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Committee Corner

INC special interest committees meet to address areas of specific importance to the Denver community.

The following minutes & reports were submitted for recent activities.

- ZAP (February Meeting Minutes)
 - (March Meeting Presentation)
- PARC (February Meeting Minutes)
 - (March Meeting Minutes)
 - (April Resolution for the Delegation)
- Transportation (<u>March Meeting Minutes & April Announcements</u>)



April Monthly Delegates Meeting

Monthly meeting of INC members

Open to all Denver Residents

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

Thomas Jefferson High School

3950 S Holly St Denver, CO 80237

8:30 am: Networking & Continental Breakfast

9:00 am: INC business (minutes approval, committee reports)9:30 am: INC resolutions brought before our delegation

INC PARC Recommended Resolution RE: Acquisition of Park Hill Golf Course

INC ZAP Recommended Resolution RE: Text Amendment 11

10:00 am: Break

10:20 am: Presentation – Accelerating Climate Change Book Club kickoff.

10:45 am: Around the City - Reports from RNOs

Previous Meeting Minutes: Please review for approval

Click Here for Minutes of our March Meeting

Welcome to our new board members and thanks to our continuing board members. We had a good first meeting and look forward to many meetings to come.





Harwick (At-Large);

8/25/2017

Not Shown: Jane Lorimer (At-Large)

INC Calendar of Events (See Full Calendar Here)

April Monthly Members Meeting

@ Thomas Jefferson H.S.

Apr 8, 2017 @ 8:30 – 11:30 am

INC Board & Committee Chairs Meeting

@ Daniels Fund Building

Apr 10, 2017 @ 7:00 - 8:45 pm

Monthly meeting of INC Executive Committee

(Board and Committee Chairs)

INC Parks & Recreation Meeting

Apr 18, 2017 @ 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Brookdale University Park

2020 S Monroe St

INC Zoning & Planning Committee Meeting

Apr 22, 2017 @ 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

One Cheesman Place (Top Floor)

1201 N Williams St

Open Doors Denver

Apr 29-30, 2017 @ Various times and locations

http://doorsopendenver.com/

INC Transportation Committee Meeting

May 11, 2017 @ 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

One Cheesman Place (Top Floor)

1201 N Williams St

Message from the President

The Denver INC starts a new year with some new energy and lots of opportunities to express neighborhood voices and desires to our elected representatives and our city officials. We have lots of neighborhood representatives that are still working hard on the Denveright campaign to define our next 10 years of growth as a city. We have representatives and neighborhood voices defining the General Obligation Bond that will be voted on in November 2017. We also have neighbors who are working hard to stop the city from repurposing city golf courses for alternative uses and others that are advocating for it.

In the INC we elected 3 new delegates to our board of directors. Thank you to Hank Bootz, Bob Inman, and George Mayl for stepping in and lending your experience, enthusiasm, and skills to our non-profit organization. We have representatives from registered neighborhood organizations that are located throughout our city.

Also, I hope you will join many of us in INC in supporting Open Doors Denver (doorsopendenver.com) on April 29th & 30th. This annual event, sponsored by the city of Denver, the Denver Architectural Foundation, and this year supported by Denver INC, is a two-day event that provides opportunities for residents to connect, through self-guided or expert-guided (fee-based) tours, with our city's unique spaces, including high-profile, historic, and/or artistic feats of architecture and design. Doors Open Denver tells the story of where Denver is, where it has been, and where it's going.

DENVER COP SHOPS

Denver has hundreds of selfless volunteers who dedicate hours of their time providing valuable services to citizens at seven Cop Shops located across the city. Those volunteers include citizens, from all walks of life, who are very dedicated and have a passion for safety in their neighborhoods. They have an excellent rapport with RNOs, Community Resource Officers (CROs) as well as district police officers. Beth Trudgeon and Mary Walsh have volunteered with the first Cop Shop, the Leetsdale Cop Shop, since it opened fifteen years ago. Another dedicated volunteer

contact your local Cop Shop

The shops are drop-in centers where citizens can address concerns without the hassle of being placed on phone hold, driving distances to a police station, experiencing parking problems or the intimidating atmosphere some feel when conducting simple police business with someone behind bullet-proof glass. The shops are casual, relaxed centers where one can have informal one-on-one contact with knowledgeable volunteers as well as neighborhood police officers. The services provide assistance with; reporting

The shops provide services and assistance with; reporting non-violent crime, reporting suspicious activity in the neighborhood, filing police reports, arranging for Neighborhood Watch programs, information on city services, bicycle registration etc. Some shops provide free steering wheel locks for cars, gun locks and secure screws for license plates.

