Next INC Meeting

Saturday, April 8, 1995
New Hope Baptist Church
3701 Colorado Boulevard
9:10 a.m. - Coffee and Donuts
9:20 a.m. - Around the City
10:15 a.m. - Short break
10:30 a.m. - Mayoral Forum
Noon - adjourn
Please note earliest starting time!

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Minutes of March 18 Meeting
by Meredith Anderson
INC Secretary

The March 18 annual meeting of Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation was held at Calvary Presbyterian Church, 1420 S. Holly St. President Janey Hanley called the meeting to order and recognized Jim Zavist of West University Community Association for hosting the meeting and providing the refreshments.

Janey introduced City Councilman Tim Sandos, and Tim admitted that it felt good not to be running for anything! He reaffirmed his commitment to the INC and announced that he would donate to INC an additional $1,000 from his unused funds. A heartfelt thank-you to Tim for his continuing support!

Around the City

Judy Kris, Indian Hills, reported that the building moratorium has been extended until July 17 so that opponents to a proposed development at Parker Road and U.s. could gather petition signatures required to downzone the property. Judy Sullivan, Hutchinson Hills, said that her group had been contacted by a company engaged in studying traffic flow patterns in the area.

Craig Eley, Southmoor Park East, reported on the continuing discussions about the overlay district at E25 at Monaco (the Continental Theater/Alpine Ice Arena property purchased by Garo). Milt Summerfelt reported that Washington Park East is sponsoring a candidates’ forum. Theresa Taylor, University Park Community Council, described the sand left too long on streets and stated that the resulting particulate pollution is more harmful to people with chronic lung problems than are other pollution causes. Ellen Van Ness Seymour, U Park president, reported the receipt of a grant to establish a trail for bikers and walkers, and a community bulletin board in Observatory Park. Cathie Fisher, Harkness Heights, stated that a recent meeting held with school board members resulted in a good exchange. Gordon Appell, a member of the planning office and of Cranmer-Hilltop, said his group is involved in hospital district issues and Lowry redevelopment. They are pleased with the progress at Lowry. He stated that a recent fund drive in the area had netted $3000 to aid homeless families. On the planning front, Gordon requested INC participation in an upcoming Metro Forum to be held April 29. A preceding public meeting will be held April 19 at George Washington High School to identify important issues.

Rich Maginn, Post Chairman

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. There are three remaining forums. Please attend and tell your neighbors about them. 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
2500 Crown Boulevard
April 25, 1995
Kensieville Middle School
2250 South Quitman Way

Upcoming INC Meetings

Saturday, May 13
Sponsor: Greater Park Hill Program: Uses of Computers
Saturday June 10
Sponsor: Cory Merrick Neighborhood Program: Stapleton and Lowry Redevelopment

Public input is being sought in a study to determine transportation priorities in Southeast Denver. Public meetings are scheduled from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. on May 2 at South High School, and on May 3 at Cherry Creek High School.
For further information call 820-4822.

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Time is Running Out . . .
To Pay 1995 INC Dues. Deadline is April 20!
Chairwoman's Column
By Jane Hanley

Special thanks to Kathy Cheever for all the work she puts in every year on the Good Neighbor Awards, and congratulations to all of this year's recipients. Once again, I need to thank Tim Sanos, not only for giving out the Good Neighbor Awards, but for his generous gift of $1000! What a terrific friend he has been, and 1 hope he will join us often in the future.

I am looking forward to this year, and to working with the new board.

I think the future holds a some exciting growth and redevelopment possibilities for Denver. My pledge to you as INC Chair is that we will continue working to make this organization a strong and viable voice for Denver's neighborhoods now and in the future.

My thanks to you for participating in our position statement process. We will continue to work on the position statements throughout the year. Please remember that from now on we have to publish any changes and vote on them the following month before we can actively support a change in the statements.

Also, thanks for helping us collect election results. It is an easy way to make INC some money. Later in the spring we will be asking you to help us give out promotional items at Coors Field and stay for the game. This should be a fun fundraiser!

Please come to the meeting on April 19th about Denver's growth, and let us know what your concerns are. Also, please encourage people to attend the forums we are co-sponsoring with the League of Women Voters.

See you on the 19th!

Denver Growth Summit Slated

Growth is the topic of an April 19 meeting organized by the Denver Planning Office, in cooperation with INC and several other groups. The meeting is a precursor to the Governor's April 29 Denver Metro growth meeting. There will be general discussions of many different topics, including traffic, pollution, crime, and education. There will be no break-out groups. We want to know your feelings so that Denver's delegates can represent us well at the Governor's meeting. The meeting will be:

April 19, 1995
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
George Washington High School Auditorium, Monoco & Leetsdale

(Entering from the Monroe parking lot is easier.)

