

Call to the Annual Meeting

The March meeting of the Delegates is, in accordance with Article V, subparagraph B of the Bylaws, the Annual meeting of INC. This is an important meeting wherein officers are elected and amendments to the Bylaws are up for vote. And it is the meeting before which 2008 dues must have been paid. If a RNO has not paid its dues before the start of the meeting, its delegates will not be able to vote on the above actions nor any other action that might be brought before the Delegation. In addition, persons from delinquent RNOs cannot be elected as officers of INC.

The following positions will be vacant and open for nomination. Of course, you may nominate a person for any office, vacant or not.

Chair: The Chair shall be responsible for seeing that the purposes of the Association are carried out in accordance with the Bylaws and policies, preside at all meetings of the Delegation and Executive Committee, propose the agenda for all meetings, appoint an Audit Committee of three delegates to review the Treasurer's records at the end of the fiscal year, appoint the chair of all committees with the approval of the Delegation, and be ex-officio a member of all committees.

Vice-Chair: The Vice-Chair performs the duties of the Chair in his or her absence or at his or her request and performs other duties as directed by the Delegation.

Treasurer: The Treasurer shall be custodian of all funds and keep and preserve accurate and complete records, disburse funds at the direction of the Delegation, and present a printed financial report quarterly to the Delegation.

Delegates-at-Large: There will be two Delegate-at-Large vacancies. The Delegates-at-Large perform duties assigned by the Delegation.

Nominations to fill these positions shall be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting. Any Delegate of a member RNO at the time of the election is eligible to serve as an officer.

The election will be by ballot with a majority of votes cast being sufficient to elect.

As you will note, this is a major revision to the membership of INC's Executive Committee. We urge you to do some serious thinking about potential candidates. This election could have a huge impact on the future of INC.

Amendments to the Bylaws. There are two amendments to the Bylaws up for approval at the meeting. The wording of these amendments were sent via email to the member RNO delegates having email addresses on record with INC and via U.S. Mail to those few who do not. They are repeated below for your convenience:

Article VII. - Committees

Change subparagraph "A" from "A committee shall consist of two (2) or more individuals." to "A committee shall normally consist of two or more individuals. However, a single person may chair a committee when additional persons are not available."

Change subparagraph "B" from "A Committee Chairman shall be a Delegate. Any individual of an MO may serve on a committee." to read "A Committee Chairman should be a Delegate. Any individual of an MO may serve on a committee. However, the INC Chair may appoint any resident of the City of Denver to fill these positions with majority approval of the Executive Committee."

Article III. - Membership

Add the following to subparagraph "C" as follows: "When timing requires immediate action, any INC Officer may propose that

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INC Member and Associate Organizations (Patrons in Bold)

Member Organizations

Alamo Placita Neighbors Assn
 Athmar Park Neighborhood Assn
 Baker Historic Neighborhood Assn
 Berkeley Neighborhood Assn
 Bow Mar Heights Improvement Assn
Broadway Partnership / MDLDC
 Cherry Creek East Assn

Cherry Creek North Neighborhood Assn
 Cherry Creek Townhouse Corporation
 Cherry Point Homeowners Assn
 Civic Association of Clayton
 Congress Park Neighbors
 Cook Park Neighborhood Assn
Cory-Merril Neighborhood Assn
 Cranmer Park Hilltop Civic Assn
 Crestmoor Park Homeowners Inc Filing One
 Curtis Park Neighbors
Downtown Denver Residents Org
 East Montclair Neighborhood Assn
 Far Northeast Neighbors, Inc
 Globeville Civic Assn #1
 Godsman Neighborhood Org
Golden Triangle Museum District
 Golden Triangle Neighborhood Assn
 Greater Mar-Lee Community Org
 Hampden South Neighborhood Assn
 Harkness Heights Neighborhood Assn
 Hilltop Heritage Assn LLC
 Historic Montclair Community Association, Inc.
 Hutchenson Hills/Willow Point HOA
 Inspiration Point Neighborhood Assn
 Ivy Street Neighbors Assn
 Lower Downtown Neighborhood Assn
Lowry Community Master Assn
 Lowry United Neighborhoods
Mayfair Neighbors, Inc
 Mayfair Park Neighborhood Assn
 Ruby Hill Neighborhood Assn - RHINO
SWIC Southwest Improvement Council/Westwood

San Rafael Neighborhood Assn
 South City Park Neighborhood Assn
 South Hilltop Neighborhood Assn
 South Jackson Street Denver Neighborhood
University Park Community Council
 Virginia Village/Ellis Community Assn
 Washington Park East Neighborhood Assn
 West Highland Neighborhood Assn
 West University Community Assn (WUCA)
West Washington Park Neighborhood Assn
 Windsor Gardens Association
 Wyman Historic District Neighborhood Assn

Associates

Auditor, City and County of Denver
 Bonna Gayhart
Councilman Doug Linkhart
Councilwoman Carol Boigon
Councilwoman Marcia Johnson
Councilwoman Peggy Lehmann
 Denver Health Medical Center
Denver Mayor's Office
Denver Parks and Recreation
Downtown Denver Partnership, Inc.
 FRESC (Front Range Economic Strategy Center)
 Gertie Grant
 Historic Denver Inc.
 League of Women Voters of Denver
 Leetsdale Cop Shop
 Morrison Road Business Association of Denver
 Palace Lofts Homeowners Assn
Stapleton Master Community Assn
 Transportation Solutions



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INC organizations should send changes to their organization personnel to the membership chair at kbeaudrie@totalspeed.net or 303-798-9306.

