

Government of the People

Michael Henry, chair of the INC Zoning and Planning Committee, received permission to share the following with INC members. The *Washington Park Profile* always gives good coverage to neighborhood organization activities. In the June editorial “It’s Only a Government of the People If the People Decide to Help Govern,” the publisher of the *Profile*, Paul Kashmann, expresses appreciation for the work that neighborhood groups and individual neighbors do to improve our communities: “As I took my afternoon constitutional around Washington Park (the greenspace, not the neighborhood) this past Memorial Day afternoon, I was struck once again by what a marvelous community it is that we choose to call home.

The semi-urban, central, south-central, and near southeast neighborhoods that make up *The Profile*’s coverage area really are wonderful places in which to live. Our streets are lined with sturdy, well-maintained homes and mature landscaping. Our parks and recreation facilities – from soccer fields to golf courses, recreation centers to swimming pools – are some of the finest in an impressive city inventory...

While much has changed over the last century-plus, one thing has not. We are still hanging on to one very appealing piece of turf. This is a great place to raise a family. Or to just raise a ruckus if that be your preference.

And how did it happen that with all the commotion of the past few decades, that south Denver has not only survived, but actually prospered in a major way?

It would be my opinion that it didn’t just happen – it was guided. And it wasn’t guided by the Mayors and City administrations (and their vacillating theories about civic improvement) that have come and gone every eight years or so. It’s been you folks who have maintained our quality of life when traffic engineers were focused on moving cars, construction companies were focused on moving dirt, and developers were focused on moving as many greenbacks as possible from someone else’s bank account into theirs.

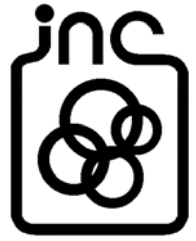
It was you folks who patiently sat through meeting after meeting, study after study, explaining the difference between the reality of your life, as opposed to our city government’s frequently skewed view of it.

There’s a traffic light on University Blvd. and Virginia Ave. allowing safe Fire Department access to the roadway because of resident action. The grocery stores at Evans & Downing and Downing & 6th Avenue were built with fewer homes being demolished because neighbors spoke up. One-way streets have been converted to two-ways, there is no Alameda Ave. bridge across Cherry Creek, the Mayan Theater still stands, there is more parking on the University of Denver campus, there is no through traffic in Washington Park, and virtually every major development you care to look at fits more desirably into the context of our community because of citizen involvement...

We’ve also watched with interest

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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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 Hampden South Neighborhood Assn
 Harkness Heights Neighborhood Assn
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 Mayfair Park Neighborhood Assn
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 Overland Neighborhood Assn
 Platt Park Peoples Assn
 Sloans Neighborhood Assn
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 South Hilltop Neighborhood Assn
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 Summerfield at Indian Creek
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 The Five Points Historic Assn
 The Unsinkables
 University Neighbors
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 Virginia Village/Ellis Community Assn
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 Assn**
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 West University Community Assn
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Minutes of June 12th Executive Committee Meeting

By Karen Cuthbertson, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Chair Dave Webster. In attendance were Executive Committee (EC) members Karen Cuthbertson, Loretta Galla, Charles Howard, Bill Johnston, Monique Lovato, and Anthony Thomas. Also in attendance were Standing/Special Committee Chairs John Riley, Michael Henry, and Steve Nissen. The May minutes were approved. The Treasurer's report was accepted. The EC unanimously passed a motion to move the restricted funds to a savings account so as to earn interest and to report the restricted funds separately.

The EC reviewed meeting dates and topics. INC has been extended an invitation to join the Civic Center Thursday meeting early. Billie Bramhall will go. Monique suggested that someone from the Education Committee attend the School Closing Blue Ribbon Committee. David will write a letter asking that Billie be on this Committee.

The City finally signed off on the Neighborhood Handbook. Karen got printer bids. Mike and Dave will draft a letter that will accompany the book.

The EC unanimously passed a motion to have all the important documents of INC consolidated and scanned with both the Chair and the Secretary maintaining a copy.

