

Child-care Facility Zoning Issue

Editors Note: Kathleen Hynes, President of Congress Park Neighbors, requested fifteen minutes to speak to the delegation at our upcoming meeting on Child-care Zoning. Unfortunately, the schedule was set and full and did not have adequate time to present the issue and allow for question and answer. Your executive committee decided that a point-counterpoint of short articles would be an appropriate alternative. The point is presented by Councilwoman Carol Boigon who proposed the amendment to the Zoning Code regarding child-care centers. Councilwoman Jeanne Robb presents her position which is somewhat different. We close with Kathleen Hynes' letter to the Rocky Mountain News which we abbreviated. Unfortunately, Kathleen had a family emergency and was not able to rewrite the article. We hope our edited version accurately presents her views. Your chair believes that the specific issue with the Waldort School has been resolved by the neighborhood and the school per discussions at CHUN.

Opinion of Councilwoman Carol Boigon

Some neighborhood child-care centers have faced closure because Denver's current zoning code is not clear about permitting child-care centers in low-density R-0 and, for some programs, in R-1 residential neighborhoods. Much of our zoning code was written in the 1950s. Although City neighborhoods have grown over the last 50 years to include many beloved child-care and preschool programs, they technically violate Denver's code.

A "child-care center" is a facility, not a person's home, which serves children, ages 6 weeks to 16 years. Examples include schools with early childhood education (ECE) and after-care programs, church preschool programs, and daycare centers. We count at least 10-12 child care programs around the City vulnerable to closure. I believe that neighborhood child care programs are necessary to attracting and keeping young families in Denver and to building a vital future for our City. In October 2005, I began meeting with various experts to determine how we could resolve this problem.

My proposal permits preschools and other types of child care centers in R-0 zones and eliminates some of the outdated requirements and inconsistencies that exist in the R-1 zone limitations. Parking and setback requirements for these centers do not change. The proposal allows child care centers in existing, non-residential structures only and in R-0, they must be non-profit programs.

This proposal was developed and revised over seven months with participation from the City Attorney's Office, the zoning administrator, child care experts, City Council members, and Denver residents. It received more than 150 letters of support from nearly every council district. Opposition has come from a handful of primarily Congress Park residents. Scare tactics, including false statements about tax implications, are being made to stop the zoning revisions. We have a City Attorney letter explaining the facts, which we can send you. I hope you will call my office with any concerns or questions,

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 Call the Chair for time and location.

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Minutes of April 10th Executive Committee Meeting

By Karen Cuthbertson, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Chair Dave Webster. In attendance were Executive Committee (EC) members Karen Cuthbertson, Loretta Galla, Al Habercorn, Harriet Hogue, Charles Howard, Bill Johnston, Monique Lovato, and Anthony Thomas. Also in attendance were Standing/Special Committee Chairs Ken Beaudrie, Cathee Fisher, Michael Henry, and Steve Nissen. The March minutes were approved. The Treasurer's report was accepted. Cathee requested an INC year-end financial statement for inclusion with Dollar Dictionary grant applications. Dave appointed Al Habercorn, Bill Johnston, and Loretta Galla to review the Treasurer's records for the fiscal year 2005. The Board discussed having an independent audit.

The EC scheduled a 2006 strategy/planning session for April 29th, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at 1201 Williams Street in the 19th floor party room. All Executive and Standing/Special Committee members are invited to attend. Julie Robbins will facilitate. Each Committee member is to prepare 2 or 3 priorities, with preliminary costs (\$ & people), and fundraising ideas to support those priorities.

The EC reviewed meeting dates and topics. The EC decided to co-sponsor the May 16th City Club event; Richard Moe, President of National Trust for Historic Preservation. File of Life cards still for sale. Mike reported that the City is still reviewing the Neighborhood Handbook. No end in sight. Cathee reported she is investigating what it would take to get a banner across Colfax saying "Welcome to Denver" for the Colfax Marathon.

Cathee reported that Eugene Tepper has officially issued his \$6,000 challenge grant for the Dollar Dictionary project. She encouraged everyone to start prompting folks to start meeting this challenge. Steve asked that the Committee members review the Dollar Dictionary Monthly Activity report and make suggestions for improving clarity. Ken reported on membership; a total of 94 organizations are current members. Ken mentioned that INC needs to appoint an official Membership Chair. Mike asked the EC and Committee Chairs to talk to the RNOs who haven't renewed. Harriet Hogue volunteered to Chair the Transportation Committee and would like an announcement of that in the newsletter. The EC needs to ask for a follow-up meeting with the Mayor, and the EC

agreed that INC needs to request more involvement from Tamara Banks.

