NEXT MEETING
Saturday, July 10
9:00 am
The Heritage Club
2020 S. Monroe
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Hosted by University Park
Community Council

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
by Beverly Benavides Ryken, Secretary, June 12, 1999

INC Chairman Dick Bjurstrom convened the meeting at 9:15 a.m. Virginia Village/Ellis Community Association hosted.

NEW BUSINESS
John Coles discussed a new Internet-based computer training program for individual users that ZipDucks at 2DUC.com is offering. It consists of over 400 computer classes, via the Internet, for the next year for a nominal cost of $40 per person. There must be at least 100 individuals to sign up for this program to receive this rate.

Dick Bjurstrom discussed the absence of Jennifer Moulton from this month’s general meeting. He hopes to schedule a meeting with Mayor Webb regarding the issue of city agencies working with INC.

OLD BUSINESS
The Board of Adjustment (BOA) denied the request to erect a sign at 2290 S. Colorado Blvd. Chairman Dick Bjurstrom was asked to attend the monthly BOA meeting and speak on behalf of INC regarding this issue for Warren University Neighborhood Association.

AROUND THE CITY
Organized Baker Residents (OBR)— OBR will be hosting their 10th Annual Garage Sale on June 25, 1999. Local newspapers will print new starting points and a map is available. RTD is scheduled to have mini buses to shuttle people around the neighborhood. A carnival will be held on July 10, 1999 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the La Familia Recreation Center, 65 S. Elati. There will be activities for both children and adults. Including clown acts and entertainment. Nuisance Abatement is working—local bar on S. Broadway is working on an agreement with the city to fix up the site and clean up drug problems.

Bellevue-Hale Neighborhood Association— Submitted request for new City mini grant for communication about handicapped access playground and park upgrades for Lindsey Park. The Association would appreciate any information on great vendors, plans, and ways to get their neighbors to help. They are hoping to piggyback onto the Beacon Club for the Colfax improvements from Colorado Blvd to Yosemite. The Association is holding their July 16th meeting at Lindsay Park.

East Montclair Neighborhood Association (EMNA)— EMNA opposes the widening of Quebec St. between 118th & 23rd Avenues. They will pursue Yosemite St. north to I-70 as relief for Quebec St. Land and water fund of the Rockies is working with the EMNA Board to encourage the Air Force to speed up the cleanup of the TCE plume coming from Lowry. The EMNA Board is also keeping an eye on the first group of Stapleton Development housing to be built along Montview Blvd, east of Quebec.

Overland Neighborhood Association— We would like to thank all of you for your best wishes and support with the Shattuck chemical site and their hopes of getting the rock pile moved out.

This last month INC participated in several important special events. In a twist of fate all of the events fell on the same day and therefore really stretched the resources of our organization. I’m happy to report that all went smoothly and that INC can be proud of all the people that helped staff these functions. Let’s take a closer look at what INC did last month.

The first event that took place on June 5th was the Neighborhood Resource Center statewide convention. This was an all day get together with neighborhood groups from around the state. INC had a table featuring our Dollar Dictionary Drive. While we did not raise a huge amount of money, we did have many people stop by and compliment us on our efforts and ask how they could

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INC AT THE PEOPLE'S FAIR
by Dick Bjurstrom

Andrew Hudson of the Mayor's Office and Jim Ritchford of INC working together to heat the air.

Photo: Dictionary Drive booth fast.
Chairman’s Column
by Dick Bjurstrom

For several months we’ve been discussing how to strengthen the committee structure at INC. Both the board and I feel that one of the keys to improving INC as an organization is to revitalize the committees that are currently in place. Here are a few tips to help make this program a more successful in the coming months.

All members need to come prepared to participate. Look over the list of committees in this newsletter and pick out one that is of interest to you or to your neighborhood. Contact the committee chair and see how he sees the mission of that committee. Ask how you can fit into that structure. I’m sure he or she will be glad you asked to help.

Be aware of meeting outside of INC that concerns your chosen committee. I know we all are inundated with meetings, but if you can go to a meeting in your committee area and then bring the information you receive back to your committee it makes INC that much more aware of what is going on in the city.