Committee Reports:

- Audit: The committee did not meet to conduct their audit of fiscal year 2005 and present a formal budget at the June EC meeting.
- Dollar Dictionary: Received Eugene Tepper's \$6,000 challenge grant and collected approximately \$1,000 in donations and \$1,500 from Kiwanis Club. This still represents only half of the goal. The EC passed a motion to have Steve apply for Preview Charity Shopping Day grant. Steve needs a copy of the 501(3) (c) form and tax exempt number. Dave and Charles to get Steve the information later this evening.
- Education Committee: Pursuing ways to have INC members be more involved with tutoring and trying to identify goals that the committee should focus on.
- Membership: none
- Newsletter: none
- Public Safety: none. Loretta suggested that this committee help get the nuisance abatement law

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Minutes of June 10th Delegates Meeting By Karen Cuthbertson, Secretary

Tamara Banks, Neighborhood Liaison, presented the results of the latest round of the Mayor's Listening Sessions. Top issues are very similar to past sessions:

- affordability of health/human services,
- reduced air & water pollution,
- availability of transit,
- traffic congestion,
- real neighborhood planning (made more difficult since all the Neighborhood Planners have quit or been re-assigned to non-neighborhood planning work),
- attracting desirable businesses that provide jobs with good wages/benefits,
- affordable housing,
- quality schools,
- zoning code enforcement, and
- neighborhood safety.

There was frustration voiced that so many people who participated had yet to receive any follow-up, from receiving a copy of the results, to hearing about volunteer efforts for which they had signed up, to the lack of online availability of the results. Many were frustrated that the input into the Mayor's 2004 Listening Session did not appear to result in substantive changes and that this latest effort seemed no different. There were questions about whether this was really a priority for this Administration. Members of the NIS Taskforce noted that several suggestions that came out of that Taskforce effort would dovetail well with some of this Listening Session issues and asked that Tamara follow up with Tom Kennedy on some basic things. One example is educating residents as to the "rules" and/or having NIS Inspectors leave an informative flyer (similar to the one that Athmar Park produces) each time they leave a citation. Tamara related that department heads are reviewing and analyzing the data to see how to best address the results. It was suggested that an INC representative be involved in that analysis and Tamara agreed to take this suggestion back for consideration.

Tamara also gave an update on the 311 system. The initial roll-out starts July 7th with service hours of 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. The plan is to eventually have the system continuously active. Tamara reported that staffers have had extensive training to be able to connect callers with the correct resources. In its initial form, 311 will address city-specific services but the plan is to broaden the scope to include things such as DPS resources, state resources,

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Zoning and Planning Committee Report

By Diana Helper, Member

The INC Zoning and Planning (ZAP) Committee met May 20th. Tom Moore, Director of Denver County Corrections, spoke in favor of a proposed ordinance to allow a maximum of 120 beds in Community Corrections half-way-house types of institutions (where deemed appropriate) rather than 60 as is now the maximum. He explained that 60 was a figure randomly selected when this program began. The larger facilities would not be in residential areas. At a future meeting ZAP members will have a speaker on alternative plans such as reducing the number of persons incarcerated.

Demolition Notification is the subject of a proposed bill coming before City Council June 5th and for vote on June 12th. No public hearing is needed. The bill includes some language INC delegates requested but asks for only ten days notice to adjacent property owners rather than 30 days as INC requested. ZAP members voted unanimously to let members of the ZAP subcommittee speak on behalf of INC should a public hearing be requested by any councilperson. [None was requested.]

Steve Turner of Historic Denver Inc. (HD) spoke on methods such as overlay or conservation districts that neighborhood groups might use to help keep neighborhoods stable. He hopes HD can proceed with demonstration projects in the near future because the need for stabilization in some neighborhoods is immediate. HD proposes that the city amend the contracts of the consultants now working to revise the Zoning Code to require the addition of language to the Code allowing for such demonstration projects. HD's proposal for time to study demolition requests to ascertain historic value (by looking at a picture) has been withdrawn for the time being. A decision will be made whether to go ahead with this proposal as is or prepare a plan which meets HD's needs more fully.

