

INC Delegates Meeting  
February 13, 2021  
Meeting Minutes

9:02am Call to Order - Loretta Koehler

9:07am Presentation of Southwest Improvement Council (SWIC) Resolution

- Overview of SWIC and Westwood Community Center status provided by Larry Ambrose
- Discussion
- Loretta Koehler called for the vote on the motion to support the motion circulated to all delegates in support of SWIC (attached below). Vote: 34 in favor, 3 opposed, and 5 noting abstention. Motion passes.

9:35am Reminder for election next month -- several open positions

9:36am Committee Reports

- Volunteers for Audit Committee are being sought - please write to [president@denverinc.org](mailto:president@denverinc.org)
- Awards Committee - Jane Potts
  - Please join us at the ceremony following the March Delegates meeting, March 13th at 10am. James Mejia will be M.C.
  - Awards committee members recognized
- Parks Committee - Maggie Price
  - Next meeting Feb. 16th, 6pm. Topics include City Park waterway and new park designations
- Transportation Committee
  - Next meeting: Thursday, March 11th, 2021 -- 6pm-8pm, via Zoom
- Climate and Sustainability Committee - Parry Burnap
  - Focused on recruiting diverse membership, citywide.
  - April 10th Community-wide Climate Action discussion will be held at the INC Delegates meeting
  - Regular meetings will be every other month or quarterly
- Zoning and Planning Committee - Christine O'Connor
  - Next meeting: Feb. 27th, 9am. Councilwoman Stacie Gilmore presenting work towards a rental registry.
  - Future topics: Former Chapter 59 zoning, and Residential Infill zoning project
- Membership Committee - Trupti Suthar

9:55am Proposed Marijuana Legislation

- Presentation: Erica Rogers & Molly Duplechian - Denver Excise & Licenses
- Smart Colorado: Henny Lasley
- Marijuana Industry Group: Truman Bradley
- Q&A
- Motion from Jane Lorimer, seconded by Miles Tangalin:

- “This set of Marijuana regulations be de-bundled and voted upon separately by Council and that the three ordinances be presented over the course of three Council meetings to permit adequate time for through analysis, feedback and discussion”
- Discussion & Q&A
- Vote deferred until next INC Delegates meeting to allow time for delegates to review materials and motion with their RNOs, with agreement of the mover (Jane Lorimer)

11:57am Adjourn

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### **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SOUTHWEST IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL**

Whereas, the SouthWest Improvement Council, SWIC, has successfully maintained, staffed, operated and paid the bills for the city-owned Westwood Community Center for 33 years, and

Whereas, over these many years, SWIC has come to serve people of all ages and has also excelled in providing a second home, services, supplies, food and support for the oldest residents in its surrounding neighborhoods, and

Whereas, SWIC is one of the oldest non-profit human services institutions in SW Denver, and

Whereas, the City of Denver has decreed that SWIC must leave, implying that success, continuity and longevity as an institution are not being valued, and

Whereas, SWIC has been unable to obtain a reasonable and transparent explanation for this action, and

Whereas, the Division of Real Estate and the Mayor of the City of Denver would cast out this neighborhood institution from the Westwood Community Center and jeopardize needed services to the community, and especially seniors, it serves, and

Whereas, the actions of the Hancock Administration do not acknowledge the history, importance, and effectiveness of SWIC or provide the opportunity for a fair and due process in staying at the Westwood Community Center,

Now, therefore, Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation calls on the Mayor of the City of Denver, Michael B. Hancock, to negotiate an extension of the City’s lease for SWIC to operate the Westwood Community Center until such time that an open and fair process can determine, in the community’s

best interest, the most appropriate use of the Westwood Community Center space, the most effective and efficient manner of its operation, and wherein SWIC can either stay or be given the City's support in being able to relocate in order to continue its crucial work in providing human services to the vulnerable multicultural populations of SW and Metro Denver.