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February 10 Meeting
Around the City
By Meredith Anderson
Secretary

The meeting was convened by President Janey Hanley who thanked the Northwest Neighborhood Coalition for hosting the delegates. District 9 Councilperson Debbie Ortega welcomed the delegates and relayed the importance of getting to know all areas of the City. She mentioned impending legislation which would impact all areas of the City and stressed the importance of fairness and balance in the outcome. When asked about the feasibility of neighborhood leaders having the ability to buy copies of the report, Ms. Ortega said that the expense of such an effort would be prohibitive; however, City Council information is available on the internet (Denver FreeNet). The Council office phone is 640-3012.

Steve Harshbarger of the Auditor's Office said that all parts of the City are well represented in that office. Charlotte Stevens, Director of the Safe City program, lauded a million dollar grant from Council funding programs to promote education, provide domestic counseling and combat substance abuse. She highlighted the Summer Scholars program which had proven results in better grades and a decrease in dropouts. Charlotte urged all of us to attend two upcoming events: A presentation by Michael Meved on March 15 at Grove Middle School concerning violence in the media, and a Youth Summit on May 3 at the Convention Center.

Community Policing
Manager of Safety Butch Montoya spoke of the importance of law enforcement in crime prevention, saying that a community policing effort is based on problems and concerns identified by members of the affected communities. His goal is to formalize the link between police impact teams and all of the varied service providers within the City. He cited a successful graffiti sting in police district 4 and the impact of the curfew program. He cautioned that federal support for jobs programs for youth is gone and suggested that corporate sponsorships might help take up the slack. He urged that we contact Senator Ben Campbell to express support for reinstatement of funding for jobs. He said that the Gilliam Youth Center would not expand - its capacity is 70 but that the County jail would expand and might move to Smith Road. The Joint Budget Committee of the state legislature will designate a site for a new juvenile detention facility if the City does not itself choose one by March first. Three sites being considered are Stapleton, Fort Logan and the current City Jail site.

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Bag-A-Thon Scheduled For Saturday, April 20

Keep Denver Beautiful, a program of the Denver Department of Public Works, is sponsoring the 10th annual Glad Bag-A-Thon on Saturday, April 20, 1996.

The City-wide cleanup project will take place between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Neighborhood associations will soon be receiving registration forms, which should be returned as soon as possible so that adequate cleanup supplies can be reserved. Hundreds of volunteers are needed.

In preparation for the event, neighborhood representatives will be invited to attend a meeting to discuss the Bag-A-Thon and how each neighborhood and the City can work to make this year's program the most successful cleanup effort ever.

Questions can be addressed to Nedra Ingram at 640-2000.

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Indian Creek NA
Inspiration Point NA
Jefferson Park NA
Lower Downtown Assn
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Mayfair Neighbors
Mayfair Park NA
Metro Denver Local Development Company
Morgan's Subdivision Historic District HOA
Morrison Road Business Assa
North City Park Civic Assn
Organized Baker Residents
Overland NA
Park Forest HOA
Pine Valley HOA
Pineview Village Improvement Assn
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Sloan Lake Citizens Group
Southwest Denver Action Team
South West Improvement Council
Southeast Denver Youth Council
Southwest Park East HOA
St. Charles Neighborhood Group
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Group Home, Shelter, Residential Care Ordinance Reviewed

Since late November, 1995, a group of citizens, convened by the Denver Planning Office, have reviewed Denver's Residential Care Use Ordinance, which was passed by the City Council in mid-1993. The purpose of the review has been to determine whether, in light of experiences with the implementation of the ordinance and considering recent developments in the Federal Fair Housing Act, any amendments in Denver's ordinance are needed.

The main efforts of the committee have been to study the issues of 1) spacing and neighborhood impact of residential care uses; 2) the definitions and categories of different types of residential care uses (including shelters, community corrections, group homes, transitional housing); and 3) the notification and public meeting process and 4) management, control and accountability of residential care uses.

Any citizens interested in reviewing the work of the committee and providing comments to the committee are invited to attend one or both of the below public meetings:

Tuesday, March 19
7:00 p.m.
basement conference room
200 W. 14th Avenue

Wednesday, March 20
4:00 p.m.
basement conference room
200 W. 14th Avenue

The work of the committee has not yet been concluded and much remains to be done. Comments and ideas are very welcome.

