

June 11 INC Meeting Offers Information On New Recycling Plan, Archiving

Library, will explain how to archive neighborhood newsletters at the library. The meeting will be held at Citywide Bank, located on the south east corner of the intersection of Hampden Avenue and Monaco Parkway.

INC Board Meets With Mayor and New Neighborhood Aide

By Diana Helper
INC Secretary

Michael Henry, Cathee Fisher, and Nell Swiers. Also present were Sara Kendall Hughes, Deputy Chief of Staff; Seneca Holmes, Assistant to the Mayor; and Tamara Banks, who has been named to the position of Mayor's Neighborhood liaison beginning July 1, 2005.

The creation of Ms. Banks' position has been long-sought by INC, and it was a pleasant surprise to learn that she will soon be working with us. She is currently a newscaster on Channel 2, and has a background in journalism. She will provide "a two-way conduit" between neighborhoods and the Mayor, looking for solutions and resolutions to community concerns. The details of the job description will be a work in progress as situations arise. She will meet twice a week with the Mayor, and be a voice for the neighborhoods. The need for filling this position was item #1 on INC's list for the Mayor. A warm welcome to Tamara Banks!

Item #2 concerned a need for better response and communication from some City department and agency heads. The Mayor stated that having an official neighborhood liaison person should help obtain timely responses and information. Ms. Banks will be able to get

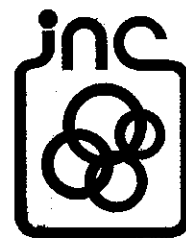
Charlotte Pitt, from Denver Recycles, will speak at the June 11 INC Delegates' Meeting. She will explain the new recycling program that Denver is instituting as of June 15. Also, June Harms, from the Denver Public

Members of the INC Board met with Mayor John Hickenlooper at his office at 4:20 p.m. on May 24, 2005. Present from INC were Elizabeth Hamilton, Dave Webster, Diana Helper, Anthony Thomas, Karen Cuthbertson, Lisa Dobson, Keith Howard,

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Athmar Park NA
Baker Historic NA
Ballpark NA
Belcaro Park HOA
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
Stokes Place Green Bowers HOA
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.
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Washington Park East NA
West Highland NA
West University CA
West Washington Park NA
Whittier NA
Wyman Historic District NA

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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.

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Minutes of May 14, 2005 INC Delegates' Meeting

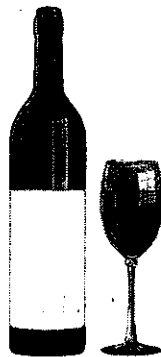
*By Diana Helper
INC Secretary*

INC Delegates and numerous other attendees met May 14 at the Stapleton City Center, hosted by Stapleton United Neighbors, with greetings by Bill Fulton. INC Vice President Dave Webster conducted the meeting in the absence of Elizabeth Hamilton.

"Around the City" reports by fifty delegates and visitors were completed in less than an hour, thanks to this wealth of information being conveyed in articulate and well-planned remarks.

Liquor Sales in Parks

"Sale of Liquor in Certain Denver Parks" was presented by Parks and Recreation Department Manager Kim Bailey, with remarks also by District Councilwoman Jeanne Robb. The topic of liquor consumption in parks also was addressed. Proposals will go to City Council in June. Many concerns about sales were expressed regarding enforcement of regulations, which is the responsibility of the Parks Department, the problem of people drinking and then driving through the surrounding neighborhood, the question of how much revenue would actually be gained, and the point that park events are family-friendly and need not foster the idea that to "have fun" one has to have liquor available. Consumption of wine or beer in parks at smaller private gatherings (e.g. wedding receptions) which have obtained the proper permits did not present as many concerns. As always, delegates requested neighborhood notification of the specific details of the proposal, and also notification to neighborhood groups and ample time to comment if there were applications for liquor sales.



