

February 11 INC Meeting Looks at Sidewalks, Parks, and Colfax Marathon

west side of the street (don't turn onto Dartmouth, as you cannot get into the complex from there). See map on page 10.

The meeting, which will be hosted by the Baker neighborhood, will feature presentations and discussion on the Colfax Marathon, the sidewalk issue, and Parks policies on gifts, naming and sponsorships (see related article on page 7).

Presidents' Dinner "Best Ever!"

By Diana Helper
INC Secretary

Opera House. The program and dinner were enjoyed by 310 neighborhood and civic leaders, city staff members, and their friends. Sponsored by the wonderfully generous Denver Metro Convention and Visitors Bureau, this event was a great celebration of INC accomplishments, which help make Denver neighborhoods a true asset to this city. Many thanks to the DMCVB and to Bill Mitchell and Richard Scharf, in particular. Thanks also to Jack Finlaw for arranging for INC's use of the

beautiful Opera House.

The evening began with a time for greetings and conversation and proceeded at 6:45 with the program in the grand auditorium. INC President Elizabeth Hamilton presided. Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Scharf welcomed the crowd, INC's Cathee Fisher reported on the Dollar Dictionary Drive, INC Treasurer Diane Wolta introduced the INC fundraiser "File for Life," and Mayor's Liaison to Neighborhoods Tamara Banks presented the "Neighborhood Star" awards to those who had been nominated for



The February 11, 2006 INC Delegates' meeting will be held at the Mt. Loretto Apartments community room. The entrance is about 50 yards south of Dartmouth on the Federal Boulevard on the

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INC Member Neighborhoods (Patrons in Bold)

The names below reflect those associations from which 2005 INC dues have been received as of press time. Organizations whose dues were received after that time will be listed in future issues.

Alamo Placita NA

Athmar Park NA

Baker Historic NA

Ballpark NA

Belcaro Park HOA

Bellevue-Hale Association

Berkeley NA

Bonnie Brae NA

Bow Mar Heights Improvement Assoc.

Broadway Partnership / MDLDC

Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods

Cherry Creek East Assoc.

Cherry Creek North NA

Cherry Point HOA

City Park West NA

Civic Association of Clayton

Clayton NA

Colfax Business Improvement District

Colfax on the Hill, Inc.

College View NA

Congress Park Neighbors Inc

Cook Park NA

Cory-Merrill NA

Country Club Historic Neighborhood

Crestmoor Park HOA (2nd Filing)

Crestmoor Park HOA Filing 1

Denargo Market Neighbors Coalition

Downtown Denver Residents Org.

East Montclair NA

Far Northeast Neighbors, Inc

George Washington HOA

Globeville United Neighbors

Godsman Community NO

Golden Triangle Arts District

Golden Triangle Association

Greater Park Hill Community Inc.

Hampden Heights CA

Hampden South NA

Harkness Heights NA

Harman NA

Highland United Neighborhood, Inc

Hilltop NA

Hilltop Heritage Association LLC

Hutchinson Hills/Willow Point HOA

Inspiration Point NA

Ivy Street NA

Leetsdale COP Shop

Lowry Neighbors

Lynwood 7 & 8 NA

Mayfair Neighbors, Inc.

Mayfair Park NA

Montbello United Neighbors, Inc.

Old South Pearl Street Association

Overland NA

Platt Park People's Association

Ruby Hill NA

South City Park NA

South Gaylord NA

South Hilltop NA

South Jackson Street NO

Southern Hills CA

Southmoor Park East HOA

Stapleton United Neighbors

Summerfield at Indian Creek

Sun Valley CA

Sunny Side United Neighbors, Inc.

The Unsinkables

University Hills NA

University Park Community Council

University Park Neighbors

Upper Downtown Development Org.

Virginia Vale CA

Virginia Village/Ellis CA

Washington Park East NA

West Highland NA

West University CA

West Washington Park NA

Whittier NA

Wyman Historic District NA

Associates

Carter M. Ballinger M.D.

Broadway Cop Shop

Councilwoman Carol Boigon

Councilman Rick Garcia

Councilwoman Marcia Johnson

Councilwomen Peggy Lehmann

Councilman Doug Linkhart

Councilwoman Jeanne Robb

Councilwoman Elbra Wedgeworth

Denver Auditor Dennis Gallagher

Denver Health

Denver Water

FRESC (Front Range Economic Strategy Center)

Bonna Gayhart

Gertrude Grant

Historic Denver Inc

LoDo District, Inc.

