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Next General Meeting:

Sat., September 15th @ 10:00 AM
Montview Manor Penthouse
1663 Steele Street

Meeting Agenda:

- Denver Police CRO Report
- Presentation - OPUS Group Pinnacle Towers
- Brief Reports-Officers, Delegates, Committees
- Discussion-Candidates for SCPNA elections in November
- New Business

SCPNA NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2007

Thanks in abundance to Propaganda Labs and their Bluebird Beat for their converting our articles into a beautiful Newsletter!

Three Things to Let Everyone Know:

- The www.scpna.org website is back online, and being expanded gradually.
- A Colfax Halloween Event is taking shape, and is described here on the insert.
- A 2-page Survey Form is included (pp.3,4) for you to fill out and (please) re-turn.

The website, which can also be accessed using www.southcitypark.org is being re-developed by Jackson Street resident Mike Straka with the support and advisement of several others. Its development is far enough along to put it back online.

"BOO AND BREW ON COLFAX AVENUE" can use some volunteers. Please read about it, anticipate it, and consider joining the planning committee.

The Survey Form is important to the future of the association. Please 'tear it off', fill it in, and submit it either to your Block Captain or to an SCPNA officer. Thanks in advance.

Our next General Meeting is Saturday, September 15th. Hope to see you there.

-Jim Slotta

SAVE THE DATE

First Annual



Saturday, October 27, 2007

Along The Bluebird Beat On Colfax

1-4PM kids event

7PM-12AM adults event

See insert in this newsletter for more information.

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INFRASTRUCTURE PRIORITIES TASK FORCE UPDATE

Denver City Council passed the Infrastructure Priorities Task Force (IPTF) proposals to ask the voters for a mill levy increase for ongoing infrastructure maintenance and for bonding authority to pay for badly needed infrastructure projects this November.

Based on recommendations from the Mayor and the IPTF Executive Committee, the City Council Finance Committee approved a property tax increase and bond package. The package includes a \$2.5 mill increase in property taxes for annual maintenance and eight questions providing \$550 million (20-year bond issues) to fund critical infrastructure needs identified through the task force process. The property tax increase is equivalent to an additional \$49.25/year in property tax and the bond issue adds \$12.41/year in property tax for the median home value of \$255,000.

Voters will face ballot questions addressing maintenance of city buildings, maintenance and expansion of certain cultural facilities, health and human services facilities, parks and recreation facilities, public safety facilities, transportation, streets and public works improvements.

*—Submitted by Heather Barry, Mayor's Neighborhood
Liaison*

SUMMARY OF JULY 21, 2007 GENERAL MEETING

The meeting was 10 AM to Noon in the Penthouse of Montview Manor, 1663 Steele Street. Attending were 13 members and four presenters. Councilwoman Carla Madison spoke briefly about the All Inn patio issue, and answered questions.

Denver District 2 Police Presentation: Daniel Diaz-Deleon and Shannon Kiever

Daniel began by asking if anyone had been a victim of a crime and almost everyone indicated they had been. What can be done to prevent this kind of thing in the future? Block captain and neighborhood watch are strategies. Report any suspicious activity. Know who lives on either side and in back. They will do a "street check." Royal Palace and All Inn residents are frequent attackers. Have no income and will take anything easy. Trim bushes and get motion detectors. Watch the alleys. Take pictures, record serial numbers and store them elsewhere. Pawn shop detail maintains a list of all pawned items. Persons who pawn must have a valid state ID and all cities cooperate. Drug users and dealers sometimes use vacant houses to organize break-in activities. Please report the location of these vacant houses and call the officers. You may remain anonymous.

Halloween Event Presentation: Residents Dawn DeAno and Michele Reichmuth

The idea for the Colfax event, proposed for Saturday, October 27th, was presented by two mothers from South City Park. They want to celebrate the revitalization of Colfax and

start a local Halloween tradition. Tennyson and South Pearl Streets host a similar Halloween event. It will take place in the afternoon (1 to 4 PM) with trick-o-treating for children and parents. Then, in the evening (7 PM to 12 AM) there will be adult gatherings and a possible costume contest. The event could stretch along Colfax from Steve's Snappin' Dogs to the Tattered Cover. They would like to involve our neighborhood schools (Teller Elementary and East High) with creating decorations for this event. The Bluebird Beat will help promote the event and it will be open to the public.

Vote on SCPNA Social Committee Affiliation with Halloween Event

A motion was approved (13-0) that our Social Committee give the event strong support.

7th Annual City Park Festival of the Arts Presentation: Paul Weiss

Paul, Carla Madison's husband, said Carla started it as the "City Park West Fest" as a way to increase that association's membership. In 2001 and 2002, they worked closely with other neighborhood associations. A neighborhood association table became a way to recruit for memberships. Paul described this year's event in detail.

Vote on SCPNA Staffing for Booth at the Festival

A motion was approved (12-0-1 abstain) that SCPNA staff a booth and use our block captains to promote the festival.

Business Development on Colfax-Discussion of Patio Issues

With the no smoking ban, restaurants are building patios and need to apply for several city permissions, including from Excise and Licenses. Existing city guidelines for patios do not provide enough protection for nearby neighborhoods, so neighborhood agreements are often sought. Negotiations between three entities (SCPNA, CHUN, Congress Park Neighbors) and the All Inn Rockbar owner Jesse Morreale never came to fruition. An agreement was not reached before a city deadline for objections; we objected, and a public hearing was set. Mr. Morreale then withdrew his application. The group called Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation has a subcommittee of legal people who are working on the roots of this patio trend and want a uniform policy--a city-wide ordinance.

