MINUTES OF THE INTER-NEIGHBORHOOD COOPERATION MEETING
November 9, 1996

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Chair Stan McIntyre. "Dollar-a-Dictionary" (DAD) Drive: Stan received the $1,000 grant presented to INC by Colorado National Bank.

Membership Committee: Connie Mays advised that dues for 1997 are due now; have 76 regular and 18 associate members.

Education Committee: Marilyn Vaughn stated that all of a sudden there are no information packets available at school board meetings; she’ll be changing that.

Residential Care Use Ordinance Amendment Task Force: Co-chairs Landri Taylor and Margot Hartmann reported on the efforts of the Task Force to list INC’s concerns regarding this amendment. Additional suggestions were made by the delegates. The concerns will be presented to the City Council Land Use Committee at its next meeting, Wednesday, November 13th, for its consideration; prior to this committee passing the ordinance amendment through to the City Council for a vote.

Excise & License Committee: Co-chairs Margot Hartmann and Michael Henry provided everyone with a sample Resolution that they would like each neighborhood association to adopt to support INC’s efforts in this very important area. There are a small percentage of restaurants/stores which are extreme nuisances and we must improve on ways to get rid of them. Performance standards is one possibility. Having a better definition of what is required of an establishment prior to a license being issued is another. Contact Margot (321-9975) if you would like more information or want to assist on this committee.

Central Denver Transportation Study: Gave a brief presentation of what they have been doing for the past one year plus. A final public open house will be held December 10th at Immanuel Baptist Church, 366 Garfield St., 5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., prior to the Citizens Advisory Committee making its recommendations on transportation and land use issues in the study area. Call 281-9188 if you need more information.

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**Chairman's Column**

**By Stan McIntyre**

The holiday season is here, but city issues do not take a holiday so our committees are still meeting. Your support is going to be important as to the outcome of the Nuisance Abatement Ordinance, and the Residential Care Use Ordinance. Notify your council representatives that you support INC's position pertaining to these ordinances. INC has two more issues that will be on the table next year. The revising of Denver Zoning Code, and the clarification of the City's vision and legal use of the neighborhood plans. INC delegates should start thinking about the role we should be playing in the City. The process as to how the City is going to function with business and developers is being studied by the Renaissance Project. Their program is designed to coordinate and make the City more user friendly. Is INC going to be able to operate the same as it has in the past? The time it takes for us now to decide on city-wide issues may not be afforded to us in the future.

Members of the INC Board are now attending meetings of the Neighborhood Partnership Committee. The function of this committee is to try to find ways for City agencies, businesses, City Council and neighborhoods to work together. There will be public meetings coming up after the first of the year.

I wish all a safe Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

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**Citizen Members Appointed To Lowry Advisory Committee**

Denver Mayor Wellington Webb and Aurora Mayor Paul Tauer have appointed four individuals to serve on the Lowry Development Authority Community Advisory Committee for the next three years. They are: Ellen Dunn, vice president of Historic Montclair Community Association, David Elliott, a member of the Hoffman Heights neighborhood and the City of Aurora Community Advisory Budget committee; Debbie James, INC Lowry Redevelopment Chair and president of Mayfair Park Neighborhood Association; and Sterling Kahn, past president and board member of the Cranmer Park/Hilltop Civic Association.

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**Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation**

1997 Membership Form

Please complete the information and send to:

Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation
P.O. Box 300116
Denver, CO 80218

We would like to register as:

- **Member** (enclose $30)
- **Patron** (enclose $60)

We would like to contribute ______ to the good work of INC

**Name of Group:**

**President:**

**Address:**

**Zip:**

**Phone (H):**

**(W):**

**Delegates to INC (1):**

**Address:**

**Zip:**

**Phone (H):**

**(W):**

**Delegates to INC (2):**

**Address:**

**Zip:**

**Phone (H):**

**(W):**

Note: This membership entitles each group to a monthly newsletter for each of the above individuals if they choose. There is a maximum of three newsletters per registered organization.

I would like to order a newsletter subscription (enclose $15)

I would like to contribute $_______ to the good work of INC.

**Name:**

**Address:**

Let's Reach an All-time Record Membership!!
Neighborhood Cultures of Denver Funds Art Projects

For 5 years, Neighborhood Cultures of Denver (NCD) has been working with neighborhoods and artists to use the power and influence of citizens at the grassroots level in designing and implementing local art projects. Projects benefit people of all ages in a variety of ways, including new relationships, the creation of community memories, clarification of individual and collective visions for a better community, mobilization of local resources and assets, and increased skills in making and in teamwork.