Homeless

Debbie Ortega, Director of the Mayor's Commission on Homelessness, spoke on the development of a plan to end homelessness in Denver in ten years. She was assisted by Nan Morehead. The plan also addresses immediate needs. The draft of the plan may be seen www.denvergov.org/Homeless Commission. It includes proposals to keep official shelters open 24 hours instead of closing during the day, to allow church shelters to operate for 120 days rather than 75, and to allow shelters in mixed use zones CMU-20 and 30, RMU-30 and TMU-30. Housing for the needy is encouraged along light rail lines. Comments from delegates included need for this housing not to be isolated, need for public rest rooms, need for other area counties/towns to do their part, need for "discharge planning" and jobs.

A motion was made for INC delegates to support the Homeless Plan, which will go to City Council before long. The vote was 24 in favor, none opposed, two abstentions. Ortega encouraged attendance at the City Council public hearing when it is held.

Reports

INC Reports -- Zoning and Planning (ZAP) meets May 21.

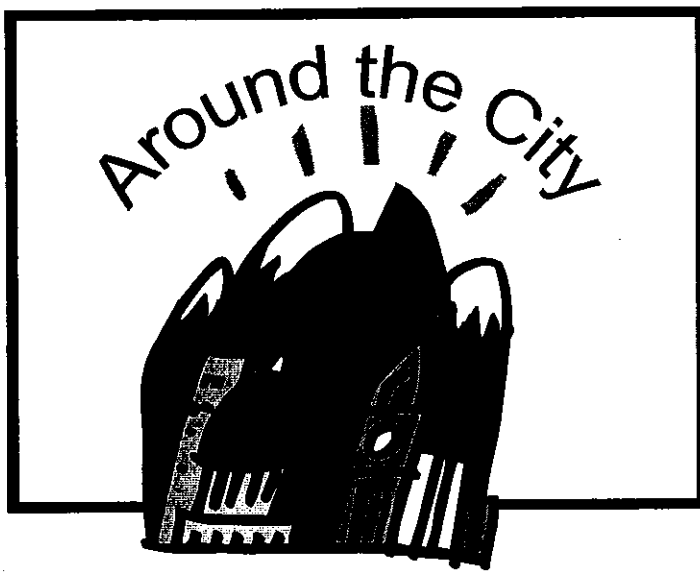
Dollar Dictionary Drive -- Has a continuing need for donations.

INC Board -- Preparing to meet with the Mayor on May 24. Delegates suggest that the Board include the City's need to address medical crises, strengthen the Community Planning and Development Department, and increase the Police Department. Delegates were reminded that INC has a Safety Committee for which they may sign up. A condolence card to the widow of police officer Don Young was signed by the attendees.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10.

Denver Neighborhood Connection Article deadline

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



Around the City

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May 14, 2005 INC Meeting

Athmar Park -- Three incidents involving firearms, one a fatality, in the last six weeks have them feeling increasingly unsafe in their own homes. The level of chaos in Denver seems on the rise. This administration needs to get a backbone and make some substantive changes in liquor law enforcement and Denver Police Department staffing levels.

Ballpark -- Working on the plan for the development of the triangle park at Broadway and Park Avenue West.

Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods -- Has been working with Colfax businesses and other neighborhood groups and the City to develop new zoning for Colfax. There will be community meetings to explain the proposed Main Street zoning June 22 at 7:30 a.m. and June 29 at 6:00 p.m., both at the Ramada Hotel, 1150 E. Colfax.

City Park West -- Its big event, the City Park Festival of the Arts, is May 21 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

College View -- Is trying to increase neighborhood involvement at its meetings. Also focus on zoning and board of adjustment cases.

Cook Park -- June 25 is its Garage Sale, joined by Virginia Village-Ellis neighborhoods.

Golden Triangle Association -- Investigating creating a Business Improvement District and the possibility of changing Cherokee and Delaware Streets back to two-way streets.

