INC mailed a letter to the Mayor voicing the unanimous opinion of the Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation Executive Committee that the Public Hearing scheduled by the Manager of Parks and Recreation, Ms. Kim Bailey, for May 8th to hear testimony regarding proposed additional new regulations related to the consumption, serving, and selling of alcoholic beverages in Denver parks and facilities be postponed until relevant facts can be properly and timely communicated to INC member neighborhood organizations and to the general public. It was felt that there was not proper notification to RNOs as required by Section 12-96 of the Denver Municipal Code that state in part “Registered neighborhood organizations shall be notified of certain matters affecting areas within, or within two hundred (200) feet of their boundaries...by mail, ...fax, or e-mail. Such notification shall be made within ten (10) working days after receipt by the responsible city agency of the proposed action.” For “Park Land Use: Proposals to Change/Amend,” the responsible city agency is Parks and Recreation.” The following letter was received from the Mayor’s Office in response (NOTE: The letter has been reformatted to fit the layout of the newsletter and is printed in italic to distinguish it.):

Dear Ms. Cuthbertson and the INC Executive Committee:

Thank you for your letter regarding Denver Parks and Recreation (DPR) Alcohol Policy Changes. Your concern for Denver’s quality of life, parks and neighborhoods is very much appreciated. We appreciate the opportunity to clarify the proposed changes and ongoing public process, as both vary from what is depicted in your letter.

PROPOSED POLICY CHANGES

As you are aware, the DPR Alcohol Policy was designed to establish guidelines, rules and regulations regarding consumption, service and sale of alcoholic beverages in DPR facilities and parks. It is the intention of DPR to provide the citizens of Denver the broadest range of opportunities to enjoy its facilities and parks in a responsible manner while protecting the City and its citizens from potentially adverse behavior.

The three specific changes to the policy that are currently up for consideration include the following:

1. Adding Central Park at Stapleton to the Special Occasion Permit Sites Festival Permit site and Race/Walk Permit sites.

This action was a direct request from the Stapleton neighborhood in preparation for Central Park’s transition to City ownership in June 2008. Currently a privately owned park, Central Park already has these uses. This action would merely accept the Park’s current conditions when it transfers to City ownership, fulfilling the needs and desires of park users and Stapleton residents. As noted below, both the Stapleton United Neighborhood Association and the Stapleton Development Corporation Board support the proposed changes.

