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Next General Meeting:

Sat. 1/20 @ 10:00 AM
Hooked on Colfax Coffee House
Downstairs
3215 E. Colfax Ave.

January 20th Meeting Agenda:

- Officers' Reports
- Denver Police CRO Report
- Teller School Report
- Mayor's Neighborhood Liaison
- District 8 City Council Candidate- Carla Madison-Introduction
- Committees, including 16th & Colo.
- Delegates, including Mercy Art
- Votes:
- Memberships: INC, CHUN
- Donations: Teller School
Project Angel Pride
City Park Alliance
City Park Jazz
CHUN project
INC Dictionary

SCPNA NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2007

Thanks in abundance to Wonderland Homes for their ad sponsorship of our newsletters (see their ad inside). Thanks also to Propaganda Labs and their Bluebird Beat for their converting our articles into a beautiful Newsletter!

How does one respond to being 'dumped on'? If that 'one' is South City Park, well, then, are we talking about a couple substantial snowstorms? Or, might we be referring to the surrounding and inclusive permanent physical changes that are occurring, even as I type?

Just when the pile of dirt in front of your place was beginning to go away, a bigger pile--of snow--replaced it!

Perhaps this is an appropriate metaphor to end 2006, as we have withstood increased population, sewer projects, torn up streets, the assault on our beautiful City Park, and the consequent loss of parking space. For those of us with only curbside parking, cars buried in snow on impassible streets dramatically replaced the "woes" of limited spaces.

Alas, this is the way life is. And, in the midst of these various challenging situations, each of us can probably share a touching story of neighbors helping neighbors. Community "happens" around us every day, but is experienced anew, I think, in times of need.

We have been diligent as a neighborhood association in the years leading up to and including 2006. In November we held our annual elections and now look to the next year and what it holds in store for us as a community. We invite you to become members and to renew your memberships in the South City Park Neighborhood Association. The cost is five dollars per household. Symbolic? Yes. Important? Very. An envelope and a membership information form are enclosed in this newsletter for your perusal.

Our next meeting is Saturday morning, January 20. Hope to see you there.

-Jim Slotta

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF MEETING PLACE THIS MONTH ONLY

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SCPNA OFFICERS FOR 2007 ELECTED

The results of voting for 2007 officers at our Annual Meeting in November:

President — Jim Slotta
Vice President — Michelle Prescott Carter
Treasurer — Rob Hunsley
Secretary — *Position Available*

Until the Secretary role is filled, a volunteer note-taker will be requested at the start of each meeting held.

SCPNA SECRETARY POSITION IS OPEN

The position of SCPNA Secretary requires a volunteer to step forward.

At our November General Meeting, we decided to request volunteer note-takers at each meeting until the position is filled. This position allows for great personal growth-i. e., there are many leadership functions someone could perform in addition to the basic job duties. It is one of four elected positions in the association. Please let a current officer know if you are interested in discussing this position.

—Submitted by Jim Slotta

1601 COLORADO UPDATE

SCPNA's 1601 Colorado Boulevard Committee met on December 12th with representatives of the Denver Department of Human Services, Warren Village, and Trademark Communities, the developer of 1601 Colorado. The main purpose of the meeting was to learn about the demographics of the residents expected to live at 1601, their anticipated social services needs, and how the city will meet those needs. We also received a general update of the plans for 1601. We will post a more detailed report of the meeting on the SCPNA website and listserv as soon as possible.

Trademark is aiming for a late January groundbreaking, with construction to last from 12 to 14 months. Trademark continues to look into ways to keep most or all construction activities on-site or nearby.

Trademark must restrict occupancy to households with income in the range of 30-50% of Denver's average median income. 1601 Colorado will have 28 designated Section 8 housing units (one-fourth of the total).

A DDHS caseworker will be assigned who will serve the Section 8 households.