Greater Park Hill -- Its Garden Tour is June 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information, call Park Hill office, 303-388-0918.

Hampden South -- Construction continues on I-25/Hampden bridge, and on apartment businesses along Hampden. The public is very concerned about the serious parking problem at Gourmet Food Store due to open in September in the Tiffany Center, especially on Tuesdays (50-cent movie day). The City's concrete replacement program has left several manhole rings on sidewalks where they are a danger to pedestrians. The owner of a vacant house has been cited for landscape violations.

Hilltop -- Noise control contact is Paul Riedesel, 720-865-5410, for assistance with issues such as loud radios at construction/demolition sites. Use of a noise meter is available at no charge.

Inspiration Point -- A ceremony is being planned to finalize the closing on Camp Rollendet with the City. This will probably be in June.

Platt Park -- Three new restaurants on S. Pearl Street require no new parking, which may be an issue. Gates redevelopment and the I-25 National Environmental Police Act (NEPA) process are major concerns.

Stapleton United Neighbors -- 1. Neighborhood-wide Block Park is June 18 with 3 blocks participating; 2. It is pushing for additional resources for safety and policing (including increase in authorized strength) given population's exponential growth.

University Park -- Is preparing for annual 10 a.m. 4th of July Parade and Band in Observatory Park. Working to maintain neighborhood character and ensure compliance with zoning ordinances in this fast-changing area.

Virginia Vale -- Is working on new development of upscale self-storage at Leetsdale and Exposition. Concerned about some new plans for Garland Park.

Virginia Village/Ellis -- If you want a giant shredding truck to come out to your neighborhood at no up front cost, contact Todd Moore at Mobile Shred Document Destruction, 303-663-9890. He charges only \$4.00 per "banker's box" for shredding.

Washington Park East -- Landmark Commission

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will review the status of Denver International School building on June 9. Developers will share their plans. The neighborhood organization is planning its 20th anniversary celebration at Washington Park United Methodist Church. It is also reviewing liquor permitting in the park.

West Washington Park -- Is negotiating, along with Baker and CHUN, with the owners of the Mayan Theater for conditions on a tavern license that will restrict the license to the present type of operation.

Whittier -- Improve your neighborhood, be a mentor. Consider mentoring at Manual High School. A caring adult can make a huge difference and turn around a child's life. There are various levels of involvement. Call 303-623-9140 to volunteer or for information.



Denver Solid Waste Management -- Those who would like a flier on recycling should contact Charlotte.Pitt@ci.denver.co.us.

Denver Urban Gardens -- Is looking for gardeners for some of its community gardens throughout the City. It would be happy to come and present a short slide show at your neighborhood association meeting. Contact them at dirt@denvergov.org or 303-292-9900.

Denver Water -- For information about the summer watering program, call 603-628-6343 or go to its website, DenverWater.org.

Leetsdale Cop Shop -- Is always looking for volunteers. If you'd like to have a speaker make a presentation about the Cop Shop at a neighborhood meeting, please call 303-756-7627.

Parks and Recreation -- Summer brings opportunities to enjoy the parks and a chance to volunteer as individuals and as neighborhood groups

to Adopt-A-Park or Adopt-A-Bed. Contact Hands on Denver. Recreation Centers will offer fun summer programs, and remember tennis and gold classes! Contact Harriet Hogue at 720-913-0694 with any issues or concerns about Parks and Recreation.

INC Meets with Mayor

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appropriate department and agency heads to meet with neighborhoods to address issues of special concern.

Item #3 asked how neighborhood organizations and citizens can have a role in the budget process. The Mayor responded that this effort had not been made this past spring because of the focus on the Justice Center issue, but he "will try to get out and do listening sessions" in the future.

Item #4 had to do with the need for adequate staffing levels of patrol officers and emergency communications personnel in the Police Department. The Mayor replied that classes are full, the need is recognized, he agrees the situation at present is not acceptable, and may bring in consultants to assess the current process. If it does not improve satisfactorily, he will do more.

