

Letter concerning Bond Issues

The following quoted text was sent, in letter format signed by INC's Executive Committee and Committee Chairs, to Mayor John Hickenlooper, Margaret Browne, Marilyn Miller, Members of City Council, and Amber Callender. Neighborhood groups are encouraged to consider sending similar communications.

"The undersigned executive committee members and committee chairs of Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation understand that the city is likely to propose one or more bond issues for the voters to consider in May of 2007.

We strongly encourage you all to discuss such a bond issue with citizens, including registered neighborhood organizations and, most importantly, to listen to comments from citizens before the list of projects is finalized. Citizens always respond more favorably to a bond issue if there has been meaningful citizen involvement.

Obviously, some items that should be discussed with the public are:

- What will the amount(s) of the bond issue(s) be?
- Should the city be borrowing money for items that are only maintenance?
- Will the projects be equitably distributed around the city?
- Will any transportation projects pay for sidewalk and bicycle facilities as well as roadways?
- Will citizens have any grass-roots role in the decision-making process to develop the list of projects, such as they did in the 1998 Neighborhood Bond Issue?

INC will be happy to be part of this discussion process. Thank you."

Macy's Preview Charity Shopping Day

The new Macy's Northfield at Stapleton is celebrating their grand opening with a Preview Charity Shopping Day on October 10th. Grand opening day for the general public will be October 12th. Nonprofit organizations were invited to participate to help raise funds for

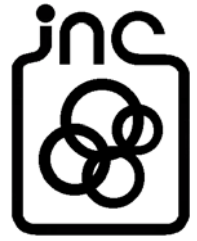
their groups; the Dollar Dictionary Drive of INC applied and was accepted. As a result we will have 100 tickets to sell at \$10 each in advance of the event. All shoppers must have a ticket for store entry. We can request and receive up to 300 additional tickets as we sell each lot of 100. DDD will keep 100% of the proceeds from the ticket sales. Bonuses of \$2,000 go to the groups who have the most redeemed tickets. Ticket holders will have access to special discounts of 20, 15, or 10 percent off on the October 10th Charity Shopping Day.

This will be a day-long event filled with special discounts, events, entertainment, prizes and fun for the whole family including free cappuccino, juice bars, balloon creations, and face paintings. Shoppers will have a chance to win a \$1,000 shopping spree.

This is a great opportunity to help get free dictionaries and thesauruses for every third-grader in Denver Public Schools. To get your ticket, call one of the Dollar Dictionary Co-Chairs: Cathee Fisher at 303-333-3141 or Steve Nissen at 303-733-8524.

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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.

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Minutes of August 14th Executive Committee Meeting

By Karen Cuthbertson, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Chair Dave Webster. In attendance were Executive Committee (EC) members Karen Cuthbertson, Al Habercorn, Bill Johnston, Monique Lovato, and Anthony Thomas. Also in attendance were Standing/Special Committee Chairs Ken Beaudrie, Billie Bramhall, Cathee Fisher, Michael Henry, and Steve Nissen. The July Minutes were approved and the Treasurer's report was accepted.

The EC discussed INC's fund raising efforts:

- File for Life cards: Interest seems to be waning. Karen will submit a promotional blurb for the newsletter. David will forward the blurb to other organizations and Cathee will take some File for Life cards to East Montclair to sell.
- People's Fair: Funds have been distributed but INC has not received its check yet.
- Dictionary Drive: The fundraising kick-off is traditionally the INC Presidents' Dinner.
 - Macy's: Ken will send the information Steve put together to all INC members. All members are encouraged to forward it to their individual RNO members, colleagues, and etc.
 - Monique mentioned that next year INC/DD can apply for a grant from the Xcel Energy Foundation.

President's Report:

- EC Meeting with the Mayor: Dave is encountering difficulty scheduling this meeting. Dave will try providing a couple of dates to see if we can't get on the Mayor's calendar. {Ed. Note: The meeting will be September 6th}
- Infrastructure Bond Issue: Michael presented INC's letter requesting public participation on what projects are included in the 2007 bond issue in a manner similar to Mayor Webb's process for the 1998 bond issue. A motion to approve the letter passed. The EC Meeting attendees signed the letter, it will be put in the September INC newsletter {ed. note: see text top of page one}, and Ken will send a message to the INC membership encouraging people to contact Diane Barrett, Project Manager, in the Mayor's Office at 720-865-8780.
- Program/House Committee: Dave would like to start a committee responsible for locating meeting places,

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Minutes of August 12th Delegates Meeting

By Karen Cuthbertson, Secretary

Thanks to extra help on Thursday and Friday, the Dollar Dictionary book labeling was completed prior to the meeting.