The meeting adjourned at 8:37pm.

Minutes of April 8th Delegates Meeting

By Karen Cuthbertson, Secretary

The Delegates heard about the details of the upcoming Colfax Marathon this May. The marathon will start in Aurora and from Denver's City Park. This marathon will host the 2006 WTFUSA National Wheelchair Championship, with a start time of 6:25 a.m., and the USA Track & Field Club Relay Championship. RNOs are encouraged to volunteer to staff a water station or do other volunteer jobs. For more info, visit www.coloradocolfaxmarathon.org. Police Chief Klee reported that eastbound Colfax will remain open, but that there would be no turns northbound across Colfax for the duration of the marathon. Chief Klee anticipates that the street will be re-opened around 11 a.m. and strongly urged that drivers not call 911 regarding traffic jams or other non-emergency events. Bus stops will be posted with information about where RTD riders can catch affected buses and churches will be notified about the street closing. The Speaker's Bureau has people available to speak at RNOs about the specifics. If your RNO would like a presentation, email DianeBarrett@coloradocolfaxmarathon.org.

The Delegates heard a panel discussion about planning for FasTracks, light-rail development, and Transit-Oriented Development (TOD). Peter Park, Manager of Community Planning & Development (CPD), reported that transit stations would be located mostly in areas of change. CPD's Katherine Cox Blair gave an update on the development of the TOD Strategic Plan, which contains the results of analyses of TOD trends and typologies, of Denver's readiness status, and recommended activities for specific station areas. This Plan will be presented to the Planning Board at 3:00 p.m. on May 17th and there will be a public meeting on the Plan at 5:30 p.m. on May 17th in the Webb building. For more information on this Plan, call Katherine at 720-865-2936. Bob Kochevar, from Public Works Transportation Division, reported that 57 stations would be located in Denver and that about 100 miles of light rail track would be laid at the final build-out some 15 years from now. Construction on the first tunnel project is scheduled to start in October. Marion Combs, from RTD, answered questions about technology choices and some preliminary planning efforts regarding extend-

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Around the City



Civic Association of Clayton – The Clayton neighborhood crime rate has dropped 8%; the lowest in NE Denver.

Cook Park – On Friday, July 14th, at 7:30pm, there will be a free concert with the Denver Municipal Jazz Band at Cook Park.

Curtis Park Neighbors – After years of planning, the City has funded (hopefully just the beginning) the one-way street conversions of Lawrence and California. This conversion was a goal in the original Curtis Park Plan.

Golden Triangle – 1) Liquor Licenses: Lost on opposition to “Salty Dog”. Their license will go through. We reached a compromise agreement with the “Living Room”. 2) Museum addition opens October 7th. Please come. 3) The speedometer shop at 14th & Speer will probably become a drive-thru coffee shop. The new project convinced the Golden Triangle with their extraordinary site design. 4) Six new, 3-story town homes, with excellent modern design, are going up at 12th & Delaware. Thanks to the partnership of the Cherokee Restaurant landowners who have forgone top dollar for the land.

Godsman CNA – May 4, 2006, will be our last regular meeting until September. However, we will meet in July at the Athmar Park Branch Library at a date to be announced at the May meeting. The SCAT team was at our April meeting as was Councilwoman Kathleen MacKenzie.

Greater Mar Lee – Met with District 4 Police Commander Sandoval to prepare for the annual Cinco de Mayo impact on residents.

Inspiration Point Neighborhood – District 1 Councilman, Rick Garcia, has set the month of August as the month when the City of Denver will dedicate the newly purchased parcel of seven acres of land, to be called Camp Rollandet Open Space, located between 51st & 52nd Avenues and Sheridan Boulevard and Benton Street.

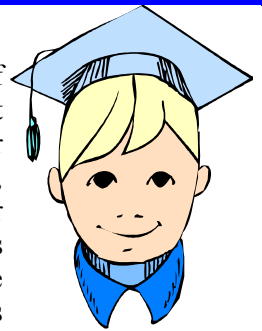
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11th Annual Dollar Dictionary Drive Update

By Cathee Fisher, Co-chair

The TEPPER Challenge is a GO!

For the fifth year, Gene Tepper of Upper Downtown Development Corp has challenged INC in our fundraising efforts. Gene’s wife, Sheri S. Tepper, is a prolific author and it is in her honor that Gene has again offered the Dictionary Drive a \$6,000 Challenge Grant. This means we must raise \$6,000 to receive his matching grant.



