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### Next General Meeting:

Sat. 3/17 @ 10:00 AM  
Montview Manor Penthouse  
1663 Steele Street

### March 17th Meeting Agenda:

- Officers' Reports
- Denver Police CRO Report
- Mercy Public Art Display
- Neighborhood Business Presentation  
-Don Novak
- District 8 City Council Candidates  
-Intros
- Committee and Delegate Reports
- Vote-All Inn Patio Agreement
- Votes-Donations:
  - Teller School
  - Project Angel Pride
  - City Park Alliance
  - City Park Jazz
  - CHUN Building Restoration Project
  - INC Dollar Dictionary Drive

## SCPNA NEWSLETTER - MARCH 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!*

### SCPNA Volunteer Time Needed!

First, if you haven't already, sign up your South City Park household for its 2007 membership in the South City Park Neighborhood Association with a five-dollar dues payment. Then, consider ways to contribute a bit of your time to your neighborhood. Some things to consider:

- Be an ombudsperson in your part of the 'hood. Help your neighbors get to know one another, especially if you live in or near one of our new housing development sites!
- Join one of the association's existing committees: Social, Zoning, HRC (Hospital Redevelopment Committee), 1601 Colorado Boulevard Committee.
- Be a pioneer in helping to form other needed committees, such as Education, City Park, Membership, Safety, and/or others that come to your mind.
- Become a neighborhood delegate to other worthwhile organizations, such as CHUN (Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods), INC (Inter-Neighborhood Co-operation), East High School's Project Angel Pride, City Park Alliance, City Park Jazz, and others.
- Submit articles for the newsletter.
- Become an officer for the association. There is a current need to fill the Secretary vacancy that would be an excellent way to contribute. Or, your Block Captain may be very interested in having your help as part of a 'Block Team'.
- Help maintain our neighborhood web site. Our "Neighborhood Link" web site is underutilized. Our "SCPNA.org" web site has been taken offline by the owner, because we were unable to provide maintenance support on a volunteer basis. We intend to resurrect a neighborhood web site with either the same domain name, or a new one. An actively maintained neighborhood web site is a wonderful communications tool that needs to be restored very soon.

Our next meeting is Saturday morning, March 17. Hope to see you there.

-Jim Slotta

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## **CITY PARK UPDATE**

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### **Montclair Stormwater Project**

The new electric fountain wall structure and concrete lake walls have been completed. The contractor has completed the dredging operations and started shaping the lakeshore edges. The new sanitary sewer replacement along the south lake roadway has also started. The primary focus of the project to rehabilitate Ferril Lake is on schedule for completion Summer 2007. The city is looking into phasing some components of the project not directly related to the lake for construction in the Fall/Winter 2006/2007.

17th Avenue is done for a while. Asphalt overlay will begin when weather permits.

The final design phase including the park enhancement projects will be completed this week for pricing. More will come on the final schedule for the remaining work. Most of the major construction affecting the lake and pavilion areas is planned to be done by June 2007.

### **Starbucks Project**

Planning for the Starbucks Passion for Parks project at the Burns and Sopris Gardens is underway and a public announcement is tentatively scheduled to coincide with Earth Day, April 22, 2007. The volunteer day is May 19.

### **Sullivan Gateway**

Anderson and Andrews Architecture is preparing restoration treatment plans for the Sullivan Gateway at the City Park Esplanade and Colfax. The planning is underway and expected to be completed by Fall 2007. Another State Historic grant application will be made for the construction phase in the Fall.

### **7,000 Trees in Seven Days**

As part of the One Million Trees Initiative, a week of events is planned the week of National Arbor Day, dubbed "7,000 Trees in Seven Days". City Park will be the location of several events:

*Sunday April, 22:* Starbucks is planning a media event to announce its Passion for Parks project and plant about 20 trees as part of the date.

*Wednesday & Thursday, April 25 & 26:* East High School students in partnership with Project Angel Pride will plant 18 trees along the City Park Esplanade to replace missing shade trees.

*Friday, April 27:* The Park People and the Home

Depot Foundation will plant 100 trees along 23rd Ave to commemorate the nation's "10 Cities 1,000 Trees!" initiative. The employees of Home Depot will provide the volunteer work force.