The speaker from the D.A.'s Office who was to speak about exploitation of seniors did not attend.

Allison Billings, of Transportation Solutions, spoke of her concerns about the Strategic Transportation Plan (STP). Ms. Billings has been a member of the STP committee (that has been meeting for over a year), and she has attended every public meeting. The public input from these meetings has stressed the need for the STP to address pedestrian and bike connectivity and to make multi-modal options attractive to current drivers. However Ms. Billings believes that the STP and the Public Works department are focused on moving cars. In addition, the city is looking at obtaining bonds in 2007 to "catch up" on projects that previous bond issues did not completely pay for. Ms. Billings presented a letter she asked INC to submit urging the city leaders to dedicate the necessary resources to achieve the goals of enhanced transit, bike, and pedestrian connectivity within Denver by dedicating funding to building and – importantly – maintaining these improved transit amenities. The need for ongoing public input as a part of this process was also emphasized. A motion to support the Transportation Solutions' position statement was passed with 23 in favor, 0 opposed, 6 abstentions. It was suggested that INC encourage the Mayor to immediately include neighborhood representatives in the Infrastructure Task Force's current prioritization efforts. There were concerns that that bonds raised for maintenance-only are short-sighted, that project fund estimates are "low-balled" resulting in some projects remaining incomplete or not started, and that residents are becoming reluctant to vote for such bonds. It was suggested that the city consider increasing debt to issue bonds that include realistic funding for both construction and ongoing maintenance. There was a question raised about why plans negotiated between neighborhood residents and the city aren't implemented as negotiated; e.g., the Cherry Creek Plan included a wetland park and bike trail as part of reconstruction of the Holly Street bridge but the park and bike trail were not built.

Roberta Simonton reported that there is a vacancy coming up on the Water Board Citizen Advisory Committee and encouraged INC to submit a representative. If you are interested in this very important committee role, please contact Dave Webster.

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Zoning and Planning Committee Report

By Diana Helper, Member

The INC Zoning and Planning Committee met on August 19th. It was decided that the next meeting will be scheduled for September 16th. If your name is not on the mailing list for ZAP meetings and you would like to receive e-mail notices or if you are on the list and wish to have your name removed, please contact Gertie Grant at gertiegrant@estreet.com.

Councilwoman Kathleen MacKenzie was present at the August ZAP meeting to discuss bus stop advertising billboards (“kiosks”) which are part of the Public Works Department Transit Amenities Ordinance, effective 2001. These billboard kiosks are to replace the advertising that was on the old bus benches. Each kiosk sale includes extra green benches to place at many bus stops but the City has neither enough staff nor resources to implement this part of the program. Thus it is hundreds of benches “behind” in placement. To encourage ridership, benches (and shelters) need to be available.

After considerable discussion and comment, the ZAP members voted to send a letter to Public Works and City Councilpersons stating that the public right-of-way is an important element of city design and citizens’ sense of place; the installation of non-advertising benches should be accomplished now before more kiosks are sold; all residential blocks, parkways, and historic districts should be exempt from kiosks; notice of future kiosk placement should be sent to appropriate property owners and Registered Neighborhood Organizations (RNOs) with ample time for comment; American Disability Act (ADA) considerations must be addressed; and alternative sources of funding bus benches and shelters must be found. {Please see motion on page six for consideration at the September 9th INC Delegates meeting.}

City of Parks, The Preservation of Denver’s Parks and Parkway System is a recent publication by Carolyn and Don Etter, former co-managers of Denver’s Department of Parks and Recreation. Carolyn discussed this illustrated “brief history and selected bibliography” pointing out the importance of “quality of space” for Denver and its residents. She urged assertive protection and maintenance of our parks and open spaces, free from advertising, and encouraged neighbors to form coalitions to accomplish these goals. The book is published by the Denver Public Library Western History Collection. ZAP attendees received copies—upon the condition they read them.

