

12th Annual Dictionary Drive Begins

Wow!! As we all take a deep breath and look forward to spring, the Dictionary Drive committee is planning for the autumn distribution of a dictionary and thesaurus of their own to every third-grade student in Denver Public School's 100 elementary schools. This has been a very successful and rewarding program for all who have been involved through the years. I know you will agree that being in the classrooms when each third-grader is given both a dictionary and thesaurus of their own is a fun and thrilling experience. We hope each of you is able to participate in the future.

The dictionary we will deliver to the students in 2007 has something for everyone. Dictionary words: "a" (article) used to indicate one before a noun to "zygote" (350 pages). Then there are the "e" words egg, exacerbate and excellent. "It is

truly amazing that out of twenty-six letters in the English language, there can be thousands of combinations of letters to make up the words in our vocabulary." Colista Moore

In addition, there is something for the scientist, mathematician, geographer, historian and astronomer with the periodic table, the multiplication-times-12 table, country and state maps and demographics, U.S. presidential biographies, and pictures and descriptions of the solar system. Current events perspectives are provided by the U.S. Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.

Our program also gives a thesaurus, the "dinosaur" book, to each third-grade student. It is a way for each student to find a different way to say the word big, marvelous, or zestful! At this point I could say "and whatnot" (something trivial or indefinite). However, although the education of some of our youngest citizens seems to be something left for others, it is not trivial and education is easier done now rather than later. So your support for this program is needed and greatly appreciated.

Each book will have a label signifying the student's school and neighborhood association(s). Last year neighborhood associations donated \$4,996. That was about 20 percent of our costs of the project. Please spread the word, pass the hat, have a yard sale, or anything else creative that neighborhoods always find to do when help and money are needed.

Our students are part of our neighborhoods and your support is greatly appreciated. Our twelfth year for the dictionary drive does not mean it is cheaper by the dozen, but through hard work and support, we have seen minimal increases in our expenses to provide 8,500 students and teachers this year these valuable life long learning tools.

Thank you and congratulations to Harvey Park Neighborhood Association for their generous donation and on being our first neighborhood to donate in 2007.

Donations can be sent to:
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INC Delegates' Meetings are held on
the second Saturday of each month at
8:45 a.m. See this issue for location.

The INC Executive Committee meets
monthly. All members are welcome.
Call the Chair for time and location.

Minutes of February Executive Committee

By Karen Cuthbertson, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Chair Dave Webster. In attendance were Executive Committee (EC) members Karen Cuthbertson, Al Habercorn, Charles Howard, Bill Johnston, Monique Lovato, and Anthony Thomas. Also in attendance were Standing/Special Committee Chairs Ken Beaudrie, Cathee Fisher, and Michael Henry. The January Minutes were approved. The Treasurer's report was approved.

Committee Reports:

- **Audit:** The Housekeeping Work Group presented the recommended 2007 INC Budget and a motion to adopt the draft was carried unanimously.
- **Dollar Dictionary (DD):** Cathee submitted an Xcel Energy grant-request for \$10K and will pursue Sam's Club and the Rotary Club. An application to the Kiwanis Club of Denver needs to be quickly submitted. Cathee did not have the proposed 2007 DD Budget ready. She will amend the recommended 2007 INC Budget with her and Steve's figures for the March meeting. DD needs to get on the Neighborhood Conference agenda.
- **Education:** A+ Denver has split up into three sub-committees but none has yet met.
- **Membership:** Fifty 2006 members have not renewed for 2007.
- **Newsletter:** Ken re-iterated that the deadline for articles for the newsletter is the 20th and asked for folks to remember that. Final draft for cases of late-breaking news will go to the Chair for approval.
- **Public Relations:** No report.
- **Public Safety:** Shepard Nevel, from Crestmoor Park, has volunteered to Chair the Public Safety committee. The committee plans to meet soon to strategize.
- **Transportation:** No report.

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Minutes of February Delegates Meeting

By Karen Cuthbertson, Secretary

INC delegates met February 10. Diane LaPierre, Denver Public Library, and Diane Young, from Councilwoman Peggy Lehmann's office, welcomed the delegates to the area.

