

Next INC Meeting

Saturday, May 11

East Side Christian Church
3300 E. 14th Ave. (14th and Adams)

9:00 a.m.- Coffee and donuts

9:15 a.m.- Call to order,
committee reports,
correspondence

9:30 a.m. - Around the City

10:20 a.m. - Short break

10:30 a.m.- Nuisance abate-
ment forum (taped by city
TV station channel 8)

Noon - Adjourn

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April 13 Meeting

Around the City

By Sara Bradley
Acting Secretary

Stan McIntyre presided over the meeting, which was held at Chaffee Park Funeral Home. Cathee Fisher reported that INC is mailing a packet of seeds along with a reminder letter to organizations that haven't paid dues and rejoined INC. Connie Mays, membership chair, said that membership is down from 91 last year to 64. She encouraged all groups who haven't sent in dues to do so. She gave the treasurer's report for Meredith Anderson.

Downtown Denver Residents Organization: Anticipating increased activity with baseball season starting. **Sunnyside United Neighbors:** Some restaurant problems, violence, murder in parking lot. **Keep Denver Beautiful:** Bag-a-Thon Sat. April 20. Call if you need a few extra volunteers. On very short notice KDB recruited people to help distribute 320 tons of gravel for the new Wyman School playground.

At War with Salvation Army

Denargo Market Neighbors: Has spent \$72,000 preparing for court battle over Salvation Army Shelter in the Market. Court date set for early June. Need info on how to do a neighborhood plan. **Harmon/Cherry Creek:** Watching to see how Central Denver Traffic Study affects Cherry Creek. **Renewed talk about the Alameda Bridge.** **Hill Top:** Bungalows being torn down with no permits in view.

Virginia Village/Ellis: Virginia McIntyre called attention to a petition for campaign reform that she is circulating. **West University Community Association:** Dick Feather replaces Jim Zavist as president. Participating in Central Denver Traffic Study and the planning meetings for development around the Light Rail stations. **Colfax on the Hill:** New cleaning crew working 7 days a week picking up litter. Will plant flowers along Colfax. New committee is meeting with neighbors to see how residents and businesses can relate better. District 6 Police are now in residence at Colfax and Clarkson. There were 759 arrests in March.

Harkness Heights NA: Bag-A-Thon April 20. Crime and safety meeting was held with Manager of Safety Butch Montoya and police representatives. **Barnum Improvement Council:** Bag-A-Thon participation and community garden starting. At general meeting talk on lawn care and police issues. **Alamo Placita Neighbors Association:** Offending utility boxes will be removed by U.S. West, due to efforts of citizens and Councilman Ed

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INC Receives National Award, \$2,000 Donation

Actor Paul Newman, founder of Newman's Own, Inc., which gives 100% of its after-tax profits to charity, has made a \$2,000 donation to INC in recognition of its participation in *USA Weekend's* Make A Difference Day on October 28, 1995.

INC received this 1996 National Honorable Mention Award for its Neighborhood - School Pride Autumn School Grounds Beautification project, which involved 5000 volunteers at 108 Denver Public Schools. The Denver project was one of 5,800 entries representing 865,000 volunteers nation-wide who participated in the 5th Annual Make A Difference Day.

The 1995 Neighborhood - School Pride event was a joint effort by INC, Denver Public Schools, the City and County of Denver and KMGH Channel 7. The work which was done included school landscaping and clean-up, and the planting of bulbs and flowers.

Plans for this year's Neighborhood - School Pride Day, which is scheduled for October 26, 1996, have already begun. "Last year's event was an opportunity for neighborhoods and schools to join hands and work together. We hope to expand upon that theme throughout the year and have an even bigger event this October," said Cathee Fisher, INC executive committee member and representative from the Harkness Heights Neighborhood Association.

The next planning session for the project will be on May 7 at 4:30 p.m. in the 4th floor lunchroom at 900 Grant Street.

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Chairman's Column

By Stan McIntyre

On April 16 the INC executive board hosted a meeting with city agencies, City Council, and the Office of Neighborhood Response to discuss ways in which to improve the nuisance abatement ordinance. Because of concerns by the Denver Police Department, city attorney's office, council members, and neighborhoods, the May INC meeting will give us the opportunity to address this issue. Our desire is to enable neighborhoods to assist in drafting a nuisance abatement ordinance that will allow neighborhoods to be safer.