The topic of zoning waivers and conditions was ad-

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Athmar Park – The television show “Trading Spaces: Boys vs. Girls” filmed an episode in Athmar Park. Many thanks to Councilwoman Rosemary Rodriguez, DPAG, and NIS’ Tom Kennedy for working together to get the two- to three-foot tall weeds cut along West Mississippi and for making a graffiti abatement run along where the episode was filmed. Southwest Denver will have a better face for nationwide viewing. The Athmar Park neighborhood picnic was a huge success with performances by the Valverde Elementary school Mariachi Dancers, KIPP Sunshine Peak Academy Drum Corp, face painting, games, great food, and cool weather.

Baker – A new development at West Alameda and Cherokee Street is in the initial planning stages. The Watermaker Development is proceeding at 4th and Acoma. The historic building on the site was tagged and the cost to remove the graffiti may be tens of thousands of dollars.

Berkeley-Regis – Our new RNO is continuing to grow and evolve. We would love to find out what other RNOs have done to grow their membership. Also, we are continuing to work with a cell phone company in their efforts to install a cell tower along 44th and with the ever-present scrape-off issue. Any information would be appreciated. Contact Ben Hamilton at btodd74@comcast.net.

Bonnie Brae – We are having a fundraiser today and Sunday for Molly Bloom who was badly injured when her prom limousine ran over her leg. If you are interested in contributing to help with Molly’s medical expenses, visit www.mollyspace2006.blogspot.com

Cherry Creek – The Cherry Creek North Neighborhood Association met on Aug 2nd to present the concepts for the Cherry Creek North Business District improvements to the neighborhood. Called the “Garden District” plan, it includes new features for Fillmore Plaza and connectivity across 1st Ave to the mall. The plan was well received.

City Park West – The City Park Festival of the Arts will be September 9th, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., at East High School on the Esplanade. The Uptown Sampler will be Septem-

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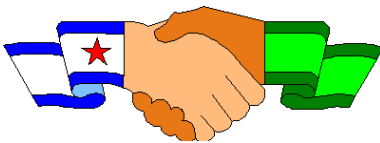
Looking forward to Our Partnership

Greetings, INC members!

I'm still in my first month on the job, but am already enjoying my role in enhancing communication between Denver's neighborhoods and the City. I've known many of you for years and look forward to building new relationships with others as I help to connect you with the exciting variety of projects the Hickenlooper Administration has undertaken.

I see myself as a partner in the critical relationship neighborhoods have with the City, and I am thrilled to have been given this important role. We shall serve Denver's neighborhoods well together.

Amber Giauque Callender, Neighborhood Liaison for Mayor John Hickenlooper
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Random Health Survey

Attention Residents of Baker, Lincoln Park, Sun Valley, Park Hill and Commerce City: Denver Urban Gardens, Park Hill Thriving Communities, and Commerce City Thriving Communities are partnering with Kaiser Permanente to help people in our communities eat healthier foods and get more physical activity. To help us understand if we are making a difference, some members of our community will be chosen (by chance) to answer a short survey over the phone. This survey will contain questions about the amount of physical activity you get and the foods you eat. In order to reach as many people as possible, we have chosen to use an automated system to conduct the survey. If your number happens to be called, we highly encourage you to answer the survey. The survey will only take 5 or 10 minutes to complete and your answers will help us to make sure we are meeting the needs of the community. Thank you for your support.



File of Life

An INC Dollar Dictionary Fundraiser that Your RNO could also use to Raise Funds.

The File of Life card (see an illustration of portion of a card below) is a mini-medical history card that can be kept in the home or easily carried on the person in a wallet or purse. In a medical emergency, the card enables paramedics to obtain a quick medical history if the patient is unable to offer one and begin *immediate* treatment.



The cards are kept in a red plastic pockets labeled "FILE OF LIFE" and list the patient's name, emergency medical contacts, insurance information, health problems, medications, dosages, allergies, recent surgeries, doctor's name, and health care proxy. The front of the packet is clear vinyl. Each card is folded twice with the bottom two sections and back of each card containing all the medical data. There is a space for the person's Social Security Number although folks might consider leaving that space blank.

