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- Cathece Fisher
- Frankie Daniels
- Debbie James
- Margot Hartmann
- Tom Tyson

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- Harold Brever
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**July 13 Meeting**

**Minutes of Last Meeting**

_by Diane Wolta, Interim Secretary_

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**Around the City**

- Steve Hashberger of the City Auditor's office advised that their audits are now on the Internet, and the office continues to seek input from neighborhoods. Far Northeast Neighbors are celebrating their 30-year anniversary in September and are working on a video history; they are thrilled with the 1,350 new jobs to be brought in by the United States Postal Service; and, they want to see zoning code enforcement be proactive rather than reactive, along with strengthening zoning ordinances.

**West Highland**

- West Highland is working on gruffi removal, and is still trying to get answers to proposed Federal Blvd. improvements, while experiencing a quiet summer with less cruising.

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**George Washington**

reported that the LRA should be allowing some property transfers at Lowry before all contamination is removed, and that there have been several new residential property rezoning approved on Lowry.

**Green Valley Ranch**

reminded everyone that they are the place where the sun shines first on Denver. Cook Park reported that work is beginning on their new rec center addition, to be completed in August 1997. Alamo Placita donated $50 to the Dollar-a-Dictionary, and they continue to press Safeway for a well designed urban style store when the store at the 6th Ave. and Downing location is remodeled.

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**The Office of Neighborhood Response**

reports that the Nuisance Abatement meetings continue and more input is needed from neighborhoods in order to change the current city ordinance to be more responsive to citizen needs; neighborhood tours will resume in the fall and planning is underway for a Neighborhood Fair, stay tuned for more information.

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**Crossing Guards Needed**

- Evan property tax credit
- Receive training
- Hot meals
- Equipment provided

Call 764-3580
Chairman's Column
By Stan McIntyre

Members of the INC Board of Directors on July 17 met with Mayor Wellington Webb to discuss ways to improve our INC Quarterly Meetings. We agreed these meetings have to be beneficial to all. The meetings will be held in different council districts so we can hear from more citizens. We will discuss one main issue, and then go into an open question and answer period where the audience may have their questions or concerns addressed by the Mayor or his staff. These meetings are now called Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation Meetings with the Mayor.

Harold Brewer (INC Crime Committee Chair) and I were invited to a meeting at the Denver Victims Service Center. We were asked for ideas regarding the Denver Victims Service Crime Prevention Program and how best to structure it to the various needs of Denver's diverse communities. We are looking forward to working with them and their program.

On August 11 I had the pleasure to receive a postcard from Dr. and Mrs. Karl Ackerman, the Denver school superintendent, and his wife. It was a pleasant surprise to receive a card from a person who is respected in the field of education.

On August 25 I had the opportunity to attend the funeral of Mr. and Mrs. William and Arlene Remmers. Mr. Remmers was a long-time resident of Denver and a respected member of the community. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Second INC Make A Difference Day

Now is the time for each association to start planning for Make A Difference Day on October 26. This is an opportunity to assist in improving the appearance of neighborhood schools. Last year INC received national recognition for this effort, and its goal is to do even better this year.

Notice to Members

Your $30 INC membership fee entitles you to 3 newsletters for your organization. Your newsletters should be going to the current association president, INC delegates (2), or other interested party -- someone who is active in city and/or neighborhood issues, or someone who might want to get active in INC.

To update newsletter subscriptions for your association, call Connie Mays, Membership Chair, at 696-0549 or complete the form below, detach, and mail to Connie Mays, 2885 S. Dayton Way, #114, Denver CO 80231.

Please add to the mailing list:

Name
Address, City, Zip
Neighborhood Association

Dollar Dictionary Drive Continues

The first of 5,500 dictionaries earmarked for Denver third graders were given to Colfax Elementary students on August 26 by representatives of INC and Shaar's Lake Citizens' Group. Deputy Mayor Butch Montoya attended, along with various city officials and council members, school district officials, and the media. Principal Mary Romero hosted the event. Colfax Elementary was chosen for the first Dollar Dictionary Drive because, as a year-round school, it was already in session. Other Denver elementary schools open August 28, and will receive their dictionaries in early September. Contributions are still being accepted to pay for the dictionaries.

INC to Vote on Liquor Issue

By Margot Hartman
Chair, Excise and License Committee

As an outgrowth of the panel on liquor license issues at the June 8 INC meeting, the following proposal will be put to a vote of INC delegates at the September meeting.

