

A+ Committee Draft Resolution

The diverse 100-person A+ Committee is headed by past mayors Federico Peña and Wellington Webb as well as Ann Bye Rowe, DPS parent and board chair of the Colorado Children's Campaign, for the purpose of supporting Denver Public Schools (DPS) reform to make DPS into the best public school system in the country. In addition, there are several foundations and other community-based organizations represented. All have given hours of time, studied tons of, for the most part, very reliable data, and listened to many discussions.

A+ has made presentations at INC in recognition of the serious neighborhood impacts of school closings. The DPS Board of Education will consider voting on recommendations of the Finance and Facilities subcommittee at its August meeting or shortly thereafter although no physical changes will be made in the schools until the 2008-09 school year. We are proposing an INC position for presentation at the August 11 general association meeting.

The following is a draft of a possible motion to be discussed, edited, and approved at the August INC meeting:

"Whereas 30,000 Denver school-age children do not attend Denver Public schools; whereas the School District's budget cannot sustain itself given the present long-term trend of declining enrollment; whereas the Denver Public School system is threatened with possible financial insolvency; and whereas, this trend cannot be reversed quickly, even with strong academic changes, therefore

INC supports the recommendations and criteria presented to the community by the A+ Denver Finance and Facilities Committee for closures, consolidation, realignment, and reprogramming - particularly for schools with low enrollment and poor academic performance provided that the money saved by these changes is used to improve student achievement for children impacted by the changes and across the board for all DPS students. INC recommends to Denver Public Schools that these recommendations be:

- Applied in geographic clusters, such as Northwest, Southwest, Southeast, Near Northeast, and Far Northeast because each section of the city has different needs, current resource levels, and population dynamics;
- Accompanied by detailed implementation and transition plans so that parents and students know in advance what is happening at which schools and what their choices are or will be;

- Followed by a rigorous assessment strategy and program so that the community will know what results were obtained from any changes.

INC further recommends they be implemented:

- As part of an open, participatory, two-way communication process involving the community at large, parents, and Denver's neighborhoods that informs, listens, and responds to questions and concerns. Two good examples of this are (1) the model used by the city of Denver for zoning and permit applications and (2) the process used at A+ in a series of recent community meetings; and

- That all individuals, neighborhoods, community organizations, and schools be treated in an equitable manner."

All INC members have access to the

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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.

Executive Committee Minutes

The meeting was called to order on July 9th at 6:30 p.m. Present were: Larry Ambrose, Ken Beaudrie, Al Habercorn, Mike Henry, Charles Howard, Steve Nissen, Dave Webster, and Brad Zeig. The June minutes were distributed. Approval was put off until everyone had a chance to digest them.

Treasurer Halbercorn reported INC is doing well. There is \$30,008.48 in all accounts in the bank. There is more than \$6,000 in the checking account. Larry Ambrose suggested that the bulk of these funds be placed in a money market where it would earn at least some interest. It was agreed that someone, at some time, should look into this. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's report. It passed.

A motion was made to approve the June minutes as amended as follows: "Proposed subject for meeting, Infrastructure Task Force." The motion was seconded and "do passed."

A discussion of the Dollar Dictionary project ensued. Labels need to be updated. Charles is waiting for the labels. As of July 6, all RNO's are being acknowledged. The name of the applicable RNO's is placed on the dictionaries in geographic areas where they are passed out.

We applied for a grant from Xcel for the dictionary drive. Dave will follow up on the status. There was some detailed discussion regarding how many dictionaries are to be distributed and where. Larry will check on why Brown Elementary School's Principal did not want the dictionaries and why she did not respond to questions.

Membership was discussed. Ken said membership forms were emailed to all RNO's and memberships were solicited at the Neighborhood Citywide Conference in June. He was not sure if we have any new members. The idea that the City might help solicit membership was brought up. Although this could be a double-edged sword, Dave will talk to Julius Zasko about options.

Newsletter – Dave will do an article about the Citywide Conference. Mike pointed out the impressive distribution of attendance from a plethora of neighborhoods. Ken is having trouble with emails coming back from the City. Everyone was confident he would figure out the problem.

Mike will publish the ZAP Ruby Hill letter he sent to Council in the Newsletter along with results of the July 9 vote.

The INC Dinner will probably be moved from November to January or February 2008. Volunteers are needed. The Denver Metro Convention and Visitors Bureau (DMCVB) has made possible the Dinner in the past. Dave and Larry will visit Bill Mitchell to see if the DMCVB will

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Minutes of the Delegates Meeting

The meeting was called to order on July 14th at 9 a.m. at the Community Room of the Mount Loretto Apartments.