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

Executive Committee Recap by Larry Ambrose

The meeting was called to order on Monday, February 11th at 6:30 p.m. at 1201 Williams Street. There were six board members present: Larry Ambrose, Katie Fisher, Al Habercorn, Steve Nissen, Dave Webster, and Brad Zeig with ZAP Committee Chair Mike Henry also attending.

Upon a motion and second, the minutes of the January Executive Committee meeting were unanimously approved.

Heather Berry, Neighborhood Liaison from the Mayor's Office, was present to talk about the 2008 Neighborhood Conference tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 28th. She is waiting for the Mayor to confirm the date. The Conference will be held at Manual High School and will feature lots of "city folk" representatives from the Democratic National Convention. The theme will be "Sustainability for Neighborhoods" and Greenprint Denver folks will do workshops and training.

Other topics of neighborhood concern covered by Ms. Berry and the Committee included:

- Michele Weingarten, the new Director of Greenprint Denver, will be touching-base soon with INC.
- Ms. Berry confirmed that RTD would be prominently involved in the neighborhood conference.
- It was pointed out that Greenprint Denver has no neighborhood representative.
- Mike Henry noted INC is not hearing as much as in the past about openings on Boards and Commissions.
- It was noticed that Peter Park does not want to include sustainability in Community Planning and Development discussions.

Al Habercorn presented the January financial report. As of January 31st, INC had \$16,822.88 in all accounts. Upon a motion and second, the Financial report was unanimously approved.

Steve Nissen reported on the Dollar Dictionary Drive. A brochure is in the works and is close to being finished. \$805 was raised at the President's Dinner. Former City Councilwoman Cathy Reynolds made a very significant and much appreciated contribution. Steve reiterated the need for a fairly large room to organize the distribution of books beginning about August 6th.

Doug Farquhar of Platte Park asked the Committee to consider amendments to the City's RNO Ordinance that would strengthen and legitimize the registration process. Mike Henry had spoken with Julius Zsako and Julius was not particularly receptive to the idea.

Some of the ideas mentioned were to add to the registration form:

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Delegates Meeting Recap by Larry Ambrose

Dave Webster called the meeting on to order on Saturday, February 9th in the Crossroads Theater at 26th Avenue and Washington Street in Five Points. Councilwoman Carla Madison welcomed the delegates to her District. Kent Lewis, Theater Director, spoke to the efficacy of the programs at Crossroads Theater. One can always find great entertainment at the Open Mike sessions on Wednesday nights at Crossroads. Although Katherine Cornwell was unable to attend, Dave Webster announced the need for nominees for the 2008 Mayor's Design Awards and provided flyers on the event.

"Around the City" ensued followed by a presentation by CHUN Executive Director Drew O'Conner. Based on a model developed in Baltimore and presented at the Denver Neighborhood Summit held in June 2007, Drew's Power-Point presentation, "Neighborhood Vital Signs, Inclusive Neighborhoods, Important Outcomes" laid out the following questions and challenges:

- How can the works we do become more inclusive of the many people who live and work in neighborhoods?
Think more broadly about whom is sitting at the table
- Are we making a difference on the issues that matter most?

How do we know we are targeting the right things?

The first of four or five possible meetings over the next few months will be held on February 28th to both explain and judge interest in continuing the "Vital Signs" effort. Interested stakeholders are invited to participate. The "Vital Signs" project is under the aegis of Civic Canopy, the Denver Foundation's Strengthening Neighborhoods Program, Neighborhood Resource Center, the City of Denver, and Housing and Neighborhood Development with support from CHUN and INC representatives.

Attendees were then treated to a sneak preview of Ms. Shaka Milow's upcoming Crossroads Theater dance performance, *Pleasure, Pain and the Shards of Soul, A Journey through the Labyrinth of the Cosmic Mind*. In her 10-minute performance of choreography, song, and spoken word, Ms. Milow mesmerized and left the audience in artistic rhapsody as was evidenced by a standing ovation and short encore.

Next on the agenda was Carolyn Bluhm, the Community Relations Specialist for the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management (OEM). "Emergencies go from small to large" said Ms. Bluhm "but the most important thing is to "be aware of your surroundings." Ms. Bluhm's mission is to inform citizens that when it comes to emergencies, our government is depending on citizens to help. For example, civilians need to give help to seniors and the disabled in

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Zoning and Planning

By Diana Helper

The INC Zoning and Planning (ZAP) committee met February 23rd. Fran Mischler of the Community Planning and Development (CPD) department was welcomed.