Residents of the 28 units will typically have been homeless in the past, but are now ready for permanent housing, having successfully completed the program at Warren Village on Capitol Hill. Warren Village has helped low income, single-parent families achieve sustainable personal and economic self sufficiency for over 30 years. (See www.warrenvillage.org)

Trademark has selected as its property manager Ross Management, a firm experienced in affordable housing. Ross also operates Warren Village. Trademark is considering amenities such as an indoor-outdoor recreation area, basketball backboard, business center and children's reading facility at 1601. (The swimming or wading pool is no longer in the plans). There will be a secure garage, with guest parking in the alley. Trademark anticipates an overabundance of resident parking, as the city will require the standard 1.5 spaces per unit.

The Committee's next action item is to seek a conversion of the intersection of E. 16th Avenue and Harrison St. from a two-way stop for Harrison traffic to a four-way stop in order to calm traffic on 16th. Trademark does not oppose this, and we will be approaching city traffic officials in the coming months to try to move forward with this goal.

—Submitted by Dave Lichtenstein

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR'S NEIGHBORHOOD LIAISON

You and your communities have experienced an incredible series of storms. The storm on December 21st was one of the top twelve snowstorms Denver has had in the past 60 years. Of those twelve storms, only this and one other were within the coldest months of December and January, and as you know, these cold temperatures have kept us from our usual rapid melt.

As we settle into yet another storm, we want to thank you for your patience, feedback and cooperation. We were not as successful as we had hoped to be with removing the snow from the first storm, but the Mayor and our team are hard at work improving the process, especially on side streets that have been most difficult for neighborhoods. Public Works is working hard to address all areas of concern as efficiently as possible. As you might imagine, removing several inches of

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compacted snow and ice is a monumental task, and we have all available equipment and able bodies at work.

Many of you have volunteered countless hours assisting neighbors in need with shoveling and other tasks, and we thank you for your commitment to those who need it most. The current storm has brought with it freezing temperatures, and we urge you to check on elderly or disabled neighbors, pets and family members to ensure that they have heat, food, and medications. Even with light snow accumulation, these neighbors will surely need assistance making their sidewalks passable once again, and we encourage you to do all you can to help.

Those most vulnerable to the bitter cold are our homeless. If anyone comes across a homeless person or persons that need assistance, they can contact the Denver Outreach Collaborative (DOC) in the following manner:

6 a.m. to 10 p.m.—(303) 285-5258 (if you reach voicemail, call (720) 629-2007).

If police are needed, call the non-emergency number (720) 913-2000 or 911.

—*Amber Giauque Callender*

Neighborhood Liaison, Mayor's Office

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NOTES FROM THE PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE


The Public Art Committee with most of the usual suspects met on December 11, 2006 to meet and “interview” the four artists on the short list. There were two artists for each site (the “courtyard”/pedestrian walkway and the 17th/Milwaukee corner). Each artist had about 30 minutes to present and discuss his/her creative conception and thinking, the materials, and to show a small-scale model of the proposed piece. Committee members had opportunity to question the artist: E.g., durability of his/her work in its outdoor setting? Ease of maintenance? Interactivity with passers-by? Etc.

The committee spent an additional hour plus discussing the artists/works, eventually choosing Barbara Baer's sculpture for the 17th/Milwaukee site and Michael Clapper's piece for the courtyard. A presentation of the chosen sculptures will be made by the art consultants (who presented the committee's selections to DURA) at the March SCPNA meeting. The reason for

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the delay in unveiling the works is that DURA will have the maquettes until Feb. 15.

We were recently informed that the sales tax is higher than originally budgeted, thus reducing the money remaining for some other expenses, including the Mercy Hospital plaque. We're presently working on getting quotes. Stay tuned!

—*Submitted by Way Shen*

TELLER ELEMENTARY RANKED HIGH!

