

July and August Newsletter and meeting reminder.

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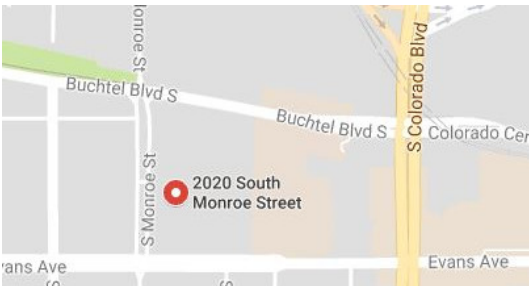
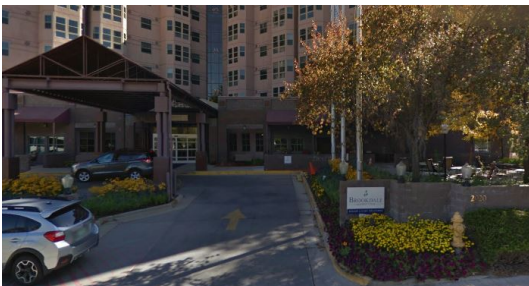
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Neighborhoods Work Better When They Work Together

The upcoming INC Delegate meeting will be Aug 12 2017 at Brookdale University Park  
2020 S. Monroe



Agenda: 8:30 am—networking/continental breakfast  
9:00 am—INC business (committee reports, business up-dates)  
10:15 am—Special Program—We will have RNO roundtables to discuss various aspects of running RNO’s (newsletters, getting neighbors to participate, etc.)

Final Rules Governing Marijuana Designated Consumption Areas



The final rules governing marijuana designated consumption areas. The final rules incorporate the significant and major protections for residential neighborhoods which INC supported.. It should be noted that the final rules eliminated the requirement of a ventilation plan for vaping. The rules also include a provision for de-licensing which would allow for a liquor licensed

establishment to designate a social consumption area in a liquor licensed establishment provided that alcohol is not being served. The rules took effect July 1, 2017. It is anticipated that the designated consumption area permits may be issued on or about August 31, 2017.

EXCISE AND LICENSE ACADEMY

A note from Margie Valdez regarding this academy

The 2017 Citizens Marijuana Academy - An education in marijuana law, both Federal and State, as well as Denver ordinances and Excise and Licenses rules regarding retail, medical, grows and implementation of Initiative 300. INC, together with the Office of Marijuana Policy and the Department of Excise and Licenses presented the Citizens Marijuana Academy on May 17 and May 22, 2017. On June 24, the INC Zoning and Planning Committee presented a panel composed of four INC members. Michael Henry, Charles Nadler, Mona Ahmed and Margie Valdez, all with experienced in representing their neighborhoods in Excise and License hearing procedures, both liquor and marijuana.

Academies such as this are often sponsored by organizations that charge fees for those who wish to attend. RNO representatives attended the Citizens Marijuana Academy with no fee required. All the training is provided by your RNO membership in INC. Participants were provided with power point documents, copies of all the laws cited above AND the opportunity to attend the ZAP how-to presentation. A sample Good Neighbor Agreement was also presented and discussed at the ZAP meeting.

The documents provided at the three Academy sessions are posted on the INC web-site. Go to Library, scroll down to Citizens Marijuana Academy, click the breakdown which you are interested

Many great benefits such as these are included in INC membership. Join today and keep your membership current. By doing so your neighborhood is benefited and your members will be prepared to represent their neighborhood in a responsible and meaningful manner.

[Social Consumption Rules FINAL 6-30-17-1](#)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**August 12** - INC wants your feedback on what your expectations are of us in terms of resources and what resources will help your neighborhoods generate more participation.

**September 9** - A presentation about legal issues surrounding I-70 changes and "The Ditch" drainage project proposed through City Park Golf Course. Stay tuned for more on this!

Subscriptions are free. Subscription requests and changes of address should be e-mailed to [newsletter@denverinc.org](mailto:newsletter@denverinc.org)

To submit articles and photos please send submissions by e-mail to [DenverIncNews@aol.com](mailto:DenverIncNews@aol.com) by the 25th of the month to guarantee inclusion.

