005 INC dues have been received as of press time. Organizations whose dues were received after that time will be listed in future issues.

Alamo Placita NA
Athmar Park NA
Baker Historic NA
Ballpark NA
Bellevue-Hale Association
Berkeley NA
Bonnie Brae NA
Bow Mar Heights Improvement Assoc.

Broadway Partnership / MDLDC
Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods
Cherry Creek East Assoc.
Cherry Creek North NA
Cherry Point HOA
City Park West NA
Civic Association of Clayton
Colfax Business Improvement District
Colfax on the Hill, Inc.
College View NA
Congress Park Neighbors Inc
Cook Park NA
Cory-Merrill NA
Country Club Historic Neighborhood
Crestmoor Park HOA (2nd Filing)
Crestmoor Park HOA Filing 1
Denargo Market Neighbors Coalition
Downtown Denver Residents Org.
East Montclair NA
Far Northeast Neighbors, Inc
George Washington HOA
Globeville United Neighbors
Godsman Community NO
Golden Triangle Arts District
Golden Triangle Association
Greater Park Hill Community Inc.
Hampden Heights CA
Hampden South NA
Harkness Heights NA
Harman NA
Hilltop NA
Hilltop Heritage Association LLC
Hutchinson Hills/Willow Point HOA
Inspiration Point NA
Ivy Street NA
Leetsdale COP Shop
Lowry Neighbors
Lynwood 7 & 8 NA
Mayfair Neighbors, Inc.
Mayfair Park NA
Montbello United Neighbors, Inc.
Old South Pearl Street Association
Platt Park People's Association
Sloan NA

Sloans Lake Citizens Group
South City Park NA
South Gaylord NA
South Hilltop NA
South Jackson Street NO
Southern Hills CA
Southmoor Park East HOA
Stapleton United Neighbors
Summerfield at Indian Creek
Sun Valley CA
Sunny Side United Neighbors, Inc.
The Unsinkables
University Hills NA
University Park Community Council
University Park Neighbors
Upper Downtown Development Org.
Virginia Vale CA
Virginia Village/Ellis CA
Washington Park East NA
West Highland NA
West University CA
West Washington Park NA
Whittier NA
Wyman Historic District NA

Associates

Carter M. Ballinger M.D.
Broadway Cop Shop
Councilwoman Carol Boigon
Councilman Rick Garcia
Councilwoman Marcia Johnson
Councilwomen Peggy Lehmann
Councilman Doug Linkhart
Councilwoman Jeanne Robb
Councilwoman Elbra Wedgeworth
Denver Auditor's Office
Denver Health
Denver Water
FRESC (Front Range Economic Strategy Center)
Bonna Gayhart
Gertrude Grant
Historic Denver Inc
LoDo District, Inc.
Morrison Road Business Association
Neighborhood Resource Center



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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

Minutes of April 9, 2005 INC Delegates' Meeting

*By Diana Helper
INC Secretary*

INC delegates met April 9, 2005 at the Denver Water Board. During "Around the City" Roy Wood of the Center for Civic Ethics at the University of Denver spoke briefly about the Denver Ethics Initiative community dialogue program which is underway. This focuses on defining an ethical neighborhood, and how to make neighborhoods better. Amber Callender announced that she is now an aide to Councilman-at-Large Doug Linkhart. Councilwoman Marcia Johnson stated that she is interviewing aide applicants. Harriet Hogue of Parks & Recreation reminded us that neighborhood meetings are being held at some area Recreation Centers.

The delegates voted unanimously to support "McMad" neighbors in their appeal of the approval of

Board of Adjustment for Zoning Appeals for a McDonald's at East Colfax and Krameria, because safety factors have not been addressed adequately. Delegates also expressed support of the general and specific idea of establishing voluntary cleanup advisory boards in order to ensure citizen participation in studying contamination such as is involved in the Gates East development.

Eugene Tepper received a round of applause for his promise of a \$6,000 matching grant for the Dollar Dictionary Drive. A total of \$20,000 is needed.