2. Adding the City Park Pavilion to the Event Facility Permit Site.

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Member Organizations
17th & 18th Lafayette St Neighbors
Alamo Placita Neighbors Assn
Athmar Park Neighborhood Assn
Baker Historic Neighborhood Assn
Ball Park Neighborhood Assn
Bellevue-Hale Neighborhood Assn
Berkeley Neighborhood Assn
Bonnie Brae Neighborhood Assn
Bow Mar Heights Improvement Assn
Broadway Partnership / MDLDC
Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods Inc
Cherry Creek East Assn
Cherry Creek North Neighborhood Assn
Cherry Creek Townhouse Corporation
Cherry Point Homeowners Assn
Civic Association of Clayton
Colfax on the Hill, Inc
College View Neighborhood Assn
Congress Park Neighbors
Cook Park Neighborhood Assn
Cory-Merrill Neighborhood Assn
Country Club Historic Neighborhood (CCHN)
Cranner Park Hilltop Civic Assn
Crestmoor Park Homeowners Assn
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Curtis Park Neighbors
Downtown Denver Residents Org
East Montclair Neighborhood Assn
Far Northeast Neighbors, Inc
George Washington Homeowner's Assn, Inc.
Globeville Civic Assn #1
Godsman Neighborhood Org
Golden Triangle Assn. of Denver
Golden Triangle Museum District
Greater Mar-Lee Community Org
Greater Park Hill Community, Inc.
Hampden South Neighborhood Assn
Harkness Heights Neighborhood Assn
Harman Neighborhood Assn Inc.
Hilltop Heritage Assn LLC
Historic Montclair Community Association, Inc.
Hutchenson Hills/Willow Point HOA
Inspiration Point Neighborhood Assn
Ivy Street Neighbors Assn
Lower Downtown Neighborhood Assn (LoDoNA)
Lowry Community Master Assn
Lowry United Neighborhoods
Mayfair Neighbors, Inc
Mayfair Park Neighborhood Assn
North City Park Civic Assn
Old San Rafael Neighborhood Org
Overland Neighborhood Assn
Park Forest Homeowner's Assn
Ruby Hill Neighborhood Assn
SWIC Southwest Improvement Council/Westwood
Santa Fe Drive Redevelopment Corp
Sloan's Neighborhood Assn
South City Park Neighborhood Assn
South Hilltop Neighborhood Assn
South Jackson Street Denver Neighborhood
South Park Hill Neighborhood Org
Southmoor Park East Homeowners Assn
Southmoor Park Homeowners Assn
The Unsinkables
University Park Community Council
Virginia Vale Community Assn
Virginia Village/Ellis Community Assn
Washington Park East Neighborhood Assn
West Highland Neighborhood Assn
West University Community Assn (WUCA)
West Washington Park Neighborhood Assn
Whittier Neighborhood Assn
Windsor Gardens Association
Wyman Historic District Neighborhood Assn
Associates
Bonna Gayhart
Councilman Doug Linkhart
Councilman Rick Garcia
Councilwoman Carol Boigon
Councilwoman Marcia Johnson
Councilwoman Peggy Lehmann
Dennis Gallagher, Auditor
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Denver Mayor's Office
Denver Parks and Recreation
Downtown Denver Partnership, Inc.
FRES (Front Range Economic Strategy Center)
Gertie Grant
Harriet R. Hogue
Historic Denver Inc.
League of Women Voters of Denver
Leetsdale Cop Shop
Morrison Road Business Association of Denver
Palace Lofts Homeowners Assn
Pam Schenkein
Stapleton Master Community Assn
Transportation Solutions
The meeting was called to order on April 14th at 7:00 p.m. at 1201 Williams Street. There were eight Executive Committee (EC) members present: Larry Ambrose, Paul Bennington, Karen Cuthbertson, Katie Fisher, Steve Nissen, Anthony Thomas, Don Tressler, and Brad Zeig. Also present were Membership and Newsletter Chair Ken Beaudrie, Education Committee Chair Billie Bramhall, and ZAP Committee Chair Mike Henry.

The minutes of the March 9 Executive Committee meeting were approved by acclamation.

Treasurer Steve Nissen reported that INC had a total of $21,848.07 in checking and savings at the end of March. $4,584.44 was in savings. The Treasurer’s report was adopted by acclamation.

Billie Bramhall reported that she is pulling the Education Committee together and at this point has four or five members. Karen had been asked by Jan Thomas of TradeWinds Communications if Jan could make a presentation to INC regarding pre-school tuition credits. It was agreed that she should meet with the Education Committee first. Karen reminded all Committee Chairs to begin work on setting goals. Mike Henry said that DPS is hiring the Urban Land Institute to recommend the future uses for schools that are being closed. Brad Zeig has met with the consultant and, based on their contract with DPS, it is likely that the highest and best use for school property will be recommended. The Education Committee will oversee this process.

Ken Beaudrie reported that 97 organizations are members. There are 74 RNOs, 17 of which are Patrons, and 22 Associates, 10 of which are Patrons. Regarding the Newsletter, Ken asked for input from the Public Safety Committee, which Karen agreed to spearhead.

Mike Henry said that the Zoning and Planning Committee is working on the issue of Neighborhood notification started with the help of Doug Farquhar. On May 8th, CPD will have a meeting on “Citizen Involvement in the Planning Process.” Mike and Dave Webster met with the Urban Land Institute’s Denver Chapter Chairperson at the invitation of Peter Park. Mike believes that the URL is made up mostly of “enlightened” developers who focus primarily on large in-fill projects. They are concerned that, quite often, communication with neighborhoods evolves into confrontation rather than dialogue. Mike’s intention is to have ZAP facilitate calmer discussions about density and development. Larry Ambrose suggested that there should be national models to look to for these types of issues.