Beginning in 1997, NCD will expand operations to neighborhoods with moderate income families. Opportunities to learn more about what is available through NCD involves a call to its office or participation in a think tank.

Throughout December and into January neighborhoods can send representatives, including artists, to hear about art project funding for "traditional" NCD projects and for new project directions. Among the new projects are "Standing Tall" (involves youth ages 10-14, their parents and elders) and "Neighborhood Art Smart" (focuses on re-assimilation of schools into neighborhoods). The Think Tank encourages discussion among participants about how art and cultural activities can make a difference in neighborhoods.

For neighborhoods interested in developing cross cultural understanding, respect and tolerance, NCD, together with the Mizel Museum of Judaika, is offering a special view of a "Bridge of Understanding." "Bridge" shows how cultures over time have recognized and celebrated life transitions. Neighborhoods who participate in the neighborhood version of "Bridge" will learn more about "Standing Tall."

For more information, call Mary at 561-0476. NCD's address is 2050 18th St., Denver, CO 80211. Visitors are welcome.

Xmas Tree Recycling Directions

Treecycle helps Denver avoid using landfill space and pay disposal fees for recyclable resource - Christmas trees. Here's how to participate:

1. Remove all decorations (including tinsel), nails and stands from the tree and set it out for collection on your trash day between December 30 and January 10.
2. Place your tree beside (not inside) your trash contain. Residents with dumpster service should leave their trees just behind their property facing the alley (not next to the dumpster, please!).
3. Flocked trees cannot be recycled. Also, please do not bag your tree.
4. To claim your treecycle tote, Denver residents may reclaim their Christmas trees as mulch in the Treecycle Mulch Giveaway. Call 640-1678 after March 1 for details.

Denver Public Works Seeks Help in Catching Illegal Dumpers

In its "Spell on a Pig" campaign, Denver Public Works is calling on citizens to help catch illegal dumpers. Illegal dumpers face cash fines of $999, and up to one year in jail. Illegal dumping within Denver generates safety hazards and costly clean-up work.

"Public Animator" will receive $150,000 annually to address the illegal dumping of construction debris, landscaping remnants and other materials discarded by unscrupulous businesses who want to make an extra profit by avoiding proper disposal practices," stated Gary Price, Director of Denver Public Works Solid Waste Management Division.

According to Denver Code Investigator Buddy Miller, "Dumpers create severe safety hazards. Alleys are often blocked by illegally discarded materials, posing hazards to motorists and pedestrians, especially children."

Any person who witnesses an act of illegal dumping in Denver can assist the City in prosecuting. Telephone reports are accepted each weekday between the hours of 7:30 AM and 4 PM by Neighborhood Support Services at 640-2000. Witness reports should not concern illegal dumpers, but must be prepared to testify in court. A description of the vehicle and driver, vehicle license plate number, as well as the date, time and location of the incident should be provided.

Group Forms to Oppose Transportation Department's Limits on Highway Access

Businesses across Colorado are up in arms over proposed rules tightening access to state highways that could choke development and force more traffic into residential neighborhoods.

Real estate developers and local governments are ready for a fight with Colorado Department of Transportation over a recently drafted revision to its highway access regulations.

About 35 people met Oct. 24 to prepare for a Nov. 1 meeting with CDOT director Bill Vidal to express their discontent with the proposals.

Jack Barnard, a commercial real estate developer and one of the group organizers, estimates about 300 people are aligned with the opposition group and he expects the numbers to swell as more people learn about the tighter rules. Although he and other opponents are optimistic that Vidal will help work out a compromise, they are ready to do whatever it takes, including legislation to stop the changes.

(Reprinted from The Denver Business Journal, November 1-7.)

Minutes and Around the City

Denver Fire Chief Rich Gonzales: Gave an energetic presentation on the fire department in and as part of our community. Their new motto is "COSP (Seeking Opportunities to Serve)." "Fire" is just a small part of what they do.

