INC WISHES YOU and yours a blessed and happy holiday season.

There is no INC Delegate meeting in December. We look forward to seeing you again at our first 2012 INC Delegate meeting on Saturday, January 14.

November’s Featured Speaker: Derek Okubo

Derek Okubo, Director of Human Rights and Community Relations, under the Mayor’s office was the featured speaker at INC’s November meeting of Delegates.

Derek gave us an interesting and humorous sketch of his professional background and how he came to work for our current mayor.

He reported that under Denver’s new leadership, neighborhood organizations will have a more central and vital role in neighborhood partnerships with the Mayor’s Office. Attendees also learned the City is considering merging several agencies which will possibly include 311 under the direction of Mr. Okubo’s office.

Okubo also related the City is working on next steps resulting from the Mayor’s Community Forum held in October. (See November Connections for details), and informed us there are plans for future Community Forums next summer and fall as well as an All America Conference on education in June 2012.

In line with better communications between neighborhoods, Executive Committee member, Cindy Johnstone, requested the City incorporate INC’s neighborhood leaders into appointments to various City boards and commissions to specifically ensure representation of the interests of neighborhood organizations and to ensure a fair balance of business and neighborhood representatives. Derek responded this would be addressed.

Meeting attendees raised a variety of issues which ensued in a lively exchange. Topics included the lack of listening to or welcoming input from residents regarding the north expansion of the I-70 corridor and issues related to other neighborhoods (Highlands, Sloan’s Lake).
The November meeting was hosted by the Cory/Merrill Neighborhood Association at the Kirk of Bonnie Brae Church at 1201 S. Steele St.

INC Delegates, Don Tressler and Diana Helper welcomed attendees and introduced District 6 Councilman Charlie Brown who spoke about recent news stories related to council members texting at City Council meetings and the “sit-lie” ordinance as related to the downtown corridor of the business district and surrounding neighborhoods. The ordinance pertains to deterring panhandlers and steering homeless persons to social services. Attendees agreed this situation at the 16th Street Mall poses safety and image problems for both sides: the homeless/panhandlers and visitors to the mall.

IN THE PICTURES

Left: Derek Okubo. See story on front page about his presentation.

Right: L to R: Don Tressler, Diana Helper, and Councilman Charlie Brown.

Photos: Ray Ehrenstein

Housekeeping:
• October minutes were approved.
• The deadline for denverINCnews is the 20th every month. The address for submissions is denverINCnews@aol.com.

INC Awards Dinner 2012

INC Annual Neighborhood Awards Dinner will take place Thursday, January 19, 2012 at DoubleTree Hotel at N. Quebec/MLK Blvd. If you would like to nominate an individual or group, please see the list of categories in October Connections. Award nominations are open from now until December 30. Please submit these to Jane Lorimer, care of INC, P.O. Box 300684, Denver CO 80218 or by email: ejlorimer@aol.com.
**Committee Corner**

INC has many special interest committees who meet to address areas of specific importance to the Denver community. The following reports were submitted for recent activities. Please see www.denverinc.org for committee postings and the calendar of meetings.

**Dinner Committee**
We are still looking for additional sponsors and auction items for the annual dinner. To date, there are only 5 nominations for various awards. The dinner is by invitation and reservations this year can be accomplished by email or by telephone.

**Parks and Recreation**
Fifteen minute park platform is being presented to local neighborhood organizations regarding an admission-based events policy. PARC advised there is a two-year study proceeding on Purple Pipe Recycled Water use in parks from the Lowry landfill Superfund site.

**Zoning and Planning**
The Interim Planning Director and the City Forester are expected at the next meeting to discuss the trees in parks and along streets.

The committee would like neighborhood input concerning the evening liquor license hearings.

The next committee meeting is December 3 on the 19th floor of the Cheesman Park Towers at Williams St and 13th Ave.

**Membership**
December 31 is the end of the membership year. Renewal reminders will be sent by email and via the December newsletter. Dues for 2012 are $40 RNOs, $25 Associates and $75 Patron level for both groups.

