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Next INC Meeting Saturday March 18, 1995

Calvary Presbyterian Church

1420 S. Holly St.

9:15 a.m.- Coffee and Donuts

9:30 a.m.- Around the City

10:20 a.m.- Short Break

10:30 a.m.- Good Neighbor Awards

11:00 a.m.- Vote on Executive Committee, and Position Statements

Noon - Adjourn to lunch -Box lunch will be provided for \$7.00. You must reserve one by calling Norma Edelman by March 14 at either 344-1616 (h) or 692-2372 (wk)



Connection

The Newsletter of Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation

March 1995

Minutes of Feb. 11 Meeting

The February delegates' meeting was held at Manual High School. Chairwoman Janey Hanley opened the meeting by thanking the delegates for venturing forth on a very cold, snowy morning and introduced Whittier delegate Pat Ayd as the new Crime Committee chair. Janey warmly thanked Whittier Neighborhood Assn. for hosting the morning's meeting.

Around the City

Judy Kriss, Indian Creek Neighborhood Assn., relayed plans to organize a protest against a dense, large-scale development planned for a relatively small stretch of land along Parker Road at Ulster St. The developer, Can-Amer, plans 11 buildings for commercial and residential use ranging in height from 3 to 22 stories with additional retail and recreational space. The plan does not address neighbors' concerns of consistency with area character, traffic volume and flow, density and shadowing of adjacent developments. The neighbors seek a downzoning of the parcel from R-4 to R-2-A via the petition process; over 5,000 signatures are required. Judy feels strongly that these issues carry city-wide impact and urges neighborhood support of their efforts. An ordinance sponsored by councilwoman Polly Flobeck would extend a current building moratorium at the site by four months.

Janey reported that Southmoor Park is working on the Continental/Alpine property, which is owned by the Gart family; an overlay district is being sought. She announced that the March delegates' meeting would be held on March 18 rather than on March 11 to avoid conflict with the St. Patrick's Day parade. The location will be announced; Coors Field is still a possibility.

Carter Ballinger, Mayfair Neighbors, reported good progress on the new Mayfair park and reported that lots of fill dirt had been relocated to the site. He reported also that there had been a vehicle fire in the new UCHSC parking structure and cautioned that the city must be mindful of potential fire hazards in approving parking structure design plans. Meredith Anderson, Bellevue-Hale, reported some progress on the extension of Lindslev Park - also much fill dirt being deposited! and stated that the neighborhoods adjacent to UCHSC were holding regular meetings through the Citizens' Advisory Committee with the health center to try to reach consensus on issues such as zoning, traffic, signage and expansion.

Election Reporting

Jeanne Robb, Cherry Creek Improvement District, reported that the CEEP funds earned by INC volunteers during the last election had not been paid, but encouraged members to repeat their precinct reporting for the upcoming elections in May; expanded reporting promises even greater returns.

Sandy Adams, currently President of the Denver Election Commission, announced her candidacy for the post of City Auditor. She is the only CPA in the race. (It was previously reported in this space that Auditor candidate Jack McCroskey is a CPA; he is not.) Virginia McIntyre, Virginia Village-Ellis, spoke of efforts to persuade RTD to improve bus stop signs and introduced her daughter,

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Annual Meeting Is March 18, 1995

The INC Annual Meeting will be March 18, 1995 at Calvary Presbyterian Church, 1420 S. Holly Street. We will be electing our Executive Committee for 1995 and we will vote on position statements. We will also present the Good Neighbor Awards. Your 1995 dues must be paid in order for vour organization to vote on these officers and issues.

After the meeting, join us for lunch! A box lunch will be available for \$7.00, but you must make a reservation to receive one. To reserve your box lunch, call Norma Edelman by March 14. She can be reached at 344-1616 (home) or 692-2372 (work).

The April 8 INC meeting will be held at New Hope Baptist Church, 3701 Colorado Boulevard. The Denver mayoral candidates will be featured speakers.

Education Comm. Report

by Marilyn S. Vaughn Committee Chair

A perusal of the makeup of the DPS discipline committee, which recently reviewed discipline in the schools, showed no neighborhood representation. There were representatives from SIAC, PTSA, NAACP, Latino Education Coalition (LEC), CDMs, paraprofessional and transportation unions, DCTA, teachers, administrators and students (one teacher from Horace Mann, no students).

A letter was sent to the Board of

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By Janey Hanley

I can hardly believe that I have been writing these columns for a year! But it is time for me to thank this year's Board for all their time and hard work. I also have some very special thank yous to share with you. The February issue of the Connection was Rich Maginn's last as editor. There really is no way to thank him for all the time and energy that has gone into the paper for the years that he has been editor. Rich, from all of us, many many thanks. Craig Eley has agreed to take over being editor, and his name and numbers are listed in the newsletter.