RNOs are welcome to reprint the articles in their own newsletters. Please cite INC as the source unless otherwise noted.

**October 14** - Ballot forum with DPS board candidates and/or ballot initiatives. Please check [www.denverinc.org/Calendar](http://www.denverinc.org/Calendar) for meeting locations.

City Council Resolution regarding 3-day Overland Golf Course Music Festival

There will be a one-hour courtesy public hearing Monday, July 24, 2017. Introduction of Council Resolution 17-0687 regarding the three-day Over-land Golf Course Music Festival. The meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. and will be held in the City & County Building, 1437 Bannock Street, Council Chambers, Room 450. You may sign-up to speak as early as 5:00 p.m. in Room 451 or during the recess of Council. Please send comments whether in favor or opposed to your council person.

The proposed 5year contract is found here:  
<http://www.denverinc.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/city-superfly-contract.pdf>

**\*\* Please note that Denver Inc. has not voiced an opinion on this but the INC Park and Rec’s Committee Platform for Denver’s Urban Parks was approved by the INC Delegation on January 8, 2011. Since the approval the INC Parks and Rec Committee has worked with DPR and the City to promote the values and the wishes in the platform. In the Urban Parks platform it specifically states a Festival site should be established apart from Denver’s parks. Admission based events are incompatible with Denver’s long standing commitment to parks that are free and open to the public.**  
[http://www.denverinc.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/INC\\_Platform\\_For\\_DenverUrbanparks-inc\\_0111.pdf](http://www.denverinc.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/INC_Platform_For_DenverUrbanparks-inc_0111.pdf)

On June 20, 2017 the Land Use, Transportation and Infrastructure Commit-tee met and determined that the bill would go to Council for final determination. 17-0687 Approves a lease agreement with Superfly Productions, LLC., for five years at an annual rate of \$200,000, with additional monetary and non-monetary considerations to produce an annual three-day music festival at Overland Golf Course in Council District 7. The video of the meeting can be found here <https://youtu.be/nYHOWlpFZJ0?list=UUd9nLOqSyWj3BBun1-kYzBg>

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CITY PARK GOLF COURSE

On June 5, 2017, the Denver District Court heard arguments regarding the City’s assertion that 220 documents (7,400 pages) should be protected by the “deliberative process” privilege—which stems from the “executive privilege”. The Court ruled that the 7400 pages should not be handed over to the Plain-tiffs (those suing the city to protect CPGC) in the CPGC lawsuit. The City has



George Mayl, INC VP -Happy Haynes is reported as saying Denver is moving ahead quickly on events in parks and now planning 600 events. City also plans to use golf courses because the City is running out of room at parks. City is making money by using our public parks.

AEG was a former concert producer for music events and has passed the option. SuperFly now has a 5– year contract and plans a massive music festival in Overland Park. Despite petitions and **a strong opposition campaign** demanding that the promoters stay out of the neighborhood, several major players in the community, including the Overland Park Neighborhood Association opted to take a neutral stance on the event. Opponents feel this type event would render the park useless for public use.

Re the five year contract:

- After 3 years, we can say we don't like it but it takes 3 years for-for companies to know if they are profitable or not.
- Reviewed things such as: Revenue sharing – how computed and if milestones not met city can cancel contract.
- Superfly willing to work with City to make it right.

INC PARCs is advocating for a designated festival park rather than using so many parks around the city. Adrian Brown, Baker Historic N.A: Growth is deliberate and our parklands are now open to commercial events, flood control and anything the City deems needed due to the deliberate density and crowding in Denver. There's nowhere else to go but to the parklands.

Steve Nissen, INC Treasurer- it's well known that the 420 Rally (marijuana celebration event on April 20) this year in Civic Center Park created massive issues. Even though this vendor is banned for three years, someone else can apply and still host it and they don't have to guarantee the results will be any different.

Audience Question: What to do about the abundance of geese in parks. It is an ongoing issue and Canadian geese are a protected species. Some cities are seeking ways to harvest the over-populations of geese and use for food for homeless.

Maggie suggested any whose comments or questions were not addressed today to send a message to [parksandrec@denverinc.org](mailto:parksandrec@denverinc.org).