INC member RNOs can purchase these File of Life packets for \$1.00 each. All of the proceeds go towards the Dollar Dictionary drive. RNOs can sell the packets to their own membership for a price that allows the RNO to raise funds as well. Please contact any INC Board member to purchase this potentially lifesaving card.

FILE OF LIFE

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Doctor:		Phone#:	
EMERGENCY CONTACTS			
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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 communicate their desire to obtain this newsletter or submit address changes to the secretary at 303-936-9206 or athmarpark@ecentral.com

Recyclers' Corner

It's a new school year so it's time for kids and adults to put thinking caps on and learn how they can get an "A" in the environment. There are all types of ways you can reduce waste, save water, and lower your energy usage. Below are some easy "Green Tips" you use can utilize at home, work, or school to help do your part to protect our environment.



RECYCLE and REDUCE WASTE

- Reuse empty plastic tubs for storing pencils, paper clips, or other small items.
- Recycle papers such as old homework and junk mail in your recycling container at home. *Each ton of recycled paper can save 17 trees.*
- Build a compost pile in your backyard and save kitchen food scraps to add to your compost pile.
- Pack your lunch in reusable containers instead of disposable plastic bags or plastic wrap.
- Avoid buying single serving food items such as juice boxes, individual chip bags, and cereal variety packs.
- Don't waste paper! Write on both sides. *The average American uses 650 pounds of paper per year.*
- Cereal boxes, paper egg cartons, and paper towel rolls can all be recycled.

SAVE WATER

- Turn off the water while brushing teeth or washing up. *This can save 3 to 7 gallons per minute.*
- Take shorter showers or fill up the bathtub only part way. And, in the winter, let the water cool before draining. *The average person uses 15 gallons a day in bathing.*

SAVE ENERGY

- Walk, bike, or ride public transportation whenever possible. *At today's gas prices the average U.S. household will spend more than \$3,000 a year on gasoline.*
- Turn off lights when leaving a room.
- Don't leave computers, televisions, or other electronic equipment on when you're not using them. When added up nation-wide, it's an enormous waste of energy.

Motions Up for Vote

The INC Zoning and Planning Committee has voted to submit the following motions for consideration by the September 9th Meeting of the Delegates:

Motion 1. Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation should communicate to the Mayor, City Council, and the Department of Environmental Health as follows – "Residents of many Denver neighborhoods are increasingly burdened with construction noise, some from remodeling of houses, some from single new house construction projects, and some from major commercial projects. Neighbors deserve more peace and quiet in residential neighborhoods. The city's construction noise ordinance should be amended to prohibit construction noise after 8 p.m. (as opposed to the current ordinance which is 9 p.m.) and to prohibit construction noise on Sundays (currently, construction noise is permitted seven days a week)."

Motion 2. INC should communicate to the Mayor, the Manager of Public Works, and City Council as follows – "INC supports the placement of bus benches and bus shelters throughout the city in order to encourage the use of transit and promote the comfort and safety of bus-riders. However, INC encourages the Department of Public Works to recognize that the design of items in the public right-of-way is a very important element in the sense of place and the quality of life in Denver and to incorporate the following into the criteria it uses in granting permits to private advertising contractors:

- Notification of proposed sites for advertising at bus benches (kiosks) should be given to adjoining property owners and to registered neighborhood organizations, with opportunity to comment. (Some neighborhood businesses have been damaged when the view of their businesses has been obscured by the advertising kiosks.)
- Installation of all of the bus benches (without advertising) contracted for by the contractors should be accomplished before more advertising kiosks are permitted.
- Advertising kiosks should not be permitted on city parkways, or in designated historic districts or in residential zone districts. Existing permits for advertising kiosks in such areas should not be renewed.
- More careful attention should be given to the placement of bus benches so that they are safe and easily usable by the disabled.
- Other avenues for funding the bus bench/bus shelter program should be explored, including a bond issue, allowing neighbors and neighborhood organizations to fund and maintain benches and shelters and joint ventures with the Regional Transportation District."

Dollar Dictionary Drive

Dictionary \ˈdik-shə-ner-ē\ n [ML *dictionarium*, fr. LL *dictio*-, *dictio* word, fr. L. speaking] a cordless spell checker.

