

July INC Meeting Focuses on T-Rex

*By Jef Pirkey
Chair*

INC Transportation Committee

It's summer and T-Rex has officially begun. A contractor was chosen (South East Corridor Constructors), the Design-Build award was given and the design phase has started. The design-build concept means that the contractor will be designing 50%-70% of the project

immediately and then begin building as soon as possible.

Here, in West Washington Park, we're following the process closely, as we should since it affects our neighborhood profoundly. Our membership has risen and our Transportation Committee is in full swing researching how we can live through the construction, while creating a positive future in the face of this massive project in our backyard.

The schedule is a bit vague now, but initial construction will not start until this fall. Replacement of bridges in the 'Narrows' section will begin in spring, 2002. According to the bid, the contractor will be finished with the entire project in 2006. Of course there are prices to pay for the accelerated timeline, and it will be a mess. In the meantime, our neighborhood, along with other neighborhoods adjacent to the highway, are racing to find out what and how we can negotiate with the city, CDOT and SE Corridor Constructors in developing the process and strategies to positively affect the final design for enhanced access across the highway, the location, height, quality, aesthetics and design of sound barriers, and a host of other issues.

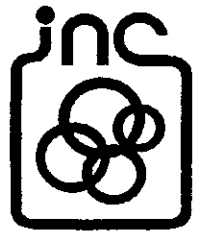
We've recently been informed who the contact person for our neighborhood will be. We're anxious to meet and work with her – each neighborhood along the highway will be assigned a contact person, specific to their neighborhood and it's issues. It sounds great, but the potential for dividing and conquering exists.

That's why it's important for all of the neighborhoods along the highway to realize that we are stronger as a large unit, working together with INC, than as single neighborhoods. In one-way or another, the highway expansion will affect every neighborhood in Denver. We'll have more leverage in negotiations with the city, CDOT and SE Corridor Constructors as a large cohesive group than as individual groups "only concerned about our stretch of the highway." Together with INC, we have increased clout with all parties.

But as neighborhood association members, it's just as important to do canvassing throughout the neighborhood to get a true picture of what your neighbors really do want. With consensus from your neighbors, our chances getting what we want out of this project rise dramatically. Without neighborhood consensus, our chances are slim.

INC's July 14, 2001 general membership meeting will focus on the structure and process for communications between neighborhoods and the SE Corridor Constructors. We have invited all the parties to the meeting and we have told them that we don't just want the usual dog and pony show. It's time for us to start talking about real public involvement and we're hoping that this meeting will help get things started.

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Neighborhoods Must Have More Information

*By Mike Henry
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INC Zoning and
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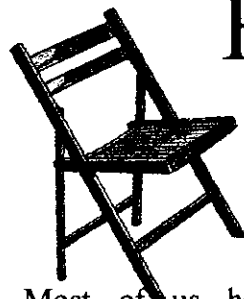
In recent weeks a number of important issues affecting neighborhoods have been coming, or will soon come before the Denver City Council, without adequate information being furnished to neighborhoods. Examples include:

1. An ordinance passed on June 18 which will allow 16 to 20 year olds to attend cabarets without being accompanied by a parent or guardian.
2. Proposals to amend the landmark designation ordinance.
3. An upcoming proposal to require new residential developments over a certain size to contain a certain percentage of "moderately priced dwelling units."

On June 23, 2001, the Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation Zoning and Planning Committee passed the following motion, which will be presented to the INC delegation on July 14:

"The Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation urges the Denver City

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From the Chair

*By Fred Corn
INC Chair*

Most of us heard recently about the new ordinance to allow teenagers into Denver cabarets. If you read the notes from the INC Zoning and Planning (ZAP) committee on the following page, you will see that most neighborhood organizations and activists were taken by surprise on this one. I, for one, did not know anything about the new ordinance or, for that matter, the whole debate about whether establishments with cabaret licenses should allow underage patrons in to hear music – but not consume alcohol – until I read about it in the newspaper. Well, the ZAP committee believes that the neighborhood notification system needs a little adjustment, and I think that they are right.

But laying aside the issue of notification, when the ordinance was passed City Council committed to creating a task force to study the issue during the 6-month period prior to the ordinance's sunset. Shortly thereafter, I received a call from Shelly Smith, Legislative Assistant to City Council, requesting that INC appoint a representative to the task force. After giving it a little thought, I called Shelly back and recommended Margot Crowe for

the task force.

For those of you who do not know Margot, she has been active at INC for many years, although not so much recently. Margot is a delegate from Colfax on the Hill. She was a delegate at large to INC when I first became involved with the organization, and I have always been impressed with the depth of her knowledge on many neighborhood issues, but particularly with liquor licensing issues. It seemed to me that here was the perfect opportunity to get Margot active again at INC. Now we can all look forward to hearing from Margot about the Task Force's progress during the coming months.