Morrison Road Business Association

Neighborhood Resource Center

Pamela E. Schenkein

Sloan NA

Sloans Lake Citizens Group

Stokes Place Green Bowers HOA

Xcel Energy



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INC Delegates' Meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month at 8:45 a.m.

The INC Board meets on the second Monday of each month at 6 p.m. on the top floor of 1201 Williams Street, Denver, CO. All members are welcome.

The INC web page can be found at www.neighborhoodlink.com.

Minutes of January 14 INC Delegates' Meeting

By Diana Helper
INC Secretary

A large group of INC Delegates met January 14 at the District 5 Police Station in Montbello. INC President Elizabeth Hamilton began the meeting with "Around the City." Concerns expressed included graffiti, Main Street and other zoning issues, proposed Voting Centers, need for more library hours, pedestrian safety and sidewalks, the Buchtel Boulevard Coalition, Gates redevelopment (Lionstone and Cherokee), traffic, need for advance notice before demolitions, Fillmore Plaza proposals, liquor licenses, and recycling information.

INC Treasurer Diane Wolta talked about INC's fund-raiser File for Life. INC Zoning Committee reported that City Council is considering a request that the Landmark Commission be notified of applications for demolition, to ascertain whether the building is historic. Some neighborhoods asked that appropriate



Registered Neighborhood Organizations (RNOs) be notified in advance when demolitions are requested, potentially historic or not. Dollar Dictionary Chair Cathee Fisher said that the 2006 brochure is at the printer. INC Membership Chair Ken Beaudrie reminded delegates that memberships are due. Registration with the city also is due. Karen Cuthbertson said that the Neighborhood Handbook is at the printer.

Councilman Michael Hancock welcomed the delegates and said that he "cannot imagine doing the Council job without INC." Mayor's Liaison Tamara Banks mentioned the future 3-1-1 information system, work on environmental issues, and historic dedication in Five Points. Susan Baird of Parks &

Recreation spoke of the Parks and People Partnership and furnished brochures about this program. Matthew Buys of "Your Neighborhood Hub" (weekly in newspapers) suggested that many topics important to INC should be submitted by Delegates for inclusion.

Guest Speaker Michael Bennet, Superintendent of Denver Public Schools, spoke about the District's Reform Agenda: raising proficiency, setting high expectations everywhere, tutoring, emphasis on achievement, teacher retention, and professional development of teachers and principals. School Board President Theresa Pena talked of aligning resources, curriculum, and the lives of adults and children. A

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Citizens Asked to Nominate Exceptional Police Officers

Citizens Appreciate Police (CAP) is a non-profit organization that recognizes Denver police officers who serve the public above and beyond the regular call of duty. Since it was formed in 1978 by Mayor Bill McNichols and District Attorney Dale Tooley, more than 200 officers have received the CAP award.

The CAP board, consisting of 15 citizen volunteers, meets four times a year to review nominations, select recipients, and present awards. Each award winner receives a pin that is worn on the officer's uniform and a plaque. Nominations for the CAP Award come primarily from letters to the Chief of Police from private citizens commending an officer for



their actions while either on or off duty.

To submit a nomination directly, letters may be sent to: Karen Holder, Executive Assistant to the Chief of Police, Denver Police Department, 1331 Cherokee Street, Denver, CO 80204 or via e-mail to holderk@ci.denver.co.us.



Around the City

From January 14, 2006

INC Meeting

Baker – Gates is proceeding in the redevelopment and will put some financial plans together in the next month. The Fentress development at 4th and Acoma is trying to go forward, but keeps making “small changes” after an agreement was reached last year.

Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods – Has been working for three years with business owners and the city to develop a new type of zoning – Main Street. City Council probably will apply this to the stretch of East Colfax between Grant and Colorado Boulevard in the next few months.

Cherry Creek North – Councilwoman Jeanne Robb held a public meeting attended by 350 residents and business owners to fashion a new vision for Fillmore Plaza. Several potential plans were presented and discussed. This public input will be addressed by a working group and the results presented at another public meeting in the near future. Neighborhood residents overwhelmingly want to keep the plaza (rather than convert this area to a through street).

