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Next General Meeting:

Sat. 7/15 @ 10:00 AM
Montview Manor Penthouse
1663 Steele Street.

July 15th Meeting Agenda:

- Officer's Reports
- Zoning Committee Report to include the Lowenstein Variance Hearing, discussion and vote on the question of supporting the "Neighborhood Flix" Liquor & Cabaret License application.
- CHUN Report
- City Park Alliance Report
- Discussion - Proposed development at 16th and Colorado.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Volunteers. They, and in-kind contributions, undergird the success of non-profits, including our neighborhood association. These contributions are tied together in many interesting ways, resulting in many "win-win" opportunities. I will elaborate on a few of those ways as they show up in our small neighborhood this month.

We have professionals that freely give their time and wisdom. Through such giving, we now have a website; we are receiving legal advice relative to the revision of our bylaws and to the forming of binding agreements with nearby businesses; we have sponsors that cover the cost of our newsletter production; we have local businesses that offer "value-added" advertising to our residents. One can spot these and other examples in the articles and ads of this issue.

There are the volunteers that attend local and metro-wide meetings, to report back to us and to represent our interests. Still others sit on standing and ad-hoc committees, helping us to understand and to act on issues that affect our common good. And there are those who actively care about the street where they live, by distributing and gathering timely information, thereby building our community, block by unique block.

"Win-win" seems so much more sensible than the alternatives "win-lose" and "isolation". Our thanks to those who are finding win-win opportunities right here where they live.

Thanks in particular this month to Propaganda Labs, who has woven our newsletter articles into a readable product. Their effort can be best appreciated by Ben and Katie Zizzi, and by Michelle Prescott Carter; their behind-the-scenes editing efforts have been called on time after time after time. This, along with the printing contribution of William Bowman and the advertising of Wonderland Homes, provide you with this July reading.

Finally, we are going to wait until our September Meeting to address the subject of our bylaws revision. The interim time will allow further reflection on all suggested changes.

-Jim Slotta

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WASTEWATER CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN IN AUGUST

Just a reminder to South City Park Residents that the Montclair Basin Wastewater project will begin on 17th Street in August. (You've probably already noticed the construction on the Esplanade at East High School; part of the same project). Construction is planned to start at Jackson Street and move west to the Esplanade in approximately 200 foot increments. Traffic lanes will be reduced and the turn lane will be eliminated in these increments during construction. For more information or a contact at Wastewater, call Michelle Prescott Carter at 303-748-9593.

SOUTH CITY PARK WELCOMES THE TATTERED COVER BOOK STORE!

The Tattered Cover is open in the Lowenstein Re-development! There are Grand Opening Events taking place from Friday July 7th through Saturday July 15th. These include drawings, live music, coffee and tea tasting, book signings and story times, just to name a few. For a full listing of all the events planned, go to www.tatteredcover.com and click on the Grand Opening Celebrations flyer. See you there!

SINCERITY FROM AN SCPNA BLOCK CAPTAIN

Hello, I wanted to introduce myself. I am Chris Merman of 1545 Harrison and 1651 Harrison Street (rental home). I am interested in getting involved with some of the issues that are currently going on. Specifically, the website design and getting local merchants and other local business people in the neighborhood to advertise in the newsletter thus reducing the cost to the neighborhood. I feel this can be done more efficiently and at less cost (and less of a headache to the president, Jim Slotta). I just wanted to pass on some ideas and maybe get a group together that would be interested in these ideas. Recently, I had a really productive meeting with Jim Slotta and I felt we came up with some great ideas just sitting around his kitchen table brainstorming. I would like to share some of those ideas. Jim let me know of some other people that are interested in neighborhood "events"--i.e., garden tours, garage sales, etc.--that could be fun and tie in the local community as well as accomplishing some great networking opportunities that would benefit us all. We both agreed that things are getting better with the neighborhood and

being proactive as the neighborhood grows (Pinnacle etc.) is the key to success. I know that many of you give a lot of time/effort to this already. I just wanted to be more involved maybe donate my time/ideas. If anyone is interested in getting a group to meet outside of the SCPNA meetings I would like to hear from you. My email is chrismerman@comcast.net.