Our largest donation in each of the past four years has been Gene's challenge grant.

Every penny and dollar counts. We are a ways from our fundraising goal of \$30,000 for the year. However, I am sure with the help of our friends and neighbors we will be able to reach our goal. Dollar Dictionary provides the valuable learning tools of a dictionary and a thesaurus of their own to every DPS third-grade student because of donations from neighborhood associations, businesses, individuals, and grants.

The books are a resource that has not been ignored by those in the classrooms of Denver. They are utilized in teaching the students, in making the transition from learning-to-read to reading-to-learn, and helping each student to become an active citizen of our community.

Thank you, Gene, for your pledge toward our fundraising efforts in 2006 and in past years. Thank you all for your continued support.

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Zoning and Planning Committee Report

By Diana Helper, Member

The INC Zoning and Planning Committee (ZAP) met March 25th. Molly Rauzi, Deputy Director for Emergency Telecommunications System, spoke on the need for sufficient telecommunications antennas and towers to ensure ground inter-communication for police, fire, sheriff, and other emergency services. This is a complicated process. Methods other than using towers are being studied but at this time are not feasible. There will be a 7 p. m. public meeting May 18th in Bethany Lutheran Church at 4500 E. Hampden Avenue for further information and comment. (Council Bill 198 regarding this subject had its first reading March 27th. Councilwoman Peggy Lehman requested it be delayed to allow more discussion. The final reading and public hearing will be at Council on June 5th.) Several residents of the Hillcrest neighborhood, where a tower is proposed, attended this ZAP meeting to present their issues and an alternative proposal.

The City's Zoning Code Task Force will be issuing a "Diagnostic Report." There will be public meetings in late May and early June. Community Planning and Development Manager Peter Park indicated there will be a mid-April reply to the concerns detailed in the INC ZAP subcommittee's document on zoning improvements. INC Delegates voted support of this document in November of 2005.

Major issues with sidewalks include clarity and enforcement of regulations, installation and maintenance, and funding. Mary Myers, Chair of University Park's (UP) Sidewalk Committee, discussed these items and said that the city could be sued for non-compliance with ADA regulations so it is important to get all walks constructed where needed and up-to-code. Her committee helped UP School to submit a grant application for Federal "Safe Routes to School" funds through Denver's Public Works Department.

A summary of the Front Range Economic Strategy Center (FRESC) project, "Getting Our Money's Worth," was distributed by Chris Nevitt. He said this is an example of a good, positive project. Chris announced he is running for the District 7 City Council seat.

Assistant City Attorney Kerry Buckey spoke on the City's demolition ordinance. The current draft will require that the City have proof that adjacent neighbors have received notification at least ten days before demolition begins. INC has asked for 30-day advance notification. There are only five demolition companies thus the

city believes it can monitor their operations carefully.

The ZAP Committee members signed a letter and voted unanimously to support the work of the Drive-Through Restaurant Task Force and feel strongly that there must be sufficient separation between the restaurant and neighboring residences and that the drive-through operation end at a reasonable hour at night. Bill Johnston and Charles Howard represent INC on this Task Force.

The City requested that INC designate a person to serve on the Citizens Advisory Group to help with implementation of the Justice Center. Alan Gass agreed to serve. The Planning Board needs four new members and INC members are asked to suggest names. Billie Bramhall wishes to serve. ZAP hopes to find out names of the eleven members of RTD's FasTracks Citizens' Advisory Committee.

Alan Gass proposed that INC ZAP members vote to write a letter to Councilwoman Robb regarding the Cherry Creek Shopping Center urging the City to follow Cherry Creek guidelines which require sidewalks and pedestrian access. Enforcement of the guidelines is needed and recognition of the will of the Steering Committee to provide a pedestrian-friendly walk. Those present voted approval with one abstention.

When asked for suggestions of topics for future ZAP study, these were listed: Zoning Code update, Strategic Transportation Plan, Subcommittee follow-up, Neighborhood Plans, Construction noise limits, Telecommunications policy on zoning, FasTracks impact, open space, parks, getting Public Works into the 21st Century, Main Street Zoning, new Downtown plan, and the Transit Oriented Development at I-25/Bellevue.