Gertie Grant passed a petition for Doug Linkhart's campaign for City Council At-Large and the following also announced their candidacy for Council seats: Niccolo Casewit for District 3, and Carla Madison and Gregg Rasheed for District 8.

Councilman-At-Large Doug Linkhart reported that City Council is meeting to address the gang issue.



Marylyn Miller reports on the progress of the Infrastructure Priorities Taskforce.

Marilyn Miller, Capital Projects Director, reported on the progress of the Infrastructure Priorities Taskforce. All sub-committees except finance have returned their recommendations and those recommendations can be viewed online at www.denverinfrastructure.org. The Taskforce has identified trends; for example, the current infrastructure built circa World War II is getting to the end of its useful life and current funding is inadequate to keep up with maintenance much less to replace or improve.

The Taskforce has catalogued every asset, from trees to street signs to irrigations systems, etcetera, and assessed conditions. Three-hundred ninety million dollars is needed to get the backlog of projects completed but this does not address new projects (new libraries, roads, fire stations, etcetera.). The Taskforce is looking at what it will take to build, maintain, and or enhance instead of just building and then leaving the asset to deteriorate until it needs replacing.

The Taskforce's key findings are:

- Start "pay-as-you-go" policies and procedures.
- There exists a twenty-five million dollar gap in funding. Funding options include general fund transfer, lowering standards, selling assets, and or counting on return of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) monies upon expiration of TIF.
- Consider debt financing.

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Baker Historic N.A. – Resident volunteers helped serve food to homeless and needy people sponsored by one of our churches. We served about 130 people and it was a good community-building project.

Barnum – Greater participation is needed on Federal Boulevard from all neighbors including reaching new immigrants. Barnum and Villa Park residents are, ex facto, an urban design committee who must focus on a Transit-Oriented Design with rail-based and multi-modal lines. The bus and pedestrian infrastructure is in sub-standard condition.

Bonnie Brae N.A. – We thank nature for our newly (December) installed speed bumps. There has been no speedin gsince in Bonnie Brae. We are looking to the spring sprint thaw to plant trees.

Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods Inc. – CHUN has been helping Congress Park Neighbors residents attempts to stabilize the area by “right zoning” sections of Congress Park from R-3 to R-2. The City will have a public hearing on March 5th on the first rezoning application.

Cherry Creek North N.A. – Kathy Head, CCNNA board member, was awarded a CHUN “Good Neighbor” award for outstanding volunteer work.

Cherry Point H.O.A. – RTD is trying a new and experimental bus route (#A6) going northwest to southeast on Happy Canyon and north and south on Dahlia. We have been unable to hold neighborhood meetings as the ice and snow prevents on-street parking. At our next board meeting, everyone will have to park in the neighbors’ drive-ways. We would like feedback from neighborhoods that have established websites or chose not to. Please email your experience to TessHenry@aol.com. I sit as community representative on the Juvenile Restorative Justice Council. Ninety-five percent of the current cases I sit on are Graffiti Vandalism.

City Park West N.A. – We have a developer looking for a zoning change to allow more height than our overlay allows. We have requested that he landmark a historic structure in exchange for consideration of the additional 10 feet in building height.

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Alcohol in the Parks

Denver Parks and Recreation’s (P&R) proposed change in alcohol policy is to comply with state law. P&R will hold a public meeting and 30-day comment session to collect public feedback regarding changes to the department’s alcohol policy. The public hearing will take place from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 8 at the Montclair Civic Building located at 6820 E. 12th Avenue. This meeting will be part of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting beginning at 6:00 pm.

In 2006, P&R adopted a policy related to the consumption, serving, and sale of alcoholic beverages in its parks and facilities. One aspect of this policy addressed races and walks that occur in Denver parks. The initial policy allowed a race or walk organizer to set up a defined area near the finish line where only race participants could enter and be served 3.2 beer, wine, and champagne. It has since been discovered that State Liquor Laws consider this arrangement illegal since they consider the race and walk entry fees an “indirect payment” for the alcoholic beverages therefore requiring a liquor license. In order to remain consistent with the initial intent of the policy, P&R is proposing a change to the policy that requires that the race organizer obtain a Special Events Liquor License from the Denver Department of Excise and Licenses. All laws, rules, and regulations regarding obtaining a Special Events Liquor License from Excise and Licenses will apply.