### **Public Art Projects**

The Denver Office of Cultural Affairs is coordinating two 1% for the Art projects related to the museum and zoo garage projects. The Denver Museum and Nature & Science art project will focus artwork in the vicinity of the garage structure north of the museum. The zoo project will combine art funds from the zoo garage and 23rd Ave to develop an art installation that will also serve as a visual boundary between the park and the avian propagation area near the Dustin Redd Playground. Both projects are in the early planning stages.

—Submitted by Helen Kuykendall  
Denver Parks and Recreation

## **1601 COLORADO CONSTRUCTION REPORT**

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Excavation for the affordable housing project at 1601 Colorado Blvd. is underway, and I'm pleased to report that Jim Smith, the designated neighborhood liaison for the construction company, Trademark CM Corp., has taken the initiative to introduce himself personally to several of the project's immediate neighbors.

Mr. Smith reports that the construction schedule calls for completion within 13 months. Construction will take place between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on weekdays. On weekends, the start time will be 8:30 a.m. The company's policy is to aggressively investigate any complaints about harassment of citizens by construction workers. Mr. Smith advises that the company has a history of good relations with neighbors on other projects.

During the excavation phase, the company has contracted to provide street sweeping, which Mr. Smith anticipates will occur at least every other day. The company has a verbal commitment at this point from the owners of the lot adjacent to the Royal Host hotel (the northeast corner of 16th and Colorado) to rent space to the company for its construction trucks and equipment.

Neighbors can contact Mr. Smith directly

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with specific concerns about construction. For non-emergency concerns, his e-mail address is [jsmith@trademarkcmcorp.com](mailto:jsmith@trademarkcmcorp.com).

For more urgent matters (is there a construction truck parked on your lawn?) you can call him at 303-951-0826, or send a fax to 303-389-9431. While I anticipate the company will be very responsive to neighbors' concerns, please contact me if you encounter problems.

Mr. Smith has offered to conduct neighborhood meetings to answer questions and advise of the progress of construction. If anyone is interested in scheduling an initial meeting now, or at any point, please contact me, and let me know what you think are the best times for a meeting.

—Submitted by Dave Lichtenstein  
Chairman, 1601 Colorado Boulevard Committee  
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## **CRIME IN DENVER REPORTING**

Crime in Denver dropped 10% in 2006 compared to 2005, according to data released by the Denver Department of Safety. Figures compiled by the Safety Office of Policy Analysis show that both violent and property crime are down, and that the eight major crimes tracked by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) were down 14% in Denver last year. You can see up to date crime statistics and maps for your neighborhood and the city at large by visiting the *Safety Office of Policy Analysis* online. These statistics will be updated on a monthly basis. For more information about the statistics contact the SOPA at (720) 913-6014.

South City Park statistics are reported as "City Park", and include crimes in City Park, around East High School and along our section of East Colfax Avenue. We will discuss our neighborhood's statistics at the March 17th General Meeting with our Community Resource Officer. We were among the highest crime levels in the city for 2005 and 2006.

—Submitted by Jim Slotta


## **TOM MORRIS PASSES THE BATON ON MADISON STREET**

Our new Block Worker for the 1500 block of Madi-

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son is Natalie Neaton-Simpson, who lives with husband Jim at 1533 Madison. She replaces Tom Morris. In an email making the announcement, Tom used the phrase 'Block Worker', which is a very illuminating image for the assignment. We have also used the descriptions 'Block Captain', 'Block Rep', and more recently 'Block Team' as the assignment is being covered on the 1500 block of Cook Street by three people.

Our thanks to Natalie for committing to this important task!

## **PATIO IMAGED FOR THE ALL INN'S ROCK BAR**

Owner Jesse Morreale will be at our March 17th Meeting to discuss his intent to apply for the addition of outdoor seating for the All Inn's Rockbar. This requires a "Modification of Premises" approval by Denver's Department of Excise and Licenses. Jesse will ask at the meeting for our association's support for his application.