Other Committee Reports

By Karen Cuthbertson, Secretary

Cathee Fisher and Steve Nissen of Dollar Dictionary reported that fundraising for 2006 has started in earnest and gave some statistics about the 2005 year; e.g., there were 205 individual donors, the average donation was \$38.50, and the administrative costs for the program were 0.7%, so 97.3% of the funds raised went to getting dictionaries and thesauruses into the hands of the 3rd-graders – a phenomenal achievement. Cathee asked that RNOs donate to this year's effort. John Riley has volunteered to Chair the Public Safety Committee. Harriet Hogue has volunteered to chair the Transportation Committee. Karen Brown-Gerdine and Billie Bramhall have volunteered to co-Chair the Education Committee. Many thanks to all INC's dedicated volunteers.

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Opinion of Councilwoman Jeanne Robb, District 10

Quality child-care is essential to parents, schools, and the future of the city. However, zoning cannot ensure the quality of child-care any more than it can ensure the quality of any use. Zoning is used to balance uses and impacts. The problem is not a shortage of locations for child-care. The problem we have uncovered is six DPS elementary schools in R-0 zones that provide early childhood education that is not expressly allowed now. My proposal broadens the definition of school to include the two years before kindergarten. This definition would also alleviate issues with private schools in R-0 zones that offer preschool.

The second part of the problem is that we have some child care and/or preschools in churches located in R-0 zones. The code says an accessory use must be owned and operated by the facility. The City has just sent a notice to neighborhoods of a language amendment proposing that accessory uses in a church need not be owned and operated by the church. This amendment would permit child care and preschools in churches in R-0 zones.

These two changes balance the need for child care with the expectations of residents.

While child care in homes is allowed in all residential zones, when that child care exceeds twelve children, the provider needs a "use exception." That exception has criteria including a 400 foot separation from other child care homes and assurance that the use will not cause parking or traffic problems. Use exceptions must be renewed yearly. Councilwoman Boigon's proposal to allow existing non-residential buildings in neighborhoods to convert to full-fledged child care facilities does not provide equivalent review and protection for neighborhoods.

I will support the parts of Councilwoman Boigon's proposal that would permit child care in more hospital and business areas but I think there's a simpler, more predictable way to balance the uses in residential districts.

Opinion of Kathleen Hynes (abbreviated)

Councilwoman Carol Boigon's proposed amendments to "save" neighborhood child care would allow schools to offer child care and would change the definition of "school." These amendments completely fail to consider their impact on the under-funded Denver Public Schools neighborhood schools, the quality of child care, and residential neighborhoods.

Boigon's amendments were not initiated to save neighborhood child care but to serve a single special-interest group, the Waldorf School, which wants to continue offering a child-care program currently disallowed by zoning, and a source of enormous contention among

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ing the commuter rail to Colorado Springs. Call 303-299-6990 for more information about RTD FasTracks. Councilwoman Judy Montero, whose district includes Union Station, talked about how her committee is trying to plan what "TOD villages" around the stations would look like. The public is welcome to these committee meetings, 3rd Monday of each month, 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 4th floor, City and County Building. Other opportunities for public input include the Citizens' Advisory Committee; a 13-member committee tasked with ensuring community issues are brought to the attention of the City/RTD/etc. Each committee member serves a 1-year term. Councilwoman Montero will send INC contact information for this CAC. For more information about the Union Station development, visit www.denverunionstation.org. Jason Longsdorf, from Public Works Transportation division, spoke about the Environmental Impact Study (EIS) and National Environmental Protection Assessment (NEPA) processes currently underway and planned. The public is encouraged to participate in the scoping efforts, join a stakeholder group, and review EIS/NEPA documents produced. For more information, call 720-865-3162. For more information about Transit-Oriented Development, visit www.denvergov.org/tod. Comments from attendees included concerns that neighborhood issues regarding the impact to quality of life of the new maintenance stations are not being addressed, ensuring that sidewalks in and around the area are 10 feet wide, ensuring that other modes of transportation (e.g., bicycles) are provided for, and that RNOs are not receiving notice regarding public input 30 days in advance (e.g., one attendee received notice less than 1 week before a meeting).

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neighborhood residents for three years. Waldorf is not a DPS neighborhood school. It is part of a larger corporation and, as a private regional school, draws students from throughout the metropolitan area. Boigon's support is almost entirely from Waldorf parents.