Those with questions or concerns should contact Michelle Henry (neighborhood coordinator), 377-6609, or Louise Boris (care provider co-chair), 830-2714.
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Around the City

Maureen McGuff of Safe City's curfew program spoke of the effectiveness of the program, with juvenile crime down 25 per cent and victimization down 30 per cent. Apprehended violators are brought to "safe sites" with attendant services from March 1 - Sept. 30 only; the other part of the year, violators are brought to court. The program has been also effective in reducing the time it takes an officer to handle a case from about 90 minutes to about 23 minutes. The program has seen a drop in recidivism from 56 per cent to 7 per cent.

Rus Hackstaff of The Ross Co. and Phil Hernandez, Manager of the Denver Department of Social Services, spoke of their support for locating the re-designed Human Services Center at Federal Blvd., just south of Colfax near the West Side Health Center. Advantages include a cluster of uses within easy access of public transportation near the largest portion of its client base, with open space nearby (Rude Park). This is a PUD application which City Council must approve. CCD may hold some classes there and there is talk of providing a parking garage. The RFP process did not include neighborhood input.

Takings Bills

David Brunwell of the Colorado Municipal League expressed grave concerns over several "takings" bills pending in the legislature which would impact a community's ability to manage growth and would preclude citizen participation by removing rights of initiative and referendum. He cited S.B. 61 and H.B. 1303 among those to which we as citizens need to voice opposition. To inquire about current or pending legislation at the state level, phone 866-3055. The Colorado Municipal League can be reached at 831-6411. There are parallel bills which would severely limit the right of citizens to oppose or help revoke liquor licenses.

Southmoor Park East continues talking with the Garris regarding lighting, barriers, and traffic safety created by existing theatre patrons. Neighborhood Cultures Grants are available; funding is being sought. Believe-Hale - problems with a DHA tenant being evicted and the yard holding the furnishings for several days. This creates an eyecatcher. Funding is in place for a new playground in City Park to be constructed wholly by volunteers - volunteers are needed! Several committees have been formed to handle the logistics.

Virginia Village/Ellis will host a jobs fair for youth in southeast Denver. Also, there will be a Circuit City going in on Colorado Blvd. at Florida, resulting in a significant increase in traffic. It will be 35,000 s.f. plus a 5600 s.f. "pad." It was also reported that changes to a PUD filing at Evans and Colorado should require a new opportunity for public input.

INC members are due; please see Connie Mays.

Must be paid up in order to vote at the March Meeting.

Councilperson Susan Barnes-Gelt wants to sponsor a meeting concerning the effectiveness of the Neighborhood nuisance ordinance with members of concerned neighborhoods. This topic will be on a future INC agenda. Dustin Samuel of the DPS Career Education Center spoke of plans for a new course program and invited all to attend an open house on February 20. Dustin can be reached at 964-3000.

Harriet Hogue, Denver Planning, urged support for the Colorado Children's Campaign. Call them at 839-1583 for info. Renting of Downtown and Golden Triangle will be discussed at a meeting on Feb. 15 concerning the B-B-A zone. Harriet can be reached at 640-4762.

Lowry - has the planning board been deliberately cut from the planning process? Are public hearings "courtesy" only? Council Public hearing is time for public testimony. Planning Commission is willing to meet with neighborhoods, according to Norma Edelman.

Fear and Loathing at DHA

Sunnyside - DHA loathes to open public records. Harman Neighbors - the traffic study continues. Lowry may be site of a senior center, skating arena. Tutt Berkeley school is trying for historic designation and funds for preservation.

A developer wants to add buildings to the site.

Judy Kriss brought up whether INC should undergo some restructuring. Should INC be more proactive in response to issues? Should INC committees meet more often to funnel issues, with plans of action, to the delegates? Neighborhood plans as they exist now are merely "guidelines"; they need to be codified to hold authority. Judy has filed to run for the District 10 House seat being vacated by Doug Friedenthal. North City Park Civic Association - "Operation Ceasefire" will attempt to reduce the number of guns in circulation by offering Nugget tickets in exchange for firearms, March 9. Call 640-4422.