Regina Huerter, Executive Director of the Crime Prevention and Control Commission, presented regarding the mission, directives, authority, and goals of the Commission and the strategic priorities of the Metro Denver Gang Coalition. The goal of the Commission is to reduce the need for jail beds through recidivism reduction and community satisfaction. Youth crime prevention is to be accomplished through education, reduction of child abuse, family accountability and interventions, and curfew enforcement. In general, they City aims to hold young people accountable. The criminal justice system has become a holding place for the mentally ill. The City is involved with faith-based service providers in the area of adult reentry.

Ms. Huerter said gangs and graffiti are symptoms of other things that are taking place on the street. Some gangs have 4th generation members. The members have been taught gang values by their parents, grandparents, and great grandparents. Zipcode areas 80219 and 80205 are gang hot-spots. Huerter says emphasis is being placed on prevention, intervention, enforcement, and developing an infrastructure for organizations to collaborate on implementing integrated and effective interventions. The City will work with DPS which has been "proactive in dealing with kids." The City is dealing with graffiti through enforcement and abatement.

Dennis Gallagher pitched the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Festival at 37th and Navajo. He said the festival has not changed since the Chauncey Smaldone attended during prohibition. In his inimitable style, he announced that he had been encouraging kids who do graffiti to be more creative by tagging in calligraphy.

John Hambright, Program Fellow from the Mayor's Greenprint Denver Office, presented a "Draft Climate Action Plan" developed by the Greenprint Advisory Council. The plan's intent is to "set goals and guiding principles." Goals include qualitative goals and deadlines and making Denver a national leader by example. Actions include "incentivizing" energy consumption, penalizing consumers for using too much energy, and establishing a community bank to make loans for home energy efficiency. Much more can be gleaned by visiting www.greenprintdenver.org.

The following were comments from the membership:

- RTD's practice of giving light rail parking to developers is having the effect of discouraging taking mass transit instead of driving.
- Xcel is not on the same page as Greenprint – doesn't

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ZAP Committee Minutes

The INC Zoning and Planning (ZAP) Committee met July 28. Peter Park, the Community Planning and Development (CPD) Manager, spoke about changes that have been made at CPD to improve the planning and the permitting processes. A greater volume of work now can be accomplished and with more clarity. He distributed charts, lists, and a map of Area Plans—both Neighborhood/Small Area Plans (SAPs) and Transit Oriented Development. Please go to www.denvergov.org/planning for links to this information or call CPD at 720-865-2915.

Steve Gordon is now the Comprehensive Planning Manager at CPD and reported on the status of various plans. He said that periodic assessments for neighborhoods are made including updates of statistics and trends and reference to new city strategies and regulations. These include the Strategic Parking Plan, Transportation Plan, Living Streets Initiative, and others.

The goals are to think in broader terms—State, US, and global; to improve communication with citizens; establish a review process for SAPs; and interface with Neighborhood Inspections. Future projects include the extended Speer-Leetsdale corridor, Arapahoe Square, Ball Park, University Hills, an update of citywide needs, and reviews of Blueprint Denver and River North plans. ZAP was reminded that SAPs are “guidelines” and not mandates for city action. Perhaps we need to propose legislation to give

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Rezoning Notification

Many registered neighborhood organizations have requested that Community Planning and Development circulate notices of rezoning applications via e-mail. As neighborhoods have experienced with e-mail notices now circulated by the Board of Adjustment for Zoning Appeals, electronic information is easy for you to forward to others for comment while avoiding the photocopy expense, postage, and delay of printed notifications. In addition to the added convenience for neighborhoods, the electronic distribution is a more cost efficient and environmentally friendly way for the City to do business.

Notices of rezoning applications will be circulated via e-mail starting on August 1st. We will continue to provide printed notice of rezoning applications for those registered neighborhood organizations that prefer it. It is especially important for registered neighborhood organizations to maintain a correct e-mail address and contact person with our office. Changes should be forwarded directly to Julius. Zsako@DenverGov.Org.

Future rezoning applications will be published on www.DenverGov.Org/Rezoning starting on August 1st. In the event an application is received for a property that is

located within 200 feet of a registered neighborhood organization’s boundary, Joel Pousson will notify the RNO contact person by e-mail fifteen days in advance of the scheduled Planning Board meeting at which the application is to be discussed.

Please remember that all organizations are required to re-register each year between December 1st and January 31st. I will be in touch again in December concerning the mandatory annual re-registration.

Thank you. Julius Zsako, Communications Director, Denver Community Planning and Development.

