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The Newsletter of the Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation



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Calendar of Events

February Monthly Delegates Meeting

Neighborhoods work better when they work

Monthly meeting of INC members Open to all Denver Residents

February 11, 2017 @ 8:30 am - 11:30 am

Brookdale University Park 2020 S Monroe St Denver, CO 80210 USA

8:30 Networking and coffee

9:00 Introduction by Paul Kashmann

9:15 - Approve January Meeting Minutes; Dinner

Review; Announcements;

9:30 - Committee Reports

9:45 - INC Survey Committee Report Results and Q&A

10:00 - Break

10:15 - Upcoming INC Board Elections

- Announce open seats for March Annual

Meeting Elections

10:30 - Presentation by Neddra Niblet (Denver Solid Waste Management)

- Upcoming Keep Denver Beautiful event

- Other neighborhood clean-up actions.

11:00 - Around the City Reports from RNO representatives

Previous Meeting Minutes: Please review for approval Click Here for Minutes of our January Meeting

See Full Calendar

Navigating Denver's Residential **Permitting Process** Colorado Garden & **Home Show** Tues., February 7, 2017 @ 3:00 p.m. and Sat., February 11, 2017 @ 5:00 p.m. Colorado Convention Center

700 14th Street, Denver, CO 80202

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Walk Denver We Love Safe **Streets March**

Tues Feb 14 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Rally to support the Denver Vision Zero

Coalition Denver City and County Building steps

INC Parks & Recreation Meeting Tuesday, February 21, 2017 Brookdale University

Park 2020 S Monroe St 6:00 - 8:00 pm

INC Zoning and Planning Saturday, February 25, 2017 1201 Williams St 19th Floor 9:30 - 11:30 am

Committee Corner



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Message from the President

Between the MLK marade, the inauguration of our new president, the massive Denver Women's March, and our recent INC Neighborhood Awards Dinner, I've been communicating with so many active community members, and activists in our city. When I am a part of the massive crowds participating in our elections, our marches, and our celebrations I believe that our Denver neighborhoods are strong and our community is strong as well. It enlivens my spirit and fills my heart with joy once again. However I'm also reminded that the vast majority of our citizens do not participate in civic life or community engagement. With over 11,000 city employees, 30 – 40,000 members of our various Registered Neighborhood Organizations, and a rough estimate of 20,000 more citizens, not with the city or RNOs, engaged in volunteer work and non-profit activism to better our city and its residents, I estimate the sum to be about 80,000 citizens that are sporadically active or fully engaged in building our city for the good of all citizens. Take that with the best census available that says Denver's population was 682,545 in 2015 and we can estimate that only about 12% of Denver's population has even some involvement in how our city grows and operates. We can also estimate that about 5% of households are members of their RNOs and I'll guess that about 1% or less of Denver residents are active participants in their

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- ZAP
- PARC (<u>January</u> <u>Meeting</u> <u>Minutes</u>)

marches and demonstrations of resistance I see an enormous potential for public engagement that goes beyond marches. We have an opportunity for public engagement that creates instead of resists. Our city has a store of energy in our citizens that can be used to grow and motivate, not just struggle and repel. As city representatives and neighborhood leaders we have the organization to turn their energy and motivation into improvements and community growth. The power of sustainable outreach and engagement comes from a willingness and ability to ask for their involvement, and the amazing thing is; Most potential participants are just waiting to be asked and shown how to get involved.

Community is defined by our activism and our unity. We can disagree on specific subjects and city topics and still be unified in our pursuit of a better Denver. In the end of 2016 and the beginning of 2017 we have seen activism on full display. We have also witnessed the unity that comes when larger issues demand communal action. I hope that all city and neighborhood leaders will work to keep these new, and sporadic, participates in our public process active and ask them to be engaged in their neighborhoods and in local politics. Community is truly built neighbor-to-neighbor and it is also constructed neighborhood-toneighborhood. Reach out to your neighboring RNOs and exchange ideas. Come up with ways to share the effort that it takes to engage more of our Denver residents in the Registered Neighborhood Organization system. Doubling our number of active participates from 1% of our population to 2% doesn't seem like too lofty of a goal and it will make a Yuge difference in each and every one of our lives and in the kind of city that we will become.