Karen reported that the Mayor’s Graffiti Executive Oversight Committee is making headway. She asked that information regarding the importance of painting over graf—

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The INC Zoning and Planning (ZAP) committee met April 26th. Tom Moore of the Community Corrections office of the Department of Safety spoke about increasing the number of beds allowed in certain Community Corrections facilities for persons upon release from prison. The present 60-bed limit is unrealistic for some locations that could safely handle more, and the need is great. The Department has met with all Registered Neighborhood Organizations (RNOs) near the facilities involved. A proposed ordinance will have a hearing in early June that would allow each Community Corrections facilities in the industrial districts to increase their capacity to 120 beds.

Adrian Brown of Baker Historic Neighborhood spoke about a recent zoning problem there that involved a site that is partly in the historic district and partly not. Ultimately, the Landmark Commission made a deal with the developer to allow the construction of a 30-story building that the neighborhood had opposed. The developer filed a suit against the neighborhood to recover what it cost him to fight to get the okay. The suit was dismissed but a number of neighbors are now “turned off” by this nastiness. Mr. Brown suggests there should be a permanent City or State fund and insurance to cover RNOs that are threatened with such lawsuits.

Scott Robson, Deputy Manager of the Parks and Recreation (P/R) Department, who will become Acting Manager with the imminent departure of Kim Bailey, spoke about plans at P/R. These include projects in the recent bond issue that has $93 million for P/R. Work to improve playgrounds will make them more interactive, with “learning landscapes” and better safety. The Mountain Parks master plan will soon be finished. He stated that input from RNOs to P/R is critical in making decisions. Citizen input is needed in the establishment of any parks conservancy group. Former P/R co-Manager Carolyn Etter advised that P/R emphasizes the total distribution of resources for all city and mountain parks, for we all own all the parks. She urged dissolution of the Admission-Based Registration and Notification Ordinance and its implementation in Denver city government.

Barbara Frommell and Steve Gordon of the Community Planning and Development (CPD) Department spoke about the “State of the Neighborhood” program whereby reports of yearly data and indicators of trends for each neighborhood can be published. This will help CPD allocate resources. A pilot project of five neighborhoods is set for this year. With regard to the Landmark Commission (LC), interviews will be held in June to fill vacancies and more staff will be involved as the work of the LC is more.

ZAP Priorities

The INC Zoning and Planning Committee has adopted the following committee priorities for 2008. The committee generally meets from 9:30 a.m. to noon on the fourth Saturday of each month. Contact Michael Henry, chair of the committee, for any information at 303-377-6609.

1. Continue to participate in, monitor, and share information with neighborhoods about Zoning Code Update.
2. Continue to work with the Community Planning and Development Department and City Council to implement the recommendations from the 2005 INC residential zoning and construction subcommittee.
3. Continue to advocate completion and implementation of the Denver Strategic Transportation Plan.
4. Continue to monitor upcoming vacancies on Denver boards and commissions and task forces affecting zoning and planning issues and recommend neighborhood-friendly members or prospective members.
5. Monitor implementation of the 2007 bond projects.
6. Advocate for a comprehensive citywide policy for the maintenance and installation of safe city sidewalks.
7. Advocate for an ordinance that will reduce noise impacts of construction in residential and mixed-use neighborhoods.
9. Advocate for the improvement of the Neighborhood Registration and Notification Ordinance and its implementation.
10. Advocate for standardization and improvement of processes for citizen involvement in planning in all city departments.

From the Chair

Members of the INC Executive Committee (EC) and Committee Chairs are having our annual meeting with the Mayor on May 12th. The primary purpose of this meeting is to discuss substantive citywide issues, particularly regarding Mr. Hickenlooper’s promised changes and improvements. If you have a question or a citywide issue you would like the EC to raise, please email me right away.

On another topic, one of INC’s primary purposes is to facilitate communications among INC member organizations. As such, the INC monthly newsletter is intended to reach as wide an audience as possible. It is distressing to speak to RNO members who do not receive the INC newsletter from their President. I would implore each President to forward the INC newsletter to your respective memberships when you receive it. Thank you in advance!

Lastly, did you know that you can get an email notification from Denver Environmental Health at least 24 hours

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Capitol Hill United Neighbors (CHUN) – CHUN supported new homelessness and housing dialogue with four meetings in the neighborhood. The Easter Egg Hunt had over 70 children participating. The People’s Fair will be the first weekend in June. A motion passed supporting 200+ units of Denver’s Road Home.

