April 2016 Meeting Reminder

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April Delegate Meeting April 9, 2016

Located at  South West Improvement Council (SWIC)
1000 S Lowell Blvd, Denver, CO 80219
Coffee and Chat 8:30­9:00
Business Meeting 9:00­11:00
Topics to be covered:

+ Certify the election
+ Start the process for appointing three new members to the board of directors
+ Revisit our homelessness resolution
+ Identify projects and goals for our new year

From the President
Hello my fellow neighborhood and civic leaders and welcome to the new year of the Denver Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation. At our annual meeting, the delegation elected three new delegates at large, a new secretary, and a new president. We had two position statements passed regarding the Short Term Rental legislation that is being formulated in the city council, and the drainage plan for the Montclair and Park Hill basins, that is being proposed by city.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

March Delegate Minutes

Final Motion Passed 3-12-2015
Resolution on Park Hill/Montclair Storm Water Urban Drainage Project

Final Motion Passed 3-12 2016 Short Term Rentals pdf

Report on the 2016 INC Presidential Election
Including Questions Raised by Delegates Regarding the Voting System and Results

INC CALENDAR

Our full Calendar of Events and Meetings are listed
FULL CALENDAR HERE
INC had its Annual Meeting on Saturday March 12th, at which elections for officers were held. A President, Secretary, and three At-Large members were elected but this report will focus exclusively on the election of the President, the form of the election, the counting of votes, and the result, as it was only this position's election for which questions were raised. The following facts are taken from the minutes of the March 14th, 2016 INC Executive Committee meeting, at which a detailed fact-finding session was held, with John Riecke presiding.

FULL REPORT FOUND HERE

Denver Auditor Reports

STATEMENT OF AUDITOR TIMOTHY M. O’BRIEN REGARDING STALLED AUDIT OF DENVER ZOO

Today I sent a letter to Mayor Hancock giving notice that the Denver Zoo is in breach of its agreement with the City & County of Denver. Since November, my office has been trying unsuccessfully to audit the Zoo. The “Cooperative Agreement” negotiated between the City and the Denver Zoological Foundation (Zoo) gives the City Auditor authority to perform audits of the Zoo. We have been unable to gain even the initial information we need to determine the scope of the audit.

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Numerous park parcels added in the past 60 years never received official designation. After the Hentzell land transfer controversy, DPR has moved to designate almost 750 acres of land that had not previously been designated. Currently, almost 70% of the urban land managed by DPR has been designated as a park. Forty-two separate parcels were designated between April of 2013 and November of 2015.

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For the immediate attention of RNO Presidents and INC members

Short-Term Rental Update:

Text Amendment 8 relating to Short-Term Rentals was one of the agenda items considered yesterday by the Neighborhoods and Planning Committee of City Council. Text Amendment 8 sponsored by Councilwoman Mary Beth Susman would allow an amendment to the Zoning Code to restrict rentals of less than 30 days to primary residences. INC delegates on March 12 voted to support the Text Amendment provided the “primary residency” requirement was retained and included in any measure passed by Council. “Primary residency” requirement was key to INCs support.

At the PLAN Committee meeting yesterday, Councilman Wayne New, stated that he was prepared to introduce an amendment on the floor when the Council meets on May 16th to allow a household to rent out its primary residence OR A SECOND HOME, but not both. Neighborhoods are adamantly opposed to any amendments which allow a non-resident to rent out a property which is not their primary residence.

INC support was explicitly conditioned upon the requirement that the property used for short-term rental was the “primary residence” of the owner. Two dates are critical to support Councilwoman Susman’s measure to limit STRs to “primary residency.” Her goal was to restrict rentals of less than 30 days to protect neighborhoods. Two years of extensive study and numerous town hall meetings, forums and neighborhood meetings would be lost if the proposal offered by Councilman New was allowed to amend the primary-residency requirement.

Registered Neighborhood Organizations should send letters or emails as soon as possible to City Council urging them to vote to support Text Amendment 8 requiring Short-Term Rentals are restricted to a primary residence. Your support of this measure as currently drafted is critical to protecting your neighborhoods. Let’s make our voices and votes count.

READ DENVER POST ARTICLE HERE

Final Motion Passed 3-12 2016 Short Term Rentals pdf

Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation DRAFT

The following Document will be presented to the Delegation at the 5-14-16 meeting for approval. If approved the document will filed with The Colorado Secretary Of State. The LINE THRU and type in RED indicates the text change.

Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation

Article I. The name of the Corporation shall be Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation, Incorporated

Article II. The duration of existence of said Corporation will be a perpetual term.

Article III. Said Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, including for such purposes, improving the quality of life in the community, community restoration and fostering neighborhood independence. The Corporation will provide education to neighborhoods regarding the above subjects and including such topics as: resource development, leadership training, organizing techniques, volunteerism, and community development theory.

Article IV. The address of the office is: 1420 Pearl Street, Denver, Colorado 80203.
We have been working hard to update DenverINC.org, adding useful content, improving the user experience and making it easier to access the information you want. It is still a work in progress, but we want your feedback.

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