The new policy will expand the allowable alcoholic beverages to beer, wine, and champagne. It will also allow the sale of these beverages as compared to the original policy that only allowed the serving of 3.2 beers. In addition, the new policy will allow anyone in attendance to purchase or be served these alcoholic beverages as compared to the original policy that restricted service to race participants.

Public feedback will be taken into consideration in drafting the final policy amendment through Monday, April 9 at 5:00 p.m. Authority to establish governing rules and regulations for P&R is vested with The Manager of Parks and Recreation. Written comments can be submitted to: Denver Parks and Recreation, Manager’s Office, Department 601, Denver, CO 80202.

For more information, contact Brenda Marquez, 720-913-0739. To view the policy in full, please visit: <http://www.denvergov.org/portals/476/documents/alcoholpolicy.pdf>.

“Leadership is more than technique, though techniques are necessary. In a sense, management is prose; leadership is poetry....The manager thinks of today and tomorrow. The leader must think of the day after tomorrow. A manager represents a process. The leader represents a direction of history.

Richard Nixon, *Leaders*, 1982.

7,000 Trees in 7 Days

Tree-by-tree: The Metro Million—Join The Effort To Plant 7,000 Trees in 7 Days. Mark your calendar now to participate in "Tree-by-Tree: The Metro Million" being launched with a drive to plant 7,000 trees in seven days across metro Denver from April 21 to 28. You can add to the count by planting a tree on your property or participating in one of the many planting events across the Front Range. Call 311 or visit denvergov.org/311 for information.

One Million Trees across Metro Denver. The "Metro Million" idea was initiated by Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper and now is supported by mayors of 38 other communities - from Longmont to Castle Rock and Bennett to Golden - who have expressed the desire to plant and care for up to a million trees over the next 20 years along the Front Range. Trees help save energy, improve air and water quality, and increase property values. In Denver, the goal is to increase the tree canopy from six to 18 percent over 20 years.

Have a tree-planting party. If you would like to coordinate a neighborhood planting, The Park People, a non-profit tree-planting organization, can provide street-tree request-forms for you and your neighbors to complete. Then you can organize your planting effort around a block party or barbecue to celebrate the transformation of your block or neighborhood. The Neighborhood Resource Center provides mini-block grants for community-building events. Call 303-477-0023 or send an email to sarah@nrc-neighbor.org to find out about block party grants.

Street-trees for Denver residents are just \$20 each and the deadline for requesting low-cost or free street-trees through Denver Digs Trees is March 9. Tree request forms are available on The Park People's website at www.theparkpeople.org or call 303-722-6262. All available tree varieties have been selected for their adaptability to Denver's climate. Trees will be distributed April 21 at six convenient Denver locations.

Volunteer. If you would like to be a volunteer for Denver Digs Trees, contact The Park People by phone or email. You can help a senior citizen plant a tree or work at a tree-distribution site.

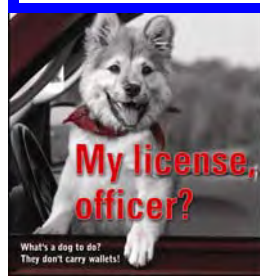
Plant the Right Tree in the Right Place. Xcel Energy encourages placement and maintenance of trees for good tree health, electric reliability, and conservation and offers a FREE 20-page guide, *Plant a Better Future*, which will help you select, plant, and care for the trees on your

property. Please visit www.xcelenergy.com and search for "Right Tree" or call 1-800-895-4999 for your copy.

The benefits of planting trees:

- Properly placed, correct species of trees lower cooling costs for your home and can shelter your home from wind in winter.
- Trees can enhance property value by as much as 15 percent and provide privacy and shade.
- Trees help improve air quality by trapping air pollution and absorbing carbon dioxide that contributes to global warming.
- Tree roots help hold soil in place thereby reducing erosion and contributing to water conservation and quality.

Pet Licenses Online



Until our pets develop the ability to ask for directions, the Denver Municipal Animal Shelter can help ease your mind! A pet license for your dog or cat means a quicker reunion for owner and pet if you are separated. Now you can license your family pet anytime you want –

online at www.denvergov.org/petlicense.