Thesaurus \thi-'sor-əs\ n [fr. Gk. *Thēsauros*] an adult dinosaur.

A dictionary and thesaurus of their own for every third-grade student in the Denver Public Schools. Dozens of volunteers joined us in August to unpack, count, and place gift labels sorted by school and neighborhood association and to repack boxes holding a total of 16,032



books. Hooray to our Volunteers!! This event included community and neighborhood volunteers both young, old, and in between; Denver Correctional inmates and their Sheriff Deputies; and a great crew of our younger neighbors doing their community service time donation. Without each and everyone the process would not have been so easy and enjoyable.

The best opportunity for thrills and satisfaction with this program is visiting the students and personally giving them their own books. All the books to each of the students at the 100 DPS elementary schools (new schools Howell and Waller have added to the school count) will be delivered by August 25th. Since this is the 11th year of the program, the principals and teachers will excitedly be awaiting this gift from the community for their students. Contact your neighborhood's school principal as soon as possible to set up a brief program. Cathee Fisher (303-333-3141) can provide you with more information.

We still have a way to go to reach our fund raising goal. Our costs have risen. For the past 6 years the thesaurus has only cost us \$0.85 each. This year we were able to find an appropriate thesaurus but the cost per book is now \$1.25 each. This program will provide these life long learning tools for each third-grade student for only \$2.70. The books include the U.S. Declaration of Independence and Constitution as well as many other learning tools such as the periodic table, multiplication table, the word supercalifragilisticexpialidocious and more!!! Has anyone seen our state fossil Mr. and Ms. Stegosaurus?

Donations again this year have been received from individual donors and neighborhood associations. Some of those donors have faithfully contributed every year since 1996. Thank you to those special folks who have kept our Denver third-graders in their thoughts. Thank-you also to our business partners for all their extra contributions to the community. Our third-graders each year are learning to be our future leaders. We all deserve the

best?!?!?! You betcha!!!!!!!!!!!!

We thank the generous support of the following donors:

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City Park Festival

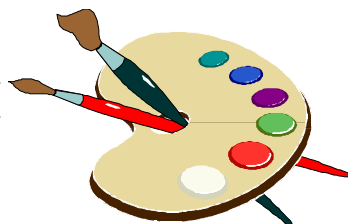
City Park Festival of the Arts - the best festival ever. Saturday, September 9th, 10 a.m. until 6 p.m., at the City Park Esplanade at East High School

The City Park Neighborhood is proud to announce the 6th Annual City Park Festival of the Arts. They come together in even greater strength to offer a day of inspiration, beauty, wonder and magic.

An outstanding representation of 140 of Denver's most talented and respected fine artists will be displayed right next to first time exhibitors and earnest crafts-people. It's an incredible display of local talent at prices you will never find in galleries or shops. New this year is representation from several galleries including new friends from the Santa Fe arts district, CHAC, the Tennyson District, and the Arts Student League of Denver! First and foremost, they offer an opportunity to see and buy work from some of our community's best artists. No imports, no manufactured items; just real, locally produced Fine Art and crafts at once-a-year prices.

As is their tradition, they offer the widest range of entertainment available featuring some of Denver's finest entertainers on four stages! It's a thrilling spectacular of music, dance, martial arts, poetry slams, and performance in a breathtaking day of non-stop wow. They don't stop to take a breath. Two full-time scheduled stages will include the triumphant return of such popular groups as Confluence, Unconscious, the outrageous Coyote poets of the Universe, the Denver Municipal Jazz Band, the "roaming funk party" Bop Skizzum, Marnie Ward, the Rail Road Street Jazz, and the boot-stomping Victoria Woodworth and the Heroes. Fresh from Red Rocks, they are delighted to present the Flobots and welcome with great expectation the exhilarating ESP and the jazz-fusion giant Goat Magnet. Hands down crowd favorites Calving Standing Bear, John Romero and Cuervo Nation, and Gracie and Blue all have new groups, new sounds, and a new 'wow' factor. They punctuate the musical entertainment with dance, martial arts, and performance with the return of Moyo Nuguvo, the Raging Grannies, the nationally recognized Salsa Champion Eulanda Sheed, Sven Jorgensen performing amazing "visionary circus art," belly dancers, break dancers, A Step Above, the Denver Woman's Chorus, and too much more to list.