Architect Rich Heinemeyer and Tim Hillman of the University of Colorado at Denver spoke about the Solar Access issue that occurs when a large residence is built on the south side of a smaller house. This is a “quality of life” concern as well as affecting energy use, thermal production, and utility bills. The discussion included proposed changes of bulk plane ordinance, environmental sustainability, the psychological value of sunshine, the need to honor existing solar panels, the case of high walls shading plants and interrupting open space, the problem of reflective sun-glare, and the concern for property rights (“takings”).

The committee voted to urge the Zoning Code Task Force (ZCTF) to address issues of environmental sustainability including but not limited to solar access. The vote was 28 in favor, two opposed, and two abstentions. John Ross of the ZCTF suggested that a speaker with expertise in this topic should address the ZCTF.

This summer, public meetings will present the ZCTF’s language for residential zoning including a tighter R-1 zoning definition and differentiation of R-1 types in the city. Meanwhile, CPD apparently has a planning document, of which ZAP requests a copy, with current zoning amendments in sequence. One of these issues, concerning redevelopment of nonconforming duplexes in R-0 and R-1 zones, was postponed at City Council until March 17.

Julius Zsako of CPD talked about administration of the Neighborhood Registration and Notification Ordinance. To date, 219 Registered Neighborhood Organizations (RNOs) are on the City’s list. The list is updated by Julius every few weeks, where RNO contact persons change. There was discussion regarding some parts of the agreement RNOs sign when they register as well as needs for timely notification and allaying confusion when RNO boundaries overlap. Councilman Christ Nevitt agreed to work with a committee of volunteers (which was formed at this ZAP meeting).

Dave Robinson of Cory-Merrill (C-M) distributed copies of C-M Neighborhood Association’s January 4th letter to CPD Director Peter Park. This is not a “neighborhood plan” but a two-page statement of neighborhood preferences (e.g., a wish to remain primarily R-1). Copies of this letter went to the Mayor, Tina Axelrad of the ZCTF, and Councilpersons Brown, Linkhart and Boigon. No reply has been received so far.

Diana Helper showed photographs of considerable sun-glare reflected by the glass walls of an 11-story building

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Foreclosure Fiasco

The City and County of Denver’s Office of Economic Development (OED) is heading-up a City committee working on a comprehensive Foreclosure Prevention Strategy. The purpose of the internal committee is to do a better coordination of City efforts and share resources and information about foreclosure prevention, intervention, and neighborhood re-stabilization efforts.

In Denver, the actual numbers of foreclosures (as opposed to filings) went up 58% from 4,696 in 2006 to 7,405 in 2007. Foreclosures are projected to hit 11,000 in Denver in 2008. Issues to be addressed in the City’s foreclosure strategy will span the full gamut of foreclosure concerns and will provide legislative updates.

A number of current programs or activities should be noted. The City Council convened a foreclosure task force and prepared a report on their findings and recommendations in July 2007. That report is available on the City Council website. Many of the recommendations will be made part of the comprehensive citywide strategy. The City website is denvergov.org. Go to City Council Administration and click on foreclosure information.

In 2007, the OED funded \$180,000 toward the start-up of the State Foreclosure Hotline and OED is part of the State Foreclosure Task Force. Denver is coordinating foreclosure prevention efforts with local and regional non-profits, elected officials, the State Division of Housing, the State Foreclosure Task Force, and FHA/HUD.

The OED initiated and is currently wrapping up a study titled “*Understanding Mortgage Foreclosures in Denver.*” A summary has been made available to committee members that address the following:

- Identification of the causes of foreclosure within Denver.
- Analysis of the different types of mortgage products available.
- Recommendation of programs and policies to address foreclosure based on the causes identified and the impacts on neighborhoods.
- Information that will likely help stimulate future policy and programs aimed at addressing the foreclosure crises now and in the future.

OED funds several non-profit housing counseling agencies to manage the foreclosure referral calls coming from the Hotline. OED has increased the budgets for the counseling agencies in 2008 by up to 50%. They include:

1. Brothers Redevelopment, Inc., Zach Urban, zachary@briathome.org, 2250 Eaton Street, 80214, 303-202-6340 (BRI manages the State hotline at 1-877-601-HOPE)

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Athmar Park N.A. (AP)—The Denver District Attorney's office is piloting a program in AP wherein juvenile offenders with community service hours of obligation come and remove graffiti off of bus benches, light poles, etcetera. We will keep everyone posted to see if his program is successful and should be expanded.

Ball Park N.A.—A new president will be elected at the next board meeting. Denver Police is working diligently on drug and other problems around Maestas Park and the Rescue Mission. We are excited about the New Alliance Project at 21st and Market Streets. Only two months until the Rockies' Opening Day!

Bonnie Brae N.A. (BB)—Our BB Wine Club is a year old and they are planning a "field trip" to Colorado's wine country in the late spring or early summer. The group has grown to a large, cohesive group.

Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods (CHUN)—CHUN has formed a new Inclusiveness Standing Committee and a new Strategic Plan.

Clayton N.A.—Inter-city Clinic will be moving into the neighborhood in the next 90 days. This is a full service clinic to be located at 3800 York Street.