They are part of our government, but unlike most government, they view themselves as here to help, because they live in a "house" in our neighborhoods too. Just call at your local station and tell them how you could use their assistance, as they are open to suggestions. Here's a short list of what they do. They can assist you with any fire or smoke alarm in your home, including the usual type (which you can buy at the firehouse): neighborhood new resident welcome package; collect corporate donations; child safety seat and proper restraints on seats inspection program; food donations; blood pressure check for joggers; bike repair and rehab; you can use their meeting rooms; adopt-a-family at Christmas; and the list goes on and on. They have a video tape that they will show you at your neighborhood meetings of all the many ways they are part of your community. They will be starting a "JR. Fire Fighters Club" as an after-school program in the middle schools, part of which will include urban survival and all aspects of safety for kids.

Around the City

Collins-on-the-Hill is working on the new B-4C zone district along with CHUN Neighborhood Assembly. Virginia Village/Elvis worked successfully with the city and the providers on a permit for a group home. Far NE. Neighbors are excited about the new E 800 block jobs in Montbello, and they are raffling Bronco tickets for their 30-year Anniversary Celebration.

Regular talk受到了Sid Harrison; they thought they were working with University Medical Center on the hospital issues in their area until the Medical Center pulled out. Berkeley is looking forward to decreased noise when they finally get their separation/buffer for those parks along I-70 (to be paid for from Great Outdoors Colorado funds).

Changes Mead

Organizer Baker stated that the mediated McDonald's agreement has changed due to City intervention; they are working on their block watches; merchants are working with the City for paid parking; the City is helping with Dally Park in the middle of the area.

North City Park is involved in the ongoing work with Stapleton Business Neighborhood Coalition. Keep Denver Beautiful says we did great on a Daffodil Day - "Thank You"; the Bag-a-thon is coming up in April (26877); they have brochures on "Illegal Signs" and "Illegal Dumping" available; election candidates got letters re: "Illegal Signs are a $200 fine" and KGO radio helped get the word out too; and, will there be signs (billboards) coming to the 16th Street mall on the shuttles?

Capitol Hill Weed and Seed is making Morey Middle School into a true neighborhood center. Mayfair Neighbors are happy about the City closing motels on Colfax; they are working on their traditional Thanksgiving Gift Baskets this year. I have heard of three new sweeps: Scoopers and $500 from their own funds; had a 2-year vacant house purchased by Rocky Mt. Human Service Coalition which will help a first-time buyer own the home.

CHUN Charity

CHUN will award grants totaling $24,450 from People's Fair, dealing with the usual plethora of zoning issues; electing a new board; donating $5,000 to district 6 police for five new bicycles; donated $8,000 to their Historic Committee to preserve structures in the area; donated $15,200 to Five Trees Committee and planted 26 new trees. Wyman Elementary school. Cook Park advised that Channel 8 TV (Alan D. 640-8933) is glad to come out and film events in the area (to be shown on their City Watch program); theirs will be broadcast in November. Congress Park sent a letter to Mayor Webb urging that citizens be given tax credits (similar to the ones you can earn by doing volunteer work for DPS) for time volunteered on neighborhood work. Colorado Coalition for the Homeless provided copies of the Resident Newsletter, and an entrant in the Art in the Park contest was available to speak to your group and provide information. Park Forest's new president is Pat Scanlon who will be active in the new garden section at Officer Barnes for great service; are remodeling their own ways.

United S.D.W.'s November meeting will be regarding transit plans and density along transit routes. Alamo Placita's upcoming general meeting will emphasize the history of their area and how to research the history of individual homes. Harkness Heights is doing a fund raiser for the December holidays.

Nuisance Abatement

The Office of Neighborhood Response reports that the Nuisance Abatement Ordinance is likely to go to the Colorado Public Safety Committee on November 21 and will need neighborhood support at the City Council public hearing (probably on December 2). The city attorney, police and Mayor are supporting it. Globeville will be presenting its annual John Henry Public Service Award; the Mayor came out for a ceremony on starting the re-development of the Platte River, which will raise the neighbor-
Nuisance Ordinance: "Pass it as Written!"

November 19, 1996

Dear Denver City Council Members:

I am writing to you as the Public Nuisance Abatement Coordinator. As the coordinator, it is my responsibility to provide you with my view of the proposed ordinance, and reasons why you should pass it as written.

The Downtown Services Council (DSC), which I represent, has been a vocal opponent of the proposed Nuisance Ordinance. The DSC is a nonprofit organization that provides services to the homeless and other individuals in need in the downtown area.

The DSC is concerned about the potential negative impacts of the ordinance on the homeless and other vulnerable populations. We believe that the ordinance is overly broad and could be used to target individuals and businesses that are not in violation of the law.