It was announced that "liquor tastings" (at liquor stores) do not give neighborhood groups an opportunity to file objections. All are encouraged to tell City Council and the Director of Excise & Licenses Stephanie O'Malley that this is not appropriate.

INC President Elizabeth Hamilton introduced Mayor Hickenlooper, who spoke on his reasons for supporting the Justice Center (Measure 1-A). After his speech, Elizabeth introduced Mitch Morrissey and Christie Donner, the formal speakers for and against the measure. A Q & A period followed their 10-

minute presentations.

Greg Fisher, Chief Planner for Denver Water, then gave an overview of past years and an update on the present water picture for Denver. Best water practices may be found at denverwater.org. A task force for water rates is being formed.

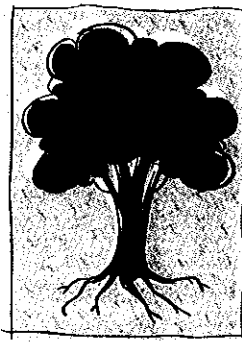
The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Ditch Company's Water Diversion Affects Cottonwoods, Habitat

By Cheryl L. Jones

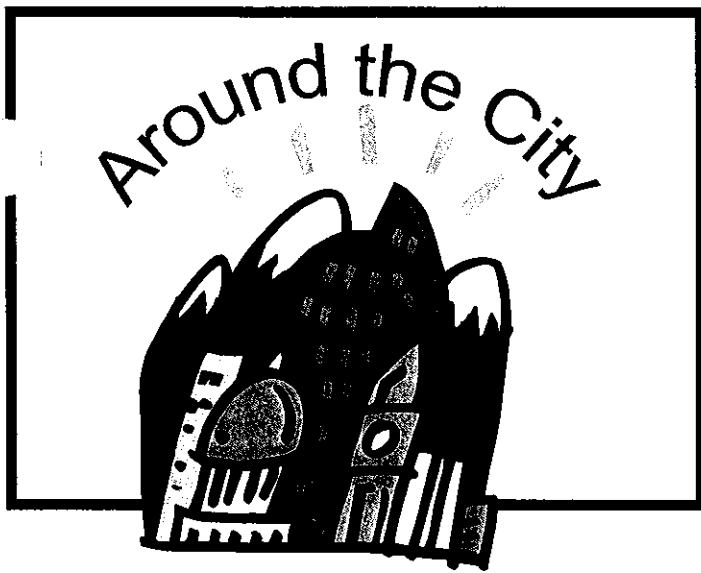
On the northern ridge of Loretto Heights Park, the highest point in Denver, stand 37 mature cottonwood trees. These trees can be seen from the windows of the high rise buildings in downtown Denver as one looks across the horizon to the southwest. It is a gorgeous, healthy stand of trees that are native to Colorado and support a unique ecosystem here in the urban setting of southwest Denver.

In February 2005 the Agricultural Ditch & Reservoir Company altered the environment by running water through a PCP pipe over a rock bed and filling in the irrigation ditch, thus removing the main water source from the Cottonwood trees. Events that led to this change started in 2002 when the primary shareholder (property of Teikyo Loretto Heights University) was not receiving its allocated water. Due to residences along the ditch



siphoning water and the high maintenance required to remove trash that accumulated in the ditch, the decision was made to protect the water rights of the shareholders. Upon construction several departments associated with Denver Parks and Recreation, City Council District 2, Agricultural Ditch & Reservoir and Denver Water were notified of the impact this will

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Around the City from

April 9, 2005 INC Meeting

Athmar Park Neighborhood Assn. - Denver Partners Against Graffiti is conducting a pilot anti-graffiti program in Athmar Park, where teams will conduct twice-weekly sweeps of an eight block area, removing all graffiti (after obtaining necessary owner permission). APNA also is working with Environmental Health Inspectors, DPD, NIS and others to crack down on "honkers" (illegal peddlers vending food from stolen grocery carts) announcing their presence with bicycle bullhorns and overrunning the neighborhood.