Boigon asserts neighborhood preschools are at risk—we ask to see the data supporting that claim and she offers none. She cites HeadStart, a federal program without funds for adding preschoolers. Or she mentions Denver International School as the reason for her haste. Doug Mahon, the school's executive director, wrote on February 9th: "we hope to add a preschool class for 3-year-olds next year." Why the urgency to pass these amendments this month? Denver is assessing preschool needs as part of a \$350,000 zoning review that Boigon voted to fund. Now she wants to fast-track and piecemeal her special-interest zoning? Will her amendments produce quality child-care and education? Consider this:

1. These amendments are not supported by empirical research. The City's Web-site shows an abundance of child-care options for Denver parents and licensed capacity currently for 23,000 children. And this number excludes the many child-care homes, both large and small, throughout the city.

2. The amendments do not promote quality child care. The amendment significantly reduces the amount of playground required for children. And Boigon contends the City's Department of Environmental Health (not its Department of Zoning) would better enforce regulations. David Powell, the City's supervisor of Child-care/Health Facilities Inspections (Feb. 22 BluePrint Denver meeting), describes inspectors visiting those facilities that "need assistance and mentoring" numerous times to bring them into compliance. Where is the evidence showing preschoolers will be better protected by shifting enforcement from Zoning to Environmental Health?

3. Both amendments have far-reaching implications upon DPS and its funding sources. Boigon solicited and received support for her current amendment from DPS. DPS receives more than sixty percent of Denver residential property taxes for a budget of almost \$600 million which they find insufficient for current student enrollment. Her amendments would allow all schools, including taxpayer-funded DPS, to increase their early-childhood education program to "a child of any age." How will Denver pay for that?

4. The amendments lack protections for the unique character of Denver neighborhoods. In addition to schools offering child care, commercial free-standing facilities such as Kindercare would be allowed in R-1. Boigon pushes hours of operation from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week. Would you like those hours of opera-

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Platt Park People's Assn. – We have a new board, with Sharon Withers officially becoming president and Doug Farquhar as the vice-president. 3PA will be having another Picnic in the Park this July which has always been our biggest event. A couple of other notes: McStain has begun demolition and construction on S. Logan. We'll be facing these problems more than other parts of the neighborhood. And Lionstone and Cherokee are moving ahead as well. We are working with both parties requesting certain things and demanding others depending on if we have the authority under the zoning code. They have generally been receptive and we've found working with them gets more done than being adversarial.

Jeanne Robb – The Drive-Thru committee is developing a zoning amendment that would establish new requirements for restaurants with drive-thru service; e.g., 85-foot setback, no alley access, service hours 5:30 p.m. – 11 p.m. Sunday - Thurs, 5:30 a.m. - midnight Fri/Sat, etc. The amendment would grandfather existing drive-thrus.

Solid Waste Management – 1) The annual free tree cycle mulch giveaway for Denver residents is Saturday, May 6th, from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Veteran's Park (Iowa & Vine), Bear Valley Park (Dartmouth & Raleigh), Sloan Lake Park (Sheridan & 17th), and Fred Thomas Park (Quebec & 26th). Please bring your own pitchfork or shovel and containers and bring a tarp to cover your mulch. Front-end loader service for trucks and trailers is available at the Havana Nursery, 10450 Smith Road, just south of I-70 on Havana. The Havana Nursery site is also the site of the leaf drop compost sale (also on May 6th). For more information, visit www.denvergov.org/DenverRecycles. 2) Solid Waste Management also sponsors a Household Hazardous Waste program that is designed to let homeowners responsibly dispose of hazardous materials such as auto batteries/fluids, fluorescent tubes, garden chemicals/insecticides, paint, etc. Residents request a collection and then receive a special bag, labels, and instructions. Residents may use this program once per year. For more information, call 800-449-7587. 3) Solid Waste is encouraging neighborhoods to plan their Great American Clean-Up community clean-ups for the weekend before their neighborhood's large-item pick-up. For more information, visit www.denvergov.org/SolidWasteManagement.

South City Park – Through a concerted effort, Denver's Public Works Department has agreed to delay repaving of our side streets for one year (until 2007) due to all of the other construction planned in and around our neighborhood for 2006.