**Zoning & Planning (ZAP) – Margie Valdez, Chair**

Citizens Academy has held two of its series of three classes about Marijuana basics and hands on training. Thursday, June 22 is the third session. It will cover how hearings are conducted and tips for participating. For example: If you challenge a social consumption area, you need to know how to do this.

Margie passed out a 'model' Good Neighbor Agreement for marijuana. It is designed for you to select the references you'll need. To access a copy go to: [www.denverinc.org/library/excise-and-license-inc-academy/](http://www.denverinc.org/library/excise-and-license-inc-academy/)

On Tuesday, June 13, there is a public hearing regarding draft rules on social consumption of marijuana. 5:30PM at the Webb Municipal Office Building, Room 4.G.2. INC urges neighborhoods to be represented. You are advised to arrive early to guarantee parking and a place on the list to speak.

After a voter approved initiative, social consumption of marijuana was passed. Margie served on a City appointed, diverse 20-person advisory committee to recommend rules and regulations related to social consumption to best protect neighborhood rights and ones the City feels they can represent and defend should they have to go to court. It is anticipated the marijuana industry will challenge the rules and regulations. Director of Excise and Licenses issued the draft of rules and regulations which closely followed the committee recommendations. Rules include: No dual consumption, no social consumption in residential neighborhoods, parks.

Margie made the following motion; seconded by Jane Lorimer

*INC, representing approximately 269,000 households in the City of Denver, raises its voice in strong support of the draft Social Consumption Rules and Regulations issued by the Department of Excise and Licenses, pursuant to Articles I and IV of the Denver Revised Municipal Code.*

*INC urges the adoption of the rules and regulations **as drafted** ([click here](#)). The proposed rules comply with the protections provided by the Colorado Constitution, the Department of Revenue, State of Colorado and Ordinances adopted by the City of Denver.*

Discussion included the importance of attending the Tuesday hearing in support of this motion; questions about the statement that we represent 269,000 households (explained that our member 83 RNOs cover 269,000 households and household numbers are provided by the City).

The question was called: 25 approved calling the question, 3 opposed

The motion passed with 23 in favor, 1 opposed, 4 abstained.

**OTHER**

JJ advised that Barry Burch from the City will address which committees have open seats for neighborhood members.

**SPECIAL PROGRAM**

*George Mayl, VP led the meeting from this point*

**Dennis Robinson, Jordon Block from Denver Downtown Partnership spoke about the proposed Denver Loop.**

The Downtown Denver Partnership is leading efforts to create the Downtown Loop, a project that will transform how the public right-of-way is used in Downtown Denver. The Downtown Loop will link multiple neighborhoods and connect people through the great urban outdoors. It prioritizes people, bikes and Denver's urban tree canopy by turning underutilized streets into the essential Downtown experience while uniting urban life with Colorado's outdoor culture. Branded as Denver Loop.

Goal:



Key points:

- Strategic vision is in place but not for how the loop itself will evolve or how it will connect. Denver’s high growth rate is driving the importance to keep people connected.
- This is an evolving 5,10 year or more plan
- Every neighborhood will be involved to ensure it represents the neighborhood culture and dynamics of each neighborhood. Ex: Bars, cultural aspects, etc. that are unique to an event – will input their two cents
- Using Civitas, landscape architecture firm as a consultant
- How will it morph? Resident input.
- Similar projects: Portand Greenway, Indianapolis loop, Boston. What can we learn from and duplicate here?
- 110 people involved in the partnership. All serve on various committees such as R&D for community outreach, event planning, etc.
- Housing Authority in favor
- Want to reach out to RNO’s who are in favor and gain other champions for the project.