Five Points Historic Assn.—Five Points is taking steps to review City growth plans and assess the inventory eligible for development. In May, we will begin Beautification of the Welton Commercial Cultural District. The Five Points Jazz Festival is set for May. The Denver Browns Baseball Team found a new home in Manual High School; Historic Five Points will be the premier sponsor.

Lowry United Neighborhoods (LUN)—We met with the Mayor on the Buckley Annex (along with other concerned neighbors) and hope to keep the height and density "suggestions" to the developer under a height restriction of

65 feet. We are planning an all-Lowery garage sale for residents in June.

Mayfair Park N.A.—We met with Mayor Hickenlooper yesterday on neighborhood concerns over the Buckley Annex development. The concept plan has been approved by LRA. The Mayor promised that the plan will be enforced.

Parks and Recreation—Picnic permits opened on February 13th. The Vanderbilt Park public planning meeting was on February 27th. The City Park/Denver Zoo/Museum of Science and Nature/Denver Golf open house will be on March 11th at 5:30 p.m., Museum of Science and Nature.

Ruby Hill N.A. (RHINO)—RHINO is working with police District Four to get the cruiser/vandals out of Ruby Hill Park.

Southwest Improvement Council (SWIC)—SWIC moved into our new community center. Open house is Monday, March 17th from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at 1000 South Lowell Boulevard. The public is invited.

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INC take a position or choose to act on any matter by making a recommendation for 'exceptional action' to the INC Chair. The Chair will telephone, e-mail, or meet with the members of the Executive Committee to obtain their approval of the Officer's proposed action. If the action is approved by the Executive Committee, the Chair will direct the Membership Chair to immediately notify the member RNO Delegates by e-mail and/or phone of the proposed action and to request a reply within 24-hours recommending approval or disapproval of the action. Unless the majority of the replying Delegates recommend against approval, the Chair may authorize the 'exceptional action.' The full Delegation will be informed of the action at the next regular monthly meeting."

Creative Business Expo

The Building Creative Businesses Expo offers Denver's creative community (e.g., artists, filmmakers, dancers, graphic designers, musicians, etcetera) a "one-stop" opportunity to learn about the various City, non-profit, and for-profit resources available to help grow and stabilize creative businesses.

March 8th, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Wellington E. Webb Municipal Building

www.denvergov.org/createdenver

Data Corrections

Keep INC informed of changes in your organization's president and delegates. Notify the membership chair at 303-798-9306 or kbeaudrie@totalspeed.net

Organizations and persons not affiliated with INC should also communicate their desire to obtain this newsletter or submit address changes to the editor at 303-798-9306 or kbeaudrie@totalspeed.net

Denver Mediation

Denver Mediation – “Helping People Talk to People”

Last year, Denver Mediation resolved just over 200 conflicts including:

- Neighborhood issues covering barking dogs, loud stereos, trees and landscaping, parking, parties, drainage, foxes, pigeons, fences, property lines, driveways, home businesses, etc.
- Development issues around zoning, Board of Adjustment, historical designation, infill, redevelopment of homes, additions, alley issues, etc.
- Office of Independent Monitor mediations involving citizens and police officers.

The benefit to the folks involved includes –

- People take responsibility. They are empowered to find their own resolution.
- Saves time and money.
- Parties learn ways to communicate better in the future.
- Conflict becomes constructive.

For example, a second floor neighbor (We'll call him Jim) goes to work early. He gets up at 5:00 am, lets the dog down the stairs, and goes back to getting dressed while watching the traffic report and figuring out what to eat for breakfast. The dog is finished and wants back in. Jim is busy, does not hear or is desensitized to the barking, and goes on about his business of getting ready for the day.

This is not the first time this has happened. The guy living in the apartment below (We'll call him Bob) works the 3:00 – 11:00 shift and has not been asleep that long. Now Bob is awake for the third time this week. He tries the pillow-over-the-head routine but it does not work. He is tired, stressed-out from repeatedly dealing with this, throws the covers back, stomps upstairs, and pounds on his neighbor's door.

Jim, the dog's owner, is surprised, taken back, and quickly angry to see his half-clad screaming neighbor Bob. In fact, Jim is even a bit frightened. All he is doing is getting ready for work and forgot the dog for a few minutes.

The next time they see each other they ignore the other. They brood on the altercation. The dog makes more noise. Bob finds ways to retaliate. On another morning three weeks later, it all boiled over again and Bob called the police. The police referred them to mediation. Denver Mediation's professional mediators sat down with the men in a safe environment and they each told their side of the story. It was the first time the Jim and Bob really began to understand the other's situation. They discussed ideas and options and within 90 minutes had resolved their dispute.

Mediation works – “Helping People Talk to People”

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Everyone is welcome to the Northwest Denver Old House Expo. Neighborhood Associations Receive a Free Table.

Just imagine – potentially all of your entire old house “challenges” could be solved in one day at a fun event at a location in one of Denver's grand old neighborhoods! It's a real possibility at the Northwest Denver Old House Expo scheduled for Saturday, May 10th, at the historic Highlands Masonic Temple Center, 3550 Federal Boulevard, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and it is free, to boot!