Zoning Code Update

The Zoning Code Task Force and Denver Community Planning and Development Department are hosting a series of community briefings in August to:

- Report on the Zoning Code Update progress to date.
- Present the proposed new zoning approach to protecting established neighborhood character in Denver’s areas of stability.
- Present an overview of the revised Zoning Code’s structure and content, highlighting proposed major changes and revisions.

Please attend the session most convenient for you.

Central Denver – Wednesday, August 22, 4:30 to 6 p.m., Colorado Convention Center (3rd Floor), 700 14th Street.

Southeast Denver – Wednesday, August 22, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Kirk of Bonne Brae, 1201 S. Steele Street.

Southwest Denver – Thursday, August 23, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Barnum Recreation Center, 360 Hooker Street.

Northwest Denver – Wednesday, August 29, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Lake Middle School, 1820 Lowell Boulevard.

Northeast Denver – Thursday, August 30, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Location to be Determined and posted on www.denverGov.Org/ZoningCodeUpdate.

Background: The Zoning Code Update is making steady progress in the effort to bring Denver’s current regulations into closer alignment with desired development patterns envisioned in adopted plans such as the Denver Comprehensive Plan 2000 and Blueprint Denver. Early accomplishments include the launch of a web-enabled zoning map that provides customers and city staff with more convenient, efficient, and accurate access to information. (Visit www.denvergov.org and select “Denver Maps,” then “Property,” then “Zoning,” and enter a property address.) Other accomplishments include completion of a “Diagnostic Report” that comprehensively evaluates the strengths and weaknesses of Denver’s existing Zoning Code and an “Annotated Outline” that summarizes the revised code’s new organization and describes major changes and recommended revisions. Learn more at: www.DenverGov.Org/ZoningCodeUpdate.



Athmar Park NA- AP's gearing up for our 17th annual neighborhood-wide picnic on August 26th from noon to 4 p.m. at Huston lake Park on the corner of Kentucky and Vallejo. Y'all come down now, y'hear?

Baker Historic NA - Baker Blooms Community Gardens was renewed for another five years. Worked with an ad agency to remove an oversized billboard near Broadway and Alameda.

Bonnie Brae Neighborhood Association

The Bonnie Brae Wine Club, in its tenth month, continues to be a great social event for our neighborhood. In zoning news, we have been fortunate to be able to gather an architect, an attorney, a builder, and a couple of developers to help operate a Zoning Committee for the neighborhood association. They have already had the opportunity to listen to the building and renovation plans of a couple of neighbors and subsequently have gotten the support from the association on the plans that had been submitted to the City. Although homeowners are by no means required to submit plans to this group, they are encouraged to contact this learned group thus possibly helping their cause with the city.

Our 14th annual neighborhood picnic is going to be held on Sunday, August 26, at our local "Circle Park" in the middle of Bonnie Brae. We have seen a trend towards more families with young children and have seen increased attendance over the last couple of years. Happy summer!

Cheesman Park - Great People's Fair. Over 300,000 attended. It was fun and safe with great weather. The Cheesman Park Fourth of July Kid's Parade saw 150 kids participate. Fire trucks and mounted police were in attendance.

Congress Park Neighbors - There is concern with noise from outdoor patios along East Colfax. We are working

with the city on the problem of high crime around 13th and Colorado Boulevard condos. A non-resident owner has 4 units at this location. There have been about 60 arrests at this location in the last 18 months. The City Attorney's Office refuses to enforce nuisance abatement laws at this location due to the fact that most illegal activity takes place in the alley and hallways that are common areas. These units are inhabited by known gang members. The halls and alley are covered in gang graffiti. The owner has stated to the DPD that activity at this location is not her concern. The HOA is basically non-existent. We welcome any ideas that other community organizations may have based on similar experiences.

Golden Triangle Museum District - The GTMD neighborhood will have a new post office in August as a part of the new Judicial Center development. The GTMD and the other neighborhood.

Greater Mar Lee - We have been working with Ruby Hill, Godsman, and Athmar Park on the Xcel Energy/Ruby Hill view plane.

Hampden South Neighborhood Association

Staples Office Supply and Starbucks Coffee: Construction has been completed on both and the Office Supply and the Coffee house are ready for business. Both businesses are very nice and possess pleasant architectural design and quality construction.

7180 East Hampden Ave. Rezoning: The Blockbuster store relocation to Tamarack Square location is in progress and close to completion. July 23 is the scheduled public hearing date. The HOA and the Council Women's office has no objection regarding the rezoning, demolition of the out-of-business India Cousin Restaurant and construction a new Walgreen store.

Southmore Vine and Spirit: The licence transfer is in progress. The new owner was contacted and is satisfied with the process.

Neighborhood Inspection: We have a new inspector: Eleanor Garcia. She is very cooperative and is interested in the problems or code violation details. She is welcome in our neighborhood.