Cook Park – Interest in INC challenging Denver Public Library hours, perhaps keeping afternoon/evening hours for families and students. Virginia Village Library closes at 5 p.m. except Wednesdays,

8 p.m.

Cory-Merrill – Traffic speed issues continue. Construction activities and volume affect neighborhoods by invading parking, increasing trash.

Curtis Park – Focus is on solving the current zoning and its effect on maintaining the residential and historic character of the neighborhood.

Godsman – Officers were re-elected. Scott Bolts may run for City Council District 7. Godsman neighborhood supports him.

Golden Triangle Organization – The organization is continuing input on Justice Center and Art Museum addition, and is working with CHUN to oppose two liquor license applications (one on Broadway, one on Lincoln) at sites offering virtually no food. Enough already!

Hampden South – Owners of an apartment complex on Hampden (West of Yosemite) want to redevelop to higher density and will present plans to the Zoning Committee. Construction continues on the I-25 bridge, businesses, apartments and the Walgreens parking lot. Permit review is in progress on Whole Foods’ request for an access gate from its south parking lot to a neighboring subdivision. Legal procedure was requested on an untended vacant property. A study is underway for a final location decision for a Police Communication Tower near I-25 and East Hampden.

Harkness Heights – The Victorian Playhouse opened in the fall of 2005.



University Park – Four major development projects will add hundreds of new residents (and their vehicles) and a number of new businesses to UP. Also, dozens of scrape-off/pop-top sites are changing the look of residential blocks (1957 zoning allows extensive density on sites which have long held small single-family houses.) The neighborhood’s focus is also on city regulations for sidewalks, and

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construction and landscaping in “tree lawn” right-of-way areas.

West University (WUCA) – The Buchtel Boulevard Coalition consists of nine registered neighborhood organizations, Lionstone, DU, and other groups. It is underway with bylaws, officers, and committees appointed for rapid progress on its mission statement – to see Buchtel fully developed as a primarily residential boulevard.

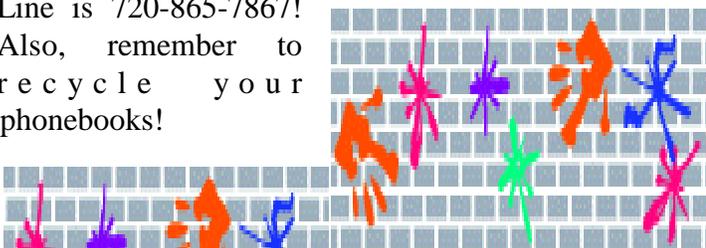
West Washington Park – A “surprise Christmas present” came in the form of a surprise demolition of an International style building at Speer and Washington, which neighbors wanted to have evaluated for historical significance. City Council’s Blueprint Denver Committee is encouraged to pursue ordinance revision of demolition regulations that will provide opportunity to evaluate potential historic value of a building before it is demolished.

Whittier – Its primary concern at this time is the large amount of graffiti to clean up.

Denver Parks and Recreation – Is looking for volunteer Park Partners to give a monthly “report card” on the condition and maintenance of their neighborhood parks. A one-hour training session is provided. To get your parks covered, call 720-913-0617.

Solid Waste Management – Graffiti? The Hot Line is 720-865-7867!

Also, remember to recycle your phonebooks!



Minutes of INC Board Meeting

By Karen Cuthbertson
INC Board Member

The INC Board meeting was called to order January 11, 2006 at 6:06 p.m. by Chair Elizabeth Hamilton. Also present were Cathee Fisher, Ken Beaudrie, Anthony Thomas, Michael Henry, Karen Cuthbertson, Dave Webster, and Monique Lovato. The December minutes were approved. There was no Treasurer’s Report.

Future INC Delegate Meeting locations and topics were reviewed. The Presidents’ Dinner details were finalized, and the Board voted on award nominees. Elizabeth Hamilton will arrange to have the File for Life Cards at the dinner.

The Board discussed INC’s involvement in the Colfax Marathon. Elizabeth will forward the email received from the marathoners to Cathee Fisher for follow-up.