University Park – May 10th meeting will focus on the

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Liquor Licensing

Mike Henry, Chair, Zoning and Planning

Stephanie O'Malley, Director of the Denver Department of Excise and Licenses, recently announced a new policy for calculating the "designated area" regarding applications for liquor or cabaret licenses. For many years, the Denver Department of Excise and Licenses has designated an area with a ten-block radius from the address for which the new license is being applied. Once an area is "designated," only persons who reside within or own or manage a business within the designated area may sign petitions supporting or opposing the applied-for license and/or may testify at the public hearing on the license application. Most neighborhood organizations believe that such a large designated area worked against the interests of residents or businesses who would be immediately impacted by a new license by giving those who lived or owned or managed businesses as far as ten blocks away an equal voice. The new policy's reduction to a five-block radius (outside of downtown) should focus more on the needs and desires of those who are more immediately impacted. The specifics of the new policy are as follows: Effective March 1, 2006, the Department of Excise and Licenses will determine designated areas using the following practices:

Downtown Area: For an application involving premises located in the downtown area, the department will count nine (9) square blocks from the proposed location following the pattern of the block ends. The result will be a square shaped area.

Residential Areas: For an application involving premises located in a residential area, the department will count five blocks from the proposed location to the north, five blocks to the south, five blocks to the east, and five blocks to the west. These four points will then be joined by a straight line following the pattern of the block ends. The result will be a square shaped area.

Denver Pesticide Registry

Denver residents who want the Denver Parks and Recreation Department to notify them before the department applies pesticides outdoors this spring are encouraged to sign up for a pesticide notification registry by calling 720-865-5417 or sending an e-mail to Sharon.Armijo@ci.denver.co.us. The Division of Environmental Quality of the Denver Department of Environmental Health maintains the registry to give people concerned about the health risks of possible pesticide exposure the opportunity to take precautions such as closing windows and keeping

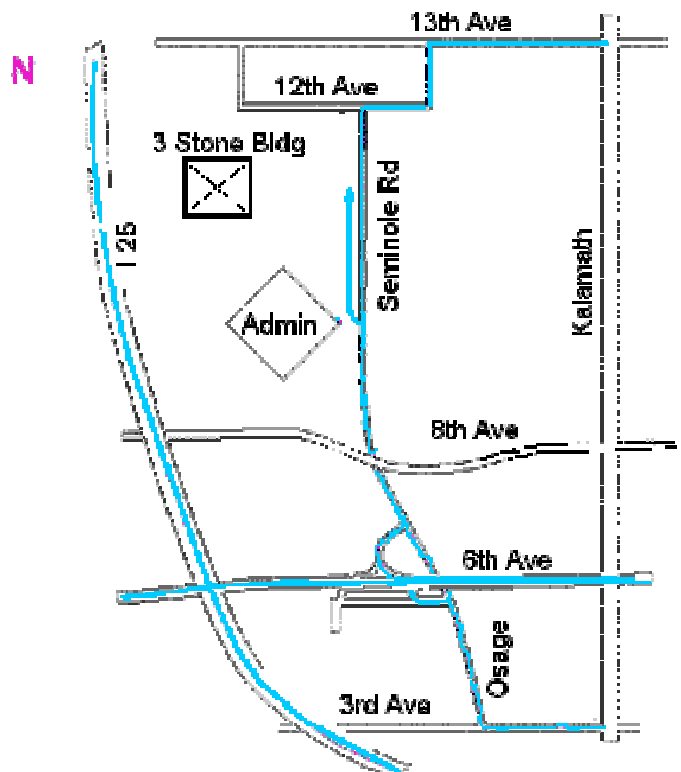
children or pets away from sprayed areas. Some people with asthma, respiratory disease, multiple chemical sensitivities, or allergies are especially susceptible. Residents on Denver's pesticide registry will be contacted at least 24-hours before outdoor application of pesticides. Information needed for the registry includes: full name, Denver street address and zip code, telephone number, email address (if you have one), and the full name of the park(s) for which notification is requested. A maximum number of three parks will be accepted. Residents must re-register this year even if they were on the list last year. Because of the volume of calls received, the Division of Environmental Quality cannot return individual phone calls to confirm registration.

Denver Parks and Recreation will post warnings of outdoor pesticide applications for at least 24-hours after the application. Warning signs will also be posted along the shoreline when pesticides are applied around lakes.

For self-applied pesticides, the agency advises consumers to use the lowest toxicity pesticide available. For information on specific pesticides, call the Colorado State University Cooperative Extension, Denver County, at 720-913-5270. You can also contact Bill Benerman, 720-865-5436, Denver Department of Environmental Health, Division of Environmental Quality.

Denver Water Site Map

Turn right passing through the gate to the 3 Stone building.