The seven cop shops are all nonprofit with all-volunteer staffs and operate their facilities from the generous donations of the public. INC is pleased to be able to assist the cop shops by providing each of the seven with a gift of \$200.00 to help with their incidental expenses. Please consider a drop-in visit to the cop shop nearest you, whether to conduct business, seek help or to just show your support for their efforts. If conducting business, think about the car expense, parking costs, or bus fare you saved by going to a local friendly facility and be sure to notice the 'donation jar' as you leave. This is their survival kit.

When visiting the cop shops it is advisable to call ahead for hours of operation as they vary from day to day. The seven locations are as follows:

Bear Valley Cop Shop, 3100 S Sheridan Blvd. #A20 – 720.865.2146; Broadway Cop Shop, 487 S Broadway Blvd. (new phone soon); The Federal Cop Shop, 2635 N Federal Blvd. – 720.865.2242; The Northfield Cop Shop, 8216 E 49th Ave. #1348 720.865.2356; The West Cop Shop, 4200 Morrison Road #4 – 720.865.2260; The West Colfax Cop Shop, 5094 W Colfax Avenue – 720.865.2240; The Leetsdale Cop Shop, 7150 Leetsdale Drive #120 – 303.329.0500;

There have been numerous petty (and greater) crimes throughout many neighborhoods. INC, and the police department, advises all citizens to be aware of their surroundings, adhere to safety maintenance issues; lock your garage doors at all times, do not leave valuables visible in your vehicle, consider security systems/lights to meet your needs and have a good rapport with your neighbors for visual observation of unusual activity.

To get to know our neighboring RNOs and our board members, here are two board members, their neighborhood associations and an activity that their RNO is enjoying.

Jane Lorimer - Winston Downs Neighborhood Assn.

Our neighborhood engages neighbors through a program called Fridays Out Front. Different neighbors within the boundaries of the neighborhood sign up to host this event held on one Friday a month from June through October. The host supplies the front yard and everyone brings their own beverage and snacks. Some residents provide lemonade and cookies, some go all out with snacks and even wine and beer. It's an open-air, open house with a friendly environment.

George Mayl - The Cory Merrill Neighborhood

The Cory Merrill Neighborhood is comprised of over 2200 homes. The neighborhood sits east of University Blvd., west of Colorado Blvd., north of I-25, and here's where it gets tricky; on the west side of Steele, south of Tennessee and on the east side of Steele, south of Mississippi. In the middle of the neighborhood sits the catholic seminary. Nearly 30% of the homes in the neighborhood have been scraped over the past decade, and there is a mixed age demographic. Within the neighborhood boundaries are an excellent DPS elementary school, a thriving middle school, and a few preschools and parochial schools. The Cory Merrill Neighborhood Association (CMNA) board

Each year, the CMNA hosts a Halloween event where we hand out products and coupons from our local businesses. Our holiday event has included a luminary, tree-lighting, hot chocolate and treats, a visit from Santa, and a hay ride through the neighborhood all while raising money for the non-profit No Child Hungry. Last year we hosted four quarterly meetings with good attendance and relevant speakers including: the Denver Auditor, the District 6 Councilman, various candidates for different political positions, and community resource police officers. The association compiles and delivers quarterly, eight to twelve page, newsletters to 2200 homes. This past summer, we hosted ten summer food truck events where there were multiple food vendor trucks and live music. In addition, the board fielded multiple zoning requests and inquiries. We have plans to continue our productive meetings, events, and communication throughout this upcoming year.