Bridge Painting: The HOA will cooperate with the City to help repaint the two bridges on Tamarack. We are waiting for cooler temperatures to achieve quality work.

Comcast: The TV service provider, without prior announcement, removed pre-paid stations from the subscriptions and is transferring to their paid services. The reruns are numerous and the advertising is so extensive that we do

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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 also communicate their desire to obtain this newsletter or submit address changes to the editor at 303-798-9306 or kbeaudrie@totalspeed.net

Denver Integration

Conversation Points For “Denver Defines Integration”

1) What is immigrant integration?

- Integration is an intentional two-way process of adaptation between arriving and receiving communities, which is non-linear as it develops along multiple pathways at varying speeds.
- Integration focuses on strengthening community assets rather than scrutinizing individual status.

2) What are various pathways to integration?

- Pathways to integration include language acquisition, education, economic mobility, family support, civic participation and citizenship, equal treatment and opportunity, health access, cultural and social interaction, community planning and advocacy, and neighborhood building.

3) Why does integration matter in Denver?

- Integration matters because Colorado has become a preferred destination for immigrants and refugees. These newcomers, who come from countries around the world, represent the widest possible range of ethnic groups, religious beliefs, education levels, and employment histories. They bring change to communities and, at times, pose challenges for municipal leaders.
- Integration matters so that we can all live in a healthy community that creates a sense of belonging for everyone and that creates opportunities for all to improve their lives.

4) What factors make Denver unique?

- Denver is unique because of its geographic size, its demographic and neighborhood diversity, and its centrality in legislative and public opinion debates concerning immigration.
- Denver is unique because no single organization can provide access to or has the trust from all of the voices that need to be at the table to develop a comprehensive integration plan.

5) What is the Denver Integration Coalition?

- The Denver Integration Coalition engages individuals and organizations from arriving and receiving communities in a planning process to define integration and develop a comprehensive integration plan for Denver that promotes a vision of belonging and opportunity for everyone.

6) Who is involved in this initiative?

- The initiating coalition is made up of stakeholders from the Denver community who represent virtually all of the pathways to integration and who understand that true integration cannot occur without the acceptance and support of the preexisting community. We understand that both established residents and newcomers have a deep interest in the community that can best be understood through open and mutual communication.

- Participants include concerned citizens, the State of Colorado’s Division of Refugee Services, the City and County of Denver government, Denver Health, Denver Public Schools, Denver Police Department, the Archdiocese of Denver, the Family Resource Center network, the Neighborhood Resource Center, various religious organizations, and several community based non-profits.

7) What will the Denver Integration Coalition accomplish?

- Currently, we are in the planning phase of this effort. Our goal during this planning phase is to gather and synthesize as much input and information as we can from various individuals, communities, neighborhoods, and organizations to create a comprehensive plan for integration in Denver.

8) What activities will you carry out?

- We will conduct forums to elicit input from members of both the arriving and receiving communities as it relates to Denver’s definition of integration and we will coordinate task forces focused on the different pathways to integration in order to synthesize this input. In addition, we will gather information from other community integration dialogues that are independent of our planning process.

9) How will this work help your community? [What is in it for me as a community member?]

- This coalition’s priority is to help Denver strengthen the relationships between and the engagement of our arriving and receiving communities to create a sense of ownership, belonging, and opportunity for everyone. Our work emphasizes that everyone has a voice in our community and that by working together our community will be strengthened.

10) How will your coalition involve the community? Established community members? Immigrant families?

- During this planning phase it is critical to invite and obtain input from many and diverse Denver residents. This coalition’s participants are “gateway organizations” to diverse immigrant and mainstream populations and along the multiple pathways to integration. As a result, the coalition participants will utilize the breadth of their networks to extend an open invitation through a variety of media for participation to all members of the community. Community involvement can entail participating as a member of the coalition, attending and contributing at community forums, and/or working on one of the issue-oriented task forces that evolve from the forums. Opportunities for ongoing involvement will be suggested in the comprehensive integration plan developed by the community.

11) Who is funding this work?

- The work of this planning process to develop a com-

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prehensive integration plan is funded by The Colorado Trust which is a private grant-making foundation dedicated to advancing the health and well-being of the people of Colorado. The foundation develops long-term initiatives that are responsive to the needs of communities. Each initiative addresses different aspects of The Trust's two goals – advancing accessible and affordable health care and providing resources to strengthen families.

- The Supporting Immigrant and Refugee Families Initiative provides funding to 19 Colorado communities in their efforts to support immigrants and “established” residents in working together for strong, healthy communities. While each of the communities develops its own plan to address the unique challenges and opportunities it faces in respect to an increasing immigrant population, all participating communities are dedicated to a “two-way street” process that encourages adaptations both on the part of immigrants and on the part of the receiving community where the immigrants now live.