The Board reviewed the Dollar Dictionary year-end report. Ken Beaudrie reported that he has emailed a copy of the INC membership renewal form (with postal mail to those without email) to all INC members. He will bring copies to the Presidents’ Dinner. Michael Henry reported that the next ZAP meeting is January 28th. Karen Cuthbertson reported that the next Public Safety committee is January 16th.

The next Board meeting will be on February 15th. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Denver Neighborhood Connection Article deadline

is the 18th of each month. Submit articles, letters, etc. to the editor at craig@eley.net.

Message from Neighborhood Liaison

**By Tamara Banks and
Monica Martinez
Office of the Mayor**

We have an active, *interactive* year ahead, and we want you to be involved!

You've heard us talk about Mayor Hickenlooper's desire to continue his neighborhood outreach by coming to your neighborhoods to hold community meetings. Starting in March, we'll do just that with *Partnership Denver: Neighbors Building Solutions*, six meetings throughout Denver that beckon you to be a part of history and help shape Denver's future.

Many of you joined us for "Denver Listens" at the beginning of the Hickenlooper administration. The *Partnership Denver* meetings will again use interactive key-pad technology to allow instant feedback, similar to what you've seen on "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire." At each meeting, we'll identify specific issues on which to focus for that session and then split into smaller groups for interactive discussions and strategic planning around the issues.

At the conclusion of each meeting, we will have identified partners in community, such as non-profits, businesses, neighborhood associations, community leaders and citizens, who can play a role in initiatives and solutions in your neighborhood. You, our neighbors, are an important part of that team. We hope to see you at one of these *Partnership Denver* meetings:

Southwest

Thursday, March 9, 2006
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Southwest Improvement Council
1000 S. Lowell Blvd.

Northwest

Wednesday, March 15, 2006
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Academia Ana Marie Sandoval
3655 Wyandot St.

Southeast

Wednesday, March 22, 2006
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Temple Sinai
3509 S. Glencoe St

Green Valley Ranch

Saturday, March 25, 2006
9:00 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Recreation Center
4890 Argonne Way

Central East

Tuesday, March 28, 2006
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Johnson & Wales University
7150 Montview Blvd.

Central West

Tuesday, April 4, 2006
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Centro San Juan Diego
2830 Lawrence St.

Please R.S.V.P to (720) 865-9074 to reserve your space at the meeting in your area.

As we look to the future and bringing you the best customer service possible, the 3-1-1 system will soon be up and running. Starting in July, instead of trying to find the right city phone number from a list of hundreds, all you have to remember is this: 3-1-1. When you dial 3-1-1 on your telephone or when you visit the 3-1-1 website, this state of the art system will get you the answers and information you need, from questions about permits to reporting graffiti. We'll keep you updated as we get closer to its launch.

We look forward to continuing our productive relationship with our neighbors during 2006.

Denver Parks Develops Policy On Gifts, Naming & Sponsorships

By Tiffiany Moehring

Denver Parks and Recreation

Denver Parks and Recreation will briefly present information on four departmental policies relating to gifts, naming and sponsorships on Saturday, February 11, 2006 at the monthly INC meeting. Each policy outlines the criteria and procedures for the city to accept gifts or sponsorships, consider naming, and recognize that donor or sponsor. The Department's goals for these policies are two-fold. First, they will help the city respond consistently and thoughtfully to the requests received from potential donors and sponsors. Secondly, it helps the Department to be more proactive in seeking partnerships that further the Department's priorities and the long range vision for parks and recreation.

These policies are critical in building partnerships. Over a decade ago, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board created internal policies covering gifts and community requests to name parks. These existing policies, however, had not caught up to today's realities nor did any policies even exist on



sponsorships or naming requests from a major gift donor. A Task Force of community and staff members started working late in fall of 2004 to update and create policies to meet the needs of today's situations. Its work was revised and approved by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board November 2005.

For over 100 years, Denver residents and businesses have given generously to their parks and recreation programs. These gifts and partnerships run the gamut, from individuals to major corporations and have often turned the mundane into something spectacular. A variety of examples exist from William McLellan, the blacksmith who donated one of the elaborate City Park stone gates to Oakwood Homes, a developer that sponsors summer programs in parks in the Green Valley Ranch neighborhood.