Baker Historic NA - Baker Middle School is scheduled to be closed. Some people are trying to keep it open. Other groups are looking to use the school for other teaching programs. Gates East & Cherokee Development are proceeding with cleanup and planning.

Ballpark Neighborhood - LoDo Music Fest is in June. Liquor applications are being made in and around the Ballpark.

Bonnie Brae NA - Car speeding is still a problem. Tagging and construction (scrape and build huge) are impacting the neighborhood.

Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods - The Capitol Hill People's Fair will be Saturday and Sunday, June 4 & 5 in Civic Center Park. Information: 303-930-

1651.

Cook Park - Leetsdale Cop Shop at Quebec and Leetsdale needs volunteers. There is a meeting held at 6 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month at the District 3 Police Station on crime. The Neighborhood Garage Sale will be Saturday, June 25.

Golden Triangle Arts District NA - Clearing up confusion of this association with the separate Golden Triangle Association. Two years ago the Golden Triangle Neighborhood Association, by vote of the Board, removed "Neighborhood" from its name. Golden Triangle Arts District, upon a vote of its entire membership, is opposed to Measure 1-A.

Golden Triangle Association - Has donated \$100 toward the Dollar Dictionary Drive. In addition to its annual meeting which focused on the Justice Center, it is co-hosting two forums with other neighborhood associations on April 19 and April 26. It is distributing decals to its members and is encouraging residents to patronize those businesses that display the decal. It will be planting the beds along Speer Boulevard in May and will be starting a Pooch Parade on the third Thursday of the months May through September for neighbors to get to know their neighbors when walking their dogs. The association has endorsed the Civic Center District Plan, and notes that 13th Avenue is now open and it encourages people to drive under the Denver Art Museum.

Godsman NA - Voted to support the new jail 1-A and also voted to send \$150 to the Dollar Dictionary Drive. Normally the association meets September to May, but this year might have a summer meeting as well.

Hampden South NA - Traffic control is adequate at Hampden/I-25 where construction is in progress. Two hundred and ninety-two apartments with first-floor business are being built on Hampden, as is City Wide Bank and Tiffany Center. The City's concrete replacement program is going well. Now open: Arby's and La Fogata Mexican Restaurant.

Stapleton United Neighbors - An all-day community-wide block party will be held June 18.

University Park Community Council - Its Annual Meeting is scheduled for May 4 with elections, vote

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Minutes of INC Public Safety Committee Meeting of April 16, 2005

*By Lisa Dobson
Chair, Public Safety Committee*

The INC Public Safety Committee met on April 16, 2005. Our initial ideas for areas to focus on include:

1. Lobbying the Mayor and City Council to increase the authorized strength of our police department and emergency communications workers. The authorized strength of the Denver Police Department has not been increased since 1976 - despite an exponential increase in population in the past 29 years.

2. Lobbying the Mayor and City Council to plan for and budget for photo-red cameras for the highest traffic accident intersections in the city.

3. Lobbying the Mayor and City Council to strengthen enforcement of Neighborhood Inspection Service issues that relate to neighborhood safety.

4. Discussion with Street Maintenance to address malfunctioning or broken street lighting.

5. Discussion with Traffic Engineering to look at ways to reduce the amount of signage in the City.

6. Watching cruising and traffic enforcement.

INC's Public Safety Committee wants to know what two public safety issues (from the list above, or suggest others) are most important to your neighborhood? Please ask your residents at your next neighborhood association meeting. Send your top two, (be brief), by May 15th to: lkdobson@access-4-free.com. Thanks !



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on revised bylaws, plans for Buchtel open space, zoning, construction updates, sidewalks and other committee reports. Ads for the UPCC yearly informational directory are being accepted (303-796-7000). The association contributed \$100 to the Dollar Dictionary Drive.

Upper Downtown Development Organization - Several hundred new units are being built. New rent subsidy units also are becoming available. Twenty-seven townhouse units are at 24th and Walnut.

Washington Park East - The association's 20th anniversary celebration is May 21 at Washington Park United Methodist Church, South Parlor, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

West Washington Park NA - Break-ins and burglaries are a problem throughout the neighborhood. The annual meeting on April 27 is devoted to a program with City officials to address possible solutions.