12) What is the timeline?

- The planning process for the Denver Integration Coalition began in January and is scheduled to deliver its comprehensive integration plan at the beginning of November. Community forums will take place in June and July and task forces focused on issues related to various pathways to integration will meet during August and September. The Coordinating Committee will draft the final comprehensive integration plan during October. The plan itself will be implemented over four years.

13) What will be the result of your efforts?

- The result will be a comprehensive integration plan that establishes the goals and proposed activities that the community agrees are important for defining integration for Denver.

14) How can I participate?

- We will be planning several types of forums and small focus groups throughout the months of our planning. The Denver community can look forward to several opportunities to participate in the input process and to let us know what they would like to see happen to achieve integration. Each person in Denver can be a part of this process and their opinions will help drive what is included in the comprehensive integration plan and which projects will ultimately be implemented.
- Please help us plan for this exciting initiative. You can volunteer, financially support the initiative, or participate in the various meeting that will be held across town. Please contact Paul Stein at 303-863-8211, ext. 19, or @ paul.stein@state.co.us.

Dollar Dictionary

“A Dictionary and Thesaurus of the their own for every Third-Grade Student in Denver Public Schools”

Calling All Muggles! If you recognize yourself or feel Harry Potter is a kindred spirit you are welcome to help label dictionaries and thesauri on August Ninth. Also with a little review you too can speak with a third grader. Training is available.

Volunteers are needed for an hour or all day on August 9th from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Volunteers are needed to unpack and count books, emplace gift labels by school/neighborhood association, and then repack the boxes. The location is the Rocky Mountain SER Community Center at 36th Avenue and Pecos Street in Northwest Denver. Lunch and snacks will be provided. If the job is not completed on Thursday, it will continue at the INC Delegates meeting on the 11th.

The best opportunity for thrills and satisfaction with this program is visiting the students and personally giving them their own books. Since this is the 12th year of the program, the principals and teachers will be excitedly awaiting this gift from the community to their students. Contact your neighborhood's school principal to set up a brief program. The principal may want to do it on back-to-school night or after Labor Day. Everyone's schedule varies but it is an opportunity to interact with our fellow citizens and is always great fun. Cathee Fisher (303-333-3141) can provide you with more information.

We still have a way to go to reach our fund raising goal. Books for a classroom of students will cost \$75. They are a great value as a resource for literacy and learning for our youngest citizens. Donations can be sent to: Dollar Dictionary Drive, PO Box 18347, Denver, CO 80218-0347

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help again next year. The point was made that foundations such as the Denver Foundation should be solicited.

A motion was made and seconded to join CANPO, (Colorado Association of Non-Profit Organizations). The cost is \$75. The motion slid through with no problem. Nobody was sure what INC's State tax number is but somebody will find out.

Treasurer Habercorn has been planning on buying QuickBooks for non-profits. He is waiting for a sale to get the best buy.

Charles proposed that there be one place where all INC documents be filed. The Bylaws provide that the Secretary have custody of such documents. Secretary Ambrose proposed that the Board let Bylaws be “bygones.” Some documents are being kept in Councilwoman Johnson's office. The Board decided Ambrose is to be the repository for such doc's in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at about 8:30 p.m.

Emergency Response

The Mayor's Office of Emergency Management is now offering free **Community Emergency Response Training (CERT)** to educate the citizens about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact our area and to train them in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT participants can assist others following an emergency event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT participants also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in our community.

During a disaster, the number and scope of incidents can overwhelm conventional emergency services. Citizens may initially be on their own for 72 hours or more. The CERT program is an all-risk, all-hazard training designed to help citizens protect themselves, their family, their neighbors, and their neighborhood in an emergency.

The ability of our community to recover from a devastating terrorist event or any natural disaster or emergency requires active planning, participation, and cooperation from all members of society. Each individual shares the responsibility for preparedness. By encouraging preparedness and hazard mitigation, CERT can help minimize the effects of a disaster and facilitate a faster recovery.

The long-term goal for the Denver CERT program is to train as many citizens and organizations as possible to be prepared for a local disaster. The CERT training courses are being scheduled for the summer and fall for citizens, businesses, faith-based organizations, schools, volunteer organizations, special interest groups, and neighborhoods.

Denver's next CERT course will be offered on **September 11, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., September 13, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., and September 15, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**, a total of 16 hours of training at Denver Police District 3, 1625 South University Boulevard. For additional dates, please check our web site at www.denvergov.org/oem. For additional information please contact us at 720.865.7600 or email DenverCERT@ci.denver.co.us.