Cherry Point Homeowners – Cherry Point will hold a neighborhood block party on May 30th.

City Park—Dear friends, artists, performers, and supporters of the City Park Festival of the Arts: The City Park Neighborhood proudly announces the 8th Annual City Park Festival of the Arts on Sunday, July 20th from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Ferril Lake in City Park with the City Park Jazz concert to follow at 7 p.m. This will be the best year ever! Join us. Paul Weiss, City Park Festival of the Arts, 2008@cityparkfestival.org, 720-548-8934

Cook Park – Cook Park will hold their annual “neighborhood block party” on May 30th.

Curtis Park Neighbors (CPN) – Curtis Park is beginning a large landmarking process involving volunteers who would like to pursue landmarking of their blocks. The process began with a successful potluck/information meeting attended by nearly 90 neighbors. Xcel Energy and CPN are engaged in a positive and productive discussion about the Xcel substation at 24th Avenue and California Street. We will be hosting an education meeting in May.

Denver Parks and Recreation (DPR) – Earth Day Fair, April 22nd, Civic Center Park, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Willis Case club House Master Plan Meeting, April 23rd at Scheitler Recreation Center, 6 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. Spring Safety Fair in Washington Park, May 10th, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Girls Golf Tournament, May 12th Fundraiser. Manager Kim Bailey has taken a new position with Outward Bound U.S.A. and will be leaving DPR on May 27th.

Historic Five Points – The Five Points Community rolls out the Red Carpet to welcome Denver Jazz legends to the 5th Annual Five Points Jazz Festival. Save the date: May 17th, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. for an afternoon of fun filled music and food. The neighborhood newsletter has expanded with a journalism program for Manual High School. The kickoff is with News4/CBS High School Journalism Day 2008.

Lowry United Neighbors (LUN) – Plans for the Hangar (II) have been proposed that includes retail and storage. These will maintain the Hangar as a whole. An all-Lowry garage sale is planned for residents on Saturday, June 7th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Signs will be everywhere. Donations will be accepted at 40 South Quebec Way from Wednesday to Saturday for anyone who has homes yet does not want a sale but wants to help the LUN.

Mayfair Park N.A. – No known break-ins this month, only a couple of homes for sale, but the closing of White-man School next year is still a concern.

Old San Rafael N.O. – Demolition of Children’s Hospital has begun. Ogden Street will be closed between 18th Avenue and 20th Avenue for about a month as sewer work is completed to serve the redevelopment of the site. San Rafael’s OD-9 overlay district received the unanimous ap-

Data Corrections
Keep INC informed of changes in your organization’s president and delegates. Notify the membership chair at 303-798-9306 or kbeaudrie@totalspeed.net
Organizations and persons not affiliated with INC should also communicate their desire to obtain this newsletter or submit address changes to the editor at 303-798-9306 or kbeaudrie@totalspeed.net

May 2008 Denver Neighborhood Connection 5
Very special thank-yous go to the Denver League of Woman Voters Education Fund and Kiwanis of Denver Foundation for their donations to the 2008 Dictionary Drive. Many of us are working to increase our fundraising. Every individual and group donation helps with our efforts. All donations are placed in an interest-bearing savings account and are restricted to the INC Dollar Dictionary Drive. All donations are tax deductible.

Our first goal is to pay for this year's project. Our second goal is to be well on the way to paying for next year's project.

In addition to individual and group donations, the best way to help with this fundraising effort is to spread the word through your newsletters and by distributing our brochure to your family, friends, coworkers, and neighbors. Call or email Steve Nissen for brochures.

Although there will be fewer DPS elementary schools for the 2008 school year, over 7,000 third-grade students will be ecstatic to receive their own dictionary and thesaurus. Seeing each student receive their books next fall is the vision. I hope each of you can participate at one school to see their engaging smiles. Our project-cost per student is $3.00 for the books. Volunteer time is not included. Can we count on you to help reach our goals?

Thank you all for your contributions and support. By providing these life-long learning tools consisting of a dictionary and a thesaurus of their own to our DPS third-grade students, they can help themselves to literacy and learning.