Twelve workshops will offer information from renowned experts on a variety of topics: heating and cooling your old house with energy efficiency, utilizing or expanding space, remodeling kitchens and bathrooms, taking care of old windows and bricks, making use of colors inside and out, protecting you and your old house from fire, using water wisely, and more.

In the ballroom of the center, architects will be available all day to answer your questions, along with representatives from Denver's Building Department and GreenPrint Denver. Denver Water will have buckets of information. At the numerous displays of products and services for old houses, vendors can help you solve that challenge, too.

Furthermore, Denver RNOs that are members of the Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation (INC) can have a free table in the vendor area. To reserve your table, write historicgenie@aol.com or call 303-916-4359 for a reservation form.

Tours of the historic Highlands Masonic Temple Center will begin at 10 a.m. and at 2 p.m. The building has been a treasured Northwest Denver landmark for 90 years!

The Northwest Denver Old House Expo is hosted by Ask GENIE! Communications, Denver City Councilman Rick Garcia, The North Denver News, This Place in Time, LLC, and Xcel Energy.

Proud sponsors include Denver Water, Lapis Gallery, Modern Bungalow, OneDesign, and more signing up almost daily.

Animal Adoption



The Denver Municipal Animal Shelter (DMAS) Reports Double-Digit Increase in Adoptions For 2007. The Shelter is an Animal Adoption Resource. Denver's Animal Care and Control (ACC) division of the Department of Environmental Health (DEH) proudly reports that the

DMAS experienced a double-digit increase in animal adoptions in 2007. "Controlling and abating the homeless animal population is an important goal for Denver," said Nancy Severson, Manager of DEH. "The recent bond passage to build a new municipal animal shelter confirms that increasing adoptions, getting lost animals back to their owners, and improving the care and well being of the homeless and lost animal population is a priority with Denver residents."

In 2007, a total of 1,269 cats and dogs were adopted, a 20 percent increase over 2006. "This increase represents Denver's love for animals and its emphasis on responsible pet ownership," said Doug Kelley, Director of ACC. Cat adoptions rose 10 percent from 244 to 269 and dog adoptions increased 28 percent from 779 to 1,000.

The rise in adoptions at the DMAS in 2007 can be attributed in part to a strong partnership network. "With partner agencies accepting transfers of treatable animals that become adoptable through further treatment, we can make more room at our shelter for those homeless animals that are ready for immediate adoption. This continuous partnering improves an animal's ability to be adopted into a loving home," stated Kelley.

Free Tax Preparation

For Families Earning Less than \$40,000. The Denver Asset Building Coalition (DABC) will help hard-working low-income families with their tax return preparation. This assistance will claim tax refunds from the Earned Income Tax Credit. A Tax SuperSite at 2980 Curtis Street will be open January 26th through April 15th with Saturday hours each weekend. Additional hours are also on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 pm - 8 pm.

When seeking assistance at a free tax preparation location, individuals should bring the following: Social Security number cards or ITIN cards for all family members; all W-2, 1099, and or other income forms; information for all deductions and credits if available; bank account and routing number if seeking a direct deposit; your spouse if filing jointly; and a copy of last year's tax return if available.

For more information visit www.DenverABC.org.

Clear Our Sidewalks



Snow removal is vital to the safety and mobility Denver reminds. Since senior citizens, people with disabilities, strollers, and mail carriers - just to name a few - struggle to negotiate hazardous

walkways after snowstorms, the City of Denver wants to remind local residents and businesses that we all need to do our part to make our community safe and accessible for all.

City ordinance requires that Denver businesses remove snow from their sidewalks within four hours after a snowstorm ends and Denver residents remove snow from their sidewalks within 24 hours. Violators that fail to remove snow from public sidewalks can receive fines ranging from \$150 to \$999.

"We want to take this opportunity to once again remind local residents how important cleared sidewalks are to the safety and mobility of our entire community, particularly our residents with disabilities. "If you have neighbors who are unable to shovel their own walkways, please give them a hand. " explained Public Works spokeswoman Ann Williams

The Public Works Department, the Community Planning and Development Department, and the Commission for People with Disabilities work to proactively educate residents about sidewalk clearing requirements and promote the importance of clearing sidewalks after snowstorms. Additionally, the City works with RTD to support their efforts to keep bus stops clear of snow.

Though the City responds to all public sidewalk complaints, City inspectors also proactively survey commercial sidewalks and residential sidewalks along major thoroughfares, issuing warnings (and citations, if necessary) to property owners and occupants that are delinquent in removing snow. A \$150 citation is issued if sidewalks are not cleared upon recheck. The fine for a second citation is \$500 and \$999 for a third. With 2,000 linear miles of streets in Denver, the City focuses on public education efforts to remind residents about their obligation to remove snow from residential sidewalks. "Our goal is not to penalize businesses or residents; we simply want to get the sidewalks cleared." said Julius Zsako, spokesman for Community Planning and Development. "If we all do our part - and some of us do a little more by helping our neighbors - we can get our walkways cleared. It's a shared responsibility. From what we're hearing and seeing, residents are getting this message and responding to it pretty well."