The city's shelter can trace your pet's information 24/7 and contact you to pick up your lost pup or kitty if they have a Denver license. A one-year license is \$10; a three-year version is \$30. Proof of rabies is required and can be entered online.

A license is required for each dog and cat over the age of six months for Denver residents. This small fee offers great peace of mind if your pet is ever lost. The license database has all of the contact information you provide that will reconnect you with your pet if it is brought into a shelter. If you prefer, you can still mail the proof of vaccination to the Denver Municipal Animal Shelter or you can stop by 678 South Jason Street near Alameda Avenue and Platte River Drive.

Denver Animal Care and Control advises residents to have as much identification as possible on your pet: name-tag, microchip, rabies tag, and Denver pet license. No one system is infallible.

Contact: Doug Kelley, Denver Municipal Animal Shelter, at 303-698-0097 or Ellen Dumm, Denver Environmental Health, at 720-865-5429.

Data Corrections

Keep INC informed of changes in your organization's president and delegates. Notify the membership chair at 303-798-9306 or kbeaudrie@totalspeed.net

Organizations and persons not affiliated with INC should communicate their desire to obtain this newsletter or submit address changes to the secretary at 303-936-9206 or athmarpark@ecentral.com

Zoning Code Forum

The Zoning Code Task Force hosts a community forum on residential development in Denver's established neighborhoods on Wednesday, March 7, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Room 4. F.6 and 4.G.2 of the Webb Municipal Office Building, 201 West Colfax Avenue.

- What is Blueprint Denver's vision for established residential areas designated as Areas of Stability?
- How effective have past zoning fixes such as the "pop-top" ordinance and "Quick Wins I and II" been in addressing residential development issues and what still needs to be done?
- What regulatory tools are available now and how can they help us achieve our future vision?
- How is the citywide Zoning Code Update addressing residential development issues and what is next?

Join a community conversation to answer these questions and more that are related to residential development and rezoning. A panel of representatives from the Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation, the Denver Community Planning and Development Department, the Denver Board of Realtors, and the Homebuilders Association of Metropolitan Denver will discuss policies, procedures, and effectiveness of various regulatory approaches. A range of topics will be covered including R-3 to R-2 and R-2 to R-1 rezoning, legislative zoning map amendments, "pattern books," overlay districts (including zoning and landmark preservation), and demolition permit process improvements. After the panel discussion, the forum will conclude with a question and answer session.

Because meeting space is limited, attendees are asked to r.s.v.p. by contacting Valentina Guereca at 720-865-3223 or at Valentina.Guereca@ci.denver.co.us no later than Friday, March 2.

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- Zoning and Planning: EC and Committee Chairs signed the Public Participation Position statement. Mike is to invite Amber Callendar to address some of the issues.
- Housekeeping Work Group Report: Bill presented the Group's final report. Internal audit recommendations included approval of a monthly cash flow report, charging the work group with development of financial guidelines and procedures, and directing the Treasurer to prepare the IRS 990 form. Al will proceed with preparation of the 990 form. The work group presented a recommended 2007 INC Budget that includes both the INC Operating and DDD accounts. A motion to adopt the recommended budget was carried unanimously. The Dollar Dictionary Drive (DDD) Budget was prepared after a comprehensive review and analysis of DDD expenditures over the past three years. The

cost of books in the DDD budget was questioned. The budget for books was based on the projected October number of third-grade students plus 20 percent and the work group believes that any more would be excessive. The budget can be amended if further analysis suggests that a larger book budget is required.

- INC Presidents Dinner: The date is tentatively set for Thursday, April 19th. Dave will check that Johnson and Wales University can support that date. Monique has asked Ann Macklin, former Boston City Planner, if she could speak. It was suggested she would be more valuable as a Neighborhood Conference speaker. Monique will also ask a local comedian about speaking.

Free Concerts at DU

The following are free concerts offered by the Lamont School of Music at the University of Denver's Newman Center, 2344 E Iliff Avenue. Free parking is usually available in the Center's garage.

March 1, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Wind and String Chamber Ensemble in the Hamilton Recital Hall.

March 4, 4 to 5:30 p.m. Lamont Chorale and Lamont Ensemble Concert in the Gates Concert Hall.