2007 Donors
Many individual donations
Alamo Placita Neighbors Association
Bow-Mar Heights Improvement Association
Civic Association of Clayton
Harkness Heights Neighborhood Association
Hutchinson Hills/Willow Point HO
Inter-Neighborhood Kiwanis of Denver Foundation
League of Woman Voters Education Fund
Mayfair Neighbors
Optimist Club of Monaco
South Stapleton Master Community
Wyman Historic District Neighborhood Association

Donations can be sent to:
Dollar Dictionary Drive
PO Box 18347
Denver, CO 80218

www.neighborhoodlink.com/denver/inc Click on “Dollar Dictionary Committee”

Fundraising for RNOs
The INC Beer-booth at the People’s Fair is a fundraising opportunity for INC member RNOs. Each year, INC sponsors a beer booth at the People's Fair that is scheduled this year for June 7th and 8th, Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The booth is staffed by INC member RNO volunteers. In return for helping INC, volunteers receive $10 to donate to their RNO. One volunteer from your RNO returns $10 for your RNO. Ten volunteers from your RNO returns $100 for your RNO! This is a great opportunity to have FUN(!) and make money serving beer. INC needs people for late morning, mid-afternoon, and late afternoon shifts—about 3.5 hours per shift. Collect up some folks from your RNO and contact Karen Cuthbertson or Diane Wolta (dewol99@hotmail.com).

More specific details will follow.
INC Letter to DPR

April 12, 2008

Ms. Kim Bailey
Denver Department of Parks and Recreation
201 West Colfax Avenue, Department 601
Denver, CO 80202

Dear Ms. Bailey:

On April 12, 2008, the delegation of Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation, a network of more than 80 registered neighborhood organizations in Denver, including the undersigned delegates, voted to express to you and others in the Department of Parks and Recreation that INC greatly appreciates the effective and tireless work of the Department’s Community Liaison, Joan Wilson. Joan faithfully attends almost every INC meeting and presents complete information about the many Parks and Recreation activities of interest to neighborhoods. In addition, she sends regular and informative e-mails to neighborhood groups and is always helpful in trying to obtain information and solve problems.

Good Neighbor Workshop

Awilda Marquez, Director of Excise and Licenses (E&L), and INC are hosting a workshop on crafting Good Neighbor Agreements (GNA). GNAs are negotiated between registered neighborhood organizations and liquor license applicants and can be attached to the license application. If you would like to get in-depth information on the process and timeline with applicants and E&L, GNA requirements, how to assemble the piece-parts for different license types, and more, please mark your calendars for May 29th from 4 to 6 p.m. and r.s.v.p. to Karen. (Location information will follow.)

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· Motion: “INC should communicate to the City Council its support of the proposed amendments to the City’s noise ordinance, particularly the reduction of the time on weekends during which construction noise is allowed. The current ordinance allows construction noise on Saturday and Sunday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. The proposed change would allow construction noise on Saturdays and Sundays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.” The motion was seconded. With little discussion, the motion passed with 28 delegates voting in favor, two opposed, and one abstention.

· Motion: “INC should communicate to the Mayor and the Manager of the Community Planning and Development Department that INC a) is saddened and concerned about the loss of three very capable, expert, hardworking, and community-oriented staff members of the Landmark Preservation Commission, Alice Gilbertson, Chris Murata, and Everett Shigeta and b) urges the Mayor and CPD to quickly recruit replacements and maintain and strengthen the mission and competency of the Commission staff including an education component about the value of historic preservation in Denver, a citywide inventory of historic resources, and a proactive systematic effort to protect them.” The motion was seconded and passed by acclamation.

Cathy Fisher spoke regarding the Dollar Dictionary Drive and urged neighborhood organizations to be forthcoming with donations. The dictionaries and thesauruses actually cost $3 each and the annual cost of distribution is more than $25,000. So far about $5,200 has been raised. Dave Webster announced a $1,000 donation from the Kiwanis Club.

After an always-informative session of Around the City, the meeting was adjourned at precisely 12:00 p.m.