Additionally, the DSC is concerned about the potential for the ordinance to be used as a tool to displace individuals and families from their homes and neighborhoods. The DSC is committed to supporting the rights of all individuals and families to have access to safe and healthy communities.

We urge you to pass the ordinance as written, with the understanding that it will be closely monitored and evaluated for its impact on the community.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

Public Nuisance Abatement Coordinator

645 Wolf St. (an apartment complex of 241 units. We are still monitoring it after 15 months because of present ordinance requirements) are just a few.

Presently, the Public Nuisance Abatement Unit is working with the landlords where the landlords of multi-unit apartment houses have failed to take voluntary action, as requested, and now cease and desist orders and abatement plans must be issued and more time given to abate the problem. In one case, two more public nuisance offenses occurred during the "voluntary compliance" period.

The Apartment Managers Association has urged the adopting the ordinance and the annexation of the Aurora ordinance because it allows for closure. However, only the crimes of drugs, prostitution and gambling are covered. The process is also very cumbersome and lengthy.

The proposed Denver Public Nuisance Ordinance has added offenses that address some of the council's requests, particularly "vagrancy," "obscene," "unlawfully carrying weapons," and "other." The ordinance allows us to "target" vehicles, used in the crime, or unlawfully carrying weapons before they are used.

The DSC is concerned about the "teeth" in the proposed ordinance - strong criminal and civil penalties. The removal of administrative requirements in the ordinance creates the ability to abate a property much quicker, once we know that public nuisance activity occurred on the property.

The "strict liability" portion is designed to encourage property owners, whether they rent single family homes, condos, or apartment houses, to take an active interest in the management of their properties. Section 2.105 of the Code provides a method for dealing with the owner occupied property that has, to date, provided so much frustration for your electorate and police.

In closing, I again urge you to pass the Denver Public Nuisance Ordinance as written. If you have any questions about the ordinance, process, policies, or procedures, please call me at 640-412 (office) or 640-3050 (pager) anytime, or Kurt Steigledinger (City Attorney) at 640-2829.

[Your Name]

Public Nuisance Abatement Coordinator

Lowry Neighborhood Association Created

By Debbie James

INC Lowry Redevelopment Chair

The Lowry Redevelopment Authority (LRA) Board of Directors and the Coordinating Committee met on Nov 12, 1996 to establish a Lowry Neighborhood Association (LNA). Councilman Polly Poweck read from a statement prepared by the Board's attorney that this neighborhood board would not be elected by its own members. Rather this board would be the Board of Directors of the LRA. She stated, "it is a board set up for legal purposes." The meeting took place at 3:00 p.m. There were three rental management individuals present who live on the former base as a condition of their employment, and the Director of the Authority lives in the base command center's residence as part of an employment package. City Ordinance #355, defining neighborhoods, states that "overlooking neighborhoods in the city are hereby discouraged." However, the boundaries of LNA overlap Mayfair Park Neighborhood Association by one fourth of its land mass.

How will conflicts related to zoning be resolved?

What impact will this organization have on surrounding/overlapped neighborhoods?

What responsibilities does an elected Board of Directors have to Lowry residents?

SANDY MEANS

School Crossing Guards, $119.50 - Gave funding and authority to DPS for guards to assist children at 45 intersections.

MAYOR'S OFFICE OF ARTS AND CULTURE, $36,250 - Sponsored "Symphony in Residence" programs at two high schools.

DENVER RECYCLES, $25,000 - Teacher training, landfill and recycling workshops for families, scholarships to the Educators Institute at Colorado School of Mines, activity kits, outdoor and classroom education.

This is a conservative review. It does not count programs in the City Council, parks or Denver Public Schools even if most participants are DPS kids, such as girls' athletics. It does not count bookmobile stops and after school programs by the Denver Public Library or programs of the Denver Housing Authority. It does not count block grants for homeless families or children's health care through the neighborhood clinics and Denver Health Medical Center. It does not count small grants to Denver schools from various city offices or from City Council members, or the new traffic engineering for DPS schools to adjust to new school attendance boundaries or the many other ways we work together with DPS.

Neither does this report count non-financial support the City gives to the school district. Most recently, we agreed to the DPS request to assign in security officers the authority to issue traffic tickets around schools.