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encourage saving energy, wants to sell energy.

- Denver should make all of its events like Taste of Colorado, People's Fair, Free Concerts, etc., GREEN. Mike Henry announced Peter Park would grace the ZAP meeting on Saturday, July 28. The Zoning Code Task Force is making headway.

Supporters of preserving and enhancing the Ruby Hill View Plane Ordinance thanked all the group for the tremendous neighborhood support. Information will be posted on www.yourhub.com.

The meeting was adjourned sometime after noon.

Manual to get Makeover

Metro Volunteers has been awarded funding from the national Hands On Schools Program to do a large scale renovation project at Manual High School in August. The Hands On Schools Program, along with Home Depot (who provides the supplies), and through direct citizen involvement, works to improve the quality of education for public school students by ensuring that they have



the fundamental resources necessary for academic success and success in life. The scope of our project to sustain Manual's future in Denver includes: (1) working along side community members and Home Depot volunteer staff on a 3-day extreme makeover of the building and grounds of Manual High School, (2) upgrading of the school's technological capacity, and (3) the education and engagement of students, parents, churches, and neighborhood associations in civically responsible projects.

The success of this project is based solely on the commitment and the involvement of the community. Your help is needed. Metro Volunteers is looking to recruit volunteers from the neighborhoods served by Manual High School to be part of this wonderful opportunity. This project is slated to begin on Saturday, August 4, with preparatory work being done inside and outside of the building. Painting and other final improvements are scheduled for Wednesday, August 8, and Thursday, August 9 -- so time is of the essence.

To volunteer, contact Rachel Spillane at 303-282-1234, x307, or e-mail rachels@metrovolunteers.org. For more information about the Hands On Schools Program, visit www.handsonnetwork.org.

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criteria developed by the A+ Denver Finance and Facilities Subcommittee and the changes made to these criteria as a result of five public meetings at www.aplusdenver.org. There will be more public meetings held by DPS. We hope INC members will attend them.

Some members of the INC board of directors and education committee have expressed that they are unconvinced of the need for supporting DPS or that DPS can execute a fair consolidation plan. The majority of the members of the education committee are convinced DPS needs to try and that community support is needed. Billie Bramhall (303) 534-2272, bramhall1@msn.com.

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SAPs higher status with the City. Tyler Gibbs is Plan Implementation Manager.

ZAP members stressed the importance of citizen involvement, suggested development of criteria for identifying healthy neighborhoods and methods of engaging more citizens in city matters, asked that builders put an e-address on their signs for informative websites, reminded that sidewalks are part of "Living Streets," asked that the Parking Plan focus on impact of increasing density in neighborhoods, mentioned the importance of open space, and asked how CPD ties into the Capital Budget to ensure CPD needs are implemented. Mr. Park said funding must come from other sources as well as the city budget and asked ZAP to thank City Council and the Mayor for their support of CPD. Several ZAP members expressed appreciation for CPD's improvements.

Molly Urbina and Kent Strapko of CPD and Kent Olson of ZAP reported briefly on the status of INC's 2005 "Report on Residential Zoning and Construction Issues: Recommendations for Improvement." Kent suggested and all agreed that a few members of the ZAP subcommittee that wrote this document should meet with Ms. Urbina and other CPD staff to go through the report and work out implementation alternatives, then report to ZAP.

Greg Mauro of Denver Community Corrections and Criminal Justice Consultant Cecilia Mascarenas discussed Non-Governmental Residential Facilities for treatment or supervision of offenders who are on probation or parole. Proposed is an amendment of the present ordinance that will allow more facilities to serve these people, many of whom are now sent to unsupervised locations or become homeless and on their own in Denver neighborhoods. The focus is on public safety.

District 7 Councilman Chris Nevitt spoke about recent meetings citizens have had with Xcel Energy, the City, and mediator Steve Charbonneau regarding the Ruby Hill View Plane and a proposal brought to City Council by Councilman Charlie Brown to allow Xcel Energy to violate the plane with large utility towers. A decision on this matter has been postponed at Council until September 10 so that meetings may continue and a solution reached. A number of ZAP members indicated they would be willing to pay more on their utility bills to save not only this view plane but all others in the city by funding the burial of such cables.

ZAP members were urged to read and think about Mayor Hickenlooper's inauguration speech that referred to "the common good" and stated that neighborhoods take views that are too narrow and self-interested. How would the Mayor engage more neighborhood residents? It was commented that his Greenprint task force included NO "common citizens" and, if we are to work for a common good, we need to sit at a common table. This topic will be discussed at future INC meetings. The next ZAP

meeting will be September 22. There will be no August ZAP meeting. --Diana Helper, ZAP member.