Denver neighborhood organizations are finding it increasingly difficult to combat the problems caused by badly managed liquor-licensed establishments. Although most liquor-licensed locations pose no problems for the surrounding neighborhoods and, often, can even be assets to neighborhoods, those locations which are badly managed can cause severe harm to nearby residents and businesses.

Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation and other neighborhood organizations need to engage in an organized effort, in conjunction with other groups who are also motivated to control badly-run nuisance liquor establishments, to do the following:

1. Persuade the Denver City Council to impose an occupational fee for all holders of liquor and beer licenses and place those funds in a separate account to be used to deal with alcohol-related problems, such as funding alcohol education, Denver CARES, DUI enforcement, additional enforcement personnel for the Denver Excise and Licenses Department, etc.

2. Lobby the state legislature to amend the liquor and beer licensing statues to include specific performance standards for liquor-licensed establishments, similar to California's, and to strengthen the standards for suspension, revocation or non-renewal of liquor-licensed establishments which are causing harm to the community and increase the license fee for liquor-licensed establishments.

3. Lobby the Denver City Council to remove liquor stores and taverns from the "use by right" zoning category and make such uses conditional use.

Survey Results Compiled

At the annual meeting of INC, 26 people filled out a questionnaire describing those areas in which neighborhood organizations would like some assistance from INC. The highest priority was the need for assistance dealing with zoning and code enforcement for zoning.

INC has worked with the Office of Neighborhood Response (ONR) and held two training sessions on zoning in this past spring, which were videotaped (Zoning 101 and 201). These are available for neighborhood organizations that cannot attend.

Knowing how to work with Planning and Community Development and learning how to obtain neighborhood services were the other two highest priorities on the survey.

INC committee chairs and board members have been given copies of the tabulated survey. INC members wishing to obtain a copy of the survey results can call Stan McIntyre at 727-0035.

In September, the regular INC meeting will have time scheduled for committee meetings so issue areas and recommendations for action can be discussed. If you have a concern or need additional information, please contact the committee chair or the Executive Board.

As a large coalition of neighborhoods, INC can identify and be proactive about issues neighborhoods have. INC confers regularly with the City to make sure it is responsive to the neighborhoods. You can help by participating on an INC committee and also by letting the INC board members know what your issues are.

Zoning Code Morass

(from page 5)
Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank INC members who have volunteered to assist the city on two projects.

The first project is the Neighborhood Partnership Committee. As you know, the Neighborhood Partnership Committee has been formed to explore how to improve the way the city, businesses, and neighborhoods work together. The INC Board will be represented on this committee; participants include Debbie James, Janey Hanley, and Amy Kastin. As of the date of this letter, we expect to appoint two or three other neighborhood representatives as well.

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Education Report

By Marilyn Vaughn
Chair, Education Committee

Schools will be available this fall in eight DPS elementary schools and at all 18 DPS middle schools. Immunizations required for student enrollment will be offered at Valdes, Butcher Webster, Cheltenham, Knapp, Holm, Columbine, Smokey and Barney Ford elementary schools the week before school starts. The first week of school middle school immunizations will be extended to include Hepatitis B for all 6th graders in DPS middle schools.

The immunization project is a partnership of the Mayor's Great Kids Initiative, Denver Health Medical Center and DPS. The elementary school project was first proposed through the City Schools Coordinating Committee of Denver and DPS. In 1995-96, 160 students were immunized at Valdez Elementary School. Immunizations required before enrollment in Denver elementary schools are MMR (measles, mumps and rubella in one injection), DPT (diphtheria, pertussis and tetanus in one injection) and oral polio vaccine.

The middle school project is a new public health strategy to control Hepatitis B, which can develop in early adulthood if pre-teens are vaccinated. For the past three years, all DPS 6th graders have been able to get a measles, mumps, and rubella booster at their middle schools. Last year, over 1,400 DPS 6th graders received MMR vaccines through a collaborative effort by the Denver Board of Health. The Hepatitis B protocol requires three injections spaced over six months and is a new requirement for entry into 7th grade in 1997. Immunizations will be administered by DPS school nurses and supervised by Denver Health physicians. Parent permission is required.

The immunization project has been developed under the direction of Dr. Paul Meklowski, director of the Denver Board of Health, and Dr. Susan Scheuring, DPS program manager of Nursing Services.