Solid Waste Management - Neighborhood concerns include Large Item Pickup, graffiti.

GOOD IDEA! If you know you are coming to the INC meeting, you might type and print out your comments for Around the City, bring a piece of tape, and voila! A legible news bit for the compiler, and a fast way to express yourself during the oral Around the City portion.

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Minutes of INC Board Meeting of April 11, 2005

*By Diana Helper
INC Secretary*

The INC Board met at 6 p.m. April 11, 2005. Present were Elizabeth Hamilton, David Webster, Diana Helper, Diane Wolta, Ken Beaudrie, Karen Cuthbertson, Keith Howard, Anthony Thomas, Cathee Fisher, Michael Henry, and Nell Swiers. The minutes of the March Board meeting were approved and the Treasurer's report was given.

INC Delegates' Meetings for May and June were discussed, and suggestions made for programs in July and September. The August meeting will be devoted to labeling Dollar Dictionaries and thesauruses.

The Neighborhood Handbook is not yet complete. Elizabeth Hamilton and Michael Henry will talk with Julius Zsako to be sure the handbook is inclusive and convenient to access and use.

Other topics discussed were registration with the state, the INC budget, updating the INC website, selection of INC focus concerns, greater attention to diversity, and fund-raising (Health Information cards were proposed), including INC's applications to run beer booths at People's Fair and the Cherry Creek Art Festival.

Nell Swiers reported that there is a need for more archival material to include in INC's archives which will be kept at the Denver Public Library's Western History Department. Those having any such material should contact Nell at 303-722-5922.

Elizabeth Hamilton read aloud a letter to the Board from Robin Lima of the Golden Triangle Arts District Neighborhood Association, regarding the April 9 INC Delegates' Meeting. After discussion, the Board asked the Secretary to reply with a letter stating that the Board regrets there was a perception of bias, which was not intended, and agrees that for the future a written policy must be adopted for situations such as the April 9 forum. The Board will write and publish this policy and make it accessible to all who wish to read it.

Cathee Fisher reported that the Dollar Dictionary Drive needs contributions from Registered Neighborhood Organizations (RNOs) which have not yet given, and from individuals, businesses, and other groups, to be sure to meet Eugene Tepper's \$6000 challenge. She urged more articles in RNO newsletters.

Ken reported that 67 RNOs and 32 associate members are now members of INC. He has been asked to supply groups with lists of INC members, but this is not INC policy. The information is accessible on the City government website.

A letter has been sent to Mayor Hickenlooper requesting him to meet with the INC Board. The Board is organizing its comments. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Cottonwoods in Danger

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have on the trees. There was some confusion around who owns the trees and I have been assured that the trees would continue to receive water from the irrigated lawn as they always have been. On a good note, there will be a fence installed on the east (Irving Street) end of the open space, reducing the amount of trash that is dumped there.

Here's what I know about the cottonwoods. Only half of the root system is in an irrigated lawn and the other half is in a non-irrigated open space. In Colorado's semi-arid climate cottonwoods thrive along irrigation ditches and streams. When the main water source is removed we see dried-up looking cottonwoods that are in decline. Older, mature trees have a low tolerance to changes in water patterns. During construction there were changes in the pore space, bark and root damage, and compacted soil within the protected root zone of each tree, which impacted moisture requirements and oxygen to the root system.

Wildlife that has been seen in this corridor of cottonwoods are bats, foxes, raccoon, squirrels, rabbits and mice. Also seen has been the Western Terrestrial

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Minutes of March 26 INC Zoning & Planning Committee Meeting

*By Diana Helper
Committee Member*

Members and friends of the INC Zoning and Planning (ZAP) Committee met March 26. Discussion was held regarding the pending appeal to the Board of Adjustment (BOA) Zoning of the City's decision that the 6201 East Colfax McDonald's project go forward. Safety is the primary concern for pedestrian and vehicle traffic. INC delegates present unanimously voted to draft a letter to the BOA and Greater Park Hill urging consideration of safety issues and the views of the immediate neighborhood for this Case #98-05. The letter will be presented for vote at the April 9 INC General Meeting. Dennis Swain of the Planning Office advised that the City may need to raise the bar on how much traffic is considered to be a safe level.