A ZAP member suggested a requirement that the presence of the heavy-metal lead be discerned and abatement properly performed by the developer of a property to be demolished. Lead gets into the soil and can be a grave danger to residents.

Billie Bramhall has applied to be on the Denver Planning Board. ZAP members recommend her to this position and unanimously support her application. The list of vacancies on city boards has not been sent to RNOs recently and ZAP requests that sending it to RNOs be re-

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Capitol Hill United Neighbors, the **Golden Triangle Association**, and the **Unsinkables**, with help from Councilwoman Jeanne Robb and Police Commander Deborah Dilley, were successful in persuading Stephanie O'Malley, Director of Excise and License, to deny the application for a new tavern liquor license and dance cabaret license at 865 Lincoln Street. There are already 27 tavern licenses in the designated area.

Cherry Creek North N.A. – Held their 3rd annual Spring Fling Neighborhood Party at Cableland on June 8th. Over 175 residents attended and a silent auction raised \$5,000 for the Salvation Army.

College View N.A. – Ongoing issues with graffiti. The biggest current issue over the last year is the RTD facility in Englewood that is adjacent to Denver residences. The noise and diesel pollution (cancer- and asthma-causing) is a very big problem for the neighborhood.

Colorado Dept of Health – Has a well-written pamphlet available to help neighborhoods prepare for a possible flu pandemic. Call 800-886-7689 to request a copy.

Cook Park N.A. – Their neighborhood garage sale will be June 24th at the Cook Park Recreation Center and the Denver Municipal Jazz Band is putting on a free concert at Cook Park on July 14th, at 7:30pm.

Curtis Park Neighbors – CPN started a new initiative called the Metizo-Curtis Park Alliance to enhance the use of Denver's first park. The activities include donation of swimwear for neighborhood kids, new hours for pool use to help adult swimming, working with the Parks Department to have additional flower beds sponsored by/with neighbors, and activities for additional park use (e.g., movies in the park and pool opening celebrations). CPN is working on many transportation plans including input to the River North Plan, participation and input to the I-70 EIS meeting, attendance in the open house for the Strategic Transportation Plan, and working with the City in the

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Xcel Energy Plant Tours

Please join Xcel this summer for tours of their power plants to see the wind farms that have made them the number one purchaser of wind energy in the United States, how a pumped storage hydroelectric plant works, and how power plant emissions have been cut 70 percent with state-of-the-art technologies.



Cherokee Station (two hours)

July 19th, 10 a.m.

August 16, 2 p.m.

In northeast Denver, the Cherokee Station is one of Xcel Energy's largest power plants, using low sulfur coal and with a generating capacity of 717 megawatts. One megawatt can serve the electricity needs of about 1,000 residences. Special air emissions controls were installed as part of our voluntary Denver Metro Emissions Reduction Plan. Cherokee Station participates in a new Denver Water program that reduces the use of fresh, raw water from the South Platte River. Register for a Tour.



Colorado Green wind energy facility (departs from downtown Denver, full-day, includes chartered bus ride and lunch)

August 25, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

This 162-megawatt wind energy facility, owned by PPM Energy, is located approximately 30 miles south of Lamar in Prowers County. Xcel Energy purchases the entire output from Colorado Green's 108 wind turbines.



Ponnequin Wind Facility and Fort St. Vrain Station (departs from downtown Denver, full-day, includes chartered bus ride and lunch)

July 28, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Tour two very different facilities in one day. Colorado's first commercial wind farm is just south of the Wyoming border and east of I-25. There are 44 turbines generating up to 30 megawatts of electricity that can serve the electricity needs of more than 300 customers. Ponnequin's power is sold through Xcel Energy's Windsource® program, the largest customer-driven program of its kind in the country. Fort St. Vrain Station, located in Platteville, was the first nuclear plant in the United States to be decommissioned. The plant has been re-powered as a natural gas-fired facility and can generate up to 737 megawatts – three times as much as during its history as a nuclear facility.