March 5, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Lamont Vocal Arts Ensemble in the Hamilton Recital Hall.

March 6, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Lamont Symphony solo honors winners in the Gates Concert Hall. Note: While the event is free, tickets must be obtained in advance at the box office in the Newman Center.

March 7, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Lamont Wind Ensemble in the Gates Concert Hall.

March 9, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Zachary Greating, tenor, in the Hamilton Recital Hall.

March 10, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Peter Auricchio, trumpet, in the Williams Recital Salon.

March 11, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Lamont Composer's Concert in the Hamilton Recital Hall.

"Our American system of government by lobbyist guarantees us a form of taxation with representation that the founding fathers did not foresee: special interests get the representation while the broad public gets the taxation."
Alan S. Blinder, *Hard Head, Soft Hearts: Tough-Minded Economics for a Just Society*, 1987

"Lobbies exist to behave swinishly on behalf of people too delicate to behave swinishly for themselves....Most lobbies are too worldly to whine when someone notices their snouts in the trough lapping up the slops."
Russell Baker, "Snouts in the Slops,"

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- Consider setting up a capital fund.
- Keep renewing current mill levies.
- Get voter approval to increase mill levies to fund enhancements.
- Have public participation in identifying projects and priorities.
- Insist that proponents of new projects identify sources of funding for maintenance and enhancements.

Public meetings, surveys, and etcetera are scheduled for the end of March (the specific meeting dates and locations are not on the online calendar yet).

There was a suggestion that online lists have summaries of identified projects. Ms. Miller agreed to do that.

Ms. Miller answered the following questions:

Question: Are the dollars shown for projects that qualify for matching funds listed with or without the matching funds?

Answer: Projects are listed as net cost to the city.

Question: Will there be a requirement to fund sidewalks as part of bond issues?

Answer: The City needs to address that issue citywide rather than as part of individual bonds. The City's pedestrian plan has been "in the works" for many years and Public Works is aware that it needs to be completed.

Question: Is the Strategic Transportation Plan finished yet?

Answer: No.

Liz Gardener, manager, Water Conservation, Denver Water, spoke about Enhanced Water Conservation. Ms. Gardener reported that the Water Board is meeting the week of Feb 12th to decide on water rates for 2007 and handed out an overview of conservation planning for the future. The overview is available for online viewing at www.denverwater.org (click on "Conservation"). Key to the conservation effort is the need to educate the public regarding fixing leaking toilets, sprinklers, and etcetera and that conservation is not free. Ms. Gardener noted that the City of Denver understands that a key to the success of any water conservation effort is to have the City be committed to getting City buildings and personnel practicing what they preach. Denver Water is also targeting businesses and looking at parks and other currently sodded areas that can be xeriscaped and or returned to natural prairie land. Ms. Gardener answered the following questions:

Question: Why was the 1998 bond money designated for fixing park sprinklers and irrigation systems not used for that?

Answer: Gardener did not know the answer.

Question: Why are medians not xeriscaped?

Answer: Xeriscape plantings are not very salt-tolerant consequently they do not do well in most medians although there are some places where it would make sense.

Question: Has there been any thought to increasing water-conservation standards for new home construction?

Answer: Denver Water is not a part of the Certificate of Occupancy procedure but we are proposing regulations regarding new construction soil-amendment standards so that sod is not laid over compacted or sandy soils that require much more water.

Question: Many elderly customers may be physically incapable of fixing leaks. Is there information on how to obtain help when they need it instead of letting leaks continue?

Answer: Denver Water is pursuing community-based social marketing.

Question: Is there a hotline to report offenders?

Answer: 303-628-6343.

Gary Price, a representative from Public Works, requested that residents help clean up litter that will soon be exposed as ice melts. A delegate expressed a concern that some vehicles being used to help with snow removal, e.g., trash trucks, are not adequate for the task. The representative replied that Public Works is not doing that anymore.