You can support your INC committee chairs by serving on the various committees. Your participation is necessary to bring more ideas to the Board. There are many issues being discussed by city agencies and different commissions at this time that will impact our city. We can, by working together, make a difference. (George cannot do it alone.)

Denver is the second leading city in the Glad Bag-a-Thon clean up. Only Philadelphia has more people involved. Keep Denver Beautiful, an associate member of INC, takes great pride in maintaining a beautiful city. Thank you for a job well done.

I urge neighborhood associations and the Denver Public Schools collaborative decision-making committees to join together to assure that our students are given the opportunity to receive the best education possible. Neighborhood associations not only have the resources but also the expertise to assure that our neighborhood schools are the center of our communities.

Our efforts during Make a Difference Day/Neighborhood - School Pride Day resulted in a \$2,000 award to INC on the its first try. INC thanks everyone who helped make this possible. Now is your opportunity to assist the dollar dictionary program and assure its success.

INC Announces Dollar Dictionary Drive

Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation is expanding on the success its October, 1995, national award-winning Denver Public School Grounds Beautification project. INC, Denver Public Schools and the City and County of Denver are working together in sponsoring the first INC Dollar Dictionary Drive. The goal is to give a new pocket dictionary to every third grade student attending DPS in August, 1996.

Each dollar contributed to the Dollar Dictionary Drive will provide one dictionary for one Denver student. There will be at least 5000 third graders attending DPS during the 1996-97 school year, so at least \$5,000 needs to be raised during the month of May. For every \$5,000 contributed over the initial goal the program will be expanded to include another grade level.

Tax-deductible contributions of any amount can be sent to INC Dollar Dictionary, P.O. Box 300116, Denver, CO 80218. For more information call 757-0035 or 433-5221.

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Associate Members: Agency for Human Rights & Community Relations • Bill Himmelmann • Colorado Coalition for the Homeless • Denver Real Estate Association Management • Denver Public Schools • Downtown Denver Partnership • Keep Denver Beautiful • King & Associates • League of Women Voters of Denver • South East Denver Youth Council • Tim Sandos • Young Americans Education Foundation •

Park Hill Position on Stapleton Prison

By Ginger Perkins and George Martelon
Co-Chairs, Greater Park Hill Community, Inc.

"Not in My Back Yard" has never been nor, prayerfully, will it now be an attitude manifest by the residents of Park Hill. We've always been willing to do our share, and often even more than might be expected, to be supporters and active advocates of the greater Community Good.

The current issues surrounding the locating of a juvenile corrections facility are not, from the perspective of the residents of the north-east quadrant of the city, an issue of anything more or less than one of equity, fairness and prudent management of fiscal and land resources.

To jeopardize, at the very outset, the comprehensive and expensive process undertaken more than 5 years ago by the Stapleton Redevelopment Foundation to maximize, by innovative but sound and inclusive planning processes, designed uses for the land mass of the former Stapleton Airport property by arbitrarily and capriciously condemning property for the construction of a correctional facility makes no sense economically or philosophically. How often, in a marvelous urban setting such as Denver, is an opportunity presented to start with a blank piece of paper and design an ideal community? Doesn't recent legislative activity smack of an unreasonableness that gives added credibility to an Everett Dirksen quotation that stated, "...In politics sometimes one must rise above principle"?

To cause or allow an even greater concentration of correctional beds in an area that already contains close to one-half of all presently utilized facilities in the entire state presents a posture which must be considered unreasonable by even the most recalcitrant NIMBY. Enough is enough!

Would we entertain a comprehensive look, involving all of the parties (federal, state, and local governments and all of the geographically impacted stakeholders), at ways that

the present "Correctional Campus at Smith Road and Havana" might be reconfigured to more effectively utilize both the already impacted properties and facilities and the technical expertise in corrections administration? Yes! While all members of our community would enthusiastically support the possibility of a dramatic reduction in the number of beds present or projected most would still be reasonable and open to a realistic dialogue as long as it did not increase the present bed numbers. Certainly we would

encourage everyone involved to be equally open in considering other locations.