Vote on a Motion to Determine SCPNA's General Stance on East Colfax Patios

The following motion was passed (13-1): "The South City Park Neighborhood Association (SCPNA) believes that the neighborhood-business community would be best served by a uniform policy governing all patios along East Colfax Avenue. We support the efforts of the Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation (INC) Patios Subcommittee that will hopefully lead to an improved citywide ordinance with provisions to protect the neighborhood-business community's quality of life. Until that day, SCPNA supports negotiations with businesses applying for a patio, leading to agreements providing such provisions."

*—Summarized by J. Slotta from Minutes taken by O.
Slotta*

**SOUTH CITY PARK NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION (SCPNA) SURVEY -- FALL 2007**

Date: _____ Household Membership? (y/n): _____
Name: _____ Address: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Opinion Poll - For Each Activity Below:

A. Please indicate the activity's importance to SCPNA as:
(1) Very Important (2) Somewhat Important (3) Not Important

B. Please indicate your personal availability for the activity as:
(1) Very Available (2) Somewhat Available (3) Not Available

<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>COMMENTS (IF ANY)</u>
		(ELECTED OFFICER AS:)	
_____	_____	PRESIDENT	
_____	_____	VICE PRESIDENT	
_____	_____	SECRETARY	
_____	_____	TREASURER	
_____	_____	BLOCK CAPTAIN	
_____	_____	SECURITY BLDG. ONSITE CONTACT	
		(COMMITTEE MEMBER OF:)	
_____	_____	HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT	
_____	_____	ZONING	
_____	_____	SOCIAL	
_____	_____	1601 COLORADO BOULEVARD	
		(DELEGATE/LIAISON TO:)	
_____	_____	CHUN (Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods)	
_____	_____	INC (Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation)	
_____	_____	CITY PARK ALLIANCE	
_____	_____	NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS	
_____	_____	NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS	
_____	_____	COLFAX LOCAL BUSINESSES	
		(PROJECT INVOLVEMENT)	
_____	_____	NEWSLETTER PRODUCTION	
_____	_____	NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION	
_____	_____	GENERAL MEETING PLANS	
_____	_____	WEBSITE DESIGN	
_____	_____	WEBSITE MAINTENANCE	
_____	_____	N'HOOD SAFETY PROGRAM	
_____	_____	MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION	
_____	_____	SCPNA BUDGET ANALYSIS	

(survey continues)

Opinion Poll - For each underlined topic below, please check best responses:

GENERAL MEETING DAY

- ☐ Saturday mornings (*current practice*)
 - ☐ Weekday evenings (*change*)
 - ☐ (*Other suggested change - please describe*) _____
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GENERAL MEETING FREQUENCY

- ☐ Every other month (*current practice*)
 - ☐ Once per quarter (*change*)
 - ☐ Once per year, plus more only as required (*change*)
 - ☐ (*Other suggested change - please describe*) _____
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NEWSLETTER FREQUENCY

- ☐ Every other month (*current practice*)
 - ☐ Once per quarter (*change*)
 - ☐ (*Other suggested change - please describe*) _____
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 - ☐ Paper copies delivered only to households requesting delivery (*change*)
 - ☐ Paper copies discontinued only to households requesting discontinuance (*change*)
 - ☐ (*Other suggested change-please describe*) _____
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SOUTH CITY PARK RESIDENTS WHO ARE VOLUNTEER CANDIDATES (please list)

SPECIFIC TALENTS THAT YOU'RE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING (please list)

SAVE THE DATE!



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2007
ALONG THE BLUEBIRD BEAT ON COLFAX

1-4PM KIDS EVENT
7PM-12AM ADULTS EVENT

A unique Colfax event where costumed kids can trick-o-treat safely at storefronts during the day and adults can partake in evening festivities including a costume contest, music, and many specials provided by Colfax bars and restaurants in the evening.

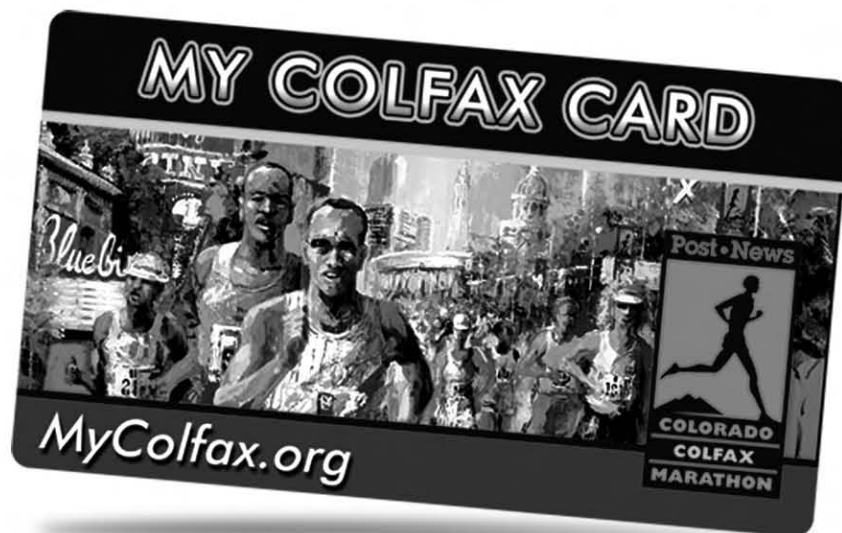
Don't forget your My Colfax Card!

For more information OR TO VOLUNTEER please visit
<http://www.bluebirdbeat.com/halloween>

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