West Highlands - Federal Blvd. improvement meeting to be held Feb. 13 at North High. Berkeley - Denver and Adams City working on a Mobile grant for $30,000. Land for arts, cultural events, 40 acres north of I-70. Tim Scardina, Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Response, lists communication as a high priority. Neighborhood tours give firsthand view of problems. Seminars available on a variety of topics.

Byers may be the new location for the School of the Arts. A high-rise is under discussion for Logan between 2nd and 3rd.

Mayfair Park - the Sunset Village proposal on Lowry failed. Colfax on the Hill - working on mapping overlays for group homes, liquor licenses, etc. Can attach a rider to a liquor license application to ensure the license won't be transferred.
Education Committee Report

By Marilyn Vaughan
Chair, Education Committee

Highlights of Denver Public Schools' Community Use Policy especially important to neighborhood organizations:

Category A: Free Rental - Includes non-school organizations such as civic and neighborhood improvement associations. Required to pay non-refundable, one-time annual application filing fee, currently $25.00.

Applications for use for first-time users must be made at 900 Grant, Office of Community Use (Office), telephone number 764-3352, 764-3350. Should be submitted at least 3 weeks prior to date for requested use. Applicant will be notified by the Office as to the approval or disapproval of the application.

Appropriate labor and incremental costs may be charged for usage beyond normal school operating hours. Custodians are paid 30 minutes before and after scheduled time of event. Overtime rate is $23 an hour. (Suggestion: Even though all applications must go through 900 Grant, work with your principal and facility manager regarding flex time.)

Any applicable fees are to be paid 5 days in advance of event. (Note: Due to number of bad checks, it is possible only certified funds will be accepted in future. Not policy now.)

Facilities should be inspected at time of initial occupancy. Any damage will be billed to the using group. The Chief Operating Officer or designee will be judge of damage.

If usage is considered high risk, certificate of insurance may be required. There will be the ability to buy into a district liability policy.

A survey form will be given to both the user and the facility manager after the event to be returned to the Office.

Use of such areas as kitchens and auditoriums have additional requirements.

Other items (maybe) of Interest - Superintendent Irv Montkowitz's contract has been extended by one year to August 31, 1999.

Sites for high school alternative education are under review. It is unlikely there will be a single site. It is likely that the program will remain at 29th and Zuni but will move from Byers. District officials hope for an early decision so that adequate planning can be done for 97-98 school year.

The district is negotiating to lease the United Cerebral Palsy Association building at 2727 Columbine Street. It may be used to relieve space crunch in northeast Denver. Meanwhile, the Association will be moving to Ash Grove Elementary.

The use of temporary buildings continues to be mentioned. From the presentation your writer saw on such facilities, please note they are modular buildings. They are not cheap and give the appearance of being permanent. They can be moved, however. Such units are being put in place at Cowell Elementary, 4540 W. 10th.

INC Publishes Brochure

Editor's note: INC has published an informational brochure which explains its purposes and activities. The following are excerpts from that brochure.

INC Activities

Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation (INC) serves as the eyes, ears and voice of Denver neighborhood associations.

Annual INC Activities:

Functions as an informational pipeline and provides networking opportunities for Denver neighborhoods. Publishes and distributes newsletter, the Denver Neighborhood Connection, to INC members, registered neighborhood groups and city offices.

Meets monthly, every second Saturday morning, to update each other on neighborhood issues around the city and to closely examine a city issue.

Publishes annual position statements on education, environmental, healthcare, housing, land use, metropolitan growth issues, parks and recreation, public safety, transportation, and zoning issues. These position statements help guide actions taken by INC each year.

Hosts the Mayor's Quarterly Meetings, in conjunction with the Mayor's office as a means of providing up to date information on current issues in Denver.

Sponsors annual Presidents' Dinner for presidents of neighborhood organizations.

Recent INC activities:

Participated in successful, and often hard fought, efforts to adopt city ordinances related to: downtown rezone, building height restrictions, the pop-top ordinance, land-

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