But this report gives a fair view of the City's real commitment to help educate all our children. Denver stands up to its pledge. Education is everybody's business.
Transportation Study Hosts Open House
The Central Denver Transportation Study will host an open house from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. to review the work of its Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) on Tuesday, December 10, 1996, at Immaculate Baptist Church, 366 South Garland Street, Denver. The open house will be an opportunity to see exhibits and discuss the study with the CAC, the consultants, and the City staff. A short overview presentation is scheduled for 7:30.

The study was initiated because of the City’s and the neighborhoods’ concern about preserving the quality of life in Denver neighborhoods as traffic demands increase. The City of Denver and its consultants, Kimley-Horn and Associates, have been working for ten months with the CAC to determine how to lessen the effects of traffic on neighborhoods while addressing the area travel demands in central Denver (bounded by Colfax, Quebec, Evans, I-25, and Broadway).

The CAC has recently hosted meetings for the six sub areas within the study boundaries. They have been developing a set of solutions to address issues raised by the public such as: traffic behavior and speed, volumes, noise, safety, and other problems associated with increased traffic in Denver. This complex issue requires a coordinated set of actions that get to the root of the problems and is based on the most current thinking about managing traffic.

The 18 member committee has studied traffic data, reviewed computer models that predict results of proposed changes to the traffic system, and discussed the trade-offs for various options. They have met with local and national experts, their neighborhood associations, and the general public in an effort to create a significant new approach to traffic management.

The public is invited to this meeting to review and discuss the actions the CAC is considering. The CAC’s recommendations will be forwarded to the Planning Board and City Council for their final approval. These bodies will hold formal public hearings and vote on the recommendations. Approved action items will then be included in the comprehensive plan.

INC Position on Proposed Residential Care Ordinance

TO: Zoning and Land Use Committee of the Denver City Council
FROM: The Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation
RE: The Residential Care Ordinance
DATE: November 8, 1996

The Board of INC, and its general membership, comment the many hours of work expended by members of the City, providers, and various neighborhood representatives who gathered to revise the Residential Care Ordinance. The environment surrounding certain aspects of the Ordinance has been contentious since the Denver/Salvation Army Homeless Shelter incident. Nevertheless, it is important that the work done on revising this Ordinance be recognized as worthy.

As a result of the vote to "not support the current revision" as presented to the General Assembly, October 12th, INC appointed a task force to make specific recommendations to the Ordinance Task Force. These changes are outlined below. The Board of INC, and its general membership, will endorse the current draft of the Residential Care Ordinance with the following changes:

1. Establish spacing minimums and guidelines for enforcement.
   a. Measurement should be defined as ‘property line to property line.’
   b. Remove the 10% foilage factor in determining the spacing.
   c. Transitional Housing should be included in the spacing requirements.
2. Continue current process of notification for large and small facilities.
3. Older adults should be changed back to 60 years (rather than 55 years).
4. Strengthen the enforcement guidelines that the City will follow when disputes arise (i.e. Denver/Salvation Army).
5. There should be a maximum number beds in a large facility.
6. Performance standards should be established for facilities before licensing.
7. Initiate a process similar to the process used in re-writing the Nuiances Abatement Ordinance.

INC recognizes the long arduous effort in revising this Ordinance. Again we commend and thank the Task Force assembled.

A Pledge to the Children of Denver

By Mayor Wellington E. Webb

Talk is cheap.
Commitment costs – in time, people and money.
So it was with real commitment that Denver made its pledge to the City’s children and their education. In honor of the U.S. Conference of Mayors’ Education Day on Nov. 21, 1996, I would like to report on our progress.

As Mayor, I promised to make Denver a partner of Denver Public Schools for the education of all our children. I pledged to support DPS’s four goals to ensure our children enter school ready to learn, become able readers, enjoy their schools as neighborhood centers, and make a successful move from school to career. I pledged to help DPS meet Colorado goals to boost attendance, cut the drop-out rate and improve student performance. I pledged the City would take on this task in the spirit of cooperation and shared interests.

This is a conservative report on almost $5 million spent or soon to be spent by the City of Denver and County on behalf of the children of the Denver Public Schools and their younger brothers and sisters. Some programs outlined below have been growing for several years. A few are long-standing efforts to support DPS. Some are new within the last eleven months since we opened the Mayor’s Office for Education and Advocacy.

Denver has devoted money, time and people to this purpose because the safety and economy of Denver today rests on public confidence in the schooling of its children in Denver Public Schools. We continue to meet our pledge because the future well-being of Denver rests on the success of these young people as citizens, breadwinners and good neighbors.