The need for revenues beyond the traditional tax dollars and for new partners has never been greater. Denver's parks and facilities have aged over their lifetime and face a yearly gap of over \$4 million just to maintain what exists. Denver, like cities across the country, is challenged to be more entrepreneurial while staying true to its public mission and stewardship of public spaces. The departmental policies presented are aimed at providing a proactive and positive framework by which to guide future decisions.

In addition to presenting these policies at INC, a public meeting is scheduled for March 9th, 2006 at the District #3, Denver Police Station, 1625 South University Boulevard. For additional information, please contact Susan Baird at 720-913-0617.

Address Corrections And Subscription Requests

The Editor does not maintain the printed address list for *Denver Neighborhood Connection*, nor the email address list. Those wishing to be added to either list, or who are reporting address changes, should contact Karen Cuthbertson at athmarpark@ecentral.com

Town Meeting Scheduled for Strategic Transportation Plan

**By Amy E. Wiedeman
Department of Public Works**

The City and County of Denver will be hosting the third public Town Hall Meeting for the Strategic Transportation Plan (STP) on Tuesday, February 21 at the Webb Municipal Building (201 West Colfax Avenue) in the 4th floor Conference Room, 4F6/4G2 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Items on the agenda will include an update on the Pilot Travel Shed analyses, a summary of the recent focus group meetings, and a discussion of the next areas to be studied.

The STP is being developed by Denver Public Works with major support from Denver Community Planning and Development and will be a primary implementation tool of Blueprint Denver and the

Denver Neighborhood Connection Editor Needed

INC is in search of a volunteer to take over the Editor's position of *Denver Neighborhood Connection*, INC's monthly newsletter, as of the April, 2006 issue.

Retiring Editor Craig Eley is willing to work with the new Editor to insure a smooth transition. Inquiries should be directed to INC Chair Elizabeth Hamilton at hamilton.elizabeth@comcast.net.

Denver Comprehensive Plan. The STP will determine the types of transportation investments Denver needs to plan for bikes, pedestrians, and transit, as well as for street improvements for vehicle traffic. The STP is the first step in identifying the needs for every

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Buchtel Boulevard Coalition Formed

**By Diana Helper
INC Secretary**

INC members quickly learn that when neighborhoods have serious concerns, the more widespread the support, the more seriously the concern is taken.

A number of neighborhoods along the southeast T-REX light rail line, from South Colorado Boulevard to South Broadway, have adopted this method. They have formed a coalition of neighborhoods, businesses, schools, and other groups to work to provide a safe, continuous pedestrian and bike route along three miles of primarily residential Buchtel Boulevard.

Many familiar INC faces were at the first major meeting of the Buchtel Boulevard Coalition (BBC) January 18, as well as some new faces, and with the important presence of Public Works T-REX Area Manager Bob Dorroh, Britta Herwig of Parks and Recreation, RTD Board's Bill Elfenbein, RTD Bike Chair David Kretsinger, Aylene Quayle of Transportation Solutions, and Jeff Bemelen of the University of Denver.

BBC is not an INC subcommittee, but it shows that in the grand INC tradition neighborhoods with a complex local project can unite for considerable support and numbers to help accomplish their common goal. Seven RNOs are members of the BBC, which is chaired by Charles Howard (WUCA) and Mary Myers (UPCC).

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: _____
Address: _____
Phone: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____ President is a voting delegate:
E-mail Address: _____
Send newsletter via: Email U.S. Mail Don't want newsletter

Voting Delegate Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____ E-Mail Address: _____
Send newsletter via: Email U.S. Mail Don't want newsletter

Voting Delegate (if President is not a voting delegate)
Delegate Name _____
Address: _____
Phone: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____ E-mail Address: _____
Send newsletter via: Email U.S. Mail Don't want newsletter

Join as a non-voting supporting Associate Member: Regular (\$20) Patron (\$75)

Organization Name: _____
Organization Address: _____
Agent's Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____ E-mail Address: _____
Send newsletter via: Email U.S. Mail Don't want newsletter

Bring this form to an INC meeting with payment or mail to: Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation
PO Box 181009
Denver, CO 80218-1009