The City asks that residents and businesses clear the entire width of walkways to allow full access for wheelchairs, power chairs, and strollers. While the City does not perform residential snow removal, below are some tips:

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Transit Oriented Development by Peter Parks

The Denver Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Initiative led by the Community Planning and Development Department, in partnership with Public Works, the Office of Economic Development, Parks and Recreation, and RTD is one of the most ambitious city-wide planning efforts in recent years. It exemplifies the City's commitment to implementing the vision of Blueprint Denver, productive inter-departmental coordination, and improving development-permitting processes.

Reorganization of the Community Planning and Development Department (CPD) in 2006 increased Denver's capacity to produce plans that capture our community aspirations. The city has made many process improvements that enhance linkages between adopted plans and implementation activities such as preparation of General Development Plans (GDP's), rezonings, and development permitting. So, as Denver grows, we are better prepared to guide proactively desirable development in places and in ways that support our shared community goals and expectations.

Community involvement is the foundation for all planning efforts in Denver. In 2007, the TOD team convened more than thirty public workshops, focus groups, and neighborhood meetings that engaged broad community participation in shaping visions for future development around transit stations. Strong participation from Denver Housing Authority residents for planning the 10th and Osage and the Decatur station areas was attributable to the extensive public outreach of the TOD team. The city worked closely with various local community-based organizations to enhance accessibility to public meetings. For example, childcare; translation services in Spanish, Vietnamese, and Somali; and transportation to the workshop sites were provided. Making Connections, FRESC, and ProjectWise were tremendously supportive.

The Denver TOD team initiated plans at twelve stations across the city including 10th and Osage, 38th and Inca, 40th and 40th, Alameda, Auraria West, Colorado, Decatur, Evans, Louisiana Pearl, Sheridan, Southmoor, and Stapleton. In 2008, the Denver TOD team will complete most of the station area plans initiated in 2007 and bring them forward for City Council adoption.

The TOD team secured \$5.8 million from the Infrastructure Bond to improve the sidewalk, bike, and street connectivity between five stations (10th and Osage, Louisiana and Pearl, Southmoor, 40th and 40th, and Decatur) and their surrounding neighborhoods. An additional \$6.8 million in federal dollars has been committed for TOD related infrastructure.

City staff worked with developers and property owners at both the Colorado and Alameda stations to initiate Gen-

eral Development Plans, a key step in guiding desired future development. While significant planning work has been done for the 40th and 40th and Southmoor stations, the schedule for these two plans has been extended. At 40th and 40th, additional work is being done to determine the station location. At Southmoor, the plan is awaiting results of discussions between a major property owner next to the station and the neighborhood.

The TOD team is grateful for the high level of community interest and participation in planning for compact, vital, and walkable neighborhoods around transit stations as envisioned in Blueprint Denver. TOD expands our choices for housing, employment, shopping, and transportation. TOD improves access to the region's jobs, government centers, healthcare facilities, cultural attractions, educational resources, and recreational destinations. TOD provides Denver with a significant opportunity to fundamentally change the way we accommodate growth and shape our sustainable future.

Please check www.denvergov.org/TOD for further information and to join the growing subscription list of over 1,300 stakeholders interested in the Denver TOD Initiative.

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- Number of paying members in the RNO
- Bylaws
- The names of the RNO's board members
- Type of Newsletter or manner of disseminating information

The Committee, noting that the registration form does not include all of the information required by the ordinance, agreed that Mr. Zsako should enforce the existing ordinance. It was moved that a letter be sent to the City asking that the RNO Registration Form be amended to conform to the law. The motion was seconded and passed five in favor, none opposed.

Mike Henry indicated that the ZAP Committee agendas for February and March were filled up but that April was open. Larry Ambrose appealed to Mike to allow the opposition to down-zoning to be given equal time and platform to present at the March ZAP Committee meeting. After some discussion, Mike agreed to allow such a 20-minute presentation at the April meeting.

It was agreed that the President's Dinner was delicious and the service was great. Everyone enjoyed each other's company but the invitation list must be updated and revised. Apologies to those who may have been overlooked were vicariously extended.

Under new business:

There was a discussion of the Civic Canopy and Neighborhood Vital Signs.

Larry Ambrose presented his ideas regarding the Admission Based Special Events Policy Task Force for which

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Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation

2008 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. **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. The names of Patron members and associates are listed in bold in our newsletter.**



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

See below to apply as an INC Associate

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: E-mail [] U.S. Mail [] Don't want newsletter []

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

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

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

Bring this form to an INC meeting or mail to:

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 PO Box 181009
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- If you are a healthy person who is comfortable shoveling snow, please help your neighbors. Is there a senior citizen on your block, a new mom, someone with a disability, or someone ill person who could use a hand? Visit your neighbors or keep an eye out to identify and assist anyone who needs help clearing their walkways.
- If you are unable to clear your own sidewalks, is there a neighbor, caretaker, or family member who could offer assistance? Develop a plan for the remainder of the winter. If your budget allows, consider engaging a residential snow removal company to consistently clear your walkways.
- If there are residential sidewalks that have not been cleared within 24 hours of when the last snowstorm ended, residents may report the addresses to 311.