Here is the list:

SCHOOL-BASED CLINICS, $1,040,000 – Since 1992, this program grew from three school-based clinics to 11; $940,000 a year goes to run the clinics; another $100,000 delivers immunizations in all middle schools and, this year, in nine elementary schools.
EDUCATION, $1,050,000 – The New Education Office committed $500,000 a year in block grant funds for Great Kids grants. First year grants targeted elementary-age reading and early childhood education. Second year grants will be directed to middle and high schools as they return to funding boundaries. We just announced the new Club Denver program of after-school clubs in DPS middle schools, a $300,000 commitment for a program with a school-to-career focus; $50,000 comes from the South Platte Education Fund. Other projects include a summer program in two middle schools, minority teacher recruitment and K.I.D.S grants.

POLICE, $585,000 – Six school resource officers, civics and law classes in high schools, traffic safety education, one officer assigned to a middle school.
SAFE CITY, $96,000 – Summer Scholars, Zuni Academy, summer camp, youth employment. Over the last three years, Safe City gave $305,000 to programs for school-age children.
FIRE DEPARTMENT, $144,300 – Fire drills, fire safety inspections and compliance, investigations, fire safety classes, tours and demonstrations.
EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING, $500,000 – In-school programs to help young people complete school and prepare for work, in seven city neighborhoods.
RECREATION, $650,000 – S.O.A.R. after-school recreation developed with the Colorado Rockies is in six middle schools and two elementary schools at a cost of $300,000 a year; a City program of after school recreation four days a week in three elementary schools costs $350,000.
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, $290,000 – Two family resource schools, nine playgrounds and one school site landscaping at old Croton, now called 24th Street Gilpin.
PLATTE REDEVELOPMENT, $120,000 – $650,000 is committed over three years to programs for students at all levels at DPS schools. In 1996, $120,000 will be used to set up programs for DPS elementary, middle and high school students.
SOCIAL SERVICES, $74,800 – Social workers in 10 elementary schools and two middle schools staff liaison with all Montbello schools, an anti-truancy project and an assessment project.
TELEVISION SERVICES $10,200 – Channel 8 produced ads for the Shakespeare Festival, a series on the boundary changes in DPS, videos for the Great Kids grants workshops and other programming.
PARKS, $162,400 – Fees waived for DPS at playing fields, picnic areas, golf courses, tennis courts, pools, teacher training in life saving and CPR, a pilot project opening five school pools on Saturdays.
EXCISE AND LICENSING, $15,100 – This is a low estimate of DPS fees waived for false alarms and child care licenses.

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Dollar Dictionary and Make A Difference Day, 1996

Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation (INC) was the driving force behind two 1996 community efforts to forge closer ties between the community, the neighborhood associations and public schools and their students in Denver. The effort and logistics to accomplish this goal was monumental

although in April the concept seemed simple and easy. The "Dollar Dictionary Drive" may have happened even if INC had not received an Honorable Mention for its 1995 School Grounds Beautification Project, but having the ability to provide seed money for the project and cover the initial expenses of printing and mailing the dictionary was on the cake. Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation had the opportunity to spearhead this project as an active volunteer networking organization of Denver neighborhood associations, which in themselves are active volunteer organizations 365 days a year.

More Than 50 Schools

This year over 50 schools and their neighbors took on special projects from planting library walls and playground equipment to general grounds maintenance and the planting of trees. It was cold and snowy on October 26th and back-up projects of cleaning walls, windows and computer rooms and Oregon auditorium seats were tackled.

Additionally, the Mayor and Keep Denver Beautiful organized a neighborhood clean-up by providing special drop off spots for trash and autumn debris.

Counting noses for these types of projects is difficult at best, but it is estimated that 3,000 participated. To this can be added 6,400 third graders and 85 principals who will be part in using those dictionaries to increase knowledge among themselves, their families and the community.

SCFD Funds Available

The Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD) is a source of funding for organizations that provide arts, cultural history, and natural science programs and services to the community. The SCFD collects and distributes sales tax to large and small cultural organizations in Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson counties.

To find out if your organization is eligible, and for more information about how to apply for SCFD funds, call 865-2586.

The deadline to apply for Denver County eligibility is January 13, 1997.

January 11 INC Meeting

Denver Health & Hospitals (DGH) Second Floor Classroom

Topics: Resuscitation

Blood Donors

Draft Cabaret Ordinance Explained

(from page 8)

(4) 3.2 beer cabaret. A cabaret licensed to sell 3.2% beer in which live entertainment or recorded entertainment is provided. Patron dancing may be permitted. No entertainer shall dance with any patron or guest.