Partnership Denver

Monica Martinez & Tamara Banks
Neighborhood Liaisons

In early March, Mayor Hickenlooper launched **Partnership Denver: Neighbors Building Solutions**. The event started with six community meetings held throughout Denver during the months of March and April. Partnership Denver is founded on the belief that by working in partnership greater good and lasting solutions can be created than when working independently. The meetings used interactive keypad technology, also used for Denver Listens in March 2004, to facilitate discussion around the question: "How can I work in partnership to make Denver neighborhoods better places to live, work and play?"

Over 400 community members attended the six community meetings alongside Mayor Hickenlooper, City Council members, mayoral appointees, and City staff. Nonprofits also attended and participated in an informational fair that preceded each meeting. The format started with community members identifying the topics and issues that were of greatest importance to them using the keypad voting tools. Following the voting, participants engaged in lively table discussions – with City staff serving as table facilitators – regarding the strategies that could be implemented to solve the given neighborhood issue. Strategies developed were expected to utilize partnerships and be something that could actually be achieved—e.g., a project that required millions of dollars doesn't qualify as "achievable."

The Mayor's Office developed the concept of Partnership Denver after studying similar initiatives around the country. In Oregon, for example, the state government has been able to complete exciting projects through unique partnerships between multiple governmental jurisdictions. Similar to Oregon, Partnership Denver will develop partnerships between the City and the Denver community to create lasting solutions to neighborhood issues. This makes the initiative more than just an information exchange but an ongoing effort that will engage many of the attendees as well as the larger Denver community.

The implementation phase of Partnership Denver will begin once the data from each meeting are analyzed. This

working is currently occurring to identify common themes and determine the best strategies for implementation. Such implementation will occur through the creation of *solution teams* made up of the meeting participants, other residents, the City, nonprofits, schools, and others. Members of a solution team will make a direct commitment to one another to work on an issue to achieve a lasting solution. Not every strategy developed at the meetings will require the creation of a solution team. Many issues are already being addressed by neighborhood groups, nonprofits, or even the City. In those cases, Tamara and I will connect Partnership Denver participants with those existing efforts.

The work to make **Partnership Denver: Neighbors Building Solutions** successful certainly will not be easy. It will require significant commitment from participants and is asking people to try something different. We, though, are excited about the challenge – we hope you will join us. If you were unable to attend a meeting but want to be a part of Partnership Denver, please visit www.denvergov.org/partnershipdenver and sign up. Go ahead, take the plunge and be a part of the solution of Partnership Denver!

More Free Concerts at DU

The University of Denver Lamont School of Music offers the public free entertainment. The following programs are in the Newman Center for the Performing Arts, 2344 E. Iliff Avenue. There is free parking at the Newman Center parking garage (entrance from Wesley, behind the center.) The symphony performances require free tickets that can be obtained at the Newman Center box office. The other events require no tickets.

♫ May 2nd, 7:30 to 9 p.m. The Lamont Symphony Orchestra performs in the Gates Concert Hall.

♫ May 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th, 5 to 7 p.m. Flo's Underground Jazz Combo in the Williams Recital Salon, room 121.

♫ May 12th, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Lamont Wind Ensemble in the Gates Concert Hall.

♫ May 22nd, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Jazz Night in the Gates Concert Hall.

♫ June 1st, 4 to 5 p.m. Lamont Wind Ensemble in the Gates Concert Hall.

♫ Jun 1st 7:30 to 9 p.m. Lamont Symphony Orchestra in the Gates Concert Hall.

Data Corrections

Keep INC informed of changes in your organization's president and delegates. Notify the membership chair at kbeaudrie@totalspeed.net or 303-798-9306. Organizations and persons not affiliated with INC should communicate their desire to obtain this newsletter or submit address changes to the secretary at athmarpark@ecentral.com or 303-936-9206

Bicycle Rally

It's time to dust off your bike and to get your family and friends moving! Join us at the Second Annual Beckwourth Mountain Club's Pedal the Platte, Saturday, May 27th.



This family-friendly event offers participants the choice of a 10 or 30-mile ride along Denver's scenic South Platte River bicycle path. The event includes a raffle, food, and entertainment. The bike ride starts and finishes at the REI Denver Flagship store. Can't make the event? Buy a \$1 raffle ticket (call the phone below) and be eligible to win the Grand Prize – a \$300 REI Gift Card – along with other great prizes. Prize winners need not be present to win.

Proceeds benefit the Club's nationally-recognized Outdoor Education Center program for Denver metro area urban youth. For more information please contact 303-831-0564/ jpoeducatio@qwest.net, or sign up today at: www.Active.com or area REI stores.