Here is a chance to share your vision of Denver's future, as well as your concerns.

In connection with the growth meeting, Gordon Appell of the Planning Office is asking any individuals who are interested to write a 1 to 2 page paper about Denver's future growth. Papers will be summarized and included in a briefing book to be given out at the meeting on April 19th. Send your paper to:

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pinning and entertainment for the region are my happiest prospects.

9. What, if any, experience have you had working with one or more neighborhood organizations?

Frew: During the past decade, John Frew met and worked with neighborhood leaders throughout Denver on many issues and facilitated the successful work of broad-based community coalitions. John Frew, his wife Marcia, and daughter Lindsey live in Park Hill neighborhood. John and Marcia have been active supporters of their local neighborhood group, and in lower downtown where the Frews own and operate a small business.

Corder: As an At-Large School Board member, City Councilman-At-Large, and as City Auditor, I have always represented the interests of all the citizens of Denver. In my 24-year history of public service, I have been involved with nearly every organized group in the city. When I become mayor, I will immediately appoint my Neighborhood Advocate to keep the lines of communication open between neighborhood groups and my office.

DeGroot: During my eight years on City Council I have worked with over 25 registered neighborhood and small business organizations in my district. I have worked to start and nurture new neighborhood and small business organizations. I have a strong record of appointing neighborhood representatives to city committees. Among my legislative accomplishments I developed the Colorado Boulevard Plan, the pop top ordinance, and the ordinance banning gun shops from residential neighborhoods.

Webb: I have been involved in the Whittier Neighborhood Association since I arrived. I worked with the Congress Park community to curb the expansion of University Hospital and secure representation on the Board of Directors for the Denver Botanic Gardens.

In the past few years I have made every effort to attend all neighborhood gatherings to which I was invited. When I could not attend, I sent staff members. Neighborhoods and their organizations, formal or informal, are among the city's greatest strengths.

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publisher of the INC newsletter. Joe Morgan, longtime owner of Morgan's Pharmacy on Evans and Downing, was lauded for his support of his neighborhood through WUCA and UPCC and for imparting his unique sense of wisdom and historical perspective throughout. Alice Sampson, who resides in the Sunnyside neighborhood, was recognized for her tireless efforts at fighting graffiti. She began a weekly graffiti removal sweep now the "Sunday Supplement" and achieved a 50 percent reduction of graffiti in her neighborhood. Congratulations and a heartfelt Thank You to all of the honorees!

Election of officers and board members proceeded as a block by acclamation, there being no new nominees from the floor. The executive board remains the same as in 1994. New at-large members are Cathe Fisher, Harkness Heights, and Frank Lopez, Berkeley Neighborhood. Outgoing board

members to whom we owe a debt of gratitude are Carol Dickter and Milton Smitty.

Discussion of INC position statements centered around the Housing position statements, particularly item 2. Ann Callion expressed reservations that Denver's core city could follow the course of some eastern cities where the core deteriorated while the suburbs flourished. She proposed an amendment to the position statements on housing which would have stated that INC does not support the HUD rules on Economic Spatial Integration, but would have agreed to withholding the amendment when opposed by several delegates. The position statements as they are written, include published amendments to the Zoning, Land Use and Liquor License position statements, were accepted.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:10 pm.

Education Notes

Please be sure to pick up copies of the At-Large Board of Education Candidates' Answers to INC's questionnaire at the meeting on April 8. INC positions are noted with the exception of these answers. Please be sure to read the answers. The Denver Public Schools has formed a task force to study significant issues surrounding the community use of schools and INC has been invited to participate. If you have had experiences or any thoughts on this issue, please call Marilyn Vaughn at 423-2616.
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Degoett: Enforce the existing home ownership rules. The city has never done a turnover census of existing homes to determine whether we have a good development/clean up program. Enforce the city's smoking rules, smoke restrictions, and now to protect the property values, make sure the Army clean up program is implemented. Lowery AFB.

Brownfields: Work with property owners who owned the property and sell them to productive uses. Create more public space and office buildings in our developed neighborhoods, and we need better maintenance of park and our urban forest.

Webb: a) Population increase/quality of life. Continue to emphasize more urban parks and open space, increased access to massive mass transit, urban design, train stations, and recycling. b) Air quality. The state has been reduced by 30% and at street level increased. Continue to push light rail development and tree-planting programs. c) Persistent subcool contamination. Continue to pursue federal funds to clean up the Rocky Mountain Arsenal, the ARSACO site and other "superfund" sites in the area, including a sewer and the EPA over the radium dump in Overland Park.

8. How would you maintain Denver's quality of life and encourage economic development while planning for long term needs?

From: The quality of life in Denver is largely dependent upon the quality of life in neighborhoods. Encourage sustainable long term development, investing environmental, economic and social factors. Before expanding into residential areas, encourage commercial development. 21st century Denver needs to be an example of sustainability and to reduce pollution.