Item #5 asked for consistent administration by City departments of the Neighborhood Registration and Notification Ordinance. The Mayor asked where the correct master list of Registered Neighborhood Organizations (RNOs) is to be found, and was informed that it is the list Julius Zsako has developed. The Mayor said getting everyone to use the proper list is a good job for Ms. Banks. Also, he will get an up-to-date list of City contact people completed for the use of RNOs and all citizens. This information will be available electronically as well as in print. The 311 information phone system will be helpful but is a year away from implementation. INC

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Neighborhood Inspection Services Task Force Results

*By Karen Cuthbertson
INC Delegate-at-Large*

Citizens from across Denver recently participated in a joint citizen and City personnel task force to analyze Neighborhood Inspection Services (NIS) procedures and processes (from initial complaint to the courtroom) and suggest possible improvements. This task force was formed in response to the widespread dissatisfaction with zoning code enforcement expressed to Mayor Hickenlooper at last year's Leadership Conference and to the efforts of the "Privatize NIS" campaign spearheaded by the Sunny Side United Neighbors.

Peter Park, Manager, Community Planning and Development (of which NIS is a part) placed considerable City resources at the task force's disposal, including several NIS inspectors and managers. In addition, members of the Department of Environmental Health and the City Attorney's Office were also on the task force. With such a knowledgeable pool of City resources, task force members were cautiously optimistic that some real change might result from this effort.

Monthly Meetings

The task force met monthly for three months from February to April, with subsets of the task force focusing on special areas of interest and conducting considerable work during the intervening weeks between meetings. The special areas of interest included:

- Analyzing current zoning ordinances with respect to the top 3 complaints from across neighborhoods across the City (overcrowded houses, too many cars on the street, and problems with rental property upkeep and tenants) and suggesting possible wording changes and/or new ordinances.

- Analyzing an NIS complaint "life cycle" – from initial call/e-mail through all inter-departmental hand-offs to final disposition in the courtroom – and identify possible problem points and suggest improvement changes.
- Analyzing the legal portion of the process to understand why so many NIS-related complaints are "tossed" or are settled for a small fine and court costs.

The meetings were productive, insightful, frustrating, dismaying, and enlightening, and the final results were mixed; with some very positive changes implemented or coming, while some fundamental problems remain uninvestigated and/or unchanged.

Positive Developments

On the positive side, very good things are coming out of the Department of Environmental Health (kudos to the department's Bob McDonald). EH Inspectors will have regular weekend hours (to find violators who wait until the weekend; thinking that no one will catch them). A focus of weekend inspections will include canvassing Denver parks for illegal food peddlers ("honkers" and pushcarts) confiscating foodstuffs and issue citations. In addition, EH has proposed a new regulation requiring commissaries (where food vendors are supposed to prepare their food) to keep a copy of each vendor's license, along with a schedule of when each vendor prepared food at the commissary and when each vendor is expected to prepare food there next. This change has been proposed to address the problem of commissary owners issuing letters to vendors that the vendor is preparing food at the commissary, but not tracking whether or not the vendor actually does use the facility.

Saturday Inspections

Another very positive change is that NIS inspectors will also have rotating Saturday hours, and are proactively citing certain offenses on properties along major arterials and near schools. Another noteworthy change has been to the NIS complaint line. The

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telephone hours have been expanded and there is now a voice mailbox where residents can leave messages after hours. In addition, NIS conducted an analysis of the current telephone complaint line to determine why there was a 25% hang-up rate (those of us who have waited on-hold for 10 minutes or more before giving up and hanging up will appreciate this!). Kudos here to NIS' Becky Esquibel, who has implemented a new NIS complaint line queuing system that routes callers to more appropriate destinations and has reduced the hang-up rate by 50%.

