

## Next INC Meeting

**Saturday, October 14**

Denver Planning Office  
Permit Center - First Floor  
200 West 14th. Avenue  
(enter through the front door)

9:00 a.m.- Coffee and donuts  
9:15 a.m.- Around the City  
10:20 a.m.- Short break  
10:30 a.m.- Planning Office  
presentation  
10:50 a.m.- DPS mill levy  
increase discussion  
Noon - Adjourn

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# Denver Neighborhood Connection

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## September 9 Meeting

## Around the City

By Jim Zavist  
Acting Secretary

**Alamo Placita:** Looking forward to success with off-peak-hour parking restrictions on one-way streets; they are monitoring the redevelopment proposals for the Sears property located at the intersection of 1st and University. **Barnum:** Battling a PUD application for an auto body shop. **Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods:** Concerned with three nights of shooting in the past week; the People's Fair generated \$32,000 in grant monies to go to local non-profits; continuing to work on nuisance properties. **Colfax on the Hill:** Is happy with the implementation of Police District 6.

**Congress Park:** Concerned about increased light aircraft traffic from Centennial Airport now that Stapleton is closed. **Cook Park:** Working on clean-up of businesses along Evans between Holly and Monaco. **Cory Merrill:** Concerned with implications of R-5 vs. PUD zoning for the St. Thomas Seminary site that the Archdiocese of Denver is buying. **Curtis Park Block Council:** Still battling Deep Rock Water's plans to demolish two historic residences; reported that Vertiport could require tighter air-traffic-control rules and could potentially reduce airplane noise issues in east Denver. **DECCA:** Seeing an increase in PUD applications in their area. **East Montclair:** Announced that banners will soon be installed along East Colfax Avenue.

**George Washington:** Reported that the Department of Defense is considering upgrading Buckley Air National Guard Base to an actual Air Force Base. **Greater Bible Park Civic Association:** Improvements to Goldsmith Gulch and Yale Avenue are making slow progress. **Greater Park Hill:** Home tour is scheduled for October 1. **Harkness Heights:** Pushing for participation by all neighborhood groups in Make A Difference Day. **Harmon/Cherry Creek:** Concerned with proposed change to PUD ordinance that would allow applicants to reapply with modifications in less than a year's time. **HUNI:** Working with Highland Neighborhood Weed & Seed; dealing with increased airplane traffic.

**Hutchinson Hills:** Dealing with liability insurance issues for people interested in serving on their Board. **Indian Creek:** PUD has been approved to resolve concerns about adjacent high-rise residential development along High Line Canal. **Mayfair:** Have concerns with Lowry Redevelopment Authority and with zoning problems; has established a graffiti committee; construction on their new park is progressing. **Organized Baker Residents:** Reported that RTD wants to close light-rail crossing for Bayaud between Santa Fe and Kalamath, for safety reasons, but would result in more truck traffic in residential areas. **Sloan's Lake:** Participating in Healthy Neighborhoods Program.

**Sunnyside:** Concerned with DHA proposals for site along 46th Avenue, between Navajo and Pecos. **University Park Community Council:** Concerns include Colora-

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## Vote Upcoming on Cultural District Tax Rebate

By Gully Stanford  
Director of Public Affairs  
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Performing Arts

Back in 1988 and again last year, INC took a leadership role in supporting the creation of and renewal of Metro Denver's Scientific and Cultural Facilities District, 1/10 of a cent on the sales tax which - at a cost of only 3 cents a day - generates some \$20 million a year for over 200 groups - the Zoo, museums, and performing arts groups of every discipline and culture.

This November, however, you'll find the SCFD on the ballot again - Proposition 4A - as the District asks voters to waive the small refund required by the TABOR/Amendment 1 formula.

Last year, the SCFD had to follow a cumbersome and expensive refund procedure, under which Public Service customers each received \$1.36 on their utility bill. This confusing system led to more than 800 phone calls for explanations and cost \$50,000. This year, with Public Service unable to repeat its role, the District has been unable to find a fair, economical way to make the refund, and has elected to ask the voters to renew their confidence in the SCFD by approving retention of the full 1/10 of 1%.

Given the reality of federal and state cutbacks in cultural support, Proposition 4A is a sensible solution and deserves the support of Denver's neighborhood leadership.

For further information, contact the Citizens for Arts to Zoo Office at 399-8088, or Gully Stanford at 446-4830.





# Chairwoman's Column

By Janey Hanley

What a busy fall! September has been crazy, and October and November look equally as busy. Please include in your calendars the Metro Growth Forum on October 21, and the Governor's Growth Summit on November 4th. I hope to have details about both by our October meeting. In the meantime, you can call 640-2035 to get more information on the Metro meeting.

We are finalizing a date for the Presidents' Dinner, which we have had to move to November. The invitations will be in the mail shortly.

Recently in Southmoor Park East the developers of the Continental Theatre property found a way to get city approval without having to notify the adjacent neighborhood. If an existing building is going to be renovated for a pre-existing use, is 10,000 sq. ft. in area, and no new buildings will be erected, approval can be given through a process called a planned development. Councilwoman Foster and Harriet Hogue have agreed to work with me on an ordinance requiring neighborhood notification that such a process is underway. We may need your support.

There are several important local issues coming up on the ballot in November. We have included an article about the Scientific and Cultural District in the newsletter, and our program this month will be a discussion of the mill levy increase that DPS wants. Please join us at the planning office. I'm looking forward to seeing you all there!