INC Letter to Several

April 12, 2008

Dear Mayor Hickenlooper, Mr. Park, Mr. Shigeta, Ms. Murata and Ms. Gilbertson:

On April 12, 2008, the delegation of Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation, including the undersigned delegates, voted to express to you that INC:

1) is very saddened and concerned about the loss of three very capable, expert, hardworking and community-oriented staff members of the Denver Landmark Preservation Commission, Everett Shigeta, Chris Murata and Alice Gilbertson. These employees have brought great credit to the City and County of Denver, the Landmark Preservation Commission and the cause of historic preservation in Denver and their loss will not be forgotten;

2) urges the Mayor and CPD to quickly recruit replacements and maintain and strengthen the mission and competency of the Landmark Preservation Commission staff, including an education component about the value of historic preservation in Denver and a citywide inventory of historic resources and a proactive systematic effort to protect them. INC would like to help and be part of any such efforts.

Copies to: Landmark Commission members, City Council, Molly Urbina, Mary Chandler, Joanne Ditmer, Historic Denver, Colorado Preservation, Inc.
The current concessionaire at the City Park Pavilion, KM Concessions, already has a license to serve spirituous alcohol at special private events within the walls of the Pavilion and its west balcony. This proposed action would merely enable the venue to continue to offer the same level of service when DPR takes over operations in June 2008.

3. Adding the consumption (but not sale) of spirituous liquor to these Event Facility Locations (The Molkery’, Chief Hosa and City Park Pavilion).

This proposed policy change does not involve the sale of spirituous alcohol, but would allow it to be served at events (i.e., weddings) where people have taken out an Events Facilities permit. Although the Washington Park Boathouse is an Event Facility location, it will not allow spirituous alcohol, but will continue to allow beer, wine and champagne at appropriately permitted private events.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT & OUTREACH

While DPR has conducted significant outreach about the proposed changes and a public hearing, we respect your concerns and want to ensure that everyone who is interested in this issue has the opportunity to be heard. The May 8, 2008, public hearing date cannot be changed since it has already been widely publicized; however, DPR has agreed to extend the public comment period an additional 15 days. Denver residents who are unable to participate in the May public hearing can submit written comments to DPR by May 23, 2008. No final decisions will be made before the public comment period ends.

Given the concerns expressed in your letter, we feel it is important to describe to you the public outreach that DPR has conducted on these proposed community-driven policy changes.

All Council members who have a park affected by the proposed changes in their council district were contacted about the proposed changes. Based on City Council feedback and input, the proposed changes were reevaluated and modified to accommodate specific requests, namely the Washington Park Boathouse was deleted from the Event Facility Permit list and Cheesman Park was removed from the Special Occasion Permit site list.

DPR conducted a presentation on the proposed changes to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) on March 13, 2008, and another — including a public hearing is scheduled with the PRAB for May 8, 2008. In addition, DPR met with both the Stapleton United Neighborhood Association and the Stapleton Development Corporation Board in March. Both groups wholeheartedly supported the proposed changes.

Information on the proposed changes and May 8, 2008, public hearing was posted to the City of Denver’s website on March 5, 2008, and several online community calendars. DPR also followed section 39-1 of the Denver Municipal Code by posting notice of the public meeting in the March 24, 2008, edition of the Denver Daily Journal, the official publication of the City of Denver. While the DPR Alcohol Policy is independent of the Admission Based Special Events Policy, I am also told that these proposed changes were discussed at the April 7th Admission Based Special Events Policy Task Force meeting where INC Secretary Larry Ambrose was present.

The forthcoming April issue of the DPR monthly e-newsletter sent to all council members, registered neighborhood organizations and approximately 1,000 citizens will include information on the proposed changes, public hearing and public comment period. While DPR felt that the April 25th newsletter to RNOs more than fulfilled the Denver Municipal Code’s 10-day advance notification requirement before the May 8, 2008, public hearing, particularly given the widespread community outreach that had already taken place we have reminded them that the Mayor’s Office Neighborhood Liaison is a resource to get information out to INC and the RNOs whenever needed. Again, the public comment period has now been extended to May 23, 2008, providing everyone who wants to be heard on this issue the opportunity to do so.

Thank you for your input as we move forward in this process.

Sincerely, John W. Hickenlooper, Mayor

Whether your RNO agrees or disagrees with DPR’s proposed plan, now is the time to formulate your response. Again, the deadline is May 23rd.

A motion was made nominating Paul Bennington of the Old San Rafael Neighborhood Association as Vice-chair of the Executive Committee of INC. After being seconded, the motion carried by acclamation.