Monique Lovato, INC and Xcel Energy, and Joan Wilson, Community Outreach, Parks and Recreation, reported on the kick-off of the "7000 Trees in 7 Days" program during April 19th through 28th. Ms. Lovato suggested that INC members have neighborhood competitions and or contests. So far, 8,000 drought-resistant trees are scheduled for planting. The campaign needs 2,700 volunteers with 375 currently recruited. Arbor Day in West Washington Park will witness the replacement of 250 trees. The goal is to increase Denver's canopy from the current 6 percent to 18 percent. Right-of-way tree planting efforts are starting in September.

Ms. Lovato is the INC representative to the Greenprint Denver initiative – a 20-year effort. Ms. Lovato noted that residents can apply to the Neighborhood Resource Center (NRC) for grants to support neighborhood activities. The following questions were fielded:

Question: Is the City thinking about transplanting current trees on properties being scraped for redevelopment into parks?

Answer: It would depend on the tree.

Question: Are there requirements that these trees be planted next to streets?

Answer: There are multiple free and low-cost tree programs. The "7000 Tree" program does not care if trees are planted in back or side yards. The City's street-tree program through Denver Digs Trees (DDT) does require that trees be planted where it will shade the street. However, DDT tree-sale trees can be planted anywhere.

Question: Can citizens plant trees in a parkway right-of-way without the consent of the adjacent property owner?

Answer: No; however, the City can plant on the right-of-

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way without consent.

Joan Wilson, Program Manager, Parks and Recreation (P&R), reported that P&R is pursuing a policy change regarding the sale of beer and hard liquor in the parks after marathons. The change would affect only races and walks and the alcohol would have to be served and consumed in the designated area only. The change would require event sponsors to purchase a Special Events license from Excise and Licenses. Another change is that the sale and consumption would be available to anyone, not just marathon participants as originally negotiated. There is a public meeting scheduled on March 8th at 6820 East 12th Avenue from 6 to 8 p.m. See the separate article on this subject. The following questions were answered:

Question: What number of events and parks this will affect?

Answer: Only the parks where race and walks occur; i.e., Bear Creek Park and Trail, Berkeley Park, Bible Park, Cheesman Park, Cherry Creek Trail, City of Cuernavaca Park, City Park and Esplanade, Confluence Park, Gates Crescent Park, Red Rocks Park, South Platte River Trail, Washington Park, and the Civic Center. Ms. Wilson did not know the number events this change will affect.

Question: Why are we going through this again when Denver residents are overwhelmingly against this policy in the first place? Additionally, the original intent for race and walks was that only the participants could have the beer. Now P&R is going ahead and instituting the more egregious policy anyway. Why is Kim Bailey not listening?

Answer: The event sponsors wanted it and Ms. Bailey is listening to them. (There was a comment that Denver probably does not need to care about losing a sponsor or two if the only reason the sponsor is refusing to come is because they can not get liquor sale revenue.)

Question: Who is responsible for clean-up and security?

Answer: The event sponsor is responsible for clean-up. Security requirements are not specified. There was a suggestion that the Special Event license require the event sponsor to provide security.

Question: How much money are these events generating?

Answer: The answer was unknown. Amber Callendar of the Mayor's office will pursue the answer.

Councilwoman-At-Large Carol Boigon asked for a straw poll on the Mayor's proposal of making an 8 to 10 million dollar investment in large and small ice removal equipment. Is this an investment the City should make? During the discussion, the following points were raised:

Question: Why not hire private contractors on a contingency basis.

Answer: Large equipment operators generally are not experienced in clearing streets. We are waiting to see if the contractors have caused street damage.

Question: Has Denver establish a metro-wide investment

with other cities to help each other out during these rare emergency events?

Answer: No, but that is a good idea.

Question: Who is responsible for ensuring public transportation stops are accessible and that plowed snow is not left in front of bus stops?

Answer: Public Works, Parks and Recreation, and RTD are responsible and they did not work together. The City is committed to changing that.

Comment: We need a multi-pronged approach. Educate about and enforce snow routes. Educate homeowners to clear streets and sidewalks.

Comment: We need to go back and re-institute old policies that allowed snowplow operators to make judgments about plowing secondary streets and educating snowplow operators so that snow is not plowed onto sidewalks and left in front of bus stops.

Comment: A resident telephoned Caterpillar in Commerce City and asked if anyone from Denver had called about renting their ice-clearing equipment and the answer was "no" so the City's assertion that equipment not available is not true.