As members of the Teller Elementary community, we all share a vested interest in the school's vibrancy and prosperity. You will be happy to learn that Teller's students earned a “HIGH” ranking on this year's School Accountability Report (SAR) issued by the State of Colorado. SAR is based on CSAP scores and allows the state to compare public schools.

This is the first year Teller has broken out of the “average” range into “high”. Out of the 98 Denver Public Schools, only 13 schools have achieved the ranking of high or above. Teller is now one of these distinguished few.

Teller has achieved this ranking due to a great deal of hard work and dedication from its students, teachers, parents and staff. The school's academic achievements

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are also a reflection of its strong base of community support.

Denver Public Schools is dedicated to spreading the news about the great things happening at Teller. Unfortunately, this year's SAR school report card, as originally released by the Colorado Department of Education (CDE), did not accurately represent Teller's academic accomplishments. Due to an error in the DPS data that was reported to the CDE, seven DPS schools received inaccurate rankings. Teller was listed as "AVERAGE" when it should have been "HIGH" if properly calculated. DPS regrets this error and is committed to making sure our community knows that Teller is among the best elementary schools in Colorado.

For more information about Teller, visit the Teller website at teller.dpsk12.org. If you are interested in a private tour of the school, call Michele Foust at 303-388-8944.

—Submitted by Congress Park resident Michele Foust

SUMMARY OF NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

- The meeting was held November 18 at 10 AM in the Penthouse of Montview Manor, 1663 Steele Street. There were 17 attending. President Jim Slotta gave special thanks for the work of Block Captains, the Montview Manor hostesses, the Newsletter crew, the Social Committee and Delegates to other organizations. Treasurer Rob Hunsley reported an approximate bank balance of \$1,500.

- Vice President Michelle Prescott Carter introduced City Park Director Helen Kuykendall, who gave an update on the Montclair Basin Storm Water Retention Project, and answered questions.

- Jim Slotta introduced Margaret Browne of the City's Finance Department, who described using a Power Point presentation the work of the Denver Infrastructures Priorities Task Force, and answered questions.

- Two votes received unanimous approval: (1) Support of the effort to organize a local Business Improvement District, with members totally drawn from businesses on our portion of East Colfax Avenue; (2) Formation of a 1601 Colorado Boulevard Committee, to track the proposed housing development at that lo-

cation and to be the Association's point of contact with the developers and with the assigned management company. Resident Dave Lichtenstein is the appointed Chairman.

- Brief reports were given for the HRC, 1601 Colorado Boulevard, and Social Committees, and for the Mercy Art Selection Committee. SCPNA has two seats on the Mercy Art Committee.

- Nominations were requested for each of the four SCPNA elected positions. Results were: President, Jim Slotta; Vice President, Michelle Prescott Carter; Treasurer, Rob Hunsley; Secretary, (position unfilled and available). It was decided that until the Secretary role is filled, a volunteer note-taker will be requested at the start of each meeting held.

The official minutes for the November 18 Annual Meeting are incomplete, and will be reported when available.

—Submitted by Jim Slotta

MARCH 24 NEIGHBORHOOD CONFERENCE

At the Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation (INC) meeting January 13th, Mayor's Liaison Amber Callender announced the theme of a Neighborhood Conference planned for March 24 to be the "Block-By-Block Model" for neighborhoods. Everyone is invited; place will be announced; time is 8:30 AM-2:00 PM; breakfast and lunch will be provided. Save the date!

—Submitted by Jim Slotta

RESEARCH INTO THE CONSEQUENCES OF DOWN-ZONING

Following the public hearing portion of agenda item 7 (Denver Planning Board Meeting Nov 15, 2006), several members of the Planning Board expressed concern that there may be unintended and serious consequences of down-zoning a property from R-3 to R-2.

After considerable research we would like to report that we found no evidence that serious consequences (such as Loan Acceleration; Inability to purchase home insurance; Inability to obtain financing) will result from down-zoning a property from R-3 to R-2.

—Submitted by Congress Park resident John Van Sciver