Concern about public input in cases of contamination clean-up were described by Eric Larson of the Baker neighborhood. Some citizens have proposed a voluntary clean-up advisory group to address this. Their pilot project is underway regarding the Gates-East redevelopment. Delegates present voted 30 in favor with four abstentions to ask INC members at the April 9 meeting to approve that INC communicate with City and state elected officials, asking that they endorse the pilot project for meaningful involvement.

Safe Sidewalks

The need for safe sidewalks that meet ADA standards was seen as an important priority for the City. Without a solid plan in place, the City may be liable for lawsuits. A lack of compliance with regulations, or even knowledge of them, plus conflicting administrative decisions, are urgent matters. Mary Myers, of the University Park

Community Council, distributed a draft of a position paper neighborhoods may use for proactive work with the City. These concerns need to be voiced by Registered Neighborhood Organizations (RNOs). Several ideas for funding sidewalk maintenance and construction were suggested. Sidewalk concerns will be a focus of a future General INC Meeting.

An update on the Neighborhood Inspection Services (NIS) Task Force included attention to unenforceable and ineffective ordinances, improving the complaint process, proposing legal changes in ordinances, and educating residents about NIS -- a major need.

Liquor Store Tastings

"Tastings" at liquor stores is a subject upon which City Council is voting. The idea is to have a six-month trial period. RNOs need not only to be notified when a local store is going to have a tasting, but also need to have time to comment.

The City's Zoning Task Force meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. The Citizens' Advisory Group has not yet been named. Overzoning, institutional zoning, interfacing and transitions, incompatibility, meaningful enforcement, parking regulations, business hours, parkway limitations, and the increasing number of "zoning errors" were all mentioned as topics which should be addressed.

A ZAP subcommittee is being formed to concentrate on zoning errors and how to improve this situation. At present, if the BOA deems the City at fault, the builder is generally allowed to keep his construction even though it is not in compliance with City regulations. The duplex under construction at 381-3 S. Franklin is a case in point. Kent Olson will chair this subcommittee. Those present were invited to sign up. Dennis Swain cautioned that care must be taken, "don't simplify the rules too far."

The next ZAP meeting will be April 23, 2005.

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Article deadline

is the 18th of each month. Submit
articles, letters to the editor, etc.
to craig@eley.net

Dollar Dictionary Drive Strives to Meet Challenge Grant

*By Cathee Fisher
Dollar Dictionary Drive Co-Chair*

Do you have second graders in your neighborhood? In September 2005 those students will be third graders. The third graders of 1996 will be high school seniors on their way to the uncharted waters of their adulthood. In each of our neighborhoods we have seen some of those "kids" grow taller and stronger. Think of your own transition from 8 to 18.

In each of the years since 1996 the INC Dollar Dictionary Drive has given a dictionary and a thesaurus of their own to every third grade student. Fortunately, we have also been able to provide a set of thirty books for each 3rd grade classroom, given the teachers a reference copy and provided extras for the new kids class. Thanks to your port.

It is a resource that has not been ignored by those in the classrooms of Denver. The books are utilized in teaching the students in making the transition from "learning to read" to "reading to learn," and helping each student to become an active citizen of our community.

This program provides these valuable learning tools because of donations from neighborhood associations, businesses, individuals and grants. Our largest donation in each of the past three years has been a challenge grant from Gene Tepper of Upper Downtown Development Corp. Gene's wife, Sheri S. Tepper, is a prolific author and it is in her honor that Gene has again offered the Dictionary Drive a \$6,000 Challenge Grant. At this writing we have received \$1,047.00 for this challenge. That means we have a ways to go and that still leaves us short of reaching this year's goal.

Thank you, Gene, for your pledge toward our raising efforts in 2005.



Donors 2005 - Thank You!!!