Bring your neighborhoods concerns to committees you don’t sit on. You can talk to other committee chairs or officers about concerns your neighborhood has. Often your problems are ones that other areas of the city are going through or already have gone through. More times than not just asking around will get a solution to your problem. If not that committee might start working on a solution.

Lastly be an active member. Speak up during the Day and during committee meetings. You never know when you might have the solutions to seemingly unsolvable problems.

These are just a few suggestions that could help make our committee structure and INC a stronger organization. Please feel free to bring your own ideas on this topic to the next meeting.
UPCOMING MEETING
July 10, 1999
9:00 am

The Heritage Club
2020 S. Monroe

AGENDA:
9:00
Coffee & Chat
9:15
Around the City
10:15
Committee Meetings & Reports
10:45
Break
11:00
Jennifer Moulton
Director, Dept. of Community Planning & Development

NOT A MISPRINT! We will once again try to have Jennifer Moulton present.

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS
by Jim Ritzdorf

At our June meeting INC received membership dues from Curtis Park Neighbors, Indian Creek Neighborhood Association and North Downtown District, Inc. We continue to gain membership. INC currently has 46 registered neighborhood associations as members; let's work together to reach the goal of 100 neighborhoods as 1999 members of INC.

I recently attended a fund-raising auction for Columbine High School. Tom Sullivan, a nationally recognized motivational speaker, spoke of becoming proactive rather than reactive. Many of his comments could be directed toward INC and the neighborhoods we steward just as easily as toward the Columbine community. There hasn't been a catastrophic event in our neighborhoods like that which occurred at Columbine, but we continue to see a decline in neighborhood participation. If we continue to be reactive to city, state and national issues, we as neighborhoods will never be in a position to positively affect these issues. On the other hand, if we as an organization strive to increase membership and increase our participation proactively with the city, we will be in a much better position to deal with not only smaller events but also to deal with the “catastrophic event,” whatever that may be.

We have also received subscription duess from the League of Women Voters and the Neighborhood Resource Center. The board wants to acknowledge the help other organizations are interested enough in INC to pay for a subscription to our newsletter.

INC MEMBERS (Patrons capitalized)
(GOAL: 100 in '99)

Alamo Placita NA
Beacon Club
Bellevue Hale NA
Berkeley NA
Cherry Point NA
CUHN (Capitol Hill United Neighbors)
Clayton NA
College View NA
Cook Park NA
Cory/Merrill NA
Country Club Historic Neighborhood, Inc.
Curtis Park Neighbors
Denver Market NA
Downtown Denver RO
East Montclair NA
East Washington Park NA
George Washington Home Owners Association
GREATER PARK HILL COMMUNITY, INC.
Harkness Heights NA
Harman NA
Highland United Neighbors, Inc.
HISTORIC MONTCLAIR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.
HUTCHINSON HILLS/WILLOW POINT HOMEOWNERS
Indian Creek Neighborhood Association
Inspiratoin Point NA
Lower Downtown District, Inc.
Mayfair Neighbors, Inc.
Mayfair Park NA
Metro Denver Local Development Corp.
North City Park
Civic Association
North Downtown District, Inc.
Organized Baker Residents Overland NA
Park Hill for Safe Neighborhood
Sloan's Lake Citizens Group
Sonny Lawson Park NA
South Gaylord NA
South Jackson Street NA
Stokes Place-Green Bowers Home Owners Association
Sunnyside United Neighbors, Inc.
UNIVERSITY PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Virginia Village Community Association
Warrens University Community Council
West Highland NA
West University Community Association
Whittier NA

For membership information, call Jim Ritzdorf at (303) 322-7058.
INC TO STAFF LODO MUSIC BEER BOOTH

DENVER RESIDENTS PUT TRASH IN ITS PLACE!

GOOD NEIGHBORING MONTH

The numbers are in and Denver residents really cleaned up May 22, when they delivered more than 900 tons of trash to City trucks as part of the Great American Cleanup. More than 4,000 people participated in the annual citywide event, doing everything from graffiti removal to cleaning up alleys and vacant lots.

