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### Next General Meeting:

Sat. 11/18 @ 10:00 AM  
Montview Manor Penthouse  
1663 Steele Street.

### November 18th Meeting Agenda:

- City Park planned excavation update
- Mayor's Infrastructure Priorities Task Force Report
- Committee Reports-Social, HRC, Zoning, CHUN, INC, 1601 Colorado
- Vote on proposal to form a committee re. 1601 Colorado Development
- Vote on request to support idea of local Business Improvement District
- Election of Officers for 2007

## SCPNA NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 2006

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Did you know Diane Lauen? If you didn't it's too late now. She passed away at the end of the summer. She received the ultimate South City Park accolade, a block party in her honor.

I knew her for about forty years. I met her when she came to our Park Hill precinct caucus to save the world by electing Clean Gene McCarthy as our president. I shared an office with her and her graphic design firm for fifteen years.

Diane was one of a kind. My favorite story about her was when she stopped her car near East High to assist a disheveled drunk whose pants had slipped down to his ankles. She walked up to him and yanked his pants up, pinned them and left him swirling around in his drunken stupor while she got back in her car and drove away.

She was that kind of person: helpful, in a no-nonsense kind of way. She was not hesitant about helping me become a better person.

She helped South City Park, too. The SCPNA logo you'll find at the top of this newsletter was her design. She also designed the logos for City Park Jazz and for the organization which fought conversion of the City Park Pavilion to an office building. The most notable thing she did for us was to organize the salvation of the north end of the 1600 block of Adams Street by downzoning eleven properties to R-2.

In appreciation for her efforts, the 1600 block of Adams held a memorial block party in her honor. It was the appropriate South City Park accolade. Everyone was there. This reporter was honored by the very young Anna Ellingson sitting on my lap for an hour or so while I chatted with Eileen, Lisa, Maureen and Maureen's daughter (who is a member of the Angelaires as was my daughter), Mark (who graduated from East as my mother, daughter, stepson and I did), Hank, Lori, Maria, Randy and all the others who will miss Diane almost as much as I do.

Diane leaves behind her son, Douglas, his wife, Joanna, her granddaughter, Tessa, and her best significant other, Bill Jurascek. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Sarah, who passed away a month before her mother.

—submitted by Tom Morris

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## **A MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT**

I feel very fortunate to live in South City Park and have the neighbors that I do. People that I care about, work together with, have dinner with, and sometimes argue with. In so many places neighbors come and go without talking, without knowing anything about each other, perhaps without even caring. But here, neighbors talk on front porches, out in the alley, in the park and over our back fences. The character, depth and texture of our small neighborhood are astounding and rare. We are indeed lucky.

As we move forward into the coming year there continue to be many challenges and celebrations before us. Our organization is a small but effective one, with many new and exciting aspects to it. It serves us, the neighbors well, and helps us all to stay connected. Between now and our upcoming General Meeting on November 18th, Jim Slotta and I will be soliciting ideas for new officers, (President, Vice President and Secretary), for the coming term, and I invite you give some thought to potential candidates-someone you know, or maybe even you. Serving the neighbors and our organization has been an extremely positive and rewarding experience, and it has demonstrated to me the strength that we have as a neighborhood.

—Michelle Prescott Carter

## **NEW SCPNA SUBCOMMITTEE**

An informal group of neighbors has been meeting over the past several months to discuss the proposed new affordable housing development at 1601 Colorado Boulevard. The group has chosen to become a formal subcommittee upon approval at the November general assembly, with Jackson Street neighbor David Lichtenstein serving as their chair. A vote will be called at the November 18th meeting to officially institute the subcommittee.

## **DURA PUBLIC ART**

Back when the redevelopment of the Mercy Hospital property began, the original investors (CPS Investments, Inc.) applied for and received Denver Urban Renewal Authority (DURA) funding to offset the costs of demolition and abatement prior to all the new construction that is now going on. Part of the deal was to provide some sort of appropriate public art display

as part of the new development. That process is now underway, and we have two resident artists--Way Shen and Phil Mann--that are part of the Public Art Committee responsible for determining the details of the display.

In a series of four meetings of the committee, discussions of budget and site considerations have been ongoing. The budget for the art is \$80,000.00, and must cover all design and installation. After several discussions surrounding placement, the committee determined that there will be one art placement at 17th and Milwaukee, one art placement at 16th and Milwaukee, (the "courtyard"), and a third placement also in the courtyard that commemorates Old Mercy through the use of salvaged pieces from the original building and a plaque commemorating the site. Because of the scale of each respective site, the 17th piece will be the larger piece, and the courtyard piece will be smaller to accommodate the somewhat more intimate setting.