Webb: The key to balancing Denver's quality of life with economic development lies in attracting the right type of industry that doesn't detract from the quality of our life, such as small businesses that don't pollute. Denver needs to concentrate on small activities in the classroom. A number of businesses in the metro area today are small. Denver needs to increase this as a source and employment base. By avoiding work that is being done elsewhere, it becomes a better city.

8. How would you manage the need for low-income/homeless/rental units housing, the need for integrated neighborhoods, and neighborhoods' desire for stability?

From: Each neighborhood must be allowed to manage its own destiny such as school, traffic or housing issues. When there is no conflict, a city's housing task force is becoming crowded and, as a consequence, city. Denver must meet its residents' housing needs. If there is a conflict, it should be addressed by the city, neighborhood. There is a conflict between the two, a middle ground can be created and implemented to equitably share the load throughout the metro Denver area.

Criden: Denver provides most metro-area assisted housing. It is in the surrounding counties that provided their fair share. I proposed a metro-mayor's housing task force two years ago, and I would work to set one up. In 1988, 15 Denver neighbors had a poverty rate of 25%; that number had dropped to 23 neighborhoods in 1990. I would work to bring good homes to Denver to reduce poverty. Prosperity brings natural housing integration. I would work with realtors to realize more integration. My Neighborhood Advocate would make sure neighborhood concerns are addressed.

Dorothy Wells, Cook Park, replied that the Goldsmith Gulch project has started, La Mesa Terrace Park Civic. They reported good progress with the refurbishing of the structural, design, and garden aspects of City Park. Ber- ley Neighborhood reported that staff of police officers are not happy with the move of District 1 to District 6, and that team impacts were being lost.

The Council met at the beginning of each week. Mayor Bement's intent was to coordinate the board of the Denver Botanic Gardens to include membership from the neighborhood associations. An applicant denied a liquor license at 12th and Clay Street was appealed for the adjacent storefront which he also owns, a parking lot which prohibited replacemnt by one year. Kathy Cheever, Greater Park Hill, was recognized by Janey for her work with the Colorado Neighborhood Program, and recently formed member of various boards Virginia Osterlin and Bill Gross. We miss us, Virginia and Bill.

Connie May, INC Treasurer and Membership Chair, reported that 20 INC members had not paid dues for 1995. Meredith Anderson, Bellevue-Hale, reported on disappoinment at the Health Sciences Center withdrawing from the MOU talks. Bellevue-Hale will participate in the Keep Denver Beautiful Neighborhood Contest. Director La Mesa reported that the money to be spent in May 10. Tom Gargan, USG, reported that UHills has been sold to Home Depot and that the site is slated for redevelopment.

Ann Callison, George Washington Homeowners' Association, the Colorado Real Estate Corp., the Attorney General's Office and the Denver City Attorney's office for their oversight of leasing at Lowery. She reported that the Denver Police had recently broken up a drug and prostitution ring there.

Carter Balinger, Mayfair Neighbors, reported that the Mayfair King Soopers had recently installed video surveillance for property after a break in. They have been reported. Mailin will check a current survey on April 13 at Palmer Elementary. Sal Chavez, Director of Ecении and License, urged everyone to call his state repre- sentative in support of House bill 1145 which has been reported. Mailin will check to the biennial survey of Denver Public Schools and to the biennial report of the State Office of the Governor. Mailin, Chair of the Affordable Housing Committee, called upon Commissioner Tim Sandin to present the 1995 INC Neighborhood Awards. First to be introduced were Dr. Cecil Glenn and Peggy Meeker, both of Park Hill, recognized for their commitment to the Snapdragon neighborhood issues and for establishing the Noel Hotline and serving on the Noise Adjutance Committee. Next INC recognized Rich Maginn for his many years of service to the Park Hill Neighborhood and to the INC, as past Chairman and for serving as

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Mayoral candidates were asked to respond to each question in 75 words or less. The order in which the responses are printed was chosen by lot.

1. Please describe how you will participate in city affairs by citizens in general, and neighborhood groups in particular.

Frew: John Frew will establish a Community Assembly, an advisory body consisting of representatives from every Denver neighborhood. This assembly would allow priorities and solutions to percolate up from each neighborhood based on their interests and experiences. The city-wide Community Assembly would identify priorities of concern to help set the city's yearly neighborhood agenda and oversee funding to meet the goals. As mayor, John Frew would be personally involved in this process.

Criden: Expanded participation by Denver citizens in government will be a key priority of the Criden administration. As mayor, my office will be open every Monday from 4:30 p.m. for anyone who wants to see me for any reason. I will designate a full-time Neighborhood Advocate to act as an ombudsman for neighborhood groups and report directly to me to keep the lines of communication open.