## **MINUTES OF JANUARY 20, 2007 GENERAL MEETING**

The meeting was 10 AM to Noon in the basement of 'Hooked on Colfax' coffee shop.



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### **Presentation by Denver Police CRO's Rappe & Trujillo**

Business Watch training has now been completed for Colfax businesses from York to Yosemite. They are encouraging businesses to form Watch Groups. Crime on Colfax is way down; Business Watch is helping.

"Incident Management" is changing. There is now an Incident Command System method for handling all types of incidents--from snow to terror. Police, Firefighters, Public Works will work together to "Manage by Objective". If the federal government manages a local incident, we have to pay. The idea is to manage more cost effectively. For the snow removal, we've been contracting for help. For the Democratic National Convention, we will have a "Type 1 Team"; Police officers and firefighters will come from all over the state.

The officers answered several questions from those attending. One was:

- What do we do about a problem we have reported--about high school kids hanging out on Fillmore and Detroit Street porches? If residents post "No Trespassing" signs, officers can remove the trespassers. Call police non-emergency if you need a car. CRO's can also be contacted directly if need be. (720-913-1094 Trujillo, 720-913-1095 Rappe).

### **Presentation on Teller School-Michele Foust**

Teller is a 'great school'. In the last five years the neighborhood has come back to the school. The school was on the District's "hit list" five years ago. Now, enrollment is up and CSAP scores are up. It is great for the neighborhood; it helps property values, and attracts people. Enrollment is now at 260. Parents want a capacity of 350; the District wants about 400. There are presently two "special needs" classes, which we don't want to lose. To conclude, Michele said, "Let people know. Tell the realtors; they don't know."

### **Co-presentation by Mayor's Liason Amber Callender and by 1601 Colorado Boulevard Committee Chair David Lichtenstein**

Amber is available to neighborhoods for questions. There has been success with (our) communications over the 1601 Colorado project. Amber added that, following up on the officers' report, the Graffiti Task Force (Prevention, Enforcement, Abatement Committees) has been helpful in dealing with this crime. The Mayor has many people working on the issue. The Graffiti Hotline is 720-865-STOP; residents can also now call 3-1-1. For personal property, a 'Graffiti Liability Release Form'

must be signed by the resident so the city can abate. The city and property owners are both responsible for graffiti removal. Resident Megan Whelan noted that she called 3-1-1 twice with no response resulting. Amber stated that she will follow up on these incidents; she also said that when others don't get good response, they should call the Mayor and/or their City Council Members.

Dave reported on a meeting about the 1601 Colorado redevelopment. Nearby residents met with Amber and Pat Coyle from the city, and representatives from Warren Village & the development group. One fourth of the 112 Units will be "Section 8", with residents qualifying by low income, etc. The 1601 development will be the only "site-based" Section 8 in the city. Warren Village, a leading model for transition of residents to permanent homes, has many residents who will be moving into 1601. Qualifying residents will have a high school diploma or equivalent GED, and a good credit record (no evictions, etc.). They will receive health assistance, education opportunities, etc. A case worker from Warren Village will be assigned to 1601. The other three fourths (84) of the 112 Units will have competitive rental rates. Ross Management will be the management company. There is no construction agreement yet. There are no plans thus far for a one-way alley.

### **Presentation on Mercy Site Public Art-Way Shen and Phil Mann**

DURA funding for tax increment financing resulted in a public art requirement by the developers. An Art Committee has selected two winning pieces of sculpture--by Barbara Baer and Michael Clapper. At our March General Meeting, two art consultants--also members of the committee--will display models of the winning sculptures. In addition, there will be a plaque in commemoration of the Old Mercy Hospital complex.

### **Other Business**

- Social Committee Chair Mardi Mathers said that the committee's work has been very successful. This past year, there was a kickoff event, followed by a Garden Tour and a Restaurant Hop. More surprises are in store for the coming year.
- The Treasurer's Report presented a balance of \$1,500.
- A motion passed unanimously to renew our memberships in CHUN and INC.
- A motion was passed unanimously to wait until our March meeting to vote on donations to other groups.

*—Submitted by Jim Slotta*

*To review the unabridged minutes, please ask an officer.*