## Neighborhood-School Pride Day October 28

Make a Difference Day/Neighborhood-SchoolPride Day will be Saturday, October 28, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This DPS autumn school grounds beautification project is sponsored by INC, Denver Public Schools and the City and County of Denver. KMGH, Channel 7 is the media sponsor.

The DPS facility managers at each school have met with the project coordinators and are eager to assist the neighborhood associations and volunteers in coordinating this community effort at their schools. Each school has different needs including graffiti, litter, weeds, trimming of shrubs and lawns, and general autumn grounds maintenance. Refreshments, paint and trash bags will be provided by DPS at each school.

Neighborhood associations are needed to help with planning the work to be done and recruiting volunteers. Volunteers of all ages and any yard tools they can provide are welcome.

To obtain further information, written materials, or answers to any questions, contact Cathee Fisher at 433-5221 or Stan McIntyre at 757-0035. The overall Neighborhood-SchoolPride Day project contact number is 640-7090.

### Important Upcoming Events

Sat., Oct. 14 - INC meeting Topic: DPS Mill Levy Increase Location: Denver Planning Office	Sat., Nov. 4 Statewide Growth Summit
Thurs., Oct. 24 Follow-up Parks Projects meeting	Sat., Nov. 11 - INC meeting Topic: Transportation Location: East Montclair
Sat., Oct. 21 Metro Growth Summit For further information call 640-2035	November - Presidents' Dinner & celebration of INC's 20th birthday

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## Around the City

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do Blvd. TMA, the Buchtel Trail construction, and CDOT's I-25 study. **Virginia Village/Ellis:** Concerned with taggers and with DPS's insurance requirements.

**West Highlands:** Concerned that all of the Elitch's redevelopment proposals contain little or no residential construction; supporting two other current PUDs; efforts to reduce the cruising at the intersection of 38th & Federal seem to be working.

**West Wash. Park:** Continuing to fight proposed McDonalds at Lincoln and Alameda. **Whittier:** Has completed updated housing survey; unfortunately, no significant changes can be reported. **Yale Avenue Safety Committee:** Is happy with depairing of local schools.

**Denver Police Dept.:** Chief Michaud reported that a recent court decision to reduce overcrowding at the Gilliam Youth Center has really tied the Police Department's hands. With no place to place juveniles, Denver Police now can't arrest any juveniles unless they've committed a really serious crime. The state has appropriated funds for

a new facility, but the City is having a hard time identifying a new location, preferably south of Colfax Avenue.

**Planning Office:** Harriet Hogue explained that the proposed PUD language amendment resulted in a change in interpretation by the City Attorney's office. In the past, individual council members could work with applicants to resolve neighborhood concerns and then resubmit the bill. The City Attorney viewed this as creating a conflict of interest for the councilperson, so this option is no longer available. The language change would reinstate this process; the intent is not to inundate neighborhood groups with multiple applications on the same property. Also reported that the Construction Etiquette pamphlet has been published and is being distributed to people working on projects in existing neighborhoods, that three Major Investment Studies are now underway, and that three new community planners have been hired.

**RTD Board:** Phil Anderson reported that Auraria students can now use their student ID's as RTD passes, and that he's concerned with how funding for light rail will appear as a ballot issue in November.

## Education Committee Report

By Marilyn Vaughn  
Chair, Education Committee

The first reading of the DPS proposed revisions to the Community Use Policy was September 7. A work session was scheduled by the Board of Education for September 21 and a vote is to be held after the public hearing on October 5.

At the first reading, Craig Cook, Chief Operating Officer of the district, stated that waivers from the insurance requirements could be granted for low risk users. However, there are no guidelines stated in the policy as proposed.

The \$25 application fee is to be required of all users. Applications for use must be picked up at 900 Grant. The question here is if the application is rejected, does DPS keep the fee?

Discussion by board members also concerned flex time for custodians so that users would not have to pay \$23 an hour for use. However, there was no explanation of how this, a responsibility of the principal, would be done when applications go through 900 Grant.

INC's previous communication to the Board on this issue was mentioned during this discussion.

We are asking the Board for additional information such as custodial hours and a timeline for response to applicants.

**End of Busing?** Whether DPS will return to neighborhood schools is an open question.

There is likely to be more busing than less after forced busing ends, especially if the mill levy increase passes in the upcoming election. There are, indeed, more buses running now than there were prior to the depairing of nine elementary schools.

Please note that the two areas growing in school population, Montbello/Green Valley Ranch and the middle southwest, are not impacted by busing.

There are two past board resolutions relating to keeping the current balance of minority/majority enrollment in the schools. These resolutions are 2233 ("8. Upon termination of judicial supervision of the Denver Public Schools, there shall be no sudden alteration of the court-approved school assignment plan then in effect...") and 2314 ("Policies for Preserving Desegregation of Denver Public Schools"). Whether or not the current board subscribes to these resolutions is unknown.

**The Arthur Andersen Study** now known as the Summit System: \$5.2 million was approved for software and re-engineering implementation costs for improvements in the district. \$738,000 of this is committed to be paid to Arthur Andersen Company for management fees, procurement implementation, technical assistance, etc. Savings to the district are reputed to be around \$13 million. Hopefully, documentation will be provided in the future rather than such requests being brushed off.

**Election Cost:** The cost of the mill levy election is estimated to be approximately \$40,000.