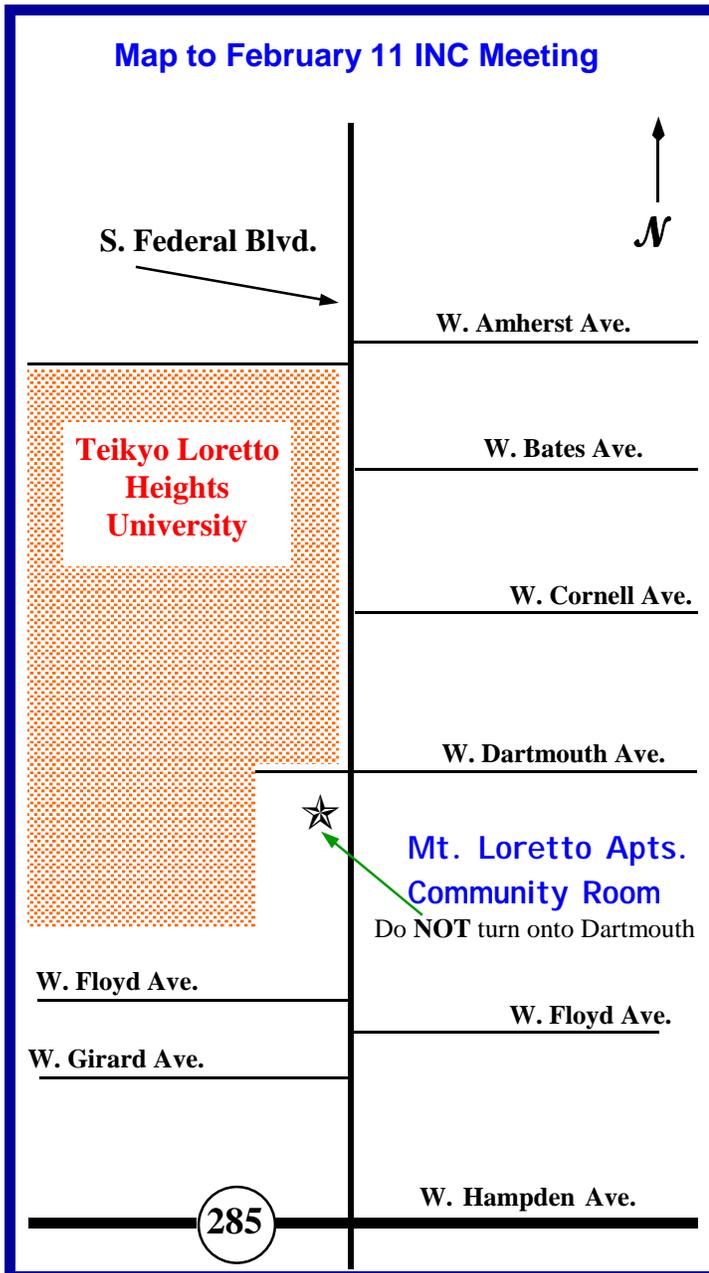
Best Presidents' Dinner Ever

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their special work during 2005. The recipients were:

Kent Olson, Zoning Sub-committee
Keith Howard, neighborhood beautification
City of Glendale, landscaping Cherry Creek Drive
Jack Unruh, Shattuck remediation
Nancy Jackson, community service

Mary Myers, sidewalk improvements
Pat Cashen, zoning issues
Billie Bramhall, Justice Center Task Force
Merce Lea, Broadway Cop Shop
Craig Eley, *Denver Neighborhood Connection* Editor
Carter Ballinger, M.D., community health issues
Harold Brewer, community service
Bob Lorenz, Camp Rollendet
Jude O'Connor, Camp Rollendet
Susan Baird, Camp Rollendet
Carol Campbell, Landlord Training Manual
Rick Taylor, Landlord Training Manual
Karen Cuthbertson, Landlord Training Manual
Duane Kuta, Richel Middle School grounds



Major award plaques were then presented by Elizabeth Hamilton to Charlie Busch (Virginia Oredson Award) and to Lisa Dobson (Bill Gross Award). The third annual plaque, the Walt Kembel Award, was presented to Nell Swiers *in absentia* by Michael Henry, who also read a touching letter from Kathleen Wells, one of Nell's daughters, with whom Nell is living at this time in Cleveland.

Following the awards, Dr. Tom Noel presented a talk with slides showing facets of many historic Denver neighborhoods, demonstrating that many areas grew up as individual cities, thus our neighborhoods today still have many individual characteristics. He was assisted by City Auditor Dennis Gallagher.