The generating stations are industrial facilities. A tour can involve heights, stair climbing and walking over grates. We recommend casual clothing and flat, comfortable shoes (no sandals), and a jacket for Ponnequin, Colorado Green and Cabin Creek. You may be provided with special equipment, such as eye and hearing protection and a hardhat.

To register for a tour, please call (303) 294-2788 or send email to Barbara.Hamblin@xcelenergy.com.

Residential Zoning & Construction Recommendations to Mayor and Council by Charles Howard

Some 44 pages in a three-ring notebook, fourteen months of work by the INC Zoning and Planning Subcommittee, and ... the latest step in a significant INC project was launched. This project resulted in a document recommending improvements for specific residential zoning and construction issues.

After working its way through the process for full INC endorsement, the document was delivered last November to Denver Community Planning and Development Manager Peter Park, Molly Urbina, and subsequently the CPD staff for their input and questions. It was felt that the recommendations on policy changes would be addressed first. We met with Peter Park and his staff in late January. We had their formal response in April of this year.

CPD agreed with INC on all three of the guiding principles, four of the issues (Construction Plans, Site Plans, and two on Front Porch Setbacks), as well as one additional important issue (Water Runoff and Drainage).

Soon after digesting the CPD response to our proposals, the matter of Residential Demolition and Excavation Notices came to the attention of the Blueprint Denver Committee of City Council. This topic relates to an issue on which we had made recommendations. That matter was moved on to the full Council and it has become a new ordinance.

At that point, INC Subcommittee members submitted the full set of proposals to the Mayor, City Council, Planning and Development, and the Mayor's Neighborhood Liaison in person on June 6th. Around the first of July, we will attempt to schedule a meeting with Councilwoman Jeanne Robb and engage her in planning to have Blueprint Denver address the remaining issues of our report.

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

Low-interest Loans

With the ever-increasing cost of fuel, energy, and materials, many low and moderate-income Denver homeowners may not be able to afford to make emergency or necessary home repairs. Fortunately, the Denver Urban Renewal Authority (DURA) directs two Denver housing programs which provide 0% or 1% fixed-rate interest loans to make emergency repairs and essential improvements possible.

DURA, the redevelopment agency engaged in commercial revitalization and housing rehabilitation throughout Denver, helps low to moderate-income Denver homeowners make essential home repairs by providing 0% or 1% interest loans which are funded by the City's Division of Housing and Neighborhood Development and HUD Community Development Block Grants. Furthermore, there are no out of pocket costs or hidden charges and DURA manages the entire project from start to finish including selecting a certified contractor and coordinating all construction schedules, permits, payments and approvals.

DURA's **Single Family Rehabilitation Program** provides qualifying homeowners up to \$35,000 in low-interest loans to make general home renovations and improvements. The **Emergency Home Repair Program** allocates up to \$6,000 in deferred interest loans for emergency repairs; which include sewer, plumbing, mechanical, heating, roofing, electrical, and other problems posing an immediate danger to a homeowner's health and safety.

While these loans are available throughout Denver to qualifying low-to-moderate-income homeowners, the funds are targeted for Denver's lowest-income neighborhoods. For more information about these DURA programs, homeowners can contact DURA by phone at (303) 534-3872 or on the web at www.denvergov.org/dura

Social Enterprise Workshop

The Denver Office of Strategic Partnerships will host a special half-day workshop on social enterprise. The workshop will feature Mayor John Hickenlooper and internationally recognized leader Bill Shore; Executive Director of Share Our Strength, chairman of Community Wealth Ventures, and author of *The Cathedral Within* and *Revolution of the Heart*.

As you think about the future sustainability of your non-profit organization, do you:

- > find yourself asking about new ways to generate revenue?

- > have an idea for a business venture that could earn income and help your organization achieve its mission?
- > currently operate an earned income venture that you would like to grow?
- > simply want to learn more about what some entrepreneurial nonprofit leaders are doing around the country to generate revenues?

