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Next General Meeting:

Sat. 5/19 @ 10:00 AM
Montview Manor Penthouse
1663 Steele Street

May 19th Meeting Agenda:

- Brief Reports-Officers, Delegates, Committees
- Discussion & Vote-Support for new Colfax Patios
- Vote-Proposed SCPNA Budget
- Vote-Proposed SCPNA Contributions
- New Business
- Presentation-Greg Williams History of SCP 'Denver Squares'

SCPNA NEWSLETTER - MAY 2007

Thanks in abundance to Propaganda Labs and their Bluebird Beat for their converting our articles into a beautiful Newsletter!

Patios and Denver Squares and Budgets--Oh, My!

Hello, neighbor. The SCPNA volunteer thing is picking up steam. We are so near to having a new website that we can support. The zoning folks are 'weighing in' on Colfax Business issues, and the Mercy Hospital Redevelopment Committee is actively investigating the uncertain future of that 'bare' Wonderland Homes parcel. And the Social Committee is gearing up. We still desperately need officer candidates, and hope that either some of you, or some people one of you might know, will step up very soon.

Meanwhile, Saturday May 19th is a big day for volunteering. Please attend our meeting that morning if possible. We will have an opportunity to hear about, and possibly vote on supporting, new patios being applied for by our Colfax businesses. (See related article.) We will hear from SCP resident Gregory Williams who has developed some expertise about the history of our "Denver Squares". (See related article.) And we will vote on a budget, and on proposed donations to other groups. In addition to our meeting, there is a workday in City Park, and an organized Capitol Hill clean-up campaign.

Then Sunday May 20th is the 2nd Colfax Marathon--watch out for those runners!

Thanks in advance for all that you decide to do for our neighborhood.

-Jim Slotta

NOTICE: NEIGHBOORHOOD ASSEMBLY MONDAY, MAY 14TH - SEE PAGE 2 ARTICLE!

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SCPNA PROPOSED BUDGET FOR YEAR 2007

(For approval at May General Meeting)

Cash Balance:

\$1,500 (Minimum Level)

Income:

\$1,500 (300 Memberships at \$5)

\$ 500 (Unspent Income from Prior Years)

\$2,000 Total Income

Expenses:

\$ 400 (Printing-for mailings, handouts, files)

\$ 200 (Website storage and name costs)

\$ 60 (SCPNA Memberships-CHUN, INC)

\$ 300 (Neighborhood Events)

\$ 300 (Committee Expenses)

\$ 100 (Uncovered Newsletter Expenses)

\$ 500 (Donations to other groups)

\$ 140 (Other Expenses)

\$2,000 Total Expenses

DENVER SQUARES PRESENTATION AT SATURDAY'S MEETING

A short presentation on the historic architecture of American Foursquares (known as Denver Squares) will be given by neighborhood resident Greg Williams. Greg is a long-time homeowner on Saint Paul Street and has conducted an architectural survey of the foursquares in the neighborhood as part of an Historic Preservation graduate class at the University of Colorado at Denver (taught by Dr. Tom Noel, author of *Denver City Beautiful* and of numerous other books and articles). There are well over 100 foursquares with many different variations within just a few blocks. The neighborhood also has plenty of late Victorian homes with some transitional elements reminiscent of foursquares.

During the survey many local homeowners asked for more information about their homes and some contributed historical information and insight for the project. This presentation is one way for Greg to share his results with everyone and to perhaps begin a dialogue on historic preservation opportunities in South City Park.

—Submitted by Greg Williams

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSEMBLY FOR SENGERS PATIO APPLICATION

On Monday, May 14 at 7 PM there is a Neighborhood Assembly co-sponsored by Congress Park Neighbors (CPN), Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods (CHUN), and South City Park Neighborhood Association (SCPNA), to receive information from owner David Senger about his plans for a Colfax patio at Sengers, 3014 East Colfax. The meeting will be held at National Jewish--Heitler Hall. Please consider attending. Votes to indicate the level of public support for the Colfax patio will be taken that evening by CHUN and by Congress Park Neighbors. South City Park residents can participate in the CHUN vote that evening. The Sengers patio application will be discussed, and an official SCPNA vote will be taken 5 days later at the Saturday May 19th SCPNA Meeting.

A Colfax patio amendment will be proposed to add to a 1999 existing agreement between the former business owner, Congress Park and CHUN. SCPNA hopes to be part of any amended agreement. There are several concerns, with the main concern being enforceable management of outdoor music.

Patio applications are for the right to "expand the premises" defined by a liquor license. The results of the exchange Monday will provide us all with helpful information.