An excellent dinner was served at tables in the Opera House lobby. During the meal, Mr. Gallagher and lyricist Diana Helper, with a stellar group of INC folks and City Council members, led the diners in a

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Presidents' Dinner

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stirring rendition of the INC Anthem "Ode to a Pretty City" (see below). Thus all present can say that they have sung at the Opera House.



ODE TO A PRETTY CITY
to "She'll Be Comin' Round the Mountain"

We'll be comin' round the City, when we come!
And we want it to look pretty, when we come!
If it doesn't, it's a pity-- we'll address the nitty-gritty,
And our thoughts will be quite witty, when we come!

We'll be boning up on zoning when we come!
Not just groaning and a-moaning when we come--
On the subject we are honing, to be sharp while we're
intoning
And not end up simply droning, when we come!

We will chat on safety matters, when we come!
And it won't be idle chatter when we come!
Though our comments sometimes flatter, we CAN be
mad as a hatter
On all health and safety matters, bang the drum!

Parks, Pedestrians, and Liquor Licensing,
Growth and Traffic, Maps and Graphics, are our
thing!
Regulations, mitigations, and improved
communications,
Are included in this anthem that we sing.

Ev'ry neighborhood concern is sure to come,
And the INC folks never say, "Ho-Hum!"
Sometimes glum, but not so dumb, we
Tackle issues grim and gummy --
So the City will be pretty when we come!

-- Diana Helper, January 2006

Recycling Tips: Household Hazardous Waste Disposal, Composting Classes

When disposed of improperly, even small amounts of household hazardous wastes can pollute ground and surface waters, thereby causing harm to humans and the environment. Examples of household hazardous waste include common household cleaners, oil-based paints, motor oil, solvents, pesticides, auto batteries, thermometers and pool chemicals. These items should not be put in the trash or poured down drains. Instead, Denver residents can call for an appointment to have their household hazardous waste picked up.



The City of Denver, through a contract with Curbside, Inc., provides for the collection of household hazardous waste. To make an appointment, a resident must be a Denver Solid Waste Management customer and reside in a single-family home, town home or apartment building of seven units or fewer. Eligible residents then call the Curbside, Inc. toll-free hotline at 1-800-HHW-PKUP (1-800-449-7587). Residents are permitted one collection per year not to exceed 125 pounds and must have a minimum of three different materials before calling for a pickup.

A few days before the scheduled appointment, the resident will receive a collection kit in the mail. The kit includes a bag to contain the waste materials, instructions, labels and a tie to secure the bag. The user should assemble all of the hazardous waste according to the instructions provided in the kit. The labels that are provided should be used to ensure that

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Minutes of January 28 INC Zoning and Planning Meeting

*By Diana Helper
ZAP Committee member*

The INC Zoning and Planning (ZAP) committee met January 28, 2006. AIMCO, a real estate investment trust, presented proposed redevelopment ideas for Tamarac Village, The Lodge, and Creekside, to upgrade and increase the densities of these areas while trying to coordinate style, traffic, height and other features with the surrounding neighborhoods. Similar redevelopment may be occurring in other areas. ZAP members commented that perhaps Planned Unit Developments (PUDs) could be considered rather than rezoning, and that it is essential that Registered Neighborhood Organizations (RNOs) be notified and consulted regarding such projects.

Chris Nevitt of Front Range Economic Strategy Center (FRESC) talked about tax increment financing (TIF) and part three of the FRESC study "Are We Getting Our Money's Worth?" an alternative view will be presented at a future ZAP meeting.

The committee voted to send this motion to the INC delegation for action: "INC should request the Denver Urban Renewal Authority to involve nearby registered neighborhood organizations during the preparation of proposed urban renewal plans and to give adequate advance notification of any hearings on urban renewal plans before the DURA board or City Council."

A proposal to require notification and ample time for review of properties for which a request for demolition has been filed was presented. This proposal, dealing with the need of the Landmark Commission to check such properties for their possible historic value, was supported by ZAP members on condition that the proposal include the request contained in the ZAP subcommittee's 2005 zoning improvement document asking for 30-day

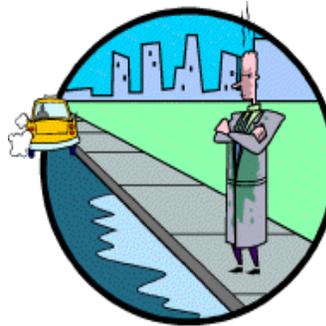
prior notification to properties next door to the requested demolition and posting of an appropriate informative sign on the property (that document has been endorsed by INC delegates). ZAP will write a letter to City Council regarding support of this inclusive proposal.