The Stapleton Redevelopment Corporation in a "Summary Report on Proposed Correctional Facilities at Stapleton" document, issued April 17, 1996, has presented a proposal worthy of immediate exploration. It addresses the problems before us in a manner that is honest, creative, and fair. Again, while some members of our community are closed to the idea, it is our personal sense that the majority of the residents of the Park Hill Community would embrace and support the approach being suggested.



Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation Membership Application

My organization would like to register as a: ☐ Member (enclose \$30) ☐ Patron (enclose \$60)

Name of Organization: _____

President: _____ Address: _____

Home phone: _____

INC Delegate #1: _____ Address: _____

Home phone: _____

INC Delegate #2: _____ Address: _____

Home phone: _____

Please complete the above information, enclose dues, and send to:
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Around the City

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Thomas. Safeway expansion still under consideration.

United Southeast Denver: Following projected realignment of Buchtel Blvd. Monitoring situation at U. Hills Shopping Center. **Sloan's Lake Citizens Group:** Improvement projects should be completed within months. Also monitoring Social Services PUD for new complex on Federal.

Hutchinson Hills/Willow Way: Taking part in Bag-A-Thon. **South Jackson St. NA:** Interested in U Hills Mall situation. **Mayfair Neighbors:** New store front police station at Elm and Colfax. Neighborhood Health Station on Eastside celebrating 30th anniversary. **Northwest United Neighbors:** Seeking help on how to increase citizen involvement. **Upper Downtown Development Organization:** Helping develop business in quarter mile circles from the light rail stations in conjunction with Five Points Business Association. Problems with drug dealers continue at 23rd and Curtis. Northeast downtown plan needed.

Mountain Man Festival

Berkeley NA: Clean-up and BBQ for volunteers, Highland Hills Rec Center. Dedication of Carl Park, 5401 Meade, April 20. Mountain Man Festival May 31, 5800 Lowell Blvd., with muzzle-loaders, mountain men, and many contests. Concern that Lowell Blvd. plan should go north of 52nd. and that Berkeley School development should fit in with neighborhood.

Congress Park: 12th Ave. liquor license application was denied after multiple submissions. Teller School PTSA and CP collaborating on a fund-raiser house tour. Hosting walking tour of area with historian Phil Goodstein on June 15 for fun and fund-raising. Would like to place gateway signs -- Welcome to Congress Park. For the annual meeting in March, tremendous outreach but disappointing turnout. **Cherry Creek Improvement Association:** Has had a name change to Country Club Historic Neighborhood.

Greater Park Hill: Monitoring developments at Stapleton. Planning July 4-5 celebration with Aurora. New Park Hill sign on MLK Blvd. **Beaumont Place:** Doing Bag-A-Thon. **North City Park Civic Assn.:** Received a \$30,000 grant to build a park with a basketball court behind the firehouse at Steele and MLK Blvd.

Property Values Up

Sunnyside United Neighbors: Many residents are planting trees this weekend through Denver Digs Trees. Smedley and Horace Mann named Landmark Schools. Two bars closed. Property values up 64% in 6 years. Suggested INC members drive by Quigg Newton Homes, the largest public housing development in Denver at 44th and Navajo. Neighborhood association would like to interact with homes as a total unit. Denver Housing Authority received a \$26.4 million grant that should be monitored by citizens.

Group homes - Sunnyside not opposed but believe the placement should be balanced and shared by the metropolitan area. Past INC chair Janey Hanley, of the Neighborhood Resource Center, announced that Neighborhood Cultures of Denver grant applications are available.

Harriet Hogue, Planning Office, mentioned the meetings about to take place regarding development around the light rail stations. Volunteers are needed for the Wyman School Playground which is being installed today and also for the community playground to be built at City Park. Harriet also requested that neighborhood associations send her copies of their by-laws or articles of incorporation.

Takings Bills Still Alive

David Broadwell, Colorado Municipal League, gave an update on the takings bills being considered by the state legislature. Several have been neutralized or defeated since he reported to INC in February. SB69 and HB1303 are two left to watch. He said both parties in the Denver delegation are generally very responsive regarding liquor license issues. The constitutional authority lies with the state so local powers have only what the state grants them. Two liquor licensing bills, 1282 and 1287, are still alive. Telecommunications bills SB10 and 187 have passed.