**Public Safety**
Check with committee chair or online calendar for next meeting.

**Transportation**
A meeting of the committee on the proposed I-70 bridge expansion was held at the Colorado Center at 2000 S. Colorado Blvd. on Thursday Nov. 17. Check with committee chair or online calendar for next meeting.

**INC Membership**
In case you missed it, membership dues were increased for 2012 to $40.00 for RNO members and $25.00 for Associate Members. Patron membership for both categories remains at $75 a year.

We used to have all of the City Councilpersons as members of INC. This year, we have only two: Councilwoman Jeanne Robb and Councilwoman Peggy Lehmann. We’d like to ask RNO’s to encourage their City Council representatives to become Associate Members.

Membership Changes: Please send changes for member, president or delegate data to the membership chair, Ken Beaudrie, by email to kbeaudrie@totalspeed.net

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**INC CALENDAR**

**DELEGATE MEETING**

- **December Delegate Meeting**
  - No Delegate meeting in December in honor of holidays

**EC Meeting**
- **Monday, December 12  7:00PM**
  - 1201 Williams St., 19th Floor

**COMING UP**

- **January - Delegate Meeting**
  - **Saturday, January 14**
  - The Uptown Lofts
  - Pearl and Colfax Ave.
  - In the Community Room on the 2nd Floor.

A REQUEST FOR THIS MEETING: After the holidays, local area food banks are usually low on items. We are requesting all who attend the January meeting bring a non-perishable food item to help replenish the food banks.

Tentative program agenda:
- Presentation of results from a recent INC leadership planning workshop
- Optional tours of our meeting facility: The Colorado Coalition for the Homeless constructed Renaissance work force training center and Pizza Fusion Restaurant as well as 98 units of housing for mixed-use and incomes. There will be a tour and an opportunity to discuss the success of the dwellings with residents and staff.

**January EC Meeting**
- **Monday, January 9 – 7:00PM**
  - 2012 INC Annual Neighborhood Awards Dinner & Silent Auction
  - Thursday, January 19
  - DoubleTree Stapleton Hotel

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**Take advantage of the membership form in this issue and renew your membership now!**
Recap Executive Committee Meeting

November 14, 2011


Seven motions were approved unanimously by the Executive Committee.

1. Approved October minutes.
2. Approved treasurer’s report.
3. Approved a payment of $75 for room rental at CHUN for a Library Committee meeting and an INC meeting with the Mayor.
4. From now on, a draft of the monthly newsletter will be sent to all Committee Chairs and Executive Committee for review.
5. Approved 100% of the $220.00 gained from the Macys Shopping Day coupon sales to go Dollar Dictionary Drive.
6. Approved a letter be sent to Superintendent of DPS, Denver Green School and Derek Okubo regarding the process of informing neighborhood organizations about school changes and expansion of the premises.
7. Approved a planning workshop for EC and Committee Chairs to be held Saturday November 19.

Various other committee reports are covered in Committee Corner.

Parks & Recreation Committee Minutes

Submitted by: Diana Helper and Larry Ambrose, INC PARC

November 15, 2011


Buchtel Centennial Park
Enlargement of Buchtel Centennial Park is part of a very welcome re-development of the intersection of Buchtel Blvd. Parkway and S. Columbine St. However, the RNO committee was not notified of a major change from the planned natural grasses to concrete paving along the parkway, not in keeping with the rest of the parkway. Part of the paving covers a corner of the Park. Angela will ask how DPR agreed to pave here. This issue is about timely public notification, parkway treatment, RNO priorities.

Civic Center Conservancy (CCC) and Public Accountability
There was discussion about the Civic Center Conservancy (CCC), and the need to learn more about how it operates and the extent to which it might have influence over Civic Center Park to the exclusion of others, including the INC PARC. It is up to DPR, perhaps also the PRAB, to study proposals for events and capital improvements in all parks, with input from RNOs regarding impact, and ascertain their advisability.

