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December 9 Meeting

Around the City
By Meredith Anderson
Secretary

President Janey Hanley opened the meeting, which was held at Calvary Presbyterian Church, by encouraging delegates to bring issues needing a somewhat lengthy presentation during "Around the City” first to the appropriate committee chair so that adequate time can be allotted. She announced that a subscription to "For The Record" can be obtained for $25 if at least six people subscribe through INC. Losing lottery tickets can be turned in to a drawing which would net the winning non-profit registrant $10,000 and $1,000 for the ticket holder. Call the lottery for more information.

Indian Creek reported a struggle over a proposed buildout in the area. South Hilltop reported that there is a possible rezoning of Augusta Lutheran Church in the works. Denver East Central Civic Association related that redevelopment of the Sears site in Cherry Creek has been moved to the back burner. Montclair remains concerned about Lowry redevelopment issues and wants stronger neighborhood representation on decision-making boards and commissions.

McFrustrated

West Washington Park expressed frustration with the Planning Department in its attempt to allow the McDonald's on Lincoln to proceed with the grass playland. Their neighborhood plan apparently carries no weight in the face of proposed development as it is formed in an advisory document only. Their other issue is a desire to see the Byers Alternative High School returned to neighborhood school status as a middle school. Sloan Lake is promoting its "Side by Side" history of the area. Denver Downtown Residents Organization and Lower Downtown development Organization are working together on a neighborhood plan. There may be some downsizing in some business zones.

Virginia Village/Ellis is working with some adjacent neighborhoods in analyzing area needs - Planning is unresponsive of their efforts. Organized (continued on page 3)

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 80217. 758-9499 (fax) 757-5000 (w) 695-9627 (fax)
Chairwoman's Column
By Janey Hanley

Happy 1996! I hope that it will be a kinder year for Denver's neighborhoods, though we see that there are already battles for us to fight. In order to keep our city's character and its neighborhoods strong, we must keep working hard, and rise to the occasion every time we are challenged.

For INC to help its member neighborhoods more effectively, and continue to grow, we need to have strong position statements. It is important that you come to the January meeting, and participate in the committee meetings, so we can make the necessary changes.

We will then print the amended position statements in the February newsletter. Please read them carefully, and join us in March to vote on the revised statements. Remember that only the delegates from neighborhoods who have paid their 1996 dues will be able to vote.

Recently I received an update on the status of the IRC recommendations. Of the top 15, the Office of Local Affairs has found legislative sponsors for the first eighteen. This is good news, and means that we will have to track their progress through the legislature.

The application for the Good Neighbor Award in this edition of the Connection. Please think about your neighbors, and if any of them deserve an award, send us a completed application by February 19th.

The next Mayor's Quarterly meeting will be held on Thursday, January 18th. The meeting will be at the Central Library, in the basement. It will start at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you both then and on the 13th.

Crime Victims Have Resource

Neighbors struggling with the emotional, financial and physical after-effects of crime victimization - what services are available? The Denver Victims Services Center (DVSC) was created in 1987 to specifically address that question. DVSC is a nonprofit, volunteer-based agency with trained counseling staff that provides crisis intervention counseling, information and referral and emergency funds to assist victims of crime with the emotional and financial help they need.

Law enforcement focuses on perpetrators - victims are left feeling angry, guilty and confused, not knowing where to turn for help. DVSC services are free and confidential. It is the only agency in the state offering comprehensive services to victims of all crimes, including arson, sexual abuse, domestic violence, elder abuse, suicide, hate crimes, vehicular assault, burglary and vandalism.

Hotline

The DVSC 24-hour hotline includes TTY and bilingual services. Clients do not have to report the crime to the police to receive assistance. Services are available for direct crime victims, their family members, friends, neighbors, or co-workers. The person requesting assistance must be a Denver resident or the crime needs to have occurred within Denver. DVSC specialists provide crime prevention assistance and work with already diagnosed individuals and victims of hate and gang crimes. DVSC can get locks and doors repaired to assure safety after a break-in. There is no need for anyone to suffer in silence.