Councilwoman Marcia Johnson addressed the longstanding concerns of INC regarding the fate of the Strategic Transportation Plan being developed by Denver Public Works. Johnson, who serves on Council’s Public Works Committee, said the Plan should “see the light of day” by June 1st. Public Works will be now doing “6-year plans” so that what is planned this year will extend out to the year 2014.

Dave Webster, now heading up INC’s Transportation Committee, reported a first meeting would be held in the next two weeks.

The Zoning and Planning Committee Chair, Mike Henry, reported that the Zoning Code Task Force is actually making serious progress and that sustainability and affordable housing issues will be included in recommendations for changing Denver’s old zoning code. Mike is also heading up an effort to improve the RNO notification ordinance.

Mike presented the following motions:

Motion: “INC should communicate to the management of the Denver Parks and Recreation Department its great appreciation for the effective and tireless work of
Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation
2008 Membership Application

INC is a consortium of Denver neighborhood representatives who believe that neighborhood organizations deserve a greater participation in city government and possess a shared vision that individual neighborhoods are stronger when they work together and learn from one another. **To join as a member neighborhood organization, the organization must be registered with the city as a Registered Neighborhood Organization. Log on to denvergov.org for details. The names of Patron members and associates are listed in bold in our newsletter.**

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fiti as quickly as possible be included in these minutes. Residents can sign release forms that allow the City to paint over graffiti on private property. These forms are now available online at www.denvergov.org. Paint is available from Denver Public Works. Anthony Thomas pointed out that paint is also available at Cop Shops.

Steve Nissen reported that the Dollar Dictionary has $6,842.57 in its account. Brochures have been printed at half the cost from last year. There is no location yet for distribution of the dictionaries and thesauruses.

Anthony Thomas suggested that people should be encouraged to bring to each General Membership Meeting a canned good for donation to a food bank or to Project Angel Heart. It was agreed that this was a great idea and that it will be promoted monthly in the Newsletter.

Al Habercorn, Steve, and Karen will constitute the Audit Committee. Karen said the group would meet soon.

Don Tressler and Larry Ambrose will co-chair the Parks Committee. Scott Robson, Acting Director of Parks and Recreation, will at the ZAP meeting on April 26th.

Larry reported on a meeting regarding the INC web site and email policy that he, Karen, and Ken attended. Larry points out that INC is an organization the purpose of which is primarily to communicate. He is advocating that an INC web site be put in place that is more user friendly and interactive per current day standards and that it be marketed in a manner so that people know about it and use it regularly to communicate. INC does not currently have a policy on what information is sent to members via email. Ken believes information sent out should be based on the relevance of its contents and not upon who authored it. Larry pointed out that forwarding an email could be an implicit endorsement. He believes that in most cases the City should be using their own resources before asking INC to be their messenger. Larry thinks policy should somehow be designed to consider content, sender, relevance to INC, and whether sender is a INC member. The group agreed a policy is needed and to continue gathering information and ideas.

Karen will continue to work on 2008 Executive Committee goals. Ken suggested that she look at the notes from a retreat held in 2006.

Members of the Committee reported on contacting RNOs that had not rejoined INC in 2008.

Larry was asked to redistribute the revised Bylaws to the Executive Committee.

There was a discussion regarding the dearth of neighborhood appointments to City boards and commissions. It was agreed that a concerted effort would be made to recruit nominees from INC delegates and member RNOs to fill vacancies on boards and commissions and to follow up with the City to lobby for their appointment.

Larry reported on the Admission Based Special Event Policy Task Force subcommittee meetings. It is the intent of the City, at the instigation AEG, to allow for-profit entities to sell alcohol in Festival Parks. This would be done without the involvement of non-profits, which to this point, have been the only entities allowed by law to obtain a liquor license for a special event.

A fellow member of the Task Force happened to see a notice of a public hearing on the Parks and Recreation website and sent it to Larry. The hearing will be on May 8th at La Alma Recreation Center and, according to the official notice, in part pertains to making Cheeseman Park into a “Festival Park” where alcohol could be served. No mention of any additional sites had been made at the ABSEP meetings. (Editor's note: See the Mayor’s letter on the title page.) A discussion followed wherein it was moved that INC Executive Committee write a letter to the Mayor and Council asking that the public hearing be postponed to allow our membership to be better informed about changes proposed to the Parks Alcohol Policy. The basis for this letter would be an objection to the process involved notification for these changes. Postponement would also allow time for deleges to decide if INC should take a position on any possible revisions. The motion passed by acclamation. A draft will be circulated for the Committees comments and edits before it is sent to City officials and to Parks and Recreation Advisory Board members.