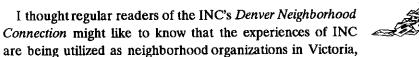
Mike Henry is also going to leave the Board after many years. He is going to take a much deserved sabbatical. He has promised not to be too far away, but we will miss him. Carol Dutcher is going to start her own business, but has promised to help us on special projects. If you have a chance I know that they would appreciate your thanks as well as

This year's board was very effective and hard working. I enjoyed working with them, and am excited about working with next year's board. There are many issues for us to deal with, and I want to continue to grow. This year will be INC's 20th anniversary, and I would like to celebrate with 100 member neighborhoods. Connie announced at the February meeting that we had 85 member neighborhoods last year so 100 is within reach!

Remember to pay your dues, so you can vote on the position statements and the slate of Board members. And please join us for our annual lunch on the 18th! The cost is \$7.00, and the company is excellent! But be sure to make a reservation! Also remember the INC Mayoral Forum will be April 8th. We encourage you to come and bring your neighbors. And don't forget the forums we are co-sponsoring with The League of Women Voters.

Thanks to everyone for making this past year a success and so much fun! Here's to next year!

Letter to the Editor



British Columbia are engaged in strengthening their citywide neighborhood coalition. Since August of last year, I have been living in Victoria while on a ninemonth sabbatical from my position at the University of Colorado at Denver. I've been spending much of my time as a pro bono consultant to various organizations and agencies in the city. One of those is CAN - Community Association Network an organization of neighborhood organizations.

On January 21, I had the pleasure of facilitating a very fruitful half-day planning workshop designed to help CAN members review and tighten up the structure of CAN. The INC model was one of three other models presented to stimulate thinking about how best to structure CAN (Thanks, Janey for the last-minute info). CAN currently is a very loose coalition: no formal membership, no designated

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Corrections to INC Position Statements

INC position statements were published in the February 1994 Denver Neighborhood Connection. Corrections to those position statements appear below. Underlining designates new material. References are to the page and column numbers of the February issue.

Housing Position Statements

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Page 4, column 3, paragraph 4, line 2 should read "reduced school busing for integration through".

Page 5, column 1, paragraph 2. lines 3 and 4 should read "prices, and types in compliance with state and federal law."

Page 5, column 1, paragraph 4, lines 2 through 6 should read "tion in housing against families with children and INC encourages the development of vacant parcels of land within the city in ways that increase the diversity of available housing."

Page 5, column 3, paragraph 5, line 6 should read "placement of any affordable housing units".

Zoning, Land Use, and Liquor License Position Statements

Page 8, column 3, renumber paragraph XV to XVI. Renumber paragraph XIV to XV.

Page 8, column 3, add a new paragraph XIV.

XIV. INC supports all efforts to require suburban users to pay their fair share of both the services and the physical infrastructure used by suburban users and paid for with Denver resident's tax dollars. INC supports metropolitan cooperation in addressing issues of a regional nature, such as air pollution control measures, transportation improvements, and indigent health care. INC supports policies requiring areas of growth to pay the full cost of providing additional water supplies to the metropolitan area, and that Denver be given due consideration from suburban areas to address problems created within Denver by growth outside Denver's city limits.

Page 8, column 3, add new paragraphs XVII and XVIII.

XVII. INC shall work to adjust the allowable density within those pockets of zoning that allow the construction of structures that are grossly out of character with adjacent residential neighborhoods.

XVIII. INC shall work to amend the PUD and PBG sections of the Denver Zoning Ordinance to require a PUD or PBG to expire after a stated, set period of time [2-5 years] if no new construction of a substantial nature has been started within that time period.

New Editor

Craig Eley, Southmoor Park East HOA, has agreed to be the editor of Denver Neighborhood Connection. This is his first issue. The deadline for articles will remain the 20th of the month preceding publication. Articles should be submitted to Craig at 3800 S. Peach Way, Denver 80237. Craig can be reached at 758-9499 (hm) and 757-5000 (wk).

Around the City (from page 4)

4700 acres compared to Lowry's 1400 acres. The objective is for small-scale, walkable development, mixed uses and 1800 acres of open space. Eventually light rail is envisioned along Smith Road.

Rich Maginn advised that the original conflict of light rail not being wanted by the neighbors along MLK Blvd. underscores the need to keep commuter traffic out of the neighborhoods. Cathy Donohue then spoke about the function of the Mayor's Office of Regulatory Reform, describing her job as ombudsman work and emphasizing cooperation among city agencies. Tina Scardina of the Office of Citizen Response said that her office received about 7000 calls last year and that her function is to shine a light on problems but has no discretion to direct city agencies to act. After a question-answer period, the meeting was adjourned.