There was a brief report on a formal meeting of several ZAP subcommittee members with Peter Park and other Community Planning and Development staff members on January 24. The eleven zoning improvement suggestions in the subcommittee's document received serious consideration, and further discussion will be scheduled.

There is a need for timely, 30-day notification of rezoning and PUD hearings at Planning Board. A letter requesting this will be sent by ZAP to the Planning Board and Peter Park.

Four vacancies are coming up on the Planning Board in June, 2006. ZAP members are asked to recommend candidates to Chantal Unfug in the Mayor's office.

Mary Myers presented the position paper developed by the Sidewalk Committee of the University Park Community Council. It urges that the Pedestrian Master Plan be funded and implemented, and that sidewalk construction be funded by means other than billing homeowners.



ZAP members voted to present this document to the INC delegates for approval on February 11.

Councilwoman Jeanne Robb discussed child care facilities. Wayne New, President of Cherry Creek North, discussed Fillmore Plaza proposals. At the next ZAP meeting, February 25, Nore Winter, a consultant for the Zoning Code rewriting project, will speak on "Tools to Stabilize Stable Neighborhoods."

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Recycling Tips

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materials are clearly marked. Containers must have lids and be of less than gallon capacity. Materials without lids or those that are leaking will not be accepted. The bag holds approximately 125 pounds. Up to five auto batteries and five fluorescent tubes may be set outside the bag once it is full. If there is more waste than will fit into the bag, the resident should call the hotline for instructions.

The household hazardous waste collection program is supported through a cooperative effort between the Wastewater and Solid Waste Management divisions of Denver Public Works.

For more information on how to reduce the use of household hazardous waste, visit www.denvergov.org/denverrecycles or call 720-865-6805.

Composting Classes

Denver residents have an opportunity to register to be Master Compost Volunteers and receive 40 hours of instruction in backyard composting, recycling and waste reduction, compost science, compost bin construction, vermicomposting (composting with worms) and integrated solid waste management and community outreach.

In exchange for the training, each volunteer is required to return 40 hours of community service teaching composting to Denver residents. Volunteers will have a year to complete their community-service requirement. There is no charge for the instruction, but a classroom fee of \$40 is required.

Classes start the first week of March and will be held about once a week for 10 weeks on a combination of Monday evenings, Saturday mornings and one Thursday field trip.

Only 25 available spaces are available each year, so interested applicants should call 303-292-9900 or e-mail denverrecycles@ci.denver.co.us as soon as possible.

The Master Composter Program is sponsored by Denver Recycles, a program of Solid Waste Management, Denver Urban Gardens, and the Metro Wastewater Reclamation District.

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lively Q & A session included many topics: facility use by RNOs, Manual's "3 schools," charter schools, second languages, budget, parent involvement, school involvement in neighborhoods projects, color concerns, incorporation of arts in curriculum, diversity, identifying promising students, behavior concerns, codes of conduct, school atmosphere and communication with RNOs and INC. Bennet concluded by suggesting we drop by our neighborhood schools- -"tell them the Superintendent sent you!"

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Strategic Transportation Town Meeting

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major travel corridor in the city. The STP approach embodies a collaborative planning process that involves city agencies, regional authorities and the public in key decisions throughout plan development.

The Town Hall meetings are a series of public outreach activities designed to provide education on transportation strategies and build support among stakeholders.

Those with questions should call Mark Najarian at (720) 865-3172 or Amy Wiedeman at (720) 865-3136, or go to the project website at www.keepdenvermoving.com for additional information.

Next Meeting

**Saturday
February 11
2006**

**Mt. Loretto
Apartment
Community
Center**

Dartmouth & Federal

See map on page 10

AGENDA

8:45

Coffee and Chat

9:00

Welcome and
Introductions

9:15

Around the City

10:00

Colfax Marathon

10:30

Sidewalk Issue

11:00

Parks Policy on Gifts,
Naming & Sponsorships

Noon

Adjourn

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