We would like to invite representatives of your organization to attend this special workshop that is designed for senior leadership and board members. We strongly encourage you to bring three or more people from your organization in order to get the most out of the day. This workshop is designed for organizations with a strong financial base that are looking for opportunities to expand. During the workshop, you and your colleagues will explore opportunities for generating income within your organization.

Social Enterprise: A Path to Greater Sustainability

Date: Tuesday, July 18, 2006

Time: 8:15 am – 12:30 pm

A light breakfast will be served.

Location: Denver Botanic Gardens

Mitchell Hall

909 York Street

Denver, CO 80206

Cost: Nonprofits \$25 (includes 3 tickets)

Individuals \$50

Preference will be given to nonprofit organizations

Community Wealth Ventures, a leading social enterprise consulting firm, will present innovative approaches to building earned income, and representatives from Social Franchise Ventures will discuss how the nonprofit sector can leverage the power of franchise businesses. In addition, this session will feature a showcase of area nonprofit organizations that operate successful earned income ventures as well as local support organizations that provide technical assistance on social enterprise.

Space for this workshop is limited, so please register early if you are interested in attending at https://www.blacktie-colorado.com/online_sales/rsvp_ticket_purchase.cfm?rsvpid=1418.

Sign language interpretation will be provided upon request.

All participants are welcome to go through the gardens after the workshop.

We are excited to bring this workshop to Denver, and look forward to seeing you there. If you have questions or need additional information, please call or email Rose Williams at 720.944.2902 or rose.williams@dhs.co.denver.co.us.

Presented by the Denver Office of Strategic Partner-

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ships, Community Wealth Ventures, Denver Office of Economic Development, Social Venture Partners, and Micro-Business Development.

RNOs Must Register

To join INC as a member, a neighborhood organization must first be registered with the City as a "Registered Neighborhood Organization" (RNO). The City of Denver will accept application for RNO status this month. Now is the time to register your organization if you have not; there is no cost. Log on to www.denvergov.org/neighborhood_response/template22297.asp and either complete the form online or print it out and send it in. If you are unsure of your organization's status, log on and view the current list of Denver RNOs. If you are registered, you can complete the form on page 13 to join INC.

Parks People

Denver Parks is offering a training session on how to become a Parks and People Partnership volunteer. The program uses citizens to evaluate park conditions; this assists us with maintenance programs, funding, and the best use of our resources. If anyone is interested the next training session will be at the Molkery (public building) in Montclair Park (12th and Newport) on Thursday July 13th at 7pm. The session lasts 45 minutes to 1 hour. There is no cost for the training but register so we can have a count for supplies. For further information, please contact Raeann at 720-913-0668. Thank you. Val Alan Webster, Assistant Director of Parks, Denver Parks and Recreation, 303-880-8539

Miscellaneous

1—The Denver Metro Convention & Visitors Bureau recently launched www.denver365.com, the most comprehensive and exciting online events calendar in the City's history.

2—The Colorado Business Leadership Network, an employer-led coalition promoting the employment of individuals with disabilities, is looking for board members. If interested, please call 303.620.8051.

3—Mark your calendars for Friday, July 21st, for CHFA's annual Golf Tournament at Green Valley Ranch Golf Course. This year's event will benefit Senior Housing Options. Register at www.chfa.golfreg.com.

4—To celebrate the 25th anniversary of the beginnings of

Xeriscape, Denver Water is hosting weekend parties at the Denver Water Xeriscape Demonstration Garden that is located west of the Administration Building at 1600 West 12th Avenue. The times are:

Saturday, July 22nd, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sunday, August 6th, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Master gardeners and conservation experts will be available to answer your questions or provide ideas for your yard. Take a guided tour or wander on your own through a showcase of grasses, shrubs, trees, ground covers, and perennials. Most plants are identified with markers. Light refreshments will be provided.

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in the past month or two as residents have worked tirelessly urging City Council to make much needed changes in the ordinance governing demolitions of residential and commercial structures in our fair city.