Keep Denver Beautiful, a program of Denver Public Works/Solid Waste Management, sponsored the spring cleanup and coordinated 22 rearloaders at 11 collection sites throughout the City. A total of 804 individual truckloads were brought to the sites.

Breakdown by area:
28th and Holly 5 loads
Colfax and Pearl 30 loads
35th and Dahlia 20 loads
48th and Chambers Rd. 200 loads
26th and Williams 30 loads
46th and Clay 25 loads
35th and Julian 21 loads
S. Clay and Evans 130 loads
North High School 230 loads
30th and Lincoln 65 loads
23rd and Tennyson 65 loads

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Virginia Village/Ellis Community Association—The best idea the association has had to contribute to neighbors is to get new people to attend their regular monthly meetings is to purchase real estate type signs that advertise “Your community association monthly meetings are (date, time & location).” These signs can be purchased for approximately $200 for 7 signs. The Association attendance has increased by several new people at each meeting.

Cory-Merrill Neighborhood Association—Pop-top cupholders are the priority for Board members to concentrate on for zoning issues. They are dedicated to learning more on zoning laws and educate their neighbors at the same time. The Association recently elected new officers and looks forward to having one of their best years yet.

Last Washington Park Neighborhood Association—EPWN will be having a neighborhood meeting on June 23rd, from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. at the Denver Academy, 1101 S. Race. The Association would like to encourage Good Neighboring from p. 4

is offering full-color blank block maps for residents to fill out with important information about their neighbors. These block maps have included emergency phone numbers, names of every resident, special skills of the people, and pets for each household. The block map effort aims to create networks in every neighborhood in metro Denver.

For more information about the Good Neighboring Project or for your free Good Neighboring Kit, block map or grant application contact the Neighborhood Resource Center at (303) 561-2204.

the group’s vision for their neighborhood. Specifically, there are concerns for maintaining the neighborhood’s character and architectural integrity.

West University Community Association—The EPA has discovered that the cap on the water pipeline in Overland is cracking, further fueling the Association’s concerns about the existing “solution.” The Association has concerns about the flowing water.

The accompanying Safety Fair will feature demonstrations and exhibits by Colorado Urban Search and Rescue, Denver Fire and Denver Police. Safety Fair visitors can receive handouts on family preparedness, fire safety, electrical safety, and severe weather safety, and more.

The training will include basic adult infant/child CPR instruction and will be offered in Spanish and English. The program is designed for all family members over 13 years of age. Training will be provided by staff members from the American Red Cross and the American Heart Association.

Free parking will be available.

Admission to the Safety Fair is free.

CPR admission will cost $5.00, and includes a free t-shirt.

COMMUNITY SAFETY FAIR & CPR DAY
Saturday, August 28
8:30 am - 3:00 pm
McNichols Sports Arena

For the third year, the Metro Denver CPR Task Force is sponsoring a one-day Community Safety Fair combined with CPR training for the citizens of Denver and surrounding areas.

Thanks to all the INC friends and volunteer staff who staffed the beer booth at The People’s Fair. In spite of the weather, our volunteers showed up to serve— and pour. Two neighborhoods that participated with more than 15 volunteers from each, Organized Baker and North City Park Civic Association, will each receive funds for their efforts. INC owes a special thank you to those of you who helped out and were not financially rewarded. It is the individual volunteers who fill the shifts, making it possible for INC to continue training Neighborhood Watch Volunteers and therefore to offer the $500 awards to member organizations.

Well, now it’s time to round up volunteers again. INC will be staffing a beer booth at the LoDo Music Festival Friday and Saturday, July 16 and 17, 1999. The number of neighborhood associations have already signed up with the minimum number of 15 volunteers, but we still need additional volunteers. There will be two shifts each day: 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm, and 8:30 pm to midnight on Friday; and 8:30 pm to 7:30 pm, and 7:30 to midnight on Saturday. Volunteers are needed for all shifts (although the late shifts are the busiest and therefore the most fun to work, we seem to have a lot of early to bed members that don’t want to have that much fun.) If you would like to help INC raise money, meet new people, and gain free admission to the LoDo Music Festival, contact Fred Corn at (303) 433-8577.