Sincerely,

Chris Merman

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NEIGHBORHOOD INSPECTION SERVICES

If you have a nearby yard that is unkempt, (unmowed lawn, low-hanging tree branches, etc.) you can call neighborhood inspection services and request that they come out and pay a visit.

The contact information is:

Amelinda Whitley

Neighborhood Inspection Services

720-865-3182

amelinda.whitley@ci.denver.co.us

Of course, in the interest of being neighborly, a conversation with your neighbor first would be a good idea.

MAYOR'S LIASON UPDATE

The Mayor's neighborhood Liaisons, Tamara Banks and Monica Martinez, have been conducting six "Partnership Denver: Neighbors Building Solutions" community meetings throughout Denver, with the final meeting held on April 4th. These meetings have been aimed at engaging the community to identify neighborhood priorities and areas of concern to residents. The liaisons have been analyzing the data from the meetings to find common themes and develop strategies for implementation.

For more information on the program and its results, please visit www.scpna.org or go to www.denver.gov.org/partnershipdenver to become involved!

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE REUSE PROGRAM A HIT WITH DENVER RESIDENTS

Nearly 1,000 metro area residents made use of Denver's Household Hazardous Waste facility's "Drop & Swap" reuse program in 2005. The reuse program allows residents with a scheduled appointment to drop-off household hazardous waste and to take back properly labeled, useable materials other residents no longer needed. Reusing these materials not only saves residents money they might have spent on new materials, but is better for the environment and can be a more cost effective option than conventional recycling or other proper disposal methods.

The "Drop & Swap" program is a service provided by Curbside, Inc., Denver Wastewater and the Solid Waste Management Divisions of Denver Public Works. In 2005, residents were able to reuse more than 60,000 pounds (30 tons) of household cleaners, paints, garden chemicals and other materials from the "Drop & Swap" program. The majority of materials available in the program come from Denver area residents. Residents of the City and County of Denver are eligible once per year for a free collection or drop-off of household hazardous waste up to 125 pounds. Residents may schedule a door-to-door collection at their home or schedule an appointment to drop-off materials at the Curbside, Inc. facility. To schedule an appointment, please call the HHW hotline at 1-800-HHW-PKUP (1-800-449-7587). Please note that residents must have at least three different types of items. All containers must be 5 gallons or less in volume and have proper lids or seals. Residents desiring a home collection will receive a collection kit in the mail a few days before their scheduled appointment. The kit includes instructions, a bag to contain materials, labels and a tie to secure the bag. Home collections are limited to the contents of a sealed kit bag. In addition to the material contained in the "kit bag" or 125 pounds, up to 5 auto batteries and 5 fluorescent tubes may be set outside the collection bag. If residents have more waste than will fit into the bag or have in excess of 125 pounds and are willing to pay for its collection, they should call the hotline for further instructions.

Denver's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program is provided by Denver Wastewater Management and the Solid Waste Management Division/Denver Public Works. For more information on the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program visit www.denvergov.org/DenverRecycles or call 720-865-6805.



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RECYCLING REMINDER: NO PLASTIC BAGS

Not all plastics are recyclable in the Denver Recycles program. Just because many plastics have a number stamped in the "chasing arrow" on the container does not mean the item is recyclable in Denver's program. Only plastic bottles with a neck or opening smaller than the base of the container are accepted. Accepted bottles generally have screw tops. Plastic bags, trays, tubs or cups are not acceptable.