Straw Poll results:

- ▶ Don't spend the money - 100% voted no.
- ▶ Do spend the money - 100% voted no.
- ▶ Find a hybrid solution of enforcement and education with private contractors hired only as needed - 100% voted yes.

The Zoning and Planning (ZAP) Committee's proposal for "Public Participation" was presented for Delegation consideration. ZAP would like to send the proposal to all Cabinet heads, City Council, and the Mayor and strongly urge the Mayor to hold their department heads accountable. There was a discussion about the problem with some of the Mayor's departmental appointees who do not know Denver history and do not know that Denver residents have historically helped craft policy. It was recommended that all RNOs should send individual letters as well as INC. The motion to send the proposal carried by the following vote: 28 in favor, two abstained, one opposed. Amber re-iterated that it is her job to do just what this letter stated and that she would prefer that INC involve her more. It was suggested that a standing agenda item regarding "Increasing Public Participation" be established.

A Delegate noted that the Planning Board is not notifying RNOs of matters of interest and that RNOs should regularly check the Planning Board agendas (www.denvergov.org/planning_board) so that residents don't miss an important point of public participation. ●

"Leaders are people who do the right thing; managers are people who do things right. Both roles are crucial, but they differ profoundly. I often observe people in top positions doing the wrong thing well."

Warren Bennis, *Why Leaders Can't Lead: The Unconscious Conspiracy Continues*, 1989

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Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation

2007 Membership Application

INC is a consortium of Denver neighborhood representatives who believe that neighborhood organizations deserve a greater participation in city government and possess a shared vision that individual neighborhoods are stronger when they work together and learn from one another. **To join as a member neighborhood organization, the organization must be registered with the city as a Registered Neighborhood Organization. Log on to Denvergov.org for details. The names of Patron members and associates are listed in bold in our newsletter.**



Join as a voting neighborhood organization: Regular Member (\$35) ☐ Patron (\$75) ☐
See below to apply as an INC Associate

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Address: _____
Borders: North _____ East _____
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Phone: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____ President is a voting delegate: ☐
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Delegate Name _____
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Join as a non-voting supporting Associate : Regular (\$20) ☐ Patron (\$75) ☐

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Cory-Merrill N.A. – There is still concern regarding the lack of a coherent sidewalk policy from Public Works. There will be a discussion at our March 7th board meeting with the developer of the construction plans for the corner of Louisiana and Clayton that is the only B-2 zone in an otherwise R-1 neighborhood. A “thank you” to the City’s only two traffic control officers who helped solve an ongoing Cory-Merrill traffic problem.

Greater Mar Lee Comm. Org. – We were notified this past week that Johnson Elementary was failing and DPS was going to restructure. Parents are angry that this is the first they are hearing about it. Several neighbors who complained to NIS about un-shoveled sidewalks were told NIS does not ticket for that violation. 311 operators suggested that the callers (one caller being in her mid 80’s) go shovel the offending sidewalks themselves. A neighbor was shot with a “BB” gun while cleaning graffiti off his property. The Denver Public Library is changing how our neighborhood library is servicing its customers. The branch library is now a Spanish-language branch. To do this, many services for the community have been reduced or eliminated from the branch. Why cannot the previous services be available at the same time as the new services?

Hampden South Neighborhood Assn. 4011 S. Ouebec Street - This house is vacant again. No snow removal. The office of our councilwoman will be contacted for help. Councilwomen's Business Dinner - Councilwoman Peggy Lehman invited all of the officers of the neighborhood associations in her district to attend a business dinner with her staff and representatives of our City at the Four Point Sheraton hotel. The program was very informative, an excellent contact between HOA's and her office and the City. Two-hundred versus the Police Communication Tower - The City wanted to build a communication tower in vicinity of Happy Canyon Road and Quincy. This plan created a large opposition by the residents. The public pressure and help from our Councilwomen was successful. The planned tower has been relocated to the Four Point Sheraton Hotel located at I-25 and

Hampden. This location has the best communication visibility due to the area's vertical elevation.