If you or someone you know has been a victim of crime, recently or long ago, DVSC can help through creative, caring problem-solving. Call the hotline at 303-834-8000, TTY at 303-860-9555 or Spanish response at 303-461-8587. It's also an excellent volunteer opportunity.

For further information on DVSC services and speakers for your neighborhood meetings, contact Judith Schwartz, DVSC program specialist for crime prevention, at 303-860-0660.
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Baker Residents reports businesses coming their way from Lodo. The Arsenal hosts an eagle watch during the winter months. Alamosa Placitas hosted its second meeting of the year with several city officials in attendance. Stan McIntyre introduced Christine Smith of DPS public relations who can be reached concerning almost any issue at 764-3580. Councilperson Susan Barnes-Gelt is forming a grassroots task force to improve communication between school officials and neighborhoods.

Position Statements

INC bylaws revisions will be reviewed and voted on in March, position statements in January. Keep Denver Beautiful will turn spent Christmas trees into mulch for area gardens and landscapes. They are putting out a neighborhood survey to lay the groundwork for a program to give youth offenders an opportunity to assist with neighborhood projects. KDB is also launching a drive to rid utility poles and signposts of illegal signs (garage sales, businesses, real estate, etc.). No signs are allowed in the public rights of way.

Cook Park is working on an extension to the park to be dedicated in August of 1997. Goldsmith Gulch Flood Control project qualifies for $80,000 in arts funding. University Park reported on a traffic management feasibility study to be completed by year's end. The Buchtel Trail project had 5 bids come in under budget.

Brew Pubs

Country Club Improvement Association described a proposed zone change for Cherry Creek North to allow brew pubs. West University Community Association stated that L990, the proposed change in the ordinance governing the year wait following an unsuccessful PUD application, has been strategically withdrawn by the petitioner and further developments are awaited.

Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods related that the annual Victorian House Tour held the weekend of Dec. 2 was a big hit. CHUN welcomes the District 6 Police Headquarters at Colfax and Clarkson but questions the need for a six foot chain link fence surrounding it. The same applicant has applied for the third time for a liquor license on the same block using different street addresses; state senator Pat Pascoe is sponsoring legislation which would prohibit duplicate filings within 500 feet of a prior filing.

Cory Merrill is working on zoning of the St. Thomas seminary site and 1600 S. University. Tina Scardina is now head of the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Response. The three staffers are formulating goals and objectives. Reach them at 646-2736, or at 200 W. 14th Ave.

Proposed Townhomes

Harmon Neighborhoods reported on a proposed development of 200 townhomes off of University in addition to the 7-story high-end complex recently publicized. Plans for an 84-unit townhome complex on a single block at First and Jackson were recently OK'd by City Council.

Park Forest has a cookie exchange slated. The Lowry Disposition Committee is looking at RFP's for the 575 acre golf course. The Sunset Village developers may pull out.

Denver Public Schools Board of Education member Sue Edwards thanked all the participants of Make a Difference Day. She stressed community - school involvement. The Swansens Elementary CDM has made literacy its primary goal and is launching a program of written correspondence between program volunteers and classes. An Earning by Learning plan encourages children to get into the habit of reading books.

Congress Park is fighting the 3rd liquor license application at 12th and Elizabeth, and is working with the Homeless Task Force to develop a plan to limit liquor licenses from being granted near the city's homeless shelters. Colfax on the Hill is having a church tour on December 17. Inspiration Point is expanding its newsletter to include nearby areas of Wheatridge.

