

Next INC Meeting

Saturday, May 13, 1995

U S West Auditorium
1005 17th Street

9:15 a.m. - Coffee and Donuts
9:30 a.m. - Around the City
10:20 a.m. - Short break
10:30 a.m. - Cyndi Kahn,
Summer Scholars Program
10:40 a.m. - Rich Maginn,
The Computer & Internet
Noon - adjourn

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Minutes of April 8 Meeting

by Meredith Anderson
INC Secretary

The April 8, 1995 INC Delegates' meeting was held at New Hope Baptist Church, 3701 Colorado Boulevard. President Janey Hanley opened the meeting at 9:28 a.m. by introducing Tom Burke of Greater Park Hill and thanking him for hosting the meeting. Janey appealed to the delegates to be concise with their Around the City news in anticipation of the mayoral candidates' forum to follow.

Around the City

Jim Zavist, West University Community Association, reported on the proposed de-pairing of elementary schools serving that area and that a candidates' forum would be held April 12 for City Council district 7. Chuck Michaels, Cory-Merrill, reported on a forum held April 5. Rita Sokolowski, Cory-Merrill President, spoke of the impending closing of St. Thomas Seminary and that they are awaiting responses from several church officials concerning possible future uses for the site. She noted the increase of graffiti in the area and wants to know how other neighborhoods are dealing with the problem.

Gary Roll, West Highlands, reported on a City Council forum held April 4. He said that in response to concerns that the advent of Police district 6 would compromise the Community Policing Plan in his area, fifty signatures had been obtained on a petition in support of the CPP and that more signatures are being sought. Sloan Stevens, Mayfair Park, reported that RFP's for Lowry were being rewritten and that federal dollars would be expended for cleanup before any new development would proceed. Kirby Ambler, Highland United Neighborhood (HUNI), said that the CPP would continue. Their neighborhood cleanup is scheduled for April 29 with large-item pick-up at North High School from 9 a.m. to 5p.m. They will host an Easter Egg Hunt at North on April 15. The annual meeting is April 27, a mayoral forum is set for April 20 at the Lumber Baron.

Walt Kembel, Harmon Neighbors, informed delegates of a mayoral forum to be held at Bromwell School on April 18. They are opposing a proposed townhome development on a 50-foot lot as too dense. Nancy Landauer, Greater Bible Park, reported on the situa-

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May 13 INC Meeting Features Community Networks

The next INC meeting will embark on a tour of community network projects around the United States and around the world. The tour will highlight resources made available through network technology in accessing city, state, local and commercial resources currently available on the Internet. See how you can get a building permit in Culpertino California, check the Metro schedule in Washington D.C. or find restaurant and theater information in San Francisco and Hawaii. A discussion of future possibilities in Denver will be included.

The meeting will be at the U S West auditorium at 1005 17th Street, between Arapahoe and Curtis. The auditorium is on the 17th Street side of the building. You reach the auditorium by pressing "A" in the elevator.

Parking is available in the underground lot of the U S West building. Parking lot entrances are located on the Curtis and Arapahoe sides of the building. Parking is \$1.00 on Saturday.

Upcoming INC Meetings

Saturday, June 10
Sponsor: Cory Merrill
Neighborhood
Program: Stapleton and Lowry
Redevelopment

Saturday, July 8th
Sponsor: Harman/Cherry Creek
Program: Our newly sworn in
mayor (tentative)

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Chairwoman's Column

By Janey Hanley

I would like to thank Alan DeLollis of Channel 8 for his help in covering the forums, and The Denver League of Women Voters for cosponsoring the forums with INC. I hope this is the beginning of many joint efforts. My thanks to all of you who are calling in the results for the election. I hope it won't take as long as November, so we can twist your arms to do it again if there is a June runoff!

Just a quick word to candidates! I hope that those of you who have been coming to our meetings will continue to join us, win or lose. Your input is important!

It looks like our first opportunity to work with the Colorado Rockies will come in the second half of the season. I will keep you posted. I also want to report that INC has received a grant from the Governor's Office of Community Partnerships for which we are very grateful.

It would be nice to think that when the elections are all over, life will calm down. However the reality is that we will have a busy summer. The study of Interstate 25 from 6th Avenue South to Lincoln is gearing up, and I have agreed to be a part of the technical committee. It is also time to initiate the process for the central Denver transportation study. It will have a citizen's committee, and INC will have a representative.