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under construction in University Park adjacent to houses and thoroughfares. There is a need for protection from such glare as a safety issue as well as quality of life and neighborhood character concern. CPD approved this building since it does not interpret the City's glare ordinance as including sunlight reflected from a building's glass walls.

Alan Gass spoke about the Justice Center Citizen's Advisory Committee (JCCAC) on which he serves. The on going process of "value engineering" (cost concerns) has eliminated many of the finest elements originally announced as part of this project including key architectural and environmental elements. The JCCAC met with the Mayor in February to complain strongly and he agreed to look for more funding so that the most vital of these elements may be restored to the plan. ZAP members voiced a unanimous "Aye" vote to write a letter generally supporting the concerns of the JCCAC on the re-inclusion of valued design and materials for this project.

Goals for ZAP were reviewed with the addition of stating a need for guidelines to train city staff (CPD, Public Works, Parks Department) and neighbors in planning processes, a need for transparency by the City regarding plans that impact City neighborhoods, and a need for standards and promotion of Green Neighborhoods.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m. The next meeting will occur March 15th, one week earlier than usual.

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2. Northeast Denver Housing Center, Helen Taylor, htaylor@nedenverhousing.org, 1735 Gaylord Street, 80206, 303-377-3334
3. Del Norte Neighborhood Development Corporation, Rosa Madrigal, rmadrigal@delnortendc.org, 2926 Zuni Street, 80211, 303-477-4774
4. Colorado Housing Assistance Corp., Michelle Mitchell, mmitchell0@aol.com, 670 Santa Fe Drive, 80204, 303-572-9445

5. Greater Denver Ministerial Alliance, David McConico, david5025@comcast.net, 825 Ivanhoe Street, 80220, 303-903-4356

Together with the Colorado Housing Assistance Corporation (CHAC), the OED has created and funds a foreclosure prevention program geared to assist qualifying homeowners with a short-term loan. For homeowners who have missed mortgage payments due to a short-term financial hardship, loans are available up to \$10,000 for those whose incomes qualify.

Community Planning and Development (CPD) evaluates their policies to determine how internal regulations and constraints may impact inspections and waste removal services, preventing quick neighborhood abatement. Staffing adjustments are made as needed to support the re-stabilization of hard hit neighborhoods.

CPD is working on creating processes that quickly identify responsible parties for property maintenance to minimize the consequences of concentrated foreclosures. The CPD Neighborhood Inspection Services division is working on code enforcement and maintenance of properties.

City agencies will continue to meet and manage prevention efforts through increased staffing and internal coordination, collaborating with other government agencies and local non-profit organizations through on-going data collection, research and analysis, education, counseling, outreach, and through town hall forums

The next Town Hall Foreclosure Forum is Tuesday, March 18 from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. at Invesco, 1701 Bryant Street, in the media room. Enter on Bryant Street and go to parking lot L or K. The meeting is in Section 5. All forums are open to the public. There will be a general discussion and presentation followed by questions and answers. Housing Counselors will be on hand to discuss concerns one-on-one following the general session.

To obtain additional information and answers to questions, please contact Susan Foley, OED, at 720-913-1530.

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he is the INC representative. Although Kim Bailey is advocating that most all Denver Parks, especially Festival Parks, be eligible to be closed for admission based events, Larry thinks that the City needs to develop one specialized downtown Park that is designed with the amenities and infrastructure to accommodate such events. He also believes that the people of Denver should vote upon any policy developed by this Task Force. The Committee gave Larry their approval to advance these ideas at the Task Force meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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snow emergencies. Even child labor is desirable in emergency situations, but it is “essential” to have cookies to pass out as rewards. She showed a PowerPoint presentation replete with photos of citizens in emergency situations. She indicated that we citizens are particularly good at distributing supplies and food.

Ms. Bluhm did pass out a rather helpful emergency guidebook that is available from the OEM. It is good sense to have on hand one or more survival kits such as a 72-hour survival kit for your car and a 7-day survival kit for the home. The guidebook lists the kinds of supplies and gadgets one should put together for such kits.

Because we, the citizens, are so important in the Mayor’s emergency planning efforts, the OEM has established a Citizen Emergency Response Training (CERT) program. It is designed to make the public; RNOs; special interest groups; faith based, youth, and volunteer organizations; families; and employees not just “wanna-be” helpers but also “trained-to-be” helpers. The classes involve 16 hours of training for up to 45 trainees. The goal of the CERT program is to train 1,000 volunteers over the next two years.