(5) Adult cabaret. A cabaret in which adult entertainment is provided, whether or not such adult entertainment is provided together with any other type of entertainment authorized by this article. Patron dancing may be permitted. No entertainer shall dance with any patron or guest.

(6) Acoustic cabaret. A cabaret in which only unamplified live entertainment is provided. No patron dancing shall be permitted.

(7) Events center cabaret. A multiple-purpose cabaret with a seating capacity of at least two thousand (2000) persons, in which live entertainment is provided, whether or not such entertainment or both is provided and in which patron dancing is permitted. No entertainer shall dance with any patron or guest.

Section 2. That Section 6-335 of the Revised Municipal Code is hereby re-enacted without change or reorganized under Article III of Chapter 6, shall be added to read as follows:

Sec. 6-335. Limits on ages of employees and entertainers.

(a) No person under eighteen (18) years of age shall be employed or permitted to participate as an entertainer in any standard cabaret, dance cabaret, special dance cabaret, 3.2 beer cabaret, acoustic cabaret, or events center cabaret without the written consent of a parent or legal guardian or the written approval of the director.

(b) No person under eighteen (18) years of age shall be employed or permitted to participate as an entertainer in an adult cabaret.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any cabaret licensee, or any employee or agent of any cabaret licensee, to violate any provision of this section.

(d) Nothing in this section shall authorize any person under twenty-one (21) years of age to sell or dis-
Nuisance Ordinance Support Needed

By Katherine Woods

The revised Nuisance Abatement ordinance has been further delayed, but not for lack of interest. On Thursday, November 21, the Nuisance Abatement Work Group presented the ordinance to the Public Safety Committee to ask that it be sent to City Council for adoption. This was after trying to work with apartment owner and property manager organizations. These organizations have mounted a large campaign to delay the process until they get time and the opportunity to further review the ordinance. Councilman Ed Thomas and members of the Public Safety Committee (plus five more Council members for a total of nine Council members in attendance) asked that the work group meet with representatives of property owner and property manager organizations one more time with a facilitator to try to resolve issues with the proposed ordinance. The Nuisance Abatement Work Group is to return to the Public Safety Committee (for the third time). At that time, we hope that the ordinance is then forwarded to City Council for adoption into law.

Councilman Thomas asked to be present at the facilitator meeting and set ground rules that concern about the ordinance be presented in writing prior to the meeting and that the inflammatory scenarios the apartment manager association has been distributing are not helpful to the process.

We need your help. Please contact your Council and large representatives to convey your support of the revised Nuisance Abatement Ordinance. Ask that it be adopted in its entirety and without delay. It may be helpful to use the resolution form provided on page 2 of this issue of Denver Neighborhood Connection.

The Nuisance Abatement Work Group has worked hard since June on revising this ordinance. There has been a positive working relationship between City of Denver staff, Council, and neighborhood representatives. We need to have a strong showing of neighborhood support. Successful adoption of the revised ordinance will make it easier to rid the neighborhoods of criminal nuisance properties.

Molly Brown House Offers Free Holiday Tour

On December 15 the Molly Brown House Museum, 1340 Pennsylvania, invites families and guests to enjoy a free day, noon to 4:00 p.m. (the last tour begins at 3:30 p.m.). The museum, devoted to interpreting Victorian lifestyles, will be decorated in grand Victorian style for the Christmas season. For more information call 382-4092.

This event is made possible by the citizens of Colorado and the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District CityArts III.

Virginia Oredson Remembered For Service to Others

Virginia J. Oredson was born in Kansas City, Missouri, in 1923. After grade school, she moved with her family to Omaha, Nebraska. After her junior year in high school, her father was transferred by the United States government to Denver, where Virginia finished her high school years at East High School. She then went to the University of Nebraska for several years, before she left the university to contribute to efforts of the United States World War II activities by working at Lowry Field. In addition, she joined the Junior League to entertain the military at Lowry.

In 1946, Virginia married Dan Oredson, who describes himself as "her long-time friend and dancing partner." After moving to Pennsylvania and Ohio, Virginia and Dan were transferred back to Denver in 1955.

In addition to being a homemaker and raising their son, David, Virginia became a director and, later, president of the Historic Montclair Neighborhood Association. One of her biggest challenges during that period in the mid-1980s was the neighborhood battle against several badly-managed problem bars on East Colfax, many of which battles were successful.