DPS Budget Cuts

Marilyn Vaughn, INC Education Committee Chair, reported that Pomona High School will have its marching band in the 1996 Rose Bowl. DPS budget cuts threaten the existence of individual high school marching bands. The Board passed the Community use policy with member Sue Edwards being instrumental in removing the major objections voiced by the

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neighborhoods. At the suggestion of Laura LeGroux, Marilyn will meet with DPS staffer Craig Cook to iron out remaining differences. A January meeting with the DCFA will have the goal of aligning schools with neighborhoods and promote teacher involvement in neighborhood associations. Bilingual education is being re-evaluated. Hearings are currently underway regarding elementary school boundaries with the goal of all students feeding into the same middle and high schools instead of the current scattered approach. The Budget Steering Committee needs neighborhood volunteers!

George Washington reported 18 new potential contamination sites coinciding with possible golf course redevelopment and stated that the Air Force will not take responsibility for what it considers to be low or medium risk sites.

School Closing

Mayfair related concern that if Palmer’s enrollment drops below 150 the school will close; they want boundaries adjusted to ensure that Palmer will continue to serve the community. Mayfair’s bylaws and articles of incorporation were recently published and a business directory will be available in early ’96.

Harold Brewer, INC Crime Chair, cautioned care in safety during the holidays. North City Park Civic Association thanked Keep Denver Beautiful for its cleanup efforts. The proposed City Park playground redo needs participation from neighborhoods west of the park. There will be a hearing on the St. Thomas rezoning on Jan. 2. A DPS standards Task force is seeking input from parents and community; reach them at Tina Scardina’s number. Benes marijuana reported that a final site plan for Indian Creek development is awaited. INC noted 2 new members.

West Highlands reported no news concerning development at the old Elitch’s site. The fire department has been supportive and cooperative during the recent spate of fires at the site. A proposed R5 zone change is opposed. Greater Park Hill noted a hearing on Dec. 26 to review the classification of light industrial zoning. A representative of Frederick Ross, the developer of the proposed of the Department of Social Services building, stressed the need for coordination of services, some federally mandated, in a single geographic location and praised the site at Colfax and Federal as being easily accessible. There will be a site plan available in January.

The amended wording of INC zoning position statement 20 is as follows: “It is the position of INC that governmental authorities request and affected neighborhood associations be encouraged to submit up to three names of qualified individuals to represent the neighborhoods on Citizens’ Advisory Committees or redevelopment authorities established by such governmental entities, and we encourage said entities to select representatives from the list(s) submitted”. Mayor’s Education Liaison Carol Bolton said that she will place emphasis on support from the business community and will encourage reuse of reading materials through donations to schools. She sees a need for cooperation between the schools and the Department of Parks and Recreation. She will attend INC meetings to obtain continued feedback from neighborhoods.

Lowry Family Health Center

The Department of Health and Hospitals sponsors the Lowry Family Health Center, which is located at 8802 E. 9th Avenue, Building 752. Entrance to the facility is from the gate at 6th Avenue and Dayton.

The services offered by the Center are

- Well-baby and adult check ups
- Immunizations and flu shots
- Health education
- Treatment for minor illnesses and injuries
- Laboratory services
- Specialty referrals

The Center is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Medicare and Medicaid are accepted. Call 739-1400 for appointments or further information.

Mayor’s Quarterly Meeting

The Mayor's Quarterly Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the basement of the Central Library, 1357 Broadway.

The program will include the introduction of new mayoral appointees, and discussions of the Community Development Agency and the 1996 budget.
1996 Award Nomination

Please nominate the school, individual, organization or business that has made a substantial contribution to meeting the Keep Denver Beautiful mission of enhancing the visual appearance of Denver by addressing problems of graffiti and litter.

Please indicate the category of your nominee:
__School  __Individual  __Organization  __Business

Please provide the name, address and phone number of your nominee:
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Please briefly state the reason for your nomination:
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Please state your name and telephone number so we can contact you with any questions about your nomination.
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Please mail nominations by February 5, 1996 to:
Keep Denver Beautiful  1390 Decatur St.
Denver, Colorado 80204

Winners will be announced in March, 1996. Thank you.