Nuisance Task Force (from page 1)

incentives for compliance, more serious consequences for violations, increased flexibility in required administrative actions, and support for increased staffing in a newly centralized police unit. The draft ordinance and report will be forwarded to Council after the public meeting on September 4 and after Webb's review. For more information contact R.D. Swallad at 640-5827.

Around the City

thanked INC, with an assist from Councilwoman Susan Barnes-Gelt, for putting together the meeting discussion on the possible design of Sacred Heart house as a boarding house, shelter. or . . . whatever it is.

Southmoor Park East is working on getting adequate parking for the new construction. The 149 homes, development phase I, before they are allowed to start phase II of the development.

W. University Park continues to work on DU expansion plans and related traffic concerns. N. City Park celebrated the opening of its new recreation facility, located in a local fire house.

Mayfair Park reports that the new property manager is making a positive difference in the rental properties. Lowry, Hardness Heights is developing the project, that the old Elinch's site may eventually be going under contract.

By Harold Brewer
Chair, Crime Committee

All across the nation, residents of cities are struggling to maintain and improve safety and the quality of life in their neighborhoods. Needless to say, there is much of the struggle, but the neighborhood communities are the most powerful tool any group of citizens can use. Your neighborhood is what you make of it.

Hepatitis B is "neighbors looking out for each other." It is an organized group of neighbors engaged in a wide range of specific crime prevention activities as well as community oriented activities. Neighborhood Watch asks the residents of a community to get to know one another, to watch out for each other, to be alert, and to be willing to call the police when something is amiss. Thus, it can be a neighborhood矫正 of community crime prevention goals, decreasing opportunity for offenders to act undetected. This program improves citizen-police relationships, overcomes people's feelings of powerlessness about crime, enhances a sense of community among neighbors, and raises the level of informal social control that people exercise over their environments.

The Denver Police Department has six police districts. Each has its own assigned Community Resource Officer (CRO). To start a Neighborhood Watch program, contact the Community Resource Office in your district for information (District information is listed at the end of this article). Your CRO will meet with your neighbors. He or she will explain in detail how the program works. Also, the CRO will supply your group with a Neighborhood Watch information program package, and will help with the initial process in organizing your neighborhood watch.

Remember, you are not police officers. You are the eyes and ears of your neighbors. Your responsibility is to report any unusual or illegal activities to the police. Use the dispatch number to call in a complaint: 640-2111. Remember, dispatch is not able to trace your call to your house.

Do not call the 911 number unless it is a life-threatening situation or a burglary is in progress. The 911 operator can trace your call and will you, as neighbors, are the best judges of what is going on in your community.

Citizen involvement in crime prevention has grown considerably, resulting in programs that promote home security, area surveillance, and citizen reporting of crimes to the police.

The security of the city, its citizens, and their properties depends upon the people themselves. No police department can effectively protect life and property without the support and cooperation of the citizen it serves.

The police and your neighbors need your help, your eyes and your ears. Criminals cannot and will not operate in areas where the citizens are alert.

District 1
- 964-1111
- 2195 Denver St., 80211

District 2
- 331-4070
- 3555 Colorado Blvd., 80205

District 3
- 608-5733
- 1625 So. University Blvd., 80210

District 5
- 576-2976
- 4685 Peoria St., 80219

District 6
- 839-2100
- 1566 Washington St., 80203

Education Report
For Your Information

Boards and Commissions

Those interested in being considered for an appointment to a Denver board or commission, please write to:
Donna Good
Boards and Commissions
Office of the Mayor
350 City and County Building Denver, Colorado 80202

Please include a resume if available. Your home address and your name are essential, since all appointees should be Denver residents. More information may be obtained by contacting Donna Good.

Lowry Community Advisory Committee

Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation has submitted to Ms. Jennifer Moulin, Director of Planning & Development, the following individuals for consideration to serve as representatives of INC on the Lowry Community Advisory Committee: Debbie James, Mayfair Park; Tom Benton, Mayfair Neighbors, Inc.; Boris Tabakoff, Historic Montclair. This process was according to INC bylaws.

Nominations for Secretary

Nominations will be open for the office of INC Secretary. The election will be held October 12, 1996 at our regular INC Meeting.

Hand Out Dictionaries at Your School

If your neighborhood association would like to take part in the Dollar Dictionary Drive distribution, contact Caribe Fischer at 433-5221 or see her at the September 7 INC meeting.