INC Neighborhood Awards

Our evening was a great success. Thank you to our sponsors, the dinner committee, the mayor of Denver, and all of the city council members in attendance. We were able to recognize some very deserving neighbors and gave a very special life time achievement award to one of the architects of the Registered Neighborhood Organization ordinance, Shirley "Billie" Bramhall.



Please tune in to a future newsletter for a wrap up of the awards and nights festivities.

Please Recognize Our Sponsoring Organizations

The Awards Dinner could not be a success without the financial support of these Denver organizations. Please help us thank them and their leadership for their continued support.























Get Involved - Serve on INC's Board

The March meeting of Delegates is scheduled for Saturday, March 11, 2017. At this meeting, we will hold elections for the open positions for the INC Board of Directors. Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and 2 Delegate-at-Large will be open.

Only a Delegate from a member RNO shall be eligible to serve as a member of the board. Please see our bylaws for other information (www.denverinc.org/inc-bylaws/). If you are interested in becoming an INC Board member, please contact president@denverinc.org or call JJ Niemann at 303.887.2233

INC Membership Renewal Time Is Here!

By now, all registered RNO's and former Associate members will have received an invitation to renew or join INC. Membership applications were mailed with the letters of invitation. Memberships are due by January 31, 2017.

Only members of record may vote at our meetings and all memberships must be paid by the March 11 meeting in order to participate in the election voting. For more information contact Jane Lorimer at membership@denverinc.org or

Your Voice, Our Future: Denveright Moves Into Its Next Phase

The City of Denver has received input from thousands of citizens and is now starting the process of determining recommendation and direction for the new plans. We still want to hear from you and your neighborhoods. Please continue to help us develop the four major citywide plans:

- Land Use and Mobility (Blueprint Denver)
- Parks and Recreation (Game Plan)
- Pedestrians and Trails
- Transit

Make your voice heard and find out about upcoming meetings and events at www.denvergov.org/denveright

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INC Dinner

A special Thank You to Jane Potts, Gayle Rodgers, and the rest of the dinner committee for pulling together a spectacular INC Neighborhood Awards Dinner. It truly was a dinner for and about the people of our city who put in so much time, talent, and effort into empowering neighborhoods and improving the quality of life for their neighbors.

Also, thank you to our dinner sponsors and generous donors who all made our dinner and silent auction possible and successful. Please attend our February Delegate meeting to hear more details about the results.

Neighborhood Award Winners

Below is a link to our list of award winners with their award write ups. Thank you for sharing in their success and helping them continue to be successful in the coming year.

Congratulations and Good Work To Our 2017 INC Award Recipients

Also, thank you to Bernard Grant for so many wonderful photos of our event. Select the photo or link below to see more images from the 2017 Awards Program and Dinner

2017 Annual INC Neighborhood Awards and Silent Auction (Photos)





INC PANEL ABOUT NEIGHBORHOOD ENGAGEMENT - A BIG SUCCESS!

INC's special program for the January monthly meeting featured an impressive panel of speakers who addressed how to get neighborhoods engaged with their neighborhood organizations.

The presentation for this meeting was made by an informative panel about building diversity and neighborhoods. The panel was moderated by Angie Rivera-Malpiede, Vice President, Stapleton Foundation, Executive Director, Northeast Transportation Connections and oversees The Hub.

Click Here to Read More About their Recommendations ...



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Click Here to Access our Online Membership Renewal Site

WHO CAN VOTE AT INC MEETINGS

Any paid RNO member organization representative shall be recognized as a "Voting Delegate".

Each Member Organization (RNO level) shall have no more than two (2) voting delegates, who shall be designated on the annual membership application. An RNO member may change voting delegate names by submitting such change in writing to INC prior to the start of a meeting. Each delegate shall have only one (1) vote, regardless of how many member RNO's a delegate represents.

Each delegate's term shall be determined by their RNO.

What this says is that you can have alternating/rotating voting delegates who attend INC's meetings. This means that if your "regular" delegate cannot attend all meetings, you can send a substitute of your choice to represent your neighborhood when voting matters arise. The "in writing prior to the start of a meeting" includes email notices or when you sign in upon arrival. We hope this clarification makes it easier for your RNO to be represented more often at our meetings.

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