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Hutchinson Hills / Willow Point NA
Mayfair Neighbors
Southern Hills Community Association
Stapleton United Neighbors
Sumner NA
University Park Community Council

Please send tax deductible contributions to:

Dollar Dictionary Drive
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Denver, CO 80218

Zoning Code Update Telecast

The Zoning Code Update will be the subject of a half-hour long program to be cablecast four times weekly during the month of May on Channel 8. Program tapes will be available for circulation by mid-May.

The program is entitled "Issues & Options." It includes interviews of City Attorney Cole Finegan, City Councilmember Jeanne Robb, Zoning Code Task Force Co-Chair Steve Kaplan, INC Zoning & Planning Committee Chair Michael Henry, and CPD Manager Peter Park. Scheduled cablecast times on Channel 8 are Sundays at noon, Mondays and Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. and Fridays at 10:00 p.m.

To learn more about the Zoning Code Update, visit www.denvergov.org/planning and select the Zoning Code Update link on the lower left side of the page.

Plan to End Homelessness to be Reviewed at May 14 INC Meeting

*By Michael Henry
Chair, INC Zoning & Planning
Committee*

The INC delegation will review on May 14 the draft Plan to End Homelessness in Denver before it is presented to the Mayor and City Council. On April 23, the Zoning and Planning Committee of INC voted to recommend that the INC delegation support the general principles of the plan, after a 1½ hour discussion of the plan with Roxane White, the Manager of the Denver Department of Human Services, who chairs the 50-person commission named in late 2003 to prepare the plan. Michael Henry, Tom Knorr and Dave Walstrom represent registered neighborhood organizations on the commission. The commission's website is www.denvergov.org/homelessness.



The Denver plan is an ambitious, comprehensive plan, intended to be coordinated with federal, state and metropolitan efforts. In very quick summary, its eight major goals (still in draft form) are:

1. Develop adequate permanent and transitional housing opportunities to meet the needs of people at 0-30% of the Area Median Income (less than \$15,050 per year);
2. Make safe and legal shelter beds and activities available for all populations both day and night until adequate permanent housing is in place;
3. Provide Denver residents facing homelessness more tools to keep them from ending up on the streets or in emergency shelters;
4. Provide better access to supportive services that promote long-term stability, improved

functioning for those in need and movement into permanent housing as soon as possible;

5. Improve public safety by increasing homeless outreach efforts to reduce panhandling, loitering and violent crimes against people and increase the incidence of connecting people who are homeless with appropriate housing and services;

6. Assist people who are homeless to obtain skills and knowledge necessary to participate in the workforce;

7. Build community awareness and support for coordinated responses to eliminate homelessness in ten years;

8. Reform Denver's zoning, building and development codes to facilitate an adequate supply of emergency and affordable housing.

For more information about the plan, contact Michael Henry at 303-377-6609 or Deborah Ortega, the executive director of the commission, at 720-944-2666.

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Snake, Northern Goshawk, Canadian goose, Mallard duck, Sharp-Shinned Hawk, Mourning Dove, Broad-tailed Hummingbird, Downy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Blue Jay, Black-Billed Magpie, Black-Capped Chickadee, American Robin, several Sparrow species including the White-Crowned Sparrow, Brewer's Blackbird, Common Grackle, European Starling, House Finch, Ring-Billed Gull, American Crow, Brown Trasher, Spotted Towhee, and Dark-eyed Junco. As for insects, the Honeybee, Bumblebee, Yellow Jacket, Dragonflies, Lady Bugs, Painted Ladies, Blues, Whites, and Tiger Swallow Tail butterflies, to name a few, are denizens of the cottonwoods.

This hilltop in Denver is a treasure for an urban area with its cottonwood trees and open space. And what was the open irrigation ditch (which was the highlight of the neighborhood dogs that loved to go wading in it during their walks) is no more.

Update on Neighborhood Inspection Services Partners

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

The Neighborhood Inspection Services (NIS) Partners will reconvene on December 1st. Members expressed thanks for progress in areas such as mobile food vendor enforcement, sign control, and the pilot staffing of complaint intake that replaced inspector rotations. A recap follows below.