DeGroot: Registered neighborhood groups and small business groups will always be advised of pending city actions which might affect their areas of interest, and will always be invited to participate in the deliberations leading to a decision.

Webb: Webb Administration appointees who worked with neighborhoods and I met with the residents of each council district. We re-introduced ourselves and neighborhoods expressed concerns. Neighborhoods knew who to call when problems arose. Appointees attended meetings to which they were invited. In 1994 Denver residents were concerned about safety. Seventeen "Safe City Summits" were convened in the city and all city resources were directed toward meeting the needs of each of the individual neighborhoods.

2. Do you feel the Denver Comprehensive Plan (adopted in 1986) is serving the city as it should? If not, how would you incorporate it into your administration? If not, what process would you propose to revise or replace it?

Frew: Overall, the Comprehensive Plan has served the city well. But it is outdated. John Frew would: (1) provide necessary resources to conduct a state of the neighborhood studies and develop neighborhood plans where needed; (2) work with city agencies to use the Comprehensive Plan as a tool for planning and later-agency collaboration; and, (3) ensure that the charge to evaluate progress and update the Plan regularly is fulfilled.

Criden: The original 1989 Comprehensive Plan and any updates are drafted by bureaucrats and planners. While there is a need for planning, the private sector is still responsible for growth and redevelopment. We should view the CP as a fluid document subject to change as the needs of the people of Denver change.

DeGroot: For the most part I believe it is. The appropriate people in my administration, such as the planning director and manager of public works, will be told to use the comprehensive plan to guide their decision making and budgeting processes. If changes are needed they will go through a very public amendment process.

Webb: The 1989 plan has served the Webb administration well. The economic times have changed. Many of the plan goals have been achieved. Concerns have shifted. The Webb administration has worked with city employees, neighborhood representatives, and concerned residents to chart new plans as needed. Yet another comprehensive plan should be undertaken in the near future.

3. Do you believe that the Denver Zoning Code (last recodified in 1956) should be revised? Why or why not? If so, how would you propose to implement the recodification?

Frew: Yes. 1950's zoning standards are outdated for 21st-century planning. A complete re-write of the Zoning Code is long overdue. Current executives and homeowners will not be completed for more than a year, and involve minimal public involvement. John Frew would initiate a full public process to ensure an opportunity for input from all perspectives, to thoroughly identify community concerns related to zoning issues and to produce a user-friendly Zoning Code.

Criden: I would not dramatically change the zoning code. The code is the first line of protection for property owners, a guarantee that protects property rights. Enforcement is an extremely important function of city government. Members of the Board of Adjustment should represent the needs of Denver's neighborhoods, not the political goals of the mayor who appoints them.

DeGroot: I support a simplification of the zoning code to make it more user friendly, but not a wholesale revision. So many individual decisions on where to live, work to locate a business, where to invest, have been made on the basis of the existing code. To make a major revision would be disruptive to too many people. I will continue to support reasonable revisions to individual zones.

Webb: The Denver Zoning Code is currently being revised to simplify the code and to eliminate redundancies. New zoning classifications have been and will continue to be introduced and passed by City Council as they are needed.

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Criden: I am not satisfied with any of the current "crime prevention" programs, because crime is not being prevented. My first step as mayor would be to appoint a Manager of Public Safety to identify a background in police work. My idea is to establish a 6th Police District by reallocating existing resources that has already been adopted by the present administration. I pledge to let the police do their job unhampered by politics, with my full support. I am attaching my 10-point plan for crime prevention for your information.

Degroot: I have a 12-point plan to fight crime which includes a zero tolerance policy towards violent crime and drug-related activity, closing the worst six crime houses my first week in office, and "minimum arrest, maximum prosecution" for gang members. I will expand the curfew program to seven nights a week within the existing budget, reestablish the Juvenile Bureau within the police department, and designating different police districts to handle domestic violence, child abuse and hate crimes programs.

Webb: Community policing, putting more officers on the streets, making sergeants and lieutenants responsible for individual neighborhoods (rather than sectors or shifts) twenty-four hours a day, becoming actively involved with neighborhood concerns with other city agencies (like licensing and zoning) is essential and will be expanded. The Weed and Seed and Safe City programs have allowed residents, especially those in high crime areas, to target their concerns and work toward their goals.

6. Please list Denver's three worst environmental concerns, and briefly how you would deal with each.

Frew: Air quality Open emissions testing station in Denver; promote log transportation of single occupant vehicles; expand light rail; take regional leadership in addressing pollution issues; convert another 10 - 20% of city's fleet vehicles to alternative fuel.

Criden: Energy management: Expand curbside recycling throughout the city; purchase city supplies made from recycled materials; promote composting by the city and public

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