Rick Wells of CPS retained art consultants Hilary DePolo and Nathan Beard to help lead the group through the process of artist selection. Through recommendations from the consultants and suggestions from committee members, the work of twelve artists has been reviewed. They have narrowed down the artists to four finalists, two for the 17th site, and two for the courtyard. Each of the four artists will present their proposals to the committee on 12/11/06, and there will then be a final selection made for the two sites. DURA will have final review authority before any work begins.

Listed below are the websites for the four finalists, as well as a breakdown of the project's budget:

- For the larger site on 17th Ave.:  
<http://www.richard.swanson.com/>  
<http://www.BarbaraBaer.com/>
- For the "courtyard" site adjacent to 16th Ave.:  
<http://www.michaelclapperstudios.com/>  
<http://www.emmettculligandesign.com/>

### **Budget Breakdown:**

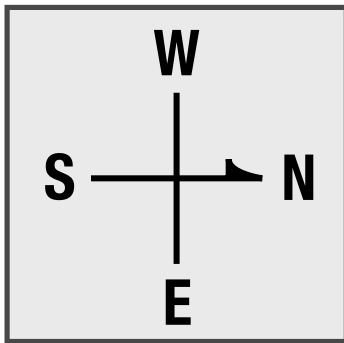
Overall -- \$80,000.00  
Design Fees -- \$6,000.00 (4 @ \$1,500.00)  
Site Preparations -- \$8,000.00  
Retail Sales tax -- \$5,200.00  
Balance -- \$61,000.00  
2/3 -- \$40,000.00 (17th St.)  
1/3 -- \$20,000.00 (courtyard, aka pedestrian walk)

A NEW HOME, HAIR SALON, BIKES, KARATE LESSONS, MEN, WOMEN,  
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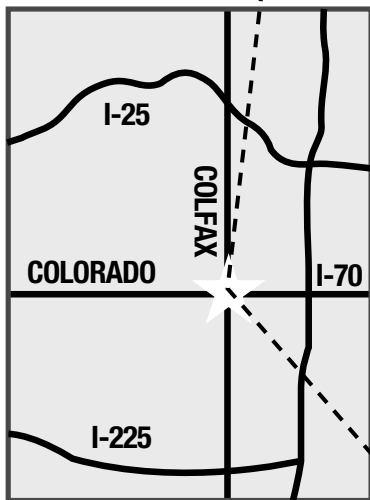
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	 <b>Global Trend Communication</b>
	<b>MADISON STREET</b>
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## **ZONING CODE UPDATE**

The Residential Work Session previously scheduled for October 17th has been rescheduled to Tuesday, November 28th from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM in the Webb Municipal Building fourth floor Conference Room 4F6. The Zoning Code Task Force is working to update Denver's Zoning Code.

To advance their work in the Areas of Stability, the Task Force has undertaken a two-part work session on residential characteristics, concerns, and possible solution tools. This is an opportunity to learn of the work that has been done and provide critical feedback. An R.S.V.P. is requested as space is very limited. Please contact Valentina Guereca at 720-865-3223 or by email at [valentina.guereca@ci.denver.co.us](mailto:valentina.guereca@ci.denver.co.us).

## **THE FUTURE OF CIVIC CENTER**

There are still more opportunities to discuss the future of Civic Center. Please help spread the word about two more forums coming up that residents should be encouraged to attend:

The Park People will host a panel discussion on the future of historic Civic Center. The public event will be held at the Colorado History Museum on November 15th, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The museum is located at 1300 Broadway. Free and open to the public. John Temple, editor, publisher and president of the Rocky Mountain News, will serve as moderator of the discussion. Panelists include Tina Bishop, landscape architect and partner with Mundus Bishop Design; Kathleen Brooker, President of Historic Denver; Richard Farley, Principal of CIVITAS urban design firm; Kathy Hoeft, architect and historic preservationist; Dennis Humphries, Principal of Humphries Poli Architects; Dr. Thomas Noel, Professor of History and Director of Public History, Preservation and Colorado Studies at CU-Denver.

The Civic Center Conservancy will host a presentation of the plans and follow up discussion on December 6th at the Colorado History Museum from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The Libeskind ideas have sparked a number of design ideas for the park by local architects and landscape architects. Participating presenters include Yong Cho, Steve Chucovich, Dave Duclos, Richard Farley, Susan Saarinen, Randle Swan, David Tryba & William Wenk. Thanks,


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—article originally published in the INC November newsletter

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## **CHUN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSEMBLY**

### **-DATE/TIME TBA**

SCPNA and Congress Park Neighbors will convene a neighborhood assembly in the coming weeks to elect neighborhood delegates. The date and time is TBA, please check our website or your email for details or contact Kevin Jones at [kjdenver@comcast.net](mailto:kjdenver@comcast.net) or 303-399-5557 for more information.