Also in the mid-1980s, Virginia became a delegate to and board member of Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation, where she served as a hard-working, constructive, calming influence. She served as secretary of INC and was an active member of the INC Crime Committee. According to Dan, "Virginia was so fond of the people in Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation that it might be said that it came right after her family in importance in her life."

Virginia Oredson passed away suddenly on April 13, 1993. She is survived by her husband, her son David, his wife Pamela and two grandsons, J.D. and Zach.

Criteria for Virginia Oredson Award

1. The award winner should have encouraged Denver neighborhoods to work together in a common effort to solve community problems and, in particular, should have supported Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation.

2. The award winner should have established a record of selfless community service, preferably in a number of different causes.

3. The award winner should have encouraged and motivated others to volunteer their services and to engage in community improvement efforts.

Neighborhood Connection Articles

Articles must be submitted by the 20th of the month prior to publication to the Editor, Craig Eley, 3000 S. Peach Way, Denver, CO 80237, 756-9409 (nm); 757-5000 (w); 689-9627 (fax).
Draft Cabaret Ordinance Explained

November 6, 1996
To Whom it May Concern:

Attached is a draft of proposed changes to the cabaret ordinance and a summary of the last General Government Committee meeting describing those changes. The General Government Committee requested that copies of the draft be sent to all registered organizations. Please review the language and call Kelly Brough at 646-4018 if you have any concerns or questions regarding the draft proposal. The Council will discuss this draft at a meeting on Monday, November 18, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Conference Room, Room 451 of the City and County Building. Thank you in advance for your assistance with this matter and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Councilman Dennis Gallagher
Chair of the General Government Committee

P.S. Feel free to write with your comments.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY

Wednesday, October 30, 1996. 9:00 a.m.
Council Conference Room

Committee Members present: Gallagher, Martinez, Foster
Committee Members absent: Casey, Ortega
Other Councilmembers present: Thomas, Davis

1. Cabarets Licensing Issues

Committee Action

The Committee requested that a bill be drafted to amend the Code as follows:

1.) Allow employees to be 18 years old and older in all cabarets and model the State law with regard to servers requiring 18 to 20 year olds to only serve where meals are regularly served and where an employee over 21 supervises the 18 to 20 year old employee.

2.) Allow patrons 18 years old and older into cabarets, except adult cabarets. (See number 3 below for adult cabarets.) The Committee also requested that enforcement and penalties be enhanced for violations of the liquor code.

3.) Allow only those adults over the age of 21 to enter adult cabarets.

The Committee requested that information be provided to all registered neighborhood organizations of the proposed changes to the cabaret ordinances. The Committee also requested that Councilwoman Foster and Kelly Brough be kept informed of meetings and progress that Excise and Licenses, City Attorney's Office, and Zoning Administration make pertaining to dealing with Amusements and adult entertainment where no liquor is served. The Committee will meet to discuss the proposed 'Amusements' ordinance on Monday, December 23, 1996 at 9:00 a.m.

The Committee requested that a meeting be scheduled to discuss the policy pertaining to 'teen nights' in cabarets and that business owners of such clubs be invited to that Committee meeting.

Kelly J. Brough, Denver City Council Office, October 8, 1996

A BILL

FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE III (CABARETS) OF CHAPTER 6 (ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES) REGARDING AGE RESTRICTIONS FOR EMPLOYEES, ENTERTAINERS, AND PATRONS OF CABARETS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. That Section 6-32 of the Revised Municipal Code relating to age restrictions of employees and entertainers working in the specified classes of cabarets regulated under Article III of Chapter 6, shall be and is hereby repealed and re-enacted, as amended, to read as follows:

Sec. 6-32. Classes of cabarets. Classes of cabarets and permissible activities at establishments within each class shall be as follows:

1) Standard cabaret. A cabaret in which only live entertainment is provided. No patron dancing shall be permitted.

2) Dance cabaret. A cabaret in which either live entertainment or recorded entertainment or both is provided and in which patron dancing is permitted. No entertainer shall dance with any patron or guest.

3) Special dance cabaret. A cabaret in which either live entertainment or recorded entertainment or both is provided and in which patron dancing is permitted, which entertainment is confined to the interior of the building which constitutes or is located upon the licensed premises, as defined in the Colorado Liquor Code. Unsampli

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