Jim Zavist and Mike Henry are continuing to work on a more user friendly zoning code. Kaki, Carter, Dan, Frank, and I will be attending the Governor's planning summit on April 29th. One of us will report to you at the May meeting. At Denver's planning meeting on the 19th, there were some very fruitful breakout groups, and Jennifer Moulton promised to continue the process beyond the Governor's meeting.

I am excited about Rich's program on the Internet, and hope that you all will come. See you there!

Letter to the Editor

Editor:

I'm writing to correct some erroneous information that appeared in the "Around the City" column of your April edition of the *Denver Neighborhood Connection*.

I'm referring to a statement on page 7 made by a representative of the George Washington Homeowners Association in which she alleges a crime "ring" was recently broken up at Lowry. Her statement is totally false.

We work closely with the Denver Police Department's 3rd District and maintain a file of any criminal or alleged criminal activity they respond to in our neighborhood. We've reviewed our data and confirmed with the officers in the 3rd District that no such "crime ring" ever existed at Lowry. In fact, the incidence of crime at Lowry remains remarkably low -- just as it was when the Air Force was here.

As Denver's newest neighborhood, we are working very hard to ensure the highest standards are upheld among our residents. We are good neighbors and intend to stay that way.

The conversion of Lowry from an Air Force Base to mixed-use, urban, master-

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INC Members

(Patrons in Bold)

Note: If you are a neighborhood representative, and your organization does not appear below, then your dues for 1995 are unpaid, and this will be your last issue of Neighborhood Connection until they are paid.

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Around the City

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appeal on June 27 at 9 a.m. in City council chambers against the proposed toxic waste transfer station near I-70 and Dahlia. Stan McIntyre, Ellis-Virginia Village, reported on spill contamination at the Dept. of Transportation, Cherry at Arkansas. There is concern about building code violations at Ash Grove School regarding the proposed move of the Thurgood Marshall Charter School to that site.

Lisa Willis, NCPCA, greeted the delegates with son Jason at her side. A Wednesday town meeting at Swansea Elementary will feature environmental panelists; King Soopers is donating 7000 square feet for an environmental area. Nancy Jackson, Mayfair Park, is seeking petition signatures to ensure that the new park in Mayfair will indeed be named Mayfair Park!

Highline Towers

Ann Callison thanked Hiawatha Davis for allowing her group to speak on April 3. She questions the acceptability of a Tri-Del project incorporating four 10-story towers, putting Highline in the shadows. Janey Hanley, Southmoor, reported working with Councilwoman Joyce Foster on getting medians done. They are still working with Garts on redevelopment of the Continental Theatre/Alpine Ice Arena property. Wellshire East is getting trees and sod along Monaco. Meredith Anderson, Bellevue-Hale, reported their clean-up day will be May 6. She announced the receipt of a grant from Rose Medical Center in the amount of \$12,500 to help develop an accessible playground on the new Lindsley Park extension.

Tony Trampler introduced himself as a candidate for Denver Election Commission. He has been active in city issues for 30 years. Sandy Adams, a CPA and candidate for Denver Auditor, talked to the delegates and asked for their support. Also present was Phil Anderson, a member of the RTD Board and a candidate for the district 6 City Council seat. Bev Ryken, a candidate for the Election Commission, introduced herself to the delegates.

After a brief recess, Janey Hanley moderated a mayoral candidates' forum taking written and, later, spoken questions from those in attendance. All four candidates were present: Wellington Webb, Mary DeGroot, Robert Crider and John Frew. The candidates covered topics ranging from ethics concerns to quality of schools to control of growth to crime and gangs. Those wishing more detail are urged to consult the city cable listings. Sincere thanks to all those who participated and attended. The meeting was adjourned at noon.



Afraid of Computers? They won't byte!

Learn to surf the Internet at the next INC meeting
May 13 at U S West Auditorium, 1005 17th Street

Two DPS Schools Named Among Best In America

Two Denver Public Schools elementary schools were honored by *Redbook* magazine as "America's Best Elementary Schools for Overall Excellence."

Mitchell Elementary School and Garden Place Academy were among 60 schools across the country with "creative curriculums and enriching extracurricular activities," according to *Redbook* in its April edition.

Mitchell, located at 1350 E. 33rd Ave., is a Denver Public Schools Early Childhood Education through sixth grade Montessori choice school. The school's 5th grade Iowa scores are the best in DPS. Staff members received a \$10,000 award from the Edward Calasa Foundation as "Terrific Teachers Who Make a Difference."