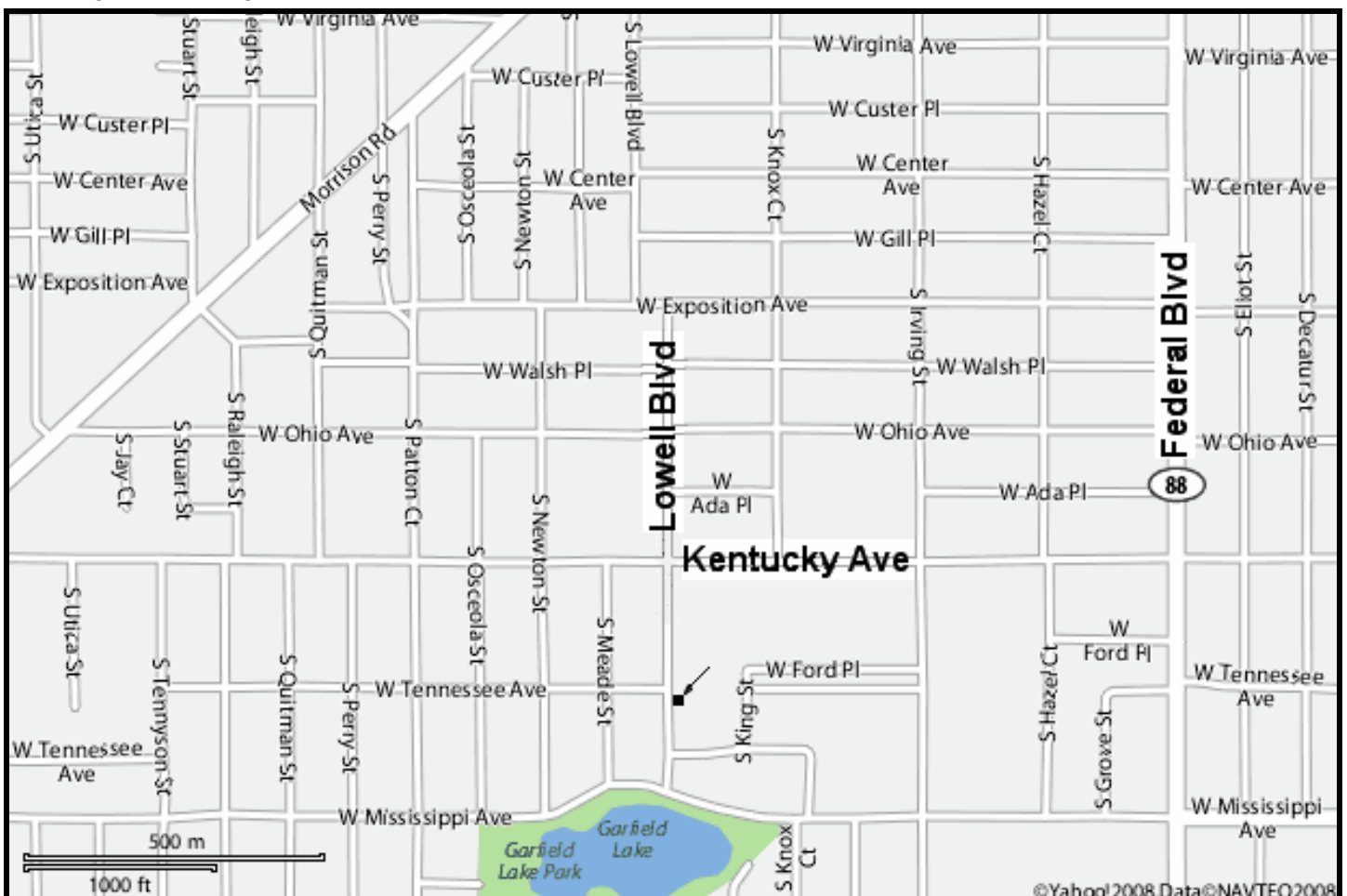
As a follow-up, Ken Beaudrie asked for a consensus on how neighborhood organizations want to become involved

in emergency situations such as snowstorms and other disasters. Attendees pledged to take the question back to their respective RNOs so that INC can get feedback on this issue.

Mike Henry gave a ZAP update saying that the Zoning Code Task Force will be ready by the end of May to go out to the public with some preliminary recommendations. The ZAP Committee will address solar access at the February 23rd meeting.

Mike made a motion, passed 40 in favor, none opposed, at the ZAP meeting in January, to the delegates to “Support an overlay district in the San Rafael neighborhood.” The motion was seconded and after some discussion, the motion was passed by the Delegates 18 in favor, one opposed, and two abstaining.

Steve Nissen reported on the Dollar Dictionary Drive. The fund has been bolstered by a \$1,000 contribution from INC and individual contributions from each of the Executive Committee members. The Dollar Dictionary is looking for a large indoor open space for about a week in August to organize the distribution of the dictionaries and thesauri to the schools. Please let Steve or anyone on the INC Executive Committee know if such space might be available.



The public is welcome to attend the meeting.

**Meeting Saturday
March 8th
The public
is welcome to attend.**

**Southwest
Improvement Council
1000 S Lowell Blvd.**

See map on page 11

8:30 a.m.

Coffee and Chat

9:00 a.m.

Welcome from the
Greater Mar-Lee Community

9:05 a.m.

Lt. Ed Hall - District 4
Graffiti and Crime Prevention

9:30 a.m.

Jason Longsdorf: Union Station

10:00 a.m.

Councilwoman Faatz - Use
of Certificates of
Participation for Homeless

10:10 a.m.

Steven Griffin - Survey

10:30 a.m.

Jamie Van Leeuwen
Development of Homeless
Housing

10:40 a.m.

Election & Amendments

11:20 a.m.

Committee Reports

12:00 p.m.

Adjournment

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