Continuing on the good side, NIS will now consolidate like-type offense cases that go to court on the same docket, in an attempt to help make judges/magistrates more aware of the magnitude and impact of the offenders' actions. In addition, kudos to NIS employee Vince Ferrar for undertaking to work to educate current judges/magistrates on the NIS process and the negative impact to residents of violations.

Complaints Tracked

Another good change within NIS is that callers who submit a complaint will be given a tracking ID for their complaint. This change was implemented to address the oft-cited issue of "lost" complaints. From now on, a resident calling to get the status of a previously submitted complaint will not hear that there is no record of the complaint, as the caller will have an ID number to refer to.

Lastly, NIS will convene annual public reviews of their process to determine – on an ongoing basis – what areas are working well and what needs further improvement.

Negative Developments

On the bad side, the citizen committee members were completely stymied in attempts to analyze and effect any changes on four fundamental issues.

First, the citizens were told that it would be "appropriate" for any of them to look at the internal

evolution of a complaint through NIS and to the various other agencies involved in handling a complaint. Any attempt to find weak or problematic points within NIS or in hand-offs between departments was completely denied.

Rental Property Registration

The second major issue that will not be addressed in the near term is holding landlords more accountable for their property and their tenants. The citizens on the task force suggested options for registering rental properties, but the City cited onerous administrative concerns and vetoed all suggestions. On a side note, a task force member would not accept this answer, and procured copies of the Denver Police Department's "Crime Control for Rental Properties" to give to landlords of problem properties in her neighborhood. This manual provides guidance on screening tenants and on property upkeep, and includes example forms and signage that landlords can use.

The third failed issue concerned too many people residing in homes. After much discussion, research into other city's solutions (e.g., Commerce City has ordinances – that are working well – that greatly restrict the number of people allowed per square foot), and separate meetings; the City flatly refused to consider changes to the current ordinance (150 sq feet for 1st person and 100 sq feet per additional persons; e.g., 9 people are allowed in a 1-bathroom, 1000 sq foot house), citing the Fair Housing Act as "tying their hands" when it comes to changing enforcement. The citizen task force members question the validity of this and are engaging resources on the national level to assist with this effort.

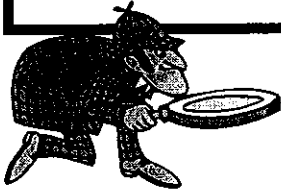
Parked Vehicle Congestion

The last issue that the citizens on the task force felt was a failure to address is the problem of too many

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parked cars clogging residential streets. Suggestions by the citizen member of the task force to adopt ordinances similar to Aurora's code were soundly rejected. A zoning administrator even stated that "things really haven't changed that much" since the current ordinance relating to parking was adopted in 1963(!) and said that the City would not support any changes to the ordinance.

I applaud the formation of this task force by the City to engage the public in this effort to try to improve a portion of the City government that has such an impact on the quality of life for every resident in Denver. The changes implemented are very positive and those issues that were not addressed -- well, there's always next year.

Call to Action

Actually, if the unresolved topics in this article have you rolling your eyes or shaking your head, there is something that you can do. I am issuing a general "call to action." Advise your City Council representative and the At-Large Council members -- clearly and repeatedly -- about the daily living problems you see in your neighborhoods. Provide specific examples about specific failures and/or languishing non-compliant conditions.

Tell the Mayor

Secondly, you absolutely need to let the Mayor, and all City Council people, know the important link that the entire Community and Planning Development Department plays in our neighborhood daily lives and quality of life, and that -- for that reason -- it is extremely important that they keep the number of inspectors and planners high, and that their level of training and expected standards be high, as well.