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not know if we are paying for advertisements or programming? INC should approach the Mayor's Office to identify the mentioned problems and workout solutions. We believe that the Xcel, Comcast, and the telephone service is absolutely out of hand and City Council is not on the people's side.

Historic Five Points - The Historic Five Points community will host the 2nd Annual National Night Out on Tuesday, August 7th, at the Cop Shop, Park Avenue West at Curtis. This community celebration will bring together three neighborhood organization to meet and greet on safety issues in a fun filled event for family, neighbors, and friends. Park Avenue West will use this as a kick-off to the beautification project along this major thoroughfare. For additional information contact 303-893-3742.

Stapleton United Neighbors - Central Park in Stapleton will have its grand opening ceremony on September 8th. This all-day event will include lots of activities for people of all ages.

Ruby Hill NA (RHINO) - We are examining legislative, political, and judicial options to preserve the Ruby Hill view plane for all of Denver. Please go to yourhub.com, Southwest Denver Section, to read our postings.

Sloans Lake NA—The "One Sky, One World Colorado Kite Artist's Exhibit" at the Denver Public Library from September 9th through October 14th in the Schlessman Hall Atrium will feature kitemakers George Peters, Melanie Walker, and Jane Parker-Ambrose and is presented by 9News and the Library.

Solid Waste Management - Trash increases during summer months and can cause injuries to the trash collection crews. Please remember that manual trash and overflow trash must be bagged, containers must be 32 gallon or less, and must weigh 50 pounds or less. Please cut and bundle branches no longer than 4-feet in length and 50-pounds in weight. Dispose of your household hazardous waste correctly by using the City's HHW Collection Program. Program information can be found at www.denvergov.org/hhw or by calling 311.

South City Park NA - SCPNA is striving to be an association more representative of our assigned space. Trying to hold the tension between negotiating with our local businesses (i.e., patio and parking agreements) and successfully promoting their use. We are encouraging garden tours, block-parties, and neighborhood watch.

Southwest Improvement Council (SWIC) - The Westwood Advisory Council is cleaning up the neighborhood through "Block Breakfasts" with work-days following.

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

Organization name: _____
Address: _____
Borders: North _____ East _____
South _____ West _____

President's Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____ President is a voting delegate: ☐
E-mail Address: _____
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Phone: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____ E-mail Address: _____
Send newsletter via: E-mail [☐] U.S. Mail [☐] Don't want newsletter [☐]

Join as a non-voting supporting Associate : Regular (\$20) ☐ Patron (\$75) ☐

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Agent's Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____ E-mail Address: _____
Send newsletter via: E-mail [☐] U.S. Mail [☐] Don't want newsletter [☐]

Bring this form to an INC meeting or mail to:

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Playin' in the Park

Kids, movies and even free exercise classes!

Do your children need more than the average Saturday morning cartoons? Head to Downtown Denver's Skyline Park for "Playin' in the Park," a family-friendly and FREE summertime entertainment series. Children will be wowed by clowns, puppets, comedy, magic, music, and much more! Escape to the city between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. and join in on the fun for children ages 5 to 10.

August 4

Mr. Shine

The Magic and Comedy of Doc Murdock

Stretch the Clown

August 11

Rob Hansen's Magic Rob

Ed Casey's Rocky Mountain Puppets

Roving Rob Hansen

Rise and T'ai Chi with CAC in Skyline Park – FREE CLASS

T'ai Chi combines movement, meditation, and breath regulation to enhance the flow of vital energy in the body,

improve blood circulation, and enhance immune function. It focuses on the mental and physical, external and internal, trying to keep balance and unity in both the inner and outer parts of the body.

Join the Colorado Athletic Club for "Rise and T'ai Chi" at Skyline Park Wednesday mornings at 6.30 a.m. until the end of September. Refresh, Revive, and Renew.

Mile High Movies in Skyline Park

So you've snagged a few friends for happy hour and dinner and now you're looking for a place to stretch out under the stars? Perhaps you are taking the kids to see the sights downtown and want to cap the evening off with one final treat? Check out **Mile High Movies in Skyline Park!** All movies begin at dusk behind the historic D&F Clocktower on 16th and Arapahoe.