JJ Niemann - Harvey Park Improvement Association

My RNO is the Harvey Park Improvement Association.in South West Denver and we pride ourselves on being the first neighborhood organization formed west of the Mississippi River. We celebrated our 60th-anniversary last year. As an RNO, one of our proudest activities is our yearly awarding of \$1000 scholarships to graduating seniors who live in the neighborhood. We use our membership dues and a gift card giveaway at each of our monthly meetings to raise the money for our scholarships and this year we are able to give out 4 scholarships to four very deserving students.

Submitted by Bob Inman - Bonnie Brae Neighborhood Association

Are You a New or 'Remodeled' RNO?

If your neighborhood has created a new 'Registered Neighborhood Organization' (RNO), or are 'remodeling' an existing one, perhaps with new officers/directors, this article may be of some help to you. This author is the new president of an existing RNO; moreover, the vice president, secretary and treasurer are also new; lastly, we have brought on three new board members. By definition – a 'remodel.'

Either way, there are some critical first steps that need be taken to help a successful launch/relaunch of your organization. There are no costs attached, just good old fashioned effort. They are:

- Create a Mission Statement. In a few select words in one sentence, state
 your purpose. For example: The mission of the XXXX Neighborhood
 Association is to promote a greater sense of community, to be a central
 informational resource, and to be a voice for the neighborhood regarding
 existing and future challenges and issues that may face the integrity and
 desirability of the neighborhood.
- 2. Create and promote the RNO initiatives. There are at least three (3) topics that resonate with virtually every RNO in Denver:
- a. <u>Traffic</u> This is consistently a hot topic: speeding, traffic light/signs, lighting, parking, pedestrian safety. Meet your councilperson and get their feedback; give them yours;
- b. Resident Safety/Crime. Investigate and initiate a Neighborhood Watch program. Visit with your local police who will be glad to provide you with written materials, web site information and may even visit your neighborhood personally with ideas and guidance.
- c. <u>Denver's Development</u> For better or worse, Denver is a rapidly growing large city. However, along with growth comes congestion and changing neighborhood landscapes. Again, know your councilman and give feedback about your RNO's thoughts and concerns.
- 3. **Communicate to Your Residents.** Depending on budget, you must communicate the above items to your constituents: 1) Begin a word-of-mouth

residents for board meetings; 4) if finances allow, mail informational pieces or newsletters; 5) build a web site email address list and send out communications via the Internet.

4. Lastly Join INC – The challenges and opportunities that RNOs are common to all RNOs; you are not alone! INC can be a valuable resource for problem solving and idea exchange. Monthly board meetings are open to all members, and at \$40/year, your voice and concerns are amplified through INC's relationships with Denver's infrastructure.

Where there's a will there's a way. Your residents want to be heard, so give them ways to speak. But also be there to both listen and respond.....



Neighborhood News

Here at INC, we aim to inform and empower neighborhoods. The best way to do that is to make sure you know about the important information and decisions that are shaping our city. Here is a list of the articles that the INC has highlighted recently

Contract Compliance at Red Rocks

<u>Denver's population is surging. Its summers are getting hotter. How will the city's parks system adapt?</u>

16CA0920 Whitelaw v. Denver City Council Mt. Gilead/Crestmoor Park Before and After Globeville Landing Park



City and Local News & Announcements

Often the INC is contacted by the city and we reach out to local news outlets to gather and share information with all neighborhoods/residents. Here are some links to great information from the city and local news outlets from the past month.

Legal floodgate expands to protect public parks [North Denver Tribune]

Colorado Inside Out (Colorado Public Television) [You Tube Channel]

Denver Channel 8 [You Tube Channel] - Your City Now & The City of Denver Show

<u>The new Denverite online publication</u> - Is doing a great job covering the many Denver topics that are current and relevant to our neighborhoods. Also, our local newspapers (<u>The North Denver Tribune</u>, <u>Life on Capital Hill</u>, and the <u>Washington Park Profile</u>) are great sources of local news.

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