Minutes of April 23, 2005 INC Zoning & Planning Committee

By Diana Helper
Committee Member

INC's Zoning and Planning (ZAP) Committee met April 23, 2005. Cindy Johnstone spoke on the City's proposal to allow expanded alcohol use at private events in City parks, and to allow the sale of alcohol in fenced areas at special permitted events in parks that can accommodate 3,000 attendees. Beer, wine and hard liquor would be allowed. City Council would work with Registered Neighborhood Organizations (RNOs) to identify neighborhoods where liquor could be allowed in parks. This topic is on the May 14 INC Delegates Meeting agenda (see page 3). Former Parks and Recreation Department Managers Don and Carolyn Etter are writing to current Parks Manager Kim Bailey, expressing their concern and describing the purpose and concept of Denver's public City parks. At ZAP, issues of parking, driving through neighborhoods, and enforcement were voiced.

Zoning Errors

Zoning errors were discussed in Washington Park East and elsewhere. ZAP members believe structures should be brought in compliance with zoning regulations, no matter who is responsible for the error. A report from the ZAP subcommittee working on Zoning Improvement Plans (ZIP) includes demolition, establishing grade before demolition, height measurements, need for early inspection, clarification of porch definition, clear site plans and accurate surveys. Kent Olson heads this subcommittee.

The City's Neighborhood Inspection Service (NIS) task force has studied process, recommended improvements in cueing, tracking IDs, reviewing annual top issues, illegal mobile peddler "stings,"

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commissary accountability, court hearings on like offenses held on the same day (to discourage dismissal of cases). The subcommittee was not allowed to see "internal business" of NIS, and no changes were effected in regulations regarding overcrowded houses and numbers of cars parked at such sites. A meeting with Rep. Diana DeGette is planned.

Adrienne Mansaneres spoke as a representative of Advocates for a Diverse Denver. This group addresses neighborhood diversity concerns.

Roxane White, Manager of the Denver Department of Human Services, spoke on homelessness and the need to create a long term plan while addressing immediate issues as well. The Commission on Homelessness focuses on affordable housing and finds the fastest growing homeless group is families. Denver's health care service is very poor and needs considerable improvement. ZAP members voted (16 favor, 3 abstentions) to ask delegates at the May Delegates' Meeting to vote in agreement with this statement: "INC Delegates in general give support to the Homelessness Plan and conceptually agree with its approach, recognizing that it is still in the process of completion."

Bill Johnson spoke on the task force headed by Councilwoman Jeanne Robb established to develop ordinance language regarding drive-up eating establishments. Citizen representatives will meet at noon on alternate Wednesdays starting May 4.

Ginny Bayes reported that the City had admitted responsibility for zoning errors at 381-3 S. Franklin, and will assist in bringing the structure into compliance. It is hoped that this case will set a precedent for any similar cases.

The Citizen Advisory Group (for the revision of the zoning code) has been named, but the members

selected have not been notified yet. There are 55 names on the list, including many neighborhood group representatives.

Appropriate RNOs will be notified by Excise and Licensing when liquor tastings are applied for at stores in their area, but only written comments pertaining to safety issues will be considered from RNOs with regard to these applications.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

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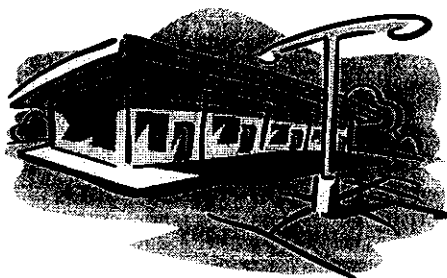
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will be asked to analyze it and comment.

Item #6 concerned large numbers of people living in small houses, creating many problems including large numbers of parked cars. The Neighborhood Inspection Services (NIS) subcommittee tried to address these matters, but the City reply was not consistent with Federal information. Sara Hughes will obtain the reports of both Julius Zsako and INC's Karen Cuthbertson and look into this issue.

The final item, #7, stated INC believes that at a time in Denver of enormous growth and development, the Community Planning and Development Department needs to be strengthened, rather than cut back. The Mayor said this simply is not possible, all departments have had budget cuts, Peter Park has tried hard to find more funding, but until the City gets more money, the City staff members will have to tighten their belts and do more work with a smaller budget.