In addition to these honors, Mitchell teacher Linda Alston was a \$25,000 Milken Family Foundation award-winner. Mitchell has been a choice Montessori school since 1986. Its principal is Martha Urioste.

Garden Place Academy, located at 4425 Lincoln St., is a DPS choice school with an International Baccalaureate preparatory program and a foreign language academy. All children are exposed to three languages: English, Spanish, and Japanese. The school has a 94.7% attendance rate. Teacher Rebecca Margolis received the Firehawk Eco Educator Award for 1994, which included a grant from the Audubon Society.

The principal of Garden Place is Stanley Reynolds, who received a Governor's Award for Educational Excellence in 1994.

Neighborhood Connection Articles

Articles for *Denver Neighborhood Connection* must be submitted by the 20th of the month prior to publication to the Editor, Craig Eley, 3800 S. Peach Way, Denver, CO 80237. 758-9499 (hm); 757-5000 (wk); 689-9627 (fax).

Education Committee Report

by Marilyn Vaughn
Chair, Education Committee

DPS Maintenance and Operations (custodial) workers will have two years to demonstrate how efficiently they can perform these functions under the Most Efficient Organization (MEO) plan. Basically, a study was done to determine what "we" (DPS personnel) were doing and how were "we" doing it.

Standards for tasks were established and detailed work plans were developed for each building. The principals were involved in this planning. The principal is responsible for evaluating the head custodian, who in turn is responsible for workers who report to him. Assessment and evaluation criteria are part of the MEO.

A labor/management council, the LMC, has also been established to deal with "issues surrounding lack of response." If a worker does not respond, he or she is supposed to be fired. There is also a grievance procedure outside the LMC.

Custodial workers are assigned to buildings on a square foot methodology basis. There continues to be no additive factors such as programmatic usage and amount of community use.

The MEO will give the district a basis upon which to evaluate any proposal for privatization of custodial services. According to Craig Cook, Chief Operating Officer (COO) of DPS, private firms often use two elements in their proposals: reducing benefits for employees and having an exclusive supplies contract.

Cook also stated that custodial workers have been cut by 65 staff positions in the last 3 years and that there are not enough custodial hours to perform all tasks. Individuals may go to a school and ask to see the work plan for that building.

In the area of Maintenance, i.e. plumbing, HVAC, carpentry, major painting, electrical, etc., studies were also done for time on task, job costing, etc. and standards established. Workers are to time in and out as a private business would do. The foreman evaluates whether it was a job well done and the time it took.

Maintenance jobs are prioritized with safety number 1, health and welfare, 2, repair and maintenance, 3, and educational needs, 4.

Again, according to Cook, there are \$62 million of backlogged maintenance needs in the district in spite of attempt of the 1990 bond issue to meet some maintenance needs. These are funds which would mostly come from the capital reserve fund which is severely strapped. Approximately \$7 million is allocated to the fund each year, \$1 million of which sits there to meet emergency reserve requirements of Amendment 1 and another \$3 to 5 million is needed to pay off the Certificates of Participation (COPs) which were used to build schools in Montbello and North Denver in the 1980s, a payout burden to 2001.

Funding to the Capital Reserve Fund was cut with the 1988 Finance Act. Prior to that, the state allowed a separate mill levy for the Capital Reserve Fund up to 4 mills which DPS levied which generated approximately \$12 million a year. Prior to that, COPs appeared to be a good way to fund new construction without resorting to a bond mill levy.

The District Accountability Council and other community members have encouraged the establishment of a community advisory committee for expenditures of funds from the Capital Reserve such as the Bond Election Review Committee (BERC) does for bond funds. However, not only has this met with resistance from the administration, but School Board Member Tom Mauro has stated that they (DPS administration and the Board) are seeking a quick end to the BERC. Is it because they ask such hard questions?

Community Use Policy: Regarding a new community use policy, Cook has said that he is waiting for a new Board to be on board before he proceeds with policy changes.

Historical Preservation Project: INC needs a new representative to this project landmarking Denver schools. Meetings are usually once a month. Contact Marilyn Vaughn at 423-2616.

Mountain Man Festival May 19

Frontier guide Jim Baker will be commemorated at the first Jim Baker Mountain Man Festival on May 19 - 21, 1995. The festival, which is being organized by the Berkeley Neighborhood Association and the Westminster Historical Society, will be held at the new Jim Baker Reservoir between Tennyson Street and Lowell Boulevard.