—Submitted by Jim Slotta

NAYBURZ.COM LAUNCHES IN DENVER

Nayburz (www.nayburz.com) is a local website that was started by a South City Park Resident and its goal is to bring communities together. It combines many of web's most popular activities in an ultra-local, all-in-one social website.

Nayburz is launching a unique innovation on the web called "Bubbles." These are geographic areas that surround users in the real world. They can be as small as the building/neighborhood you live in and as large as the city.

It's a digital way of bringing together a common demographic of people. Use Nayburz to:

- Meet people in your neighborhood or city
- Discuss community, local or just about any issue
- Start interest clubs (Skiing, Volunteering, Wine tasting, etc.)

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- Learn about local Internet links
- Get neighborhood discounts
- Post volunteer or job opportunities
- Find a babysitter, handyman, or landscaper, etc.
- Sell anything locally
- Announce events or parties

We have put Denver's 77 neighborhoods and over 150 apartments/condos online so you can meet people from across the city. Join the City Park bubble and start meeting your Nayburz!

Nayburz.com can be reached through Paul (pdavis@nayburz.com) or David (dhaupt@nayburz.com).

KEEPING ALLEYS CLEAN, HELPING THOSE LESS FORTUNATE

The arrival of spring and warmer temperatures often triggers an awakening of activity in the neighborhood. It also serves as a great reminder of why South City Park residents enjoy living in this vibrant community. As the season starts anew, residents are often motivated to make a fresh start by doing a little Spring Cleaning. The remnants of these efforts, including discarded furniture and household goods, are often left alongside dumpster for days, if not weeks until it's collected by the city's large item pick up. Many of these items are still in usable condition when they are placed in or near the dumpster, but very quickly deteriorate due to wear and tear from the elements.

In an effort to help keep alleys clean, and keep thousands of usable goods out of our landfills, please consider donating items such as mattresses, chairs, tables, and other household goods to charities that need them. Most people know of thrift stores such as Goodwill, ARC and Saint Vincent DePaul, which recently relocated to just a few blocks east of Colorado Boulevard. However, other charities such as Ecumenical Refugee Services (www.ersden.org), a local nonprofit that assists legal refugees become self-sufficient in the community, takes these donated items and places them directly into the homes of people that need them the most.

While many charities restrict the number of mattresses they will take, or won't take them at all, Ecumenical Refugee Services (303-860-0128, ext. 10) are less stringent about their requirements for donation as long as the items are in usable condition. In addition,

ERS will arrange to pick the items up from your home on a weekend. Donating these items not only keeps our alleys clean, but provides for those who are less fortunate.

For items that can't be donated, a schedule for the large item pick up can be obtained by visiting www.denvergov.org, or by calling 3-1-1. The city will collect appliances that contain Freon (such as refrigerators, freezers, and air conditioners) and other large appliances (washers, dryers, hot water heaters), upon request.

—Submitted by Meghan Hughes, 1575 Harrison

PET SERVICES AVAILABLE

On a tip from longtime active resident Eileen Heimerl, this article introduces our readers to a pet service currently being happily used by some residents in our neighborhood. Quoting the service's owner, Aubrey Schwenk, "The Pet Valet, has been providing pet-sitting and transport services to central Denver since 2001. Reliable, compassionate, affordable pet care is my number one priority!"

To contact Aubrey, call her on her cell (720-272-8036) or email her at adschwenk@gmail.com

—Submitted by Jim Slotta

SUMMARY OF MARCH 17, 2007 GENERAL MEETING

The meeting was 10 AM to Noon in the Penthouse of Montview Manor, 1663 Steele Street. Membership is 102 households; checking is \$2,256 with outstanding invoices. Newsletter distribution is 1,000 and growing. Social Committee is seeking members.

Mercy Public Art Display Presentation Hilary DePolo, Consultant

Two pieces of public art will be displayed, plus a Mercy Hospital memorial designation; location will be on the walkway between buildings from 16th to 17th Ave. Hilary DePolo, (Alpha Gallery owner 12 years, art consultant as buyer rep) displayed replicas of the winning two pieces by Denver artists for \$80,000 as follows: 17th Ave piece by Barbara Baer, 17 feet high, gold colored steel and polycarbonate panels with a movable piece in center of polycarbonate panels (of which durability and maintenance concerns arose); courtyard piece

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by Michael Clapper, granite stone and concrete media, of marble and Colorado granite 12-13 feet high. Now pieces go to DURA Board for approval.

N'hood Business Presentation

Don Novak, Propaganda Labs

BlueBirdBeat.com website of businesses (and possible display of neighborhood events until Association website is re-established). It can eventually link to the neighborhood website. Purpose of website is to promote area and get people into the area and enhance the venue. Discount coupons, info, etc. Parking concerns exist between residents and Colfax businesses, particularly in 1500 blocks. Old Ford dealership space is suggested as a possible short-term parking solution.