Returning this year, the open mike stage and drum cir-



cle. Sign-up, grab the floor and own it! Their closing drum circle is becoming a Denver legend.

In the Children's Area, a non-stop interactive adventure includes face painting, multi-media exhibits, free "mini-makeovers" and more exciting, educational, inspiring fun than you can experience in a day. This year they are again delighted to offer young neighbors of all ages a truly rare and wondrous experience!

Complete meals for \$5! Who can deny that their food is the best food for the best price in East Denver? All of the food-vendors will continue to offer a complete and delicious meal for \$5 or under!

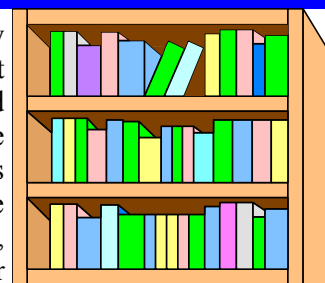
EXCITING NEW ENTERTAINMENT. We would like to welcome the Yellow Dog Stunt Team. See these courageous riders perform breathtaking demonstrations of gravity defying aerial acrobatics. Don't miss this rare opportunity to see bicycles fly. For the first time ever, the Festival will have up to six chalk artists do live chalk art. Understand the artistic process and see what it takes to create a thing of beauty before your eyes. New for this year they welcome "Stage C", a family friendly collaboration of music, story telling, and improvisation focused on "the art of community".

They remain a community directed and neighborhood-organized event. They continue to focus on building neighborhood participation, increasing the cooperation and respect that brings neighborhoods together, developing leadership, supporting the Arts, positively impacting local businesses, and developing and sustaining the community's sense of identity and pride through culture, arts, music, dance, education and performance. For more information, please call 720-205-6506 or visit our website at www.cityparkfestival.org.

Books Needed for Jail

The Denver City and County Correctional Facility at Havana Street and Smith Road has a library. This is for the use of the over 2,000 inmates of both genders. I am sure each of you can imagine how, through just the daily use, their supply of books needs to be renewed.

The books are supplied through DONATIONS Only! You can help provide this resource for our neighbors at Smith Road by bringing books to the September INC Meeting of the Delegates. Paperbacks are preferred however others are acceptable. Please remove any personal identification from the books. Each book will be screened before being available to the inmates. Thank you for your help and Happy Reading to All! Contact an INC board member for more information.



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ber 19th, 5 p.m. Come and Enjoy! {See page eight.}

Denver Solid Waste Management/Keep Denver Beautiful – Who do you know who has contributed to efforts to keep Denver's neighborhoods clean during 2005/2006? This includes organizations, adults, and youths who promote and maintain cleaner, safer, and more livable communities through proper solid waste handling and collection; the reduction of litter and graffiti; and recycling. The 2006 Nominations for awards are now being accepted. Please call 720-865-6815 or visit www.denvergov.org/kdb and click on "Awards".

Golden Triangle – Karen Cuthbertson and Mike Henry of INC attended our August Board meeting to make suggestions for our new, staff-less RNO situation. They were very helpful.

Greater Mar Lee – Zoning issues continue to be an issue. Houses with broken fences and unfinished structures that neighbors have complained about for years are not getting the attention of zoning or the building permit department. We also have a home in the neighborhood that has been abandoned and burned twice. Despite repeated complaints that this was additionally dangerous because it is adjacent to the playground at Sanderson Gulch, only after the matter was brought to Tom Kennedy's attention did the City erect a fence around the property. Another problem is that builders are not required to consider the integrity of the neighborhood. As a result, many trailer-home type buildings are being put in giving our community a trailer-court look thus decreasing property values.

Highland – The Highland bridge construction is well under way with scheduled completion in October. The bridge is a pedestrian structure that will connect Highland to the Platte River Valley at 16th and Central on the west and 16th and Platte on the east. For more information visit www.highlandbridgedenver.com.

Inspiration Point – The celebration of the opening of Camp Rollendet Open Space is August 24th, 4 to 6 p.m. at 52nd and Sheridan {See the August INC newsletter}.