Lowry Comm. Master Assn. – Neighbors have organized to protect Hanger #2, a Lowry historic and district building that has been considered for demolition for a housing project. Protection of the “white elephant” has mobilized the ’hood and will give the whole neighborhood a chance to be heard – and to organize. A developer has withdrawn plans, for now, but they promise to be back. But so will we! Stay tuned.

North City Park Civic Assn. – We’re working on the Free Tree program for Skyland to help elders green their yards. A new restaurant, Cora Faye’s Southern Food (2861 Colorado Blvd), is mostly catering and to-go but she added seating recently for eat-in.

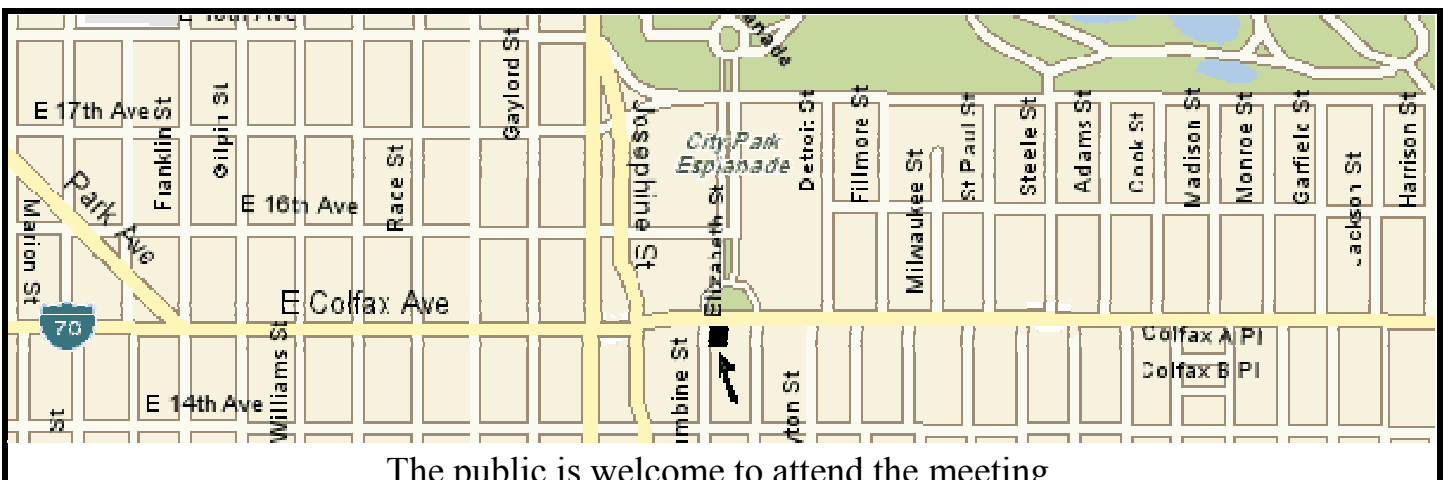
The Five Points Historic Assn. – The community is please to host Five Points Jazz on April 28th. Enjoy a fun-filled day of jazz, the legendary music that America calls its own. There will be several new venues along the Welton Street Cultural District with styles in the whole spectrum -from Dixieland to swing. Do not miss this event!

South City Park N.A. – The Bluebird Theater is changing to a new management company, AEG-Live Rocky Mountains, which is related to the Anshutz group. This new company has agreed to abide by a 1993 agreement between the Bluebird and several neighborhood organizations including ours.

University Park Comm. Council – We are fine-tuning input for the UP Plan and working on an application for Landmark designation for Fitzroy Place. There is considerable construction in progress. The “Prairie Park” name was approved by City Council. We are studying the impact of light rail.

Virginia Vale Comm. Assn. – The neighborhood is growing and changing. Small, older homes that are not up-to-code are being scraped off and nice, new, reasonably priced homes being built. The area is becoming updated.

West University Comm. Assn. – We are having a Council District 7 Candidates Forum March 17th. ●



**Meeting Saturday
March 10th**
The public
is welcome to attend.

**Tattered Cover Books
2526 E Colfax Ave
Free Parking
In Garage**

See map on page 11

8:45

Coffee and Chat

9:00

Elections of INC Officers

Denver Dog Licensing Re-
quirements

Mike Collins will speak
about the Colfax Marathon

Strategic Transportation
Plan Update

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