The CHUN Neighborhood Assembly will introduce Denver's Infrastructure Priorities Task Force. The purpose of the Task Force is to engage the people of Denver in a forward-looking initiative that will examine the capital facilities and infrastructure needs of our City and how to meet those needs. Focus areas include: Public Works, Cultural Facilities, Community Planning & Development, Human Services, Public Safety, Parks and Recreation and Municipal Buildings. For more information, please visit [www.denverinfrastructure.org](http://www.denverinfrastructure.org).

—submitted by Kevin Jones

## **SUMMARY OF SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING**

- The meeting was held September 16 at 10 AM in the Penthouse of Montview Manor, 1663 Steele Street. There were 40 attending including several guests. President Jim Slotta thanked the many active residents for their roles, including Sue Saunders and Ruth Jeffries of Montview Manor for all their help within the high-rise. Treasurer Rob Hunsley reported an approximate bank balance of \$1,500.

- Vice President Michelle Prescott Carter commented on construction parking and traffic flow issues around the Mercy development sites, and the prompt response of the developers to resolve the issues. All of the development companies were well represented at the meeting. Each company gave a status report, and emphasized their continued readiness to cooperate with the neighborhood on all matters.

- George Sparks, CEO of Denver Museum of Nature and Science, gave a detailed report including charts with drawings and time schedules representing the Museum's plans for a 30-year upgrade, and underlined their need for both public and private funding to accomplish the goals. The presentation was very well received.

- Councilwoman At-large Carol Boigon reported on a proposed bill to change the definition of animal sales service or care, to fulfill a need for the overnight care of household pets that is not being met by current zoning. Some attendees expressed appreciation for the information, and underlined the need for her support regarding the proposed housing development at 16th and Colorado. Ms. Boigon stated she is in close touch with our association on that issue, and is ready to provide support.

- Jim Slotta gave updates on various subjects. (1) The planned Mile High Loop exercise trail will submit a grant application in November. Also, Opus (developer of Pinnacle towers) will host a fundraiser to benefit the project. (2) The city has decided that there is no support for establishing parking districts at this time. Parking studies will be done. (3) The Social Committee has announced a "Colfax Restaurant Hop" schedule for September and October. Flyers have been distributed door-to-door. (4) Congress Park has two rezoning applications (1300 block Madison, 1400 blocks Milwaukee & Fillmore), and has expressed gratitude to South City Park for their support and for their example. (5)

Elections of SCPNA Officers for '07 will be held at the November Meeting. A committee was formed to seek candidates for all four elected offices.

- Resident Dave Lichtenstein reported on our investigation of the proposed affordable housing development for the now vacant property at 1601 Colorado Boulevard. Attendees expressed interest in a 'special meeting' to inform us of the details, and of the city's plans to provide support structures for residents of the 112 units.

- A motion was made and passed unanimously (13-0) that the revised SCPNA Bylaws be adopted to include all changes posted at the web site. These revisions were a result of several months effort by many interested residents.

—Submitted by Jim Slotta

## **CO-SPONSORED ASSEMBLY NOV. 20 TO REVIEW LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION**

SCPNA is co-sponsoring a Neighborhood Assembly regarding a hotel & restaurant liquor license application by Mr. George Pappas Jr. for his restaurant at 12th Ave & Elizabeth St., to be called Shells & Sauce.

- Assembly Date: Monday, November 20, 7 to 8pm.
- Assembly Place: Capitol Heights Presbyterian Church, 1100 Fillmore (enter on 11th).
- Assembly co-sponsors: CHUN, Congress Park Neighbors, East Cheesman Neighbors Association, SCPNA.

—Submitted by Jim Slotta

## **WHAT CAN PEOPLE IN NEIGHBORHOODS DO TO END HOMELESSNESS? BECOME A MENTOR!!!**

- Prevent low-income families from becoming homeless and provide needed support.
- Work as a member of a mentor team for 3 months.
- Teach specific life skills such as budgeting, job searching, interviewing, resume writing, maintaining a job, getting a GED, navigating health insurance and conflict management.
- Understand more about the realities of low-income and working poor families.

For more information, contact the CHUN Office at: 303-830-1651 or email: [drewoconnor@chundenver.org](mailto:drewoconnor@chundenver.org)