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Chamberlin Observatory renovation, funded in part by UPCC, and a presentation of the plan for the former Albertson's site at E. Evans and S. Colorado Boulevard.

Whittier – Of the 580 Manual High School students, 100 are leaving and 70 haven't decided. There will be a meeting on Thursday with DPS to discuss the future of the school.

WUCA – Celebrating their 30th year as an Association. WUCA is trying to work with the developer who is building next to the light rail site. The developer of the former Albertson's site is soliciting names for the development.

John Riley (Hampden Heights) has volunteered to Chair the INC Public Safety Committee (thanks, John!). John asks that anyone interested in joining the committee or who has issues that the Committee should address to please email him at JMRINCO@msn.com, or call 303-941-0940.

Harriet Hogue (City Park West) has volunteered to Chair the INC Transportation Committee (thanks, Harriet!). Harriet asks that anyone interested in joining the committee or has issues that the Committee should address to please email her at hrhthefirst@access4less.net or call 303-304-8874.

Karen Brown-Gerdine (Five Points) & Billie Bramhall (Golden Triangle) have volunteered to Co-Chair the Education Committee (thanks, Ladies!). If you would like to join this committee or have issues that the Committee should address, please email kargerdi3@aol.com or call 303-695-8202.

Strategic Transportation Plan Meeting

The City and County of Denver will hold its fourth Town Meeting for the Strategic Transportation Plan (STP) on Tuesday, May 9, in the 4th Floor Conference Room of the Webb Municipal Building at 201 West Colfax Avenue from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. This will be the fourth in a series of Town Meetings designed to provide education on transportation strategies and build support among stakeholders. There will be a short presentation summarizing the initial findings for the next five areas of study (travel sheds) evaluated in the process: Hampden, Speer, Leetsdale, East Colfax, and Brighton Blvd.

Work stations will also be available to allow the community to identify current transportation concerns in the remaining areas to be studied. These areas include southwest Denver, northeast Denver, and much of central Denver east of downtown. This input will be incorporated in the final round of travel shed analysis and the development of the citywide Strategic Transportation Plan.

To be added to the electronic mailing list or to get more information on the Strategic Transportation Plan, please go to the project website at www.keepdenvermoving.com or call Mark Najarian, Project Manager, at 720-865-3172.

As noted elsewhere in this issue, Harriet Hogue is the new INC Transportation Committee Chair. Be sure to keep her informed of your neighborhood's concerns about transportation issues.

Xcel Energy Franchise Agreement

The City and Public Service Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, have reached agreement on the City's utility franchise. As required by the City Charter, voters must approve the franchise which is expected to go on the ballot for an August 8th vote. Public Works Director Bill Vidal will speak at the May 13th INC meeting of the Delegates to share details of the franchise agreement. The franchise agreement grants PSC permission to operate and maintain public utilities in Denver's right-of-way. The City allows the utility to use its right-of-way to upgrade equipment, install new power and natural gas lines, move its facilities to make way for new buildings or developments, excavate and replace streets and alleys, and bury pipes and lines. The City is compensated for the use of right-of-way through a franchise fee, collected from customers, on whose behalf Public Service Company is operating, maintaining and improving the system.

Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation (INC)

2006 Membership Application

INC is a consortium of Denver neighborhood representatives who believe that neighborhood organizations deserve a greater participation in city government and possess a shared vision that individual neighborhoods are stronger when they work together and learn from one another.

Join as a voting neighborhood organization: Regular Member (\$35) ☐ Patron (\$75) ☐

To join as a member neighborhood organization, the organization must be registered with the city as a Registered Neighborhood Organization. Log on to denvergov.org for details. Patron names are listed in bold in our newsletter.

Organization name: _____
Address: _____
Borders: North _____ East _____
South _____ West _____

President's Name: _____
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Phone: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____ President is a voting delegate: ☐
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Join as a non-voting supporting Associate : Regular (\$20) ☐ Patron (\$75) ☐

Organization Name: _____
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Send newsletter via: E-mail ☐ U.S. Mail ☐ Don't want newsletter ☐

Bring this for to an INC meeting or mail to: Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation
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Next Meeting

**Saturday
May 13th
2006**

Denver Water

**1600 W 12th Avenue
(3 Stones Bldg)**

See map on page 8

AGENDA

8:45

Coffee and Chat

9:00

Welcome and
Introductions

9:45

9:45 Joe Sloan on water
storage and restrictions

10:00

Review of Xcel Energy
franchise agreement.
See page 10.

Noon

Adjourn

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