Examples of plastic items accepted are:

- Water, soda and juice bottles
- Milk and orange juice jugs (not paper cartons)
- Shampoo, conditioner and liquid soap bottles
- Liquid detergent and other cleaning supply bottles
- Ketchup / condiment bottles (rinse out please)
- Peanut butter jars (rinse out please)

Examples of plastic items not accepted are:

- Yogurt, butter or margarine tubs
- Plastic bags
- Thin, transparent "clamshell" trays.
- Styrofoam cups, trays or peanuts
- Microwave trays
- Transparent molded packaging

- Disposable plates, cups or utensils
- Plastic toys

For more information on the Denver Recycles program call 720-865-6805 or visit www.DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles.

DELEGATE POSITION AVAILABLE

The group titled “Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation,” or “INC,” is comprised of delegates from Denver Registered Neighborhood Organizations like SCPNA. They meet on second Saturdays of every month at various places in the city. We are allowed three delegates—one being an elected officer—to represent us, and are in search of a delegate in addition to Gabriel Kaplan and Jim Slotta. The monthly INC Newsletter is posted on our website, scpna.org. If interested in discussing, please contact one of our officers.

MAY 20th MEETING MINUTES (ABRIDGED)

- Jim Slotta opened the meeting and announced various literature available for attendees to take. Jim announced 2 guest speakers, Mike Galuzzi of ASCG to discuss the Montclair Basin project & Mark Baker, architect for St. Paul Health center on it's upcoming renovation. Jim expressed thanks to several groups and individuals for their efforts in the support of SCPNA. Jim introduced Doug Sample as the new SCPNA Secretary.
- The Rempels of Montview Manor asked members to sign a petition for the funding by Congress of monies pledged to fight world hunger.
- Michelle Prescott gave the Treasurer's report in Rob Hunsley's absence.
- Jim Slotta asked for a motion to delay a vote on the by-laws for further review. A vote was taken and the delay passed unanimously.
- Mike Galuzzi reported on the \$156.2 M Montclair Basin Project. Mike gave details of Phase 1, (The Esplanade), Phase 2, (17th Ave.), & Phase 3, (Ferril Lake).
- Mark Baker reviewed the plans for the proposed remodel/addition to the St. Paul Health Center. Because of a denial by Zoning, Mark asked that SCPNA support a variance request made by the owners of the Health Center. Support of the request was approved unanimously.

- Drew O'Connor, director of CHUN, asked for volunteers for the 35th Annual Capitol Hill People's Fair.
- Paul Davis gave an update on the Mile High Loop, a proposed running path around City Park. Cost of the project is estimated at \$250,000, to be paid through grants and donations.
- Jim Slotta, on behalf of William Bowman & City Park Alliance announced “Story Hour in the Park,” “Friends of the Electric Fountain,” and “City Park Jazz,” all events taking place in the park this summer.
- Tom Rutter, Zoning Committee Chair, discussed the importance & time commitment of the Zoning Committee. Tom called for a vote to request preservation of a provision for notification of RNO's if a structure is to be demolished. The vote was unanimous in favor of requesting notification.
- Mardi Mathers, Social Committee Chair, announced that social event planning for residents is in the works.
- Molly Parrish gave this year's City Park Jazz schedule.
- Jim Slotta adjourned the meeting at 11:50 AM.

For a full version of the minutes, please visit www.scpna.org and click on meeting minutes or contact an officer for a hard copy.

DID YOU KNOW THAT JULY IS NATIONAL HOT DOG MONTH?

SCPNA would like to thank Steve & Linda Ballas, owner's of Steve's Snappin' Dogs, for sponsoring our neighborhood clean up in May! Many neighbors came out to help clean our alleys and streets, and were treated to a \$10 gift certificate from Steve's Snappin' Dogs for their efforts! Thank you, Steve and Linda, for your contribution to the 'hood!

Steve and Linda have submitted an article including the history of their business to SCPNA, and you can find it on our website, scpna.org.

If you haven't yet visited Steve's or even if you have, Please bring this newsletter and introduce yourself to Steve and Linda and they will buy you a Fresh Squeezed Lemon or Limeade when you buy your dog through July.

Steve's Snappin' Dogs is at 3525 East Colfax @ Monroe Street.