University Park – The City has assigned 2 new planners to work on completing UP's Neighborhood Plan begun in October of 1999. UP input and updates are being included. A Historic Preservation Workshop is planned also. Documents for naming the new open space along Buchtel Boulevard "Prairie Park" have been sent to Parks and Recreation with a presentation set for November.

Virginia Vale – Virginia Vale is pleased to report that a 2-acre piece of vacant land that has long been a point of contention between Channel 6 and the surrounding neighborhood is under development. It will be a self-storage area – destination only traffic; it's a low-traffic solution for the neighborhood. We are watching the Holly Street bridge reconstruction -- something that desperately need to be accomplished.

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dressed. It was announced that Peter Park, Manager of Community Planning and Development, is assembling a small working group to find a common framework to understand waivers and conditions. The Zoning Code Task Force (ZCTF) also is working to create new categories to preclude need for many waivers and conditions and to streamline the permit process.

The next topic for the ZCTF is to determine what it is that neighborhoods wish to preserve. All RNOs are urged to think about what is important to perpetuate in their areas and beyond. ZAP members mentioned patterns of architecture, ways to keep neighborhood character, and the importance for all neighborhoods to be mindful of the great assets afforded by trees, proper set-backs, tree lawns, and other open spaces.

Other items:

- An ordinance concerning review of demolition applications to identify historic properties is scheduled to come before City Council in six to eight weeks.
- The Mayor has ordered Kim Bailey, Manager of Parks and Recreation, to study implementation of his "Million Tree" initiative. A task force is being formed to consider this. It is hoped that concern for preserving trees and a realistic look at irrigation will be important components of this study.
- Copies of Draft Number 19 of the new Denver Sidewalk Policy were distributed by University Park Sidewalk Chair Mary Myers. This topic (as well as kiosks) is being addressed by the City Council Public Works Committee which is now chaired by Councilwoman Marcia Johnson. ZAP members were urged to read the policy carefully, note the proposed funding plans, provide neighborhood comment, and attend the hearing (the ZAP email list will be notified).
- Implementation of INC's November, 2005 *Improvements for Residential Construction* document was discussed at a meeting of ZAP representatives with Councilwoman Jeanne Robb, Chair of City Council's Blueprint Denver Committee.

Denver Neighborhood Connection
Article deadline

is the 20th of each month. Submit
articles, letters, etc. to the editor
at

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arranging for food, and setting up the INC signs. This committee would take the meeting sign-up list and follow up with the RNO that signed up for a particular month.

- Strategic Plan: A follow-up meeting to work on prioritizing and implementing the EC's plan is scheduled on September 14th at 1201 Williams. Karen will send out the results of the EC retreat to the EC and Committee Chairs.
- Billboards at Bus Stops: The ZAP committee is discussing this at their August 19th meeting. {See Committee report on page four.}
- Homeless Dialogue Process: Michael will check if Drew O'Connor can attend the September 9th INC meeting to present issues and options to the membership.
- Demolition/Scrape-Offs Problems: The ZAP committee is discussing this at length at the September 19th meeting. (See Committee report on page four.)

Committee Reports:

- Audit: Al will schedule a meeting of the Committee before the September EC meeting. The Form 990 has been completed.
- Dollar Dictionary: The dictionaries were delivered to the DPS warehouse. Colfax Elementary dictionary distribution will be September 16th. Cathee displayed "thank you" postcards that are sent to donors.
- Education: Happy Haynes will speak about volunteerism in neighborhood schools. Kim Kuchera

joined the committee.