An 1840s camp will be set up, and members of the American Mountain Men will live in the camp during the festival. The event will feature muzzle-loading shooting competitions, and knife and skillet throwing contests. Other frontier skills will also be demonstrated, and a statue of Jim Baker will be dedicated.

The fun begins at noon on May 19 and continues until 6 p.m. that evening. The following day the festival will open at 8 a.m. and close at 6 p.m. On May 21, the final day, the hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is \$1, with children 8 and under admitted free. Parking is available for \$2.00 at West 58th and Lowell Boulevard. Volunteers are needed.

For further information, call 424-6841.

Letter to the Editor (from page 2)

planned community has been a model of neighborhood cooperation and support. Allegations of this nature run contrary to that spirit and, we feel, do not reflect the attitude of the vast majority of the citizens that have helped us make this process a success. We'd be delighted to share with you a progress report on our ongoing, very dynamic plan for the future of the Lowry neighborhood and answer any questions you or your group may have. Please give me a call at 343-0276.

Thank you for helping us report the facts about Lowry.

James E. Meadows
Executive Director
Lowry Redevelopment Authority

Around the City

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tion with Goldsmith Gulch, heavy traffic, and Highline Canal foliage dying off due to overgrazing by deer and a possible decrease in water flow.

Marilyn Vaughn, Inspiration Point and INC Education Chair, related a forum held the preceding week and pointed out a map she brought outlining school board districts. She said that more schools would be de-paired. In response to a complaint that campers and trailers are being illegally parked, Jim Zavist suggested a call to zoning. Irma Zimmerman and Eleanor Pitts, Overland, reported on an RTD stop and ongoing battles with a chemical company. Roland Ray, Hutchinson Hills, spoke of the method by which property taxes are assessed.

Mayfair Park

Carter Ballinger, Mayfair Neighbors, announced a candidates' forum on April 13 at Palmer Elementary. Their second newsletter of 1995 is off the press. The new Mayfair Park is still a pile of dirt. The Park Hill Health Station will reopen on April 28 in the Dahlia Shopping Center. Gordon Appel of Hilltop and city zoning urged participation in a Metro Forum to be held April 19 at George Washington High School. The Vertiport for downtown is on hold.

Dan du Bois, LODO/St. Charles, reported on the first baseball games held at Coors Field and that parking can be horrible, mass transit preferable. Rich Maginn, Curtis Park Block Council, said that traffic control was doing a good job protecting neighborhoods from baseball traffic. He said that helicopters overhead during game times were a noisy nuisance. Harold Brewer, North City Park Civic Ass'n., announced a forum to be held April 28 at the YMCA. They plan to schedule a neighborhood clean-up day in conjunction with the Keep Denver Beautiful Bagathon.

Dale Keithly, Park Forest, greeted the delegates. Cathee Fisher, Harkness Heights, announced the "adoption" by her group of Smiley Middle School. They are combatting graffiti by means of a power washer and painting over

graffiti on property where the owners have made no attempt to remove it. Don Campbell, West Highlands, reported that their police district's impact team had been downsized from 8

to 3 officers. The move into Speer and Zuni by Social Services was initiated with no public input. They had a well-attended candidates' forum. Alan DeLollis said that the INC mayoral forum would be broadcast on the city cable channel on Monday at 10 a.m. and Friday at 6 p.m., then there would be "marathon" broadcasts closer to the May 2 election.

Graffiti Cleanup

SWEAT reported a graffiti cleanup day to be held April 22 and that the City would help with a power washer. Steve Cramer of Sloans Lake Citizens' Group announced a forum for City Council district 1 candidates on April 12. Harriet Hogue, City Planning, announced that power washers could be obtained by RNSP grants through the community division. The application period is between May and July. Harriet also will be receiving some help soon - two planning positions will be posted within 30 days.

Ann Caples of Organized Baker Residents reported the timely closing of a drug house. OBR will host a Cinco de Mayo celebration May 6 on Santa Fe and an Arts Fair on June 17. Curt Wolf announced that Pine Crest will be sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt later today. A neighborhood clean-up is set for April 22. Ernestine Hale reported that their last meeting hosted members of the police department and the ACLU to discuss the no-knock law and consumer fraud.

April Snook introduced herself as a member of the City Attorney's staff and as a candidate for the district 6 City Council seat. Kaki Woods, Greater Park Hill, said that in conjunction with the Metro Forum problems and resolutions on the growth issue should be forwarded to Gordon at 572-4636. GPH is trying to raise money to provide jobs for youth. There will be a zoning

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