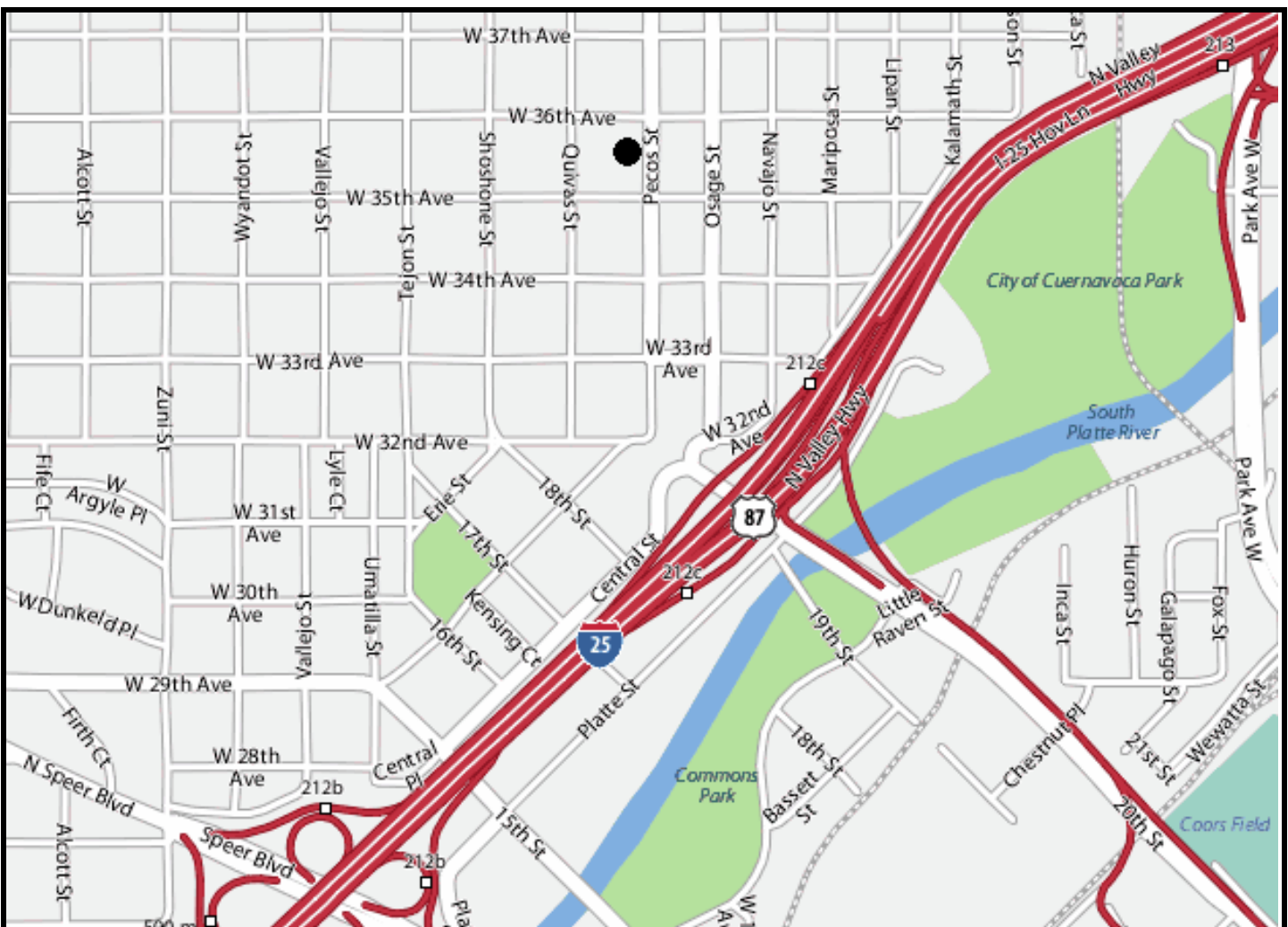
Summer Movie Schedule: *Movies begin at dusk*

Saturday, July 28th, **Over the Hedge**

Saturday, August 11th, **Curious George**

Saturday, August 18th, **Happy Feet**

For more information on Skyline Park events visit: www.downtowndenver.com/events/skylineparkevents.htm.



The public is welcome to attend the meeting.

**Meeting Saturday
August 11th**
The public
is welcome to attend.

**Rocky Mountain SER
3555 Pecos Street**

See map on page 11

8:30 a.m.

Coffee and Chat

9:00 a.m.

Welcome

9:05 a.m.

Discussion of Integration of
Refugees and Immigrants in
Denver

Sarah McCarthy
Denver Integration Coalition

10:00 a.m.

Discussion of Recommendations
of the Foreclosure Task Force
And How Neighborhoods are
Affected by Foreclosures

Michael Hancock
City Council President

10:35 a.m.

Break

10:45 a.m.

Discussion of Proposal to Build
a new Colorado History Museum
in Civic Center Park
Representatives of the Contractor
and Colorado Historical Society

11:30 a.m.

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Noon

Adjourn

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