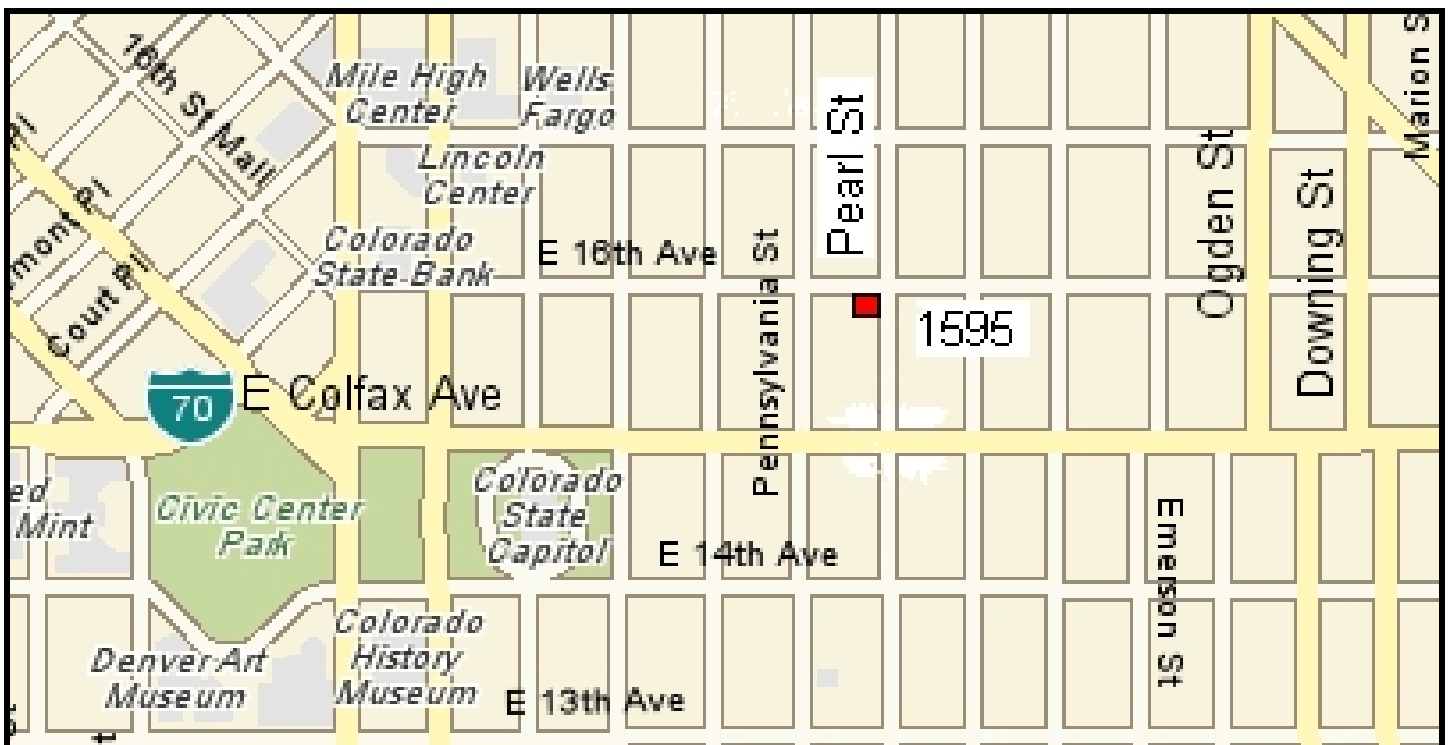
- Membership: Nothing new to report.
- Newsletter: Articles due by the 20th of the month.
- Public Relations: No report.
- Public Safety: Anthony Thomas joined the committee.
- Transportation: none

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Committee Reports:

- Zoning and Planning: The next ZAP Committee will be discussing bus stop billboard advertising (kiosks) and what can or should be considered when placing obstructions in the public right-of-way; the proposed ordinance concerning demolition permit review; and what INC might propose to the city as tools to stabilize neighborhoods (e.g., incentives to homeowners/builders to build/rebuild in scale and character with neighborhoods).
- Dollar Dictionary – Steve Nissan reported about a dictionary fund-raising effort in coordination with the Macy's opening at Northfield. {see related article on page one}
- Membership – no report.
- Safety – The committee needs a Chair although individual committee members are working on tasks. Persons interested in Chairing should contact Dave Webster.
- Education – no report.
- Transportation – no report.

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Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation (INC)

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Bring this for to an INC meeting or mail to: Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation
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Next Meeting
Saturday
September 9th

Pathways Church
(previously Temple
Events Center)
1595 Pearl St

See map on page 10

AGENDA

8:45

Coffee and Chat

9:00

Welcome and Introductions

9:15

Margaret Browne
City Finance Director
On the City Budget

10:00

Helen Kuykendall
Parks and Recreation
On redesign of
Civic Center Park

11:00

Haley Olinger, CDoT
Valley Highway EIS

11:00

Happy Haynes
Volunteer Opportunities in
the Denver Public Schools

11:30

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