INC and LWV Sponsor Forums

INC and The League of Women Voters are proud to be co-sponsoring Denver municipal candidates' forums throughout the city.

Please tell your neighbors and print the dates in your neighborhood newsletters. Let's make this joint endeavor a success! All forums are from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Mayoral Candidates' Forums:

April 11 Montbello High School 5000 Crown Boulevard

April 25, 1995 Kunsmiller Middle School 2250 South Quitman Way

At-Large City Council Forum: April 20, 1995 Gove Middle School 4050 East 14th Avenue

Auditor Candidates' Forum: March 29, 1995 Denver Board of Realtors 4300 East Warren Avenue

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who is visiting. Walt Kembel, Cherry Creek-Harmon, wryly noted the act of "divine intervention" (snow) which had halted construction in Cherry Creek, at least temporarily. He said that recent townhome construction had resulted in several hundred new vehicles now "native" to the already heavily congested area. Paul Keys, DECCA, observed that the no one in the city is immune to the growth, traffic and development impact being felt by the central Denver neighborhoods.

Fran Rew, Hilltop, announced that their annual meeting would be held on April 27 and that a location was yet to be announced. Kaki Woods, Greater Park Hill, announced that economist Dr. Tucker Hart Adams will speak at a town meeting on Thursday, March 23, 7 p.m. at Park Hill Congregational Church, 2600 Leyden. She also mentioned that there is a public hearing on Feb. 16 to discuss proposed changes in use for Denver's downtown parks. The recently enacted new nuisance ordinances provide for a Coordinator who should be hired by the end of March; GPHC is seeking a role for neighborhoods in the selection process. Khaki urged delegates to pick up a copy of the GPH News to catch upon many other GPH activities.

RTD Exemption

Jim Zavist, West University Community Assn., gave out proposed changes to the INC Zoning position statements which missed the deadline for inclusion in the newsletter. He reported that the Waldorf School has requested a variance to convert a 3-unit residence to a high school. WUCA opposes the request because of the attendant increase in traffic. He also reported that RTD is seeking exemption from landscaping requirements at the Light Rail parking lot at I-25 and Broadway to provide additional spaces for a 700-car "emergency overflow". WUCA will oppose the request at the Board of Adjustment on Feb. 21. Denver Parks and Rec is compiling a list of softball and baseball fields city-wide where lighting could be installed; more info as list gets firmed up.

Gene Tepper, Upper Downtown, reported that an application for yet another liquor license, this one at 27th and Broadway, had been successfully contested. He also said that 3M had sought to construct billboards at 22nd at Larimer and 21st at Market, both of which would obstruct views of Coors Field. The one at 22nd cannot be done due to historic designation restrictions; the other may be a go. Debbie James, Mayfair Park, informed the delegates that she is serving on the Lowry restoration board. MP is pushing to get their block captain program going.

Rich Maginn, Curtis Park Block Council, reported success in securing historic designation for a section five blocks from LoDo. They are working to expand the designation to the area between 24th, 25th, Stout and California. Curtis Park is included in the new police district 6. Rich also reported amazement and regret that DPS seemingly has no knowledge or ability to go on-line with the internet facilities purchased with earlier bond money, and that plans to finally utilize the service once it's operational seem unnecessarily restrictive -- will students ever actually get to use it?

Dues Due

Connie Mays, INC membership chair, urged neighborhoods to submit their membership info and dues as there are only 41 groups registered thus far. Steve Nissen, CHUN, reported that CHUN had testified for passage of the new nuisance ordinance and that the neighborhood has the "usual slate" of issues facing them. The People's Fair will be in June, minus all the political campaigners this year! Alan De Lollis from the Municipal Access cable channel reported that Harry Cullis had retired. He encouraged neighborhoods within council districts to hold district-wide candidates' forums and said that the municipal channel planned to

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Education protesting this omission as discipline policies or lack thereof have an impact on the neighborhoods. Also noted was the continuing isolation of the schools from the neighborhoods in which they sit and the lack of a designated community/neighborhood representative on the CDMs.

Mill Levy Increase

Also, continuing this "taxation without representation" was the meeting held February 18 by DPS officials to discuss the possibility of seeking a mill levy increase for DPS. Again, there was no neighborhood representation the people who will be asked to vote to tax themselves. The majority of Denver citizens do not have children in the schools.

Regarding the dramatic difference of the per pupil funding of the Jefferson County Schools from DPS and the quest to discover where the money was being spent in DPS, I was told by the chief operating officer of DPS that comparing the two budgets would be like comparing apples and oranges. Note: these are two school districts we're talking about. I was additionally told that such requests for information would have to be justified by the questioner before being answered. No chance to discover if there are wiser, more efficient ways to spend these millions.