Special thanks to the residents that helped us, challenged us, and judged our results. Thanks also to Janice Alexander, Kent Strapko, and the NIS team of Tom Kennedy, Vince Ferrer, Mike Bradshaw, Becky Esquibel and Joaquin Gonzales who contributed much along the way. Thanks also to Bob McDonald of Environmental Health, and to Kerry Buckey and Kory Nelson of the very helpful Law Department staff.

Recap Of NIS Partners

A. Compliance rates and timeframes.

Action: Administrative Citation program in place

Action: Targeted enforcement of mobile food vendors resulted in \$18,486 in fines being imposed against violators.

Action: A targeted illegal poster/sign ticket initiative was undertaken.

Action: CPD will reconvene NIS Partners on December 1st to discuss progress.

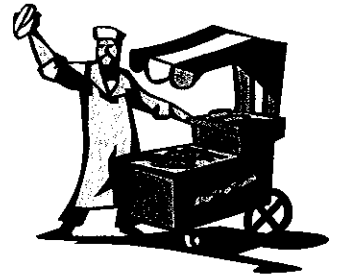
B. Customer complaint intake and tracking improvements.

Action: CPD has initiated a pilot-staffing program in place of inspector rotations.

Action: CPD is participating in the 311 program.

C. Mobile cart food sales

Action: Referral to Excise & License and Environmental Health. Environmental Health has launched an enforcement program for City parks.



D. Ordinance proposal requiring landlords to register rental property.

Action: Non-compliant property should be monitored, not category of rentals. This proposal would require costly administrative support or bureaucracy.

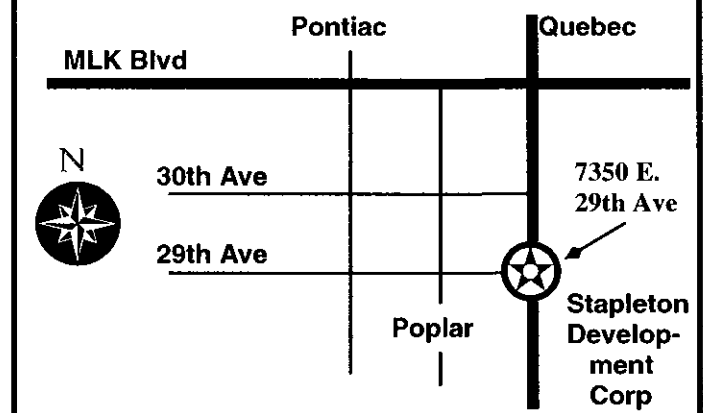
E. Ordinance change to number of persons allowed in a single-family residence.

Action: A United States Supreme Court ruling precludes changing the definition of family. Family members are related by blood, marriage or adoption. The Zoning Administrator does not support changing the ordinance.

F. Ordinance change to number of cars parked at a single-family residence

Action: Current parking guidelines relate to the definition of family, and were determined by the courts. Altering the zoning ordinance to relate to lot size is inequitable and unworkable. The Zoning Administrator does not support changing the ordinance. However, CPD will assist the NIS Partners in discussing parking issues with Public Works.

Map to May 14 INC Meeting



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 and a copy of this application.

NOTE: Only delegates of Registered Neighborhood Organizations (RNOs) may vote on INC issues.

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: _____

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**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: _____

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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: _____

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INC Delegate #2: _____

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Next Meeting

**Saturday
May 14
2005**

Stapleton Development Corporation

7350 E. 29th Avenue

**(in the Stapleton Town
Center at 29th Avenue
and Quebec Street)**

See map on page 10

AGENDA

8:45

Coffee and Chat

9:15

Around the City

10:00

**Discussion of proposal to
allow sale of alcohol
beverages in certain City
parks**

10:15

Committee Reports

10:30

**Presentation of Plan to End
Homelessness by Deborah
Ortega, Executive Director
of Mayor's Commission to
End Homelessness**

Noon

Adjourn

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