We thanked the Mayor for his time, and adjourned at 5:00 p.m.



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Minutes of INC Board Meeting of May 9, 2005

***By Diana Helper
INC Secretary***

The INC Board met at 6 p.m. on May 9. Present were Elizabeth Hamilton, Dave Webster, Diane Wolta, Diana Helper, Anthony Thomas, Ken Beaudrie, Keith Howard, Lisa Dobson, Michael Henry, Cathee Fisher, and Steve Nissen. The minutes of the April meeting were approved, as was the Treasurer's report presented by Diane Wolta.

It was decided that a sign-up sheet be circulated at the May Delegates' meeting to elicit volunteers to host future INC monthly meetings. Dave Webster said he would take care of this.

Board members signed a cover letter to go to Mayor Hickenlooper with our memo of questions and comments, to be sent to him prior to the Board's meeting with him on May 24. We wish to make it clear INC is aware of his stated goals for the City and that INC is working with the City to help reach those goals. Among topics at the May 24 meeting will be timely and accurate response from City staff, a solid communication process between residents and the City, input into the City budget, increased safety and police numbers, compliance with and enforcement of City zoning ordinances and a strong and responsive planning and development department.

INC archives are now at the Denver Public Library's Western History Department. A letter of receipt detailing the contents and library policies was read by Diana Helper. She will sign and return the requested agreement form.

In other business, Dave Webster will use Dollar Dictionary figures for the forms required for INC registration with the State. The Board members will read and heed Karen Cuthbertson's suggested improvements for the INC Website. In June, formation of INC committees will be part of the Delegates' meeting. Delegates will be encouraged to be brief in their "Around the City" oral reports. Beer Booth sign-ups will be circulated at the May 14 meeting and the May 21 Zoning Committee meeting.

Lisa Dobson reported on police staffing and public

safety. A new committee is being formed to address crime prevention and alternatives to sentencing, and INC representation is needed. Also, a housing plan committee is forming to address this City crisis, and INC representation is requested.

Cathee Fisher reported that the average gift to the Dollar Dictionary Drive is slightly higher this year than last. Substantial donations are needed. Mike Henry said that the City Zoning Task Force so far is receiving education and briefing, and the new Citizen Advisory Group has met. Ken Beaudrie received a request for the INC Delegates mailing list from an outside agency, but INC does not share its list. The official list of all Regional Neighborhood Organizations is available on the denvergov.org website. Ken may send letters to non-member RNOs encouraging them to join INC.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Dollar Dictionary Update

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

This year's fundraising started at a walk, but in the last month we have been galloping ahead. Did dinosaurs gallop? Our individual donors have increased in number and the amount of the average check has increased as well. We are hoping to meet Gene Tepper's \$6,000 challenge by the next INC meeting.

A special surprise this year comes from XCEL Energy and its pledge to donate \$5,000. We have had several businesses donate this year and we would like to have many more so we can thank XCEL by saying we were able to match their donation with other business donations. Please spread the word through the businesses in your neighborhood. If you need more brochures let the Dictionary Co-Chairs know and we will send you some.

Please send tax deductible contributions to:

Dollar Dictionary Drive
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Denver, CO 80218

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: _____

Mailing address: _____ Zip: _____

Email address: _____ Phone: _____

**Please enclose your dues with this form and bring to an INC meeting or mail to:
Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation, P.O. Box 181009, Denver, CO 80218**

Next Meeting
Saturday
June 11
2005

Citywide Bank
Hampden & Monaco
S.E. corner
(take Hampden exit
from I-25 and drive
east just past King
Soopers)

AGENDA

8:45

Coffee and Chat

9:15

Around the City

10:00

Committee Reports

10:30

Charlotte Pitt
Denver Recycles

11:00

June Harms
Denver Public Library

Using the Library
to Archive
Neighborhood
Newsletters

Noon

Adjourn

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