Sue Edwards, Board of Education, said that DPS is trying to get counts on pupil attendance for next year for each school since budget and many other operating factors flow from that count. She commended the 150 volunteers working on the Wyman Playground, including Air Force Academy cadets. Cadets are also helping to paint Gilpin II, formerly Crofton School. She urged people to call and check when they hear rumors.

Cathee Fisher announced that INC will receive a \$2,000 award for spearheading the school clean-up for Make A Difference Day. She moved that INC sponsor a drive to give a dictionary to every 3rd grader in DPS for Make A Difference Day next year. A fund-raising effort will begin in May. Katherine Woods reported the results of the survey which 29 association reps responded to. It will be used as guidelines for future INC projects, workshops, etc.

Guests: Marie Tapp, Auditor's office; Jeanne Robb, for Councilperson Polly Flobeck; Teresa Vaughn, Coalition for the Homeless.

Free Workshops

The Neighborhood Resource Center is offering workshops on fundraising, zoning and legal tactics, and newsletters and communications. Call 561-3790 for further information.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Congratulations to INC for its award as a National Honorable Mention for Make A Difference Day. Cathie Fisher did an outstanding job in organizing the project last fall. I am glad that you have received the recognition that you deserve.

William C. Himmelmann
Councilman, District 7

Dear Editor:

I want to commend INC for its groundbreaking initiatives on behalf of Denver schools and our children, such as last year's Make a Difference Day and the upcoming Dollar Dictionary Drive. With the return to neighborhood schools, the opportunity to unite schools and the community in a working partnership has never been greater.

I look forward to a dramatic increase in the number of neighborhood associations which include School/Children Committees. Such committees might monitor how the youth of the community are doing, and promote neighborhood based strategies to enhance their positive development as tomorrow's citizenry. Local initiatives to create playgrounds or youth coalitions are good examples of current efforts to build the next generation. At the same time, I'd like to see more CDM's (Collaborative Decision Making teams responsible for site based governance at DPS schools) which include active members from surrounding neighborhood organizations. The goal of making every school building the heart and soul of its neighborhood -- a local community center -- depends on this kind of collaboration.

As INC proceeds with Dollar Dictionary Drive and Make a Difference Day, I would like to suggest that wherever feasible, neighborhood associations reach out to their local school CDM to engage in joint planning. These projects for neighborhood groups and CDM's afford excellent opportunities to work together around positive, concrete tasks, while building the trust relationships needed to

tackle more challenging issues. The linking of these two major forums for citizen participation creates a powerful force for community development.

Just as you received a letter suggesting that you adopt your local school, every CDM member received a similar request to work with their local neighborhood association. Because neighborhood organizations generally have more experience and continuity (CDM's have only been in operation since 1992), I'm asking each neighborhood group to take the first step by contacting the chair of your local school CDM to request time on the agenda at the next CDM meeting. (Just call your school to find out how to reach the CDM chair.) As a board member of both Citizens for Quality Schools (which provides leadership training and technical assistance for CDM's) and the DPS Family Resource Schools, I am committed to assisting this partnership process in any way I can. Just give my office a call at 640-2888. And again, congratulations and keep up the fine work!

Susan Barnes-Gelt
Denver City Council

A Lowry Primer

By Debbie James
Lowry Redevelopment Committee Chair

The former Lowry Air Force Base is not the Lowry Landfill. It is an 1800 acre parcel located on the east side of Denver. The Lowry Landfill is in Aurora.

Controlling the redevelopment of Lowry is the Lowry Redevelopment Authority (LRA). The decision-making body for the Authority is a 9 member Board of Directors. It is made of up 7 people from Denver and 2 from Aurora. Acting as liaisons between the public and the Board is a 21 member Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) appointed by Mayor Webb and Mayor Tauer of Aurora. Every neighborhood surrounding Lowry has at least one person serving on the Board or the CAC. One neighborhood has four.

A coordinating committee is made up of Councilwoman Cathy Reynolds (for Mayor Webb), Mayor Tauer, Councilwoman Polly Flobeck and Councilwoman Nadine Caldwell from Aurora. This committee is responsible for oversight of the redevelopment according to the Lowry Reuse Plan, and votes on any changes to that Plan.

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