There is a proposal afoot for community use of facilities to be turned over to a Community School Director. However, don't look for barriers to such community use to fall as the caution is "not at the expense of the taxpayers." Who are the taxpayers? Again, INC has not been included in these discussions and has not been notified of this move. As far as I know, community members have not been consulted. I also noted that when the superintendent talked to the Budget Steering Committee about his goal of making schools community centers he mentioned only parents.

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tape all forums for public broadcast. He can be reached at 640-8955.

Nancy Walsh, Curtis Park, said they'd be holding their first meeting of the year soon. Phil Normand, president of Whittier, introduced several Whittier members present and relayed efforts to organize the group for more involvement from residents. He cited absentee landlords and abandoned buildings as ongoing problems. He also mentioned a "hot spot" program they are trying which provides documentation for police. Ellen Van Ness Seymour, University Park, emphasized the need for good communication and announced the placement of an information kiosk in the park. Their next general meeting will be Feb. 15 at Univ. Park school.

Mike Henry, CHUN, expressed regret that April Snook was being rotated away from dealing with liquor licensing issues. He had met with April and with licensing director Bal Chavez to discuss the possibility to attach certain conditions to the granting of liquor licenses. On the billboard topic, Mike said it would require litigation for the city to remove billboards not in compliance with the new ordinance and suggested that citizens contact advertisers on the billboards and put pressure to desist. TV and newspapers are among the chronic offenders. Nancy Jackson, Mayfair Neighbors, announced that the new city park located in Mayfair will be opening in September. She reported that Mayfair now has 90 block captains signed up.

Folk Dance Grant

Ann Caples, Organized Baker Residents, reported that they have a new computerized newsletter, and that crime is down in the area. The Guardian Angels are still a welcome presence. They have been awarded a \$5000 grant to develop a folk dancing program. This summer they will have a combined neighborhood yard sale, street festival and dance presentation. They have also won a grant to provide the area with uniform street lighting. Ann also reported that RTD still has not paved their parking lot near the Light Rail stop.

Harriet Hogue, Denver Planning Office, invites comments concerning proposed changes in the neighborhood registration ordinance and asks that they be submitted by Feb. 17. Sarah Bradley, Alamo Placita Neighbors, reported on a planned townhouse development at 7th and Corona which is out of scale with the surroundings. They will ask that the developer not be granted the requested variances for bulk plane and setbacks and that they be held to a building proportionate to the size of the lot. Kirby Ambler, Highland United Neighbors, suggested that most neighborhoods are facing similar traffic, growth and zoning issues.

Charter School

Tania Soann, S. Washington/Emerson Action Team, reported on traffic issues and that they would be developing a survey. Phil Anderson announced his candidacy for City Council, district 6. Stan McIntyre, Ellis-Virginia Village, reported on Ash Grove School possibly becoming the Thurgood Marshall Charter School and on the Colorado Blvd. overlay. Cathee Fisher, Harkness Heights, reported an increase in graffiti and support of the billboard ordinance.

Polly Flobeck, district 5 Councilwoman, announced she is seeking re-election and invited all to an ice cream social at Windsor Gardens later in the afternoon.

Dick Farley from Stapleton redevelopment outlined an 18-month study undertaken by a team consisting of design consultants, city officials and neighborhood advisory board members submitted to the Denver Planning Board which should ready its recommendations by March 1. Redevelopment will occur over a 50-year time span with different projects being put out for bid and parcels gradually sold. Its location is advantageous in having both urban and prairie boundaries and being close to downtown and to DIA via its proximity to I-70. Stapleton encompasses

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On a positive note, a "Leadership Academy" has been established to train DPS employees to become principal candidates, for both those with and without administrator's certificates. Candidates are selected by an application and interview process. These classes are being taught by UCD, DU and DPS instructors.

There is currently a bill in the state legislature and a proposed city ordinance that would allow police to ticket truant youth and/or their parents. Currently, the police cannot pick up truants. Such legislation would also speed up the court processing of truancy-related charges.

Letter to the Editor

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delegates, no officers, no votes, etc. It's sustained largely through the efforts of the city's Community Development planner, and she, appropriately, would like to see CAN be neighborhood-driven. At the workshop, there was consensus to preserve the network nature of CAN but to formalize certain aspects. I'm now working with a committee drafting a new plan for CAN.

I've also been facilitating decision-making sessions for the city's Social Planning Advisory Committee, assisting the city's Social Planner figure out how to evaluate a new program of neighborhood funding, and conducting board development workshops for my local neighborhood organization. All in all, it's been a wonderful opportunity to learn while making myself useful in a new environment.

Bernie Jones, Ph.D. Victoria, British Columbia

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