1996 Good Neighbor Awards

Editor's Note: Below is a transcript of remarks made at the March 9, 1996 INC Delegates' Meeting, during which Carol Dawson, Marilyn Vaughn, and Bob and Rae Hilbert were presented with INC's 1996 Good Neighbor Awards.

Carol Dawson

INC Good Neighbor, Carol Dawson, is serving her second term as President of the Morrison Road Business Association of Denver (MR BAD). As a property and business owner on Morrison Road, Carol operates a large used and new carpet store and is always generous with her carpet donations to non-profit organizations...including the MR BAD office.

Whether business is good or suffering, Carol is a leader in her volunteer endeavors and looks for ways to assist her neighborhood. Last spring, the graffiti and vandalism escalated on Morrison Road, Carol was a front runner in pursuing the formation of Residents Against Drugs and Crime (RADAC) chapter that works in conjunction with the Guardians Angels to decrease crime. Volunteers have completed their training and have been weekly patrolling the streets for three months. Carol is the president of the newly formed Westwood Chapter of RADAC and spends much time patrolling and recruiting additional residents and business associates in joining the fight to take back the neighborhood.

Abraham Lincoln High School has utilized Carol's business savvy and knowledge as Carol has participated in student/community leader panel discussions. The panellists have led an increased determination to education the youth of today. INC is proud to name Carol Dawson as a 1996 INC Good Neighbor.

Marilyn Vaughn

INC Good Neighbor Marilyn Vaughn is well known to Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation for her dedication to her neighborhood, Inspiration Point, and to INC itself. Marilyn has served as INC's secretary and currently is serving as Chair of the INC Education Committee.

Marilyn was one of the founding forces organizing the Inspiration Point Neighborhood Association ten years ago. Shortly after formation of her neighborhood group Marilyn became IPNA's delegate to INC. Marilyn has edited the neighborhood newsletter and served as Secretary of the Inspiration Point Association. She currently serves as Education and Zoning Chair for her neighborhood group.

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Neighborhood Connection Articles

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1996 Neighborhood School Pride Day Being Planned

INC's 1995 DPS Autumn School Grounds Beautification Project for Make A Difference Day was a great success. The organizers want to start planning for the October, 1996 project early, so the results can be even better. The task force will hold its first planning meeting on April 9, 1996 at 4:30 p.m. at 500 Grant Street in the 4th floor luncheon room. Everyone is welcome to attend and help get this year’s project off to a good start.

The new “Dollar Dictionary Drive” will also be discussed. This is a Neighborhood Project that is a spin-off of last year’s activities. The initial goal will be to provide a pocket dictionary for every third grade DPS student in August 1996.

Come help organize, communicate, share your ideas and lead to successful 1996 INC events. For information call Carole Fisher, 433-5221.

1996 Good Neighbor Award Recipients

Marilyn has served her neighborhood with an unselfish attitude, always putting the interest of the association and INC before everything else. She has attended countless meetings with city and school officials and is a familiar face at Denver Board of Education meetings. Many other DPS committees and task forces benefit from her knowledge and experience. Marilyn attracts everyone with her INC and professionalism. Marilyn’s neighbors know that when Marilyn is representing them, their interests are definitely being protected— as individuals or as a group. INC proudly salutes Marilyn Vaughn . . . a 1996 INC Good Neighbor.

Bob and Rae Hilbert

It is a special privilege to recognize Bob and Rae Hilbert as INC Good Neighbors. This couple holds the distinction as the nominee for good neighbor with the most supporting letters of nomination. Bob and Rae Hilbert are greatly loved by their neighbors and truly worthy of this award.

One neighbor reports: "Rae has spent countless hours on the phone making sure people get to the polls to vote. Of course she hopes it's for her candidate -- don't we all -- but it's more important for her to see us involved. She teaches us how and doesn't make judgments when we're not effective or able to do as she asks. Bob and Rae continue to be informed. They then inform the rest of us. They take a stand and give 110%. They have probably attended more City Council meetings and spoken up for what is best for this city than all of us nominating them have together."

Hilberts report more: "Bob and Rae volunteer. We have participated in any Park Hill activity where we haven't seen them. Whether it is hosting a house on the Home Tour, or mansioning the auction at the street fair, or simply attending the neighborhood Fourth of July barbecues, the winter progressive dinner—the Hilberts participate. They are there for each of us as members of a community and for the community itself."

Bob and Rae have worked on so many issues to help keep our neighborhood a safe, clean and quiet place to live. They have:
- worked for years on defeating an RTD proposal to put light rail down Colfax Ave. or mid-block between 16th and Colfax.
- helped close several unwanted bars on Colfax and kept an adult book store from opening in the neighborhood;
- contributed getting and planting trees for Niagra St. and 7600 block of 16th;
- kept contact with the owners of the Niagra House Motel and helped thwart the negative goings-on at the motel;
- delivered the Greater Park Hill paper and they still have the "helping hand" in their window;
- when their neighborhood became a flash point in the community, Rae took up the call to find a Sector Leader to help organize her part of the neighborhood — and when no one had the time to prepare and distribute the sector newsletter — Rae took it on herself.

Their neighbors sum it up: "If ever there were role models for the kind of care and involvement it takes to build a good neighborhood, Bob and Rae are it." "Bob and Rae are fine examples of what good neighbors should be!"

INC proudly presents a token of love and caring which can serve as an example to us all.

Billboards Fall to Ordinance

(1996) West 12th Avenue, 1306 Speer Boulevard, 1340 Speer Boulevard, Speer Boulevard and Zuni (southwest corner), 2330 Speer Boulevard and 18th Avenue and Park Avenue.

Although the signs were up, their 1995 billboard code are discovered that the settlement only provided for "half a loaf," the count of billboards in the City and County of Denver has been significantly reduced since the passage of the ordinance in 1988. According to City figures, the 625 billboards which existed in 1988 have now been reduced to approximately 500. As redevelopment of vacant land occurs, the number of billboards will continue to grow smaller.

On March 5, Councilpersons Debbie Ortega, Ramona Martinez and Dennis Gallagher voted against the settlement ordinance, believing that the section of Speer Boulevard in northwest Denver was left with too many billboards under the settlement. Those who support billboard control in Denver should support those council representatives if they attempt to budget funds to purchase one or more of the billboards in northwest Denver.