For me, one of the most important roles for INC is that of participating on committees and task forces as neighborhood representatives. As a city-wide neighborhood association we have repeatedly filled that niche. When our delegates sit on these committees, they bring a "neighborhood perspective" to the process. Of course they can't represent all neighborhood positions, which are as numerous as neighbors themselves. But if they attend INC and other

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Minutes Of June 9, 2001 Meeting And Around the City

**By Eddie Britt
INC Secretary**

The general meeting hosted by the Sloan Lake's Citizens Group hosted the INC forum focused on Public Safety. The meeting, attended by over forty individuals, focused primarily on safety issues dealing with traffic issues within the criminal code in the city charter. The four individuals in attendance were Captain of Traffic Operations, John W. Lamb; Ari Zavaras, Public Safety Manager; Presiding Judge, Ray Satter, and Roderick Juniel, the new Chief of the Fire Department. The new Councilman of District 6, Charlie Brown, made a special appearance.

The presiding judge discussed fine increases going into affect, while Ari Zavaras mentioned that evening problems regarding the Stanley Cup game 7 and the late concern of proper scheduling and planning issues with the safety team. Capt. Lamb talked about photo radar and trailer monitor uses and misconceptions, while also helping in the findings of averages and statistics of road usages and speeds. Fire Chief Juniel was introduced to the INC crowd for the first time since becoming the city's new head blaze controller.

The group was also introduced to new members of the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Response, which has decided to divide the workload in the office to representatives in four divided quadrants. In southwest Denver, the representative is Jeanne M. Labuda, and in northeast Denver, the chosen individual is Harold Brewer.

The INC general membership also held votes regarding Zoning Chair Michael Henry's letter, discussing three different issues. The first vote supporting the proposed 6 "quick win" ordinances for stable neighborhoods landed a 25-0 result while the ordinance on newspaper stands throughout the city being slightly restricted gathered a 21-2 vote. The third vote on sign ordinance enforcement throughout the city garnered a 22-1-3 outcome.

Around the City

Washington Park East N.A. - elected a new board of directors. Buck Mann is the new President, and Lynn Pressnall is the new Vice- President. Work on the LUTAC changes along with the BOA nominations keep going. Washington Park East NA is continuing the implementation phase of hiring consultants to resume the historic designation effort.

SUNI - is interested in developing an Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation action committee to revitalize the many small business districts in our neighborhoods. The assessments paid by the businesses in these districts are not being dispersed effectively back to the districts for maintenance and improvements.

Baker H.N.A. - a concern has arisen about the new trees planted along Broadway being ill or dead. Citizens of Baker are meeting concerning the proposed new city jail. The annual neighborhood garage sell is nearing.

Cherry Point H.A. - a new playground was built at Jefferson Park, as part of the neighborhood bond project. The neighborhood's big concern is the car traffic driving along Happy Canyon Road coming from the Tech Center.

Hampden South - a new playground is under construction at Rosamond Park. A planning workshop was held May 3, 2001 to get neighborhood input into the redesign of Hampden Ave. The neighborhood wants street improvements such as street trees, sidewalks, bus stops and crosswalks to create a more pedestrian friendly neighborhood.

University Park - would like to announce their pleasure in the numerous neighborhoods that participated with U. Park at the June 6th Land Use and Transportation Committee's Stable Area Workshop. 150 people attended the 3-hour workshop and it was a learning experience for all.

West University Community Association - Participated in the area stability workshop with University Park, and looking forward to the tools the city will develop. The neighborhood will be a part of the selection process for Denver University's consultant, for the master plan.

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Minutes and Around the City

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RTD/T-REX – A contractor has been selected and has been given notice to start. A more refined schedule will be available within a month or so. The study of the third line into downtown will include the affected neighborhoods and will be looking at multiple options in addition to the ones shown in the daily papers.

INC Board Meeting

The Board held its monthly meeting and discussed upcoming neighborhood forums regarding city issues. A major topic of discussion was the Mayor's unwillingness to meet with the INC group at any of this year's general meetings allegedly due to a busy schedule. Discussions after short committee announcements were held regarding the LODO Music Fest to be held July 13th & 14th and this year's upcoming Dollar Dictionary Drive.

INC's Zoning and Planning Committee on June 23 met at 1201 Williams St. to host a meeting regarding numerous issues. The chairman of the committee, Michael Henry, placed on the agenda discussion of the nuisance abatement program. In addition, further discussion of the six-neighborhood stabilization proposed zoning ordinances along with bulk-plane ordinances. The meeting concluded with an inclusionary zoning proposed ordinances being discussed by the Affordable Housing Task Force.

Special Note

I also would like to mention what a fabulous job Al Claudette Rue along with the rest of the North City Park group did hosting their annual party at the YMCA located at 31st and Madison. A crowd of over 100 individuals joined in the fun with a live Jazz performance conducted by a popular local act. State Sen. Penfield Tate III and State Rep. Rosemary Marshall made appearances also.