District 8 City Council Candidates-Intros

Two of the ballot candidates introduced themselves-Darrell Watson and Carla Madison.

Donations to Other Organizations

Discussion and Vote

Suggested recipients: City Park Jazz; Teller School; Project Angel Pride; City Park Alliance; CHUN Building Restoration Project for Tears McFarlane House for meeting space and CHUN offices; Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation Dollar Dictionary Drive. Opinion made as to whether or not this is the intent of membership to be giving to charitable groups from membership dues. Perhaps a matching fund established. Survey households to learn if this is proper use of dues and to have money budgeted voiced by Katie Kupecz and Kevin: Sally Barton expressed the need to enhance neighborhood events to help continuation of events; survey should include justification of recipient to the Association; Paula Barnak suggests budgeting for supporting charitable contributions, figure how to get more household participation. Administrative costs such as survey mentioned. OliveAnn Slotta noted schools' need for support and concern of supporting major amount can lock into support whereas symbolic; Mardi Mathers asked about timeline; City Park Jazz print deadline for inclusion in publicity is late April. A motion to give CPJ \$250 was unanimously approved.

SCPNA Budget Proposal and Vote

A motion to create a budget, to publicize it in the

May newsletter, and to vote on it at the May meeting passed 23-1.

All Inn's Rockbar Patio-Discussion

Owner Jesse Morreale (also Mezcal owner) unable to attend but wants support for proposal, distributed info sheet with phone numbers to report disturbances to maintain order. Outside patio entirely on Colfax to western end, application soon to be made, previous outside patio agreements have been given to Jesse; agreement with Association on reduced parking although there are neighborhood concerns expressed to the Association. Open to suggestions. Tom Rutter: Revisit previous agreements (parking reduction to encourage Rock Bar patron parking in lot, outside appearance conditions and with 9 p.m., until closing security not being met needs to be addressed. Norm Brown, immediately north, spoke favorably for Rock Bar and what's in future of the property. Conversations with Jesse will continue.

City Park Construction Update

Two and one-third page report distributed. In brief, fountain concrete walls need 28 days to cure before being painted, therefore, filling the lake with water cannot happen until early May. Earthwork largely completed, shoreline shaped and edged with rock. The island enlarged using excavated soil and shoreline rubble, adding trees, rocks and boulders to restore original landscape character. Sanitary sewer line along south lake park road completed as has been automated irrigation system along Colorado Boulevard. By June, most of the Lake related improvements and landscaping will be completed and public use of the lake, bandstand and lakeside promenade can resume. The large box conduit near Harrison Street will be under construction until fall with some east side park closures until that completion. Landscaping, flower beds, trees, shrubs, perennials, deteriorating asphalt paths replaced with crushed stone, new concrete walks all are part of the completion of the park improvements.

—Summarized by Jim Slotta from Minutes taken by Bob Marshall

MAYOR'S NEIGHBORHOOD LIAISON REPORT

This is a summary of a report by Amber Callender of the Mayor's Office.

Greenprint Denver

This Denver sustainability initiative sets goals for the City in areas including Energy and Emissions, Natural Resource Stewardship, Materials and Waste Management, Land Use and Transportation, and Community and Economic Development. There are a number of exciting "green" spring activities:

- From Earth Day to Arbor Day, the City and other metro partners will be planting "7,000 Trees in 7 Days" as a kickoff to the "Tree by Tree: The Mile High Million" initiative. This will be a true community effort – call 311 if you'd like to volunteer, or visit www.greenprintdenver.org/trees for more information.
- The Denver Public Library is hosting a month of "green" programs for kids and adults as part of the "Fresh City Life" series. For more information on speakers, films and a full list of events, visit www.denverlibrary.org or www.greenprintdenver.org.

Infrastructure Priorities

The Infrastructure Priorities Task Force (IPTF), made up over 100 citizens, was established to thoroughly examine and prioritize the short- and long-term capital facilities and infrastructure needs of the City. Hundreds of citizens participated in community meetings late last fall where you heard about the important work of these subcommittees. Dozens of community groups have also invited Task Force leadership to attend and present at member gatherings. Your feedback has been invaluable.

The Executive Committee of the Task Force will refine the list of projects, knowing that there are more requests than available funds. The primary area of emphasis will be deferred and on-going maintenance issues, as was the original intent of the process. One critical tool the Task Force will use as they begin to make decisions is feedback from the public via focus groups, upcoming community meetings and a variety of other avenues.

For more information visit the project web site: www.denverinfrastructure.org.