Financial figures on Big Air were requested, and we wish to read CCC’s MOU. Angela will provide this information. PARC hopes to have someone from the CCC come to a meeting to explain that group’s work and plans, and for CCC to learn about PARC’s mission and work.

Memorial for Adrienne Anderson/Metro Wastewater
Larry Ambrose attended the memorial service for Adrienne Anderson, a long-time environmental advocate. He reported that many of her colleagues have pledged to continue her work on water pollution. A University of Colorado professor has taken on the job of administering and organizing her voluminous archive of research and documentation.

PARC agreed to pursue the involvement of national environmental organizations and leaders into the issue of Metro Wastewater/Denver Water’s inclusion of Lowry Landfill effluent in the Purple Pipe Recycled water program. Cindy Johnstone moved (seconded by Maggie Price), that such involvement be pursued.

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Denver Energy Challenge

Whether residents are looking to save money on monthly bills, have concerns or don’t know about indoor air quality, are too hot or cold in certain rooms, or simply want to reduce their carbon footprints, the Denver Energy Challenge is available to help!

How to sign up:
Step 1: Sign up online at: denverenergy.org
Step 2: A FREE Energy Advisor will contact you to discuss your home energy usage, review available rebates, and help you prioritize the best ways to save.
Step 3: Complete energy efficiency improvements.
Step 4: Tell your family & friends about your savings!

Please contact Julie Carlton, Energy Outreach Coordinator with the City and County of Denver for presentations for your neighborhood.

Reach Julie at: Julie.Carlton@denvergov.org or telephone 720-865-5430

For more information about this program: www.denverenergy.org OR watch YouTube Video about the program: http://youtu.be/3wi-buoenw4
Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation
Membership Renewal for 2012

INC membership year begins January 1, 2012. We sincerely value your continued participation, the larger our membership, the more potent is the resonance of our voices! Please use this form to renew, and either bring the form to the January INC meeting with your check, or mail to the address noted at the bottom of this form. If your 2012 delegates to INC are currently unknown, you may provide that information to the membership chair when it becomes available.

Start the renewal process for your organization today - your leaders may, in fact, be waiting for you to act!

Join as a voting neighborhood organization

| Regular Member: $40 | Patron: $75 |

See graybar below to apply as an INC Associate (non-voting member)

Organization name: ________________________________________________________________
Address: ______________________________________ Zip Code ________________________
Website: __________________________________________________________________________
Street Borders: North ___________________________________________ East _________________
South ___________________________________________ West ___________________________
President’s Name: ______________________________________________________________
Address: ________________________________________________________________________
Phone: ( ____ ) ___________________________ E-mail Address: ________________________

☐ President is a voting delegate

Send newsletter via: ☐ E-mail ☐ U.S. Mail ☐ Don’t want newsletter ☐ Do not publish my information

Note: Each RNO is allocated two voting delegates. If the president is one, appoint one below, otherwise appoint two.

Voting Delegate Name: _____________________________________________________________
Address: ______________________________________ Zip Code ________________________
Phone: ( ____ ) ___________________________ E-mail Address: ________________________
Send newsletter via: ☐ E-mail ☐ U.S. Mail ☐ Don’t want newsletter ☐ Do not publish my information

Voting Delegate (if President is not a voting delegate)
Delegate Name _________________________________________________________________
Address: ______________________________________ Zip Code ________________________
Phone: ( ____ ) ___________________________ E-mail Address: ________________________
Send newsletter via: ☐ E-mail ☐ U.S. Mail ☐ Don’t want newsletter ☐ Do not publish my information

Join as a non-voting supporting Associate

| Regular: $25 | Patron: $75 |

Organization / Individual’s Name: __________________________________________________
Mailing Address: _______________________________________________________________
Representative Name (if for an organization): _______________________________________
Address: _______________________________________________________________________
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We wish to donate additional $ ___________ to the Dollar Dictionary Drive.

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