Beekeeping and Zoning

Interest in beekeeping has grown in Denver, and the city zoning ordinance does not specifically address the issue. On July 26, representatives of the beekeeping community met with Mayoral Deputy Chief of Staff Teresa Donohue, Acting Zoning Director Kent Strappo, and INC representation (R.I. Ours to discuss Denver’s policy. As a result of that meeting, the Zoning Department is examining options for handling the matter through either existing variance application procedures or legislation. No future meeting is set. Those with questions can contact R.I. Ours at 322-9477.

Zoning Code a Complex Morass

Editor’s note: The following is a letter from former INC Chair Michael Henry to Councilwoman Debbie Ortega, with copies sent to the Mayor, all Councilmembers, and various administrative staff. It outlines some of the history of the present Zoning Code.

Dear Debbie:

I am writing to you, as chair of the City Council Zoning Committee, to urge you, the Committee and the entire Council, along with the Planning Office and Administration, to give serious thought to re-codifying the Denver Zoning Code.

Two years ago, in June, 1994, Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation sent the following petition to Mayor Webb:

"The undersigned members of registered neighborhood groups strongly urge you and the City Council to begin the process to replace the Denver Zoning Code (last revised in 1956) and to budget for the staff work required as soon as possible. This revision of the zoning code was one of the last goals of the 1989 Comprehensive Plan, but very little work has yet begun. An updated, simplified, user-friendly zoning code will be a great benefit to neighborhood groups and all citizens."

As updating of the 1956 zoning code has been an annually adopted goal of INC for the last many years, however, INC is not alone. In 1984, the Denver Chamber of Commerce stated that a "revised comprehensive zoning plan for the city of Denver needs to be completed as promptly as possible... such a comprehensive zoning plan should be a high priority of the city." In 1986, Denver Planning Director Bill Lamont issued a statement which called the revision of the Denver Zoning Code "an imperative." The 1989 Denver comprehensive plan stated that "to assure the desired development of Denver, to retain and attract to Denver families of all economic means and to provide the stability in quality and quality of its neighborhoods and its economy, the city must review and revise its zoning, development standards and administrative procedures which in the past have inhibited such activity and benefited all."

A thorough study has been given in the past few months to studying a way to streamline the building/zoning permitting procedures, the simplification and updating of the entire zoning code should not be forgotten.

As you know, the zoning code has a very significant impact upon both the quality of life in our neighborhoods and the ability to develop and operate businesses in Denver. Rightly or wrongly, more and more citizens are looking to the zoning code and the Zoning Administration to resolve problems, such as noise problems at the Botanic Gardens and management problems of group homes, which are not strictly related to land use.

Denver’s zoning code currently contains 482 pages, with 35 different zone categories (not including Planned Unit Developments). A total of approximately 1,100 amendments have been made since the last re-codification in 1956. Between January, 1988 and January, 1996, the language of the zoning code has been amended 318 times, or approximately 40 times per year.

These numerous amendments, many of which were worked upon and supported by neighborhood groups, individually patched small problems in the zoning code. Unfortunately, in the last 40 years, no one has addressed the code as an organic whole. The Denver Zoning Code is a 40-year-old, very complicated and confusing patch-work quilt that only a very few can understand and interpret. Such an outdated and confusing code generates equal disrespect from neighbors and business people. Citizens cannot respect laws that they cannot understand.

As you may know, Merlin Logan assisted the City Council in making an important first step in simplifying the code. Unfortunately, however, it was just that, a first step. When Merlin retired in January, 1996, he informed me that he thought that he had accomplished about 10% of the task of simplifying the zoning code. Unfortunately, no one seems to be putting a program in place to accomplish the 90% of the simplification task remaining.

By simplification of the zoning code (which I call Phase 1), I mean a careful editing job, which would streamline and make the code more friendly. Many more sections can be combined, as Merlin did, in table form. In addition, a great many confusing inconsistencies should be cleaned up. One zoning staff member informed me that he had several definitions of "bakery" scattered throughout the code. As another example, I have located at least 22 different types of matters throughout the code which require some type of neighborhood notification. Most of those processes, however, are different from each other, which can only contribute great confusion to all concerned.

We are now simplifying and editing the zoning code, another whole set of issues needs to be addressed, which I call Phase II. The question, to which I have no pre-con