Key events:

June 15 – opening weekend of “The Square on 21<sup>st</sup>” Pop-up Park between Lawrence and Larimer (*runs till August 15<sup>th</sup>*) and Ribbon Cutting with Mayor

June 24 – Pop-up Weekend

- Booths/posts along The Loop talking about the upcoming Showcase Weekend projects, continue engagement

June 28 – Bike to Work, sponsored by Bike Denver

June-July – Community Workshops TBD

August 4 – Experience Showcase Weekend (3 Primary Locations)

- 10th Ave & Osage St. – Sponsored by Denver Housing Authority
- 14th Street & Wynkoop – Between river and parking garage
- 17th Ave. & Sherman – Adjacent to Wells Fargo & outdoor plaza

Questions:

- Jo Barrios requested affordable housing and diversity be included into plan. What is the feedback vehicle for homeless, low income? Ansr: Unknown as yet, but they plan to request feedback by anyone biking, living on the streets although this is often difficult.
- Why is City paying if this benefits Denver Partnership? Answer: This is NOT a city funded project. It is funded privately. Estimated need of \$100 million the original input so far is \$330,000 from private funding.

For more information: [CLICK HERE-DENVER LOOP](#)

Jeanne Kaplan, Our Denver, Our Schools spoke about what’s going on in Denver Public Schools. Former DPS Board member.

What’s going on in DPS. Passionate about public education

Every school here (Evie Dennis) on campus is a charter school, a Public school with an asterisk. Private board. Every charter can raise its own money.

Education Reform –

- A national event happening to many urban school districts.
- Goal to have non-protected workers. (non-union). Largest infill projects – GVR, Stapleton, Lowry and we are not seeing any neighborhood schools. If communities are divided, hard to make things happen.
- Charters all have things in common. Walk down halls with discipline – Choice is a catch phrase.
- Longer days, teacher evaluations are different, teachers don’t go through traditional programs = personalized learning with stress on technology.
- Human capital is not being taught nor addressed
- Keeping winners, dropping losers. Destroying teacher unions.
- Education reform: academic results, reform measures, Result is a two tiered system
- DPS is celebrated because of its reform – they are criticized for academic results achieved.
- School board is bipartisan.
- Fix neighborhood schools.
- DPS narrowing curriculum which pre determines what is offered and eliminates creativity
- 22% teacher turnover in state, 60% free lunch
- Choice sounds good but has led to more segregated schools. 65% of schools have 70% “minority kids”; 11% white
- Closing schools like Gilpin is not a good idea.

Danielle Loquero-opposing view:

- System we have in Denver is successful because scores are improving and for us to have other needs and expectations for our children.
- Going back to old model is not going to work.
- Not against charter schools, need different types of schools. Why are there not multiples of specialty schools? (Language science etc.)
- 35% remediation rate and higher in Black and Hispanic.

- Only 30% of DPS teachers can do the high stakes testing
- 15K employees in DPS (includes all: teachers, administration, custodial)

AROUND THE CITY

Lara Duran – East Montclair- Survey of area found their biggest concerns are to focus their efforts in a more united manner and that crime is biggest concern.

Adrian Brown, Baker – This week is Baker Bargain Bonanza Sale-a good example of getting neighbors together and getting to know each other.

Jane Lorimer indicated in a former Pew study that typically only 30% of neighbors know each other by name, if at all.

Tom Carllon, GVR–CAB – Extended welcome to his “neighborhood” – Green Valley Ranch area.

Community food truck events at or around Bonnie Brae Church on the second and forth Tuesdays of summer

Diana Helper University Hills– Noticing increased density with building of large apartments – no birds now. Can’t see sunsets either. Will birds return and what are the side effects to lose birds to high density development. Suggestions to put out bird feeders to draw them back.

Marlene Johnson, Hutchinson Hills – Concerns with a new group home of mentally challenged coming into their area – across from an elementary school. Feedback was that there are seldom issues with these homes (they are scattered into many, many residential neighborhoods) because they are strongly supervised.

Sustainable neighborhood programs – Highland – whoever is closest to problem deals with that problem.

Steve Nissen, Alamo Placita – Happy hours in various area business establishments once a months – meet at local bar – 25-35 show up.

Jim Slotta, CHUN- Peoples Fair, this is the first year CHUN is not the lead as it was turned over to Team Player Productions. CHUN still volunteers. Will get some type financial return. No paid CHUN staff now. Big turnover in board, new understanding of history, maintaining the building and leasing the Tears McFarland Mansion, where CHUN resides, to events.

Co-sponsor accelerate climate control – and what neighborhoods can do. Climate action forums.

Jo Barrios -Uptown on the Hill Board has 2 open seats.

Adjourn 1130

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