From the Chair

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neighborhood association meetings, and they report on the committee proceedings and get feedback from those groups, we can have enormous positive impact on our city. I applaud Councilwoman Elbra Wedgeworth, who is chairing the new Cabaret task force, for requesting INC involvement once again. I believe we have proven ourselves to be productive participants on similar committees and it is nice to see that some elected officials have recognized that fact.

Denver Combined Communications Center Hosts Open House July 28

The Denver Combined Communications Center is hosting an Open House on July 28, 2001 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 950 Josephine Street. Become familiar with the functions, goals, and operations of the Denver Combined Communication Center, including 911 concepts and the operations of Police, Fire, and EMS Dispatchers. Tour the communications Center and see the dispatchers in action! Visit with Denver Police K-9 officers, mounted patrol officers, and the Denver Police helicopter unit. Visit with paramedics, and receive valuable information and statistics for emergency and non-emergency call volume in the City and County of Denver. Refreshments will be served.

Send Us Your Newsletters!

News from your neighborhood newsletters will be re-printed in *Denver Neighborhood Connection* as space permits. Send your newsletters to Craig Eley, 3800 S. Peach Way, Denver, CO 80237

Treasurer's Report

By Joyce Goulet, INC Treasurer

INC Financial Report

July 2001

INFLOWS

Beer Booth*	\$ 1285.34
CHUN	2000.00
Memberships	3414.75
TOTAL INFLOWS	6700.09

OUTFLOWS

501(C)(3)	95.00
Box rental	50.00
Copies	266.15
Equip repair	195.69
Equipment	17.22
Gifts	154.69
Newsletter	2401.61
Office furn	53.60
Postage	789.00
Printing	266.63
Recreation	77.41
Reimbursements	133.17
To savings	1000.00

TOTAL

OUTFLOWS	5500.17
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OVERALL TOTAL	1199.92
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INC Savings	4316.00
Dollar Dictionary	4265.00

*About half the beer money is owed to the neighborhoods that poured the beer.

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Council to amend the neighborhood notification ordinance to include notification to all registered neighborhood organizations of proposed amendments to ordinances relating to cabaret and/or liquor licenses, landmark preservation, the housing ordinance, the nuisance abatement ordinance, and any other ordinances, no matter where located in the Revised Municipal Code, that affect Denver neighborhoods. In addition, the notification ordinance should be amended to include notification of applications for design review by the Landmark Preservation Commission. As an alternative, the Mayor's Office should be encouraged to publish a bi-weekly newsletter to all registered neighborhood organizations advising them of neighborhood-affecting proposals of all kinds."

In 1993 a Neighborhood Partnership Task Force identified a distribution of prompt and accurate information from city agencies to neighborhood organizations as being an extremely important element of good relations between neighborhood organizations and city agencies. That need is just as important in 2001.

LoDo Music Fest Fundraiser Volunteers Needed

It's time to round up volunteers again for a fun fundraiser. INC will be staffing a beer booth at the LoDo Music Festival Friday and Saturday July 13 and 14. There will be two shifts each day: 4:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. to 11:45 on Friday; and 3:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. to 11:45 p.m. on Saturday. At press time the shifts are nearly full, but there are still positions available. If you would like to help INC raise money, meet new people, and gain free admission to the LoDo Music Festival, contact Wayne Jochem at 303-756-9904.

Next Meeting Sat., July 14 2001

9 a.m.
**National Jewish Medical
and Research Center**
Hertlen Hall
1400 Jackson Street
**Hosted by Bellevue-Hale
N.A.**

AGENDA

8:45
Coffee and Chat

9:00
Around the City

10:00
Committee Reports

10:30
Break

10:45
Southeast Corridor
Constructors/CDOT
Discussion of Public
Involvement Process for
T-REX

August Meeting

August 11, 2001
Rocky Mountain SER
36th Avenue and Pecos
Street

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Dollar Dictionary Drive at 50% Of Goal

*By Cathee Fisher
Dollar Dictionary Co-Chair*

Once again US Bank is supporting the Dollar Dictionary Drive with a grant of \$3000. With these funds added to the generous donations from many individuals and neighborhood associations we have reached the 50% mark toward our 2001 fundraising efforts. Please help us spread the word about this wonderful program that will put a dictionary and thesaurus of their own into the hands of every Denver Public School third grade student this fall. Donations can be sent to INC Dollar Dictionary, PO Box 181009, Denver, CO 80218.

Mark your calendars and come spend some time placing the gift labels in the 17,000 dictionaries to

be distributed. Individuals or groups are welcome for an hour or all three days. Call Cathee Fisher for details at 303-333-3141.

Thurs., August 9 - 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Fri., August 10 - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sat., August 11 - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Location: Rocky Mountain SER,
36th Ave. & Pecos St. in
Northwest Denver.

Grant Application Writer Needed

INC is looking for a professional grant application writer to work on commission to identify and obtain grant money to fund on-going INC programs, such as our newsletter and public outreach efforts, and the Dollar Dictionary program. Qualified individuals should contact Joyce Goulet at (303) 298-0401.