Under Old Business:
Committee members were asked to think about and prepare questions and talking points to be discussed at the meeting with Mayor Hickenlooper, May 12th from 10 to 11 a.m. Billie asked the Committee to consider what its top three priorities would be in such a discussion.

A possible topic for the INC Delegate Workshops will be “Opposing Liquor Licenses/Supporting Good Neighbor Agreements”.

The General Membership meeting in May will be at either Cameron Methodist Church or the Ford Building. (Editor’s note: It is at the Cameron Church). June’s meeting will be at Denver Water. Mike reported on a 30-minute film he saw on Channel 8 about a xeriscape garden created in a street median in the Baker Neighborhood. He suggested that it might be made part of a future program. The Mayor’s Neighborhood Conference will be June 28th.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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before outdoor application of pesticides in your neighborhood park? If you would like to have the opportunity to take precautions, such as closing windows and keeping children or pets away from sprayed areas, register for notification by calling 720-865-5417 or send an email request to sharon.armijo@denvergov.org. You can also get an email or text notification reminder to park your car off the street for street sweeping. Visit www.mymotormaid.com to register for that e-message.

Happy Spring! Karen Cuthbertson

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broadly built in to CPD. Three urban design architects are stepping in to assist.

Keith Pryor of Curtis Park, Co-Chairman of the Community Improvement Districts working group, spoke of the need to rewrite the present ordinance that deals with maintenance more than improvement. The working-group is considering “more mixed use environments” and will draft a rewrite of the ordinance. Your feedback is welcome, to haydenpryor@msn.com.

Billie Bramhall announced that Denver Public Schools and the Urban Land Institute will hold a meeting May 28th and 29th regarding disposition of DPS surplus properties. RNOs near these properties will be notified and asked for input.

The ZAP subcommittee on citizen planning will meet at 7 p.m. on May 8th. The focus is on ways to obtain correct RNO information for city notification use and how to work on city matters with CPD, the Mayor, and city agencies in a cooperative, respectful, and meaningful way.

The next ZAP meeting will be Saturday, May 17th, a week earlier than usual.

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No citizens voiced opposition. The old Pierre’s Supper Club near Downing Street and East 22nd Avenue has been re-opened as a gay Irish pub named the “Wilde Bar” after Oscar Wilde. The new owner appears to be quite responsible but parking may be a problem for nearby homeowners.

Overland N.A. – Overland will hold their 2nd annual “yard sale” on June 7th. Overland is involved in a current transportation-oriented-development at the Evans Station.

Park Forest Neighborhood – Park Forest is holding a garage/yard sale on May 3rd and 4th from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. located off Dayton Street east of Windsor Gardens. A community picnic will be held on June 7th at Bezoff Park. Please r.s.v.p to Jerry at 303-204-7402 if you plan to attend the picnic.

Windsor Gardens – Construction has begun on our new maintenance facility at Dayton Street and Center Avenue. The building is about 40-percent complete. In due course, there are plans to have Windsor Gardens deed a portion of the maintenance property to the City in order to allow Virginia Avenue to be extended to Dayton Street connecting Havana Avenue to Dayton Street.
8:30 a.m.
Coffee and Chat

9:00 a.m.
Welcome from Councilman Nevitt

9:05 a.m.
Welcome and Platt Park History from Sharon Withers, President Platt Park People’s Association and Jim Lindberg

9:15 a.m.
Regina Huerter
Crime Control and Prevention Commission Update

9:30 a.m.
Penelope Zeller
Stabilizing High-foreclosure Neighborhoods

9:45 a.m.
Susan Foley
Denver Foreclosure Initiatives and Research Results

10:30
Break

10:45 a.m.
Committee Reports

11:00 a.m.
Around the City

Meeting Saturday
May 10th
The public is welcome to attend.

Cameron Church
1600 S Pearl Street
See map on page 11

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