Community Development

The City has been working on a number of fronts to expand and diversify the resources and tools available for community revitalization and economic development, so we're excited to announce a major "win" for all of Denver--a new, private, nonprofit community development financial institution (CDFI). Seedco Financial Services of New York City will operate the CDFI, which will work closely with the City on community economic development, including neighborhood commercial revitalization, affordable housing and small-business expansion. It will leverage and invest at least \$17 million in 2007 alone in local projects to create jobs and stabilize distressed neighborhoods.

CDFIs are mission-based financial entities that provide equity and debt financing to projects that benefit low- and moderate-income people and fund projects that cannot secure sizable amounts of financing from conventional sources. They often serve as a conduit for private entities—including foundations, pension funds and individual social investors—that do not typically utilize government as a vehicle for investing in community projects. The new Denver CDFI will leverage capital from sources that are not currently investing in the Denver region. It also will draw support from local and statewide institutions such as the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority.

Colfax Marathon

The second-annual Post-News Colorado Colfax Marathon will be held on Sunday, May 20th. The Colfax Avenue course begins at the Aurora Sports Park, travels through Denver past the Capitol Building—with detours into the Anschutz Medical Campus, City Park and around Sloan's Lake—and finishes at Colorado Mills in Lakewood. There will be some local traffic impacts on race day, and therefore the Marathon is working closely with police and traffic managers in Aurora, Denver and Lakewood to minimize inconveniences and keep vehicle traffic flow as steady as possible. A full course map and pace chart for the Colorado Colfax Marathon is available on the Marathon web site. Please visit www.coloradocolfaxmarathon.org for more information or to register to run or volunteer.

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2008 Democratic National Convention

In 2008, Denver will be hosting the delegates, visitors, and media that will be attending the Democratic National Convention on August 24-29. The DNC brings exciting economic prospects to Denver, as well as a unique opportunity to participate in and learn about our democratic process. For more information about the convention or for volunteer sign-up, please visit the Denver Host Committee's website:

<http://www.denverconvention2008.com>.

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—Summarized and submitted by Jim Slotta

CONFERENCE: STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITIES, BLOCK BY BLOCK

City officials, fellow neighbors and community organizations host a day of community-wide networking and neighborhood leadership Saturday, June 9, 2007, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at West High School, 951 Elati St. The agenda includes presentations by local and national leaders on community building, workshops to address specific issues facing neighborhoods, large group decision-making to define what strong neighborhoods look like and effective strategies to promote them, and opportunities for networking.

The day-long conference will help promote a shared vision for Denver's diverse neighborhood and community groups can work together to build stronger neighborhoods, and how that vision can lead to action on a block-by-block basis. This conference is for anyone interested in: (1) Learning about the exciting things neighborhood associations and other organizations are doing to improve the quality of life in neighborhoods; (2) Hearing how the City and County of Denver is engaging residents in projects and plans for building community; (3) Seeing practical tools and examples for how to address a wide range of pressing issues; (4) Networking with other neighbors, groups and City officials.

Please note that sign language interpreters and/or CART will be provided upon request with five business day's notice. Please contact Lorrie A. Kosinski, Sign

Language Interpreter CI, CT, SC:L, at 720 913-8487; 720 913-8484 TTY or Lorrie.Kosinski@ci.denver.co.us directly.

WHO: City and County of Denver officials; Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation; Neighborhood Resource Center; Civic Results; Civic Canopy; Colorado ACORN; Colorado Foundation for Families and Children; Community Resource Center; Community members; Denver Foundation's Strengthening Neighborhoods Program.

In order to accommodate participants appropriately, please register by June 1. To register or for more information, please contact Amber Callender at 720-865-9051, or e-mail at Amber.Callender@denvergov.org.

BENEFIT GOLF TOURNEY JUNE 28TH

Saint Paul Health Center is hosting its 6th annual golf tournament on June 28th at noon at City Park Golf Course. The tournament this year benefits the City Park Alliance for the efforts to rebuild the Prismatic Electric Fountain in City Park. Dedicated in May of 1908 by Mayor Robert W. Speer, the fountain was a marvel of light and water. The Denver Municipal Band would play by Ferrill Lake for the special fountain show performances, conducted from the pavilion tower.

Efforts are now underway to restore this urban gem in time for the centennial celebration of its dedication in 2008. What a wonderful backdrop to our beloved City Park concert series!

Individual entries are \$150 each, including eighteen holes of golf, cart, snack and buffet meal after play is complete. Saint Paul would love to have neighborhood support at the tournament. For more information or to register, please call Megan at (303)399-2040 or by email megan@colavria.com.

*—Submitted by Megan Whelan, Administrator,
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