Area homeowners groups are tired of having no time to protect adjacent residences from major excavation and demolition, and are concerned about the potential loss of historic structures due to a demolition permitting ordinance with not enough bark, and even less bite.

The changes the city planning gurus wanted to make would have eliminated a stated 'safety' period during which permits could not be issued, and would not have put enough teeth in the section requiring evidence that adjacent homeowners were notified about the impending project.

Again, the issue is still under consideration, but without public "guidance" the end result would undoubtedly have been less than satisfactory.

Right now, across our community, your neighbors are hard at it, protecting the quality of life that you enjoy. If you're not of a mind to join in the battle, at least let them know you appreciate what's being done.

When you get that flyer asking for financial support, let loose of a \$20 or two. And should an issue of special interest to you surface, get off the couch, get to a meeting, and let your voice join the chorus.

This is a participatory democracy we enjoy. If you don't participate, it becomes something else."

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sumed. In the past, the Mayor's Office sent the information.

ZAP members voted unanimously to request that the ordinance regarding construction noise be amended to change the hour after which noise is not allowed from the present 9:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and that construction noise be prohibited on Sundays. Also, ZAP asks the ordinance require that commercial outdoor eating places near residences be required to turn off music speakers at 10 p.m.

Dollar Dictionary Drive

In each of the years since 1996 the INC Dollar Dictionary Drive has given a dictionary and a thesaurus of their own to every third-grade student in 98 Denver Public Elementary Schools. Fortunately we have also been able to provide a set of thirty books for each third-grade classroom, give the teachers a reference copy, and provide extras for the new kids in class – all thanks to your support.

It is a resource that has not been ignored by those in the classrooms of Denver. The books are utilized in teaching the students in making the transition from “learning to read” to “reading to learn” and in helping each student to become an active citizen of our community.

This program provides these valuable learning tools because of donations from neighborhood associations, businesses, individuals, and grants. Our largest donation in each of the past four years has been a challenge grant from Gene Tepper of Upper Downtown Development Corp. Gene’s wife, Sheri S. Tepper, is a prolific author and it is in her honor that Gene has again offered INC a \$6,000 challenge grant. Gene promptly paid the grant when INC met the challenge!

We do have money in the bank but we have a way to go to reach this year’s goal. Thank you to Gene and everyone else for your contributions toward our fundraising efforts in 2006.

Mark your calendars: Labeling of the books will be at Rocky Mountain SER in Northwest Denver (36th Avenue & Pecos Street). Times are 8/10/06: 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and 8/11/06: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Volunteers are welcome for an hour or a day. Lunch, snacks, and drinks will be provided.

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 West University Community Association

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PO Box 18347

Denver, CO 80218

City Free Concerts

The Denver Office of Cultural Affairs is pleased to announce the 2006 *City Free Concert Series*. The line-up includes the Colorado Symphony Orchestra (CSO) and a variety of other local performers.

Skyline Park Lunch Concerts

Lunchtime concerts take place on Fridays from noon until 1:15 p.m. Skyline Park is located on Arapahoe Street between 16th and 17th Streets.

- ♪ July 7th Dancin’ Downtown – Hannah Kahn Dance and Tango Colorado
- ♪ July 14th Denver Young Artists Orchestra—MIX Listener Lunch
- ♪ July 21st Next in Line celebrating El Centro Su Teatro’s Chicano Music Festival
- ♪ July 28th Mirai Daiko and Mudra Dance Studio celebrating the Colorado Dragon Boat Festival
- ♪ August 4th Creative Music Works featuring Tom Tilton’s Jazz Collaboration Ensemble
- ♪ August 11th Dancin’ Downtown – Fiesta Colorado Dancers, Cleo Parker Robinson’s Trainin’ Group and Colorado Ballet Trainee Program—MIX Listener Lunch*
- ♪ August 18th Queen City Jazz Band
- ♪ August 25th Pan Jumbies celebrating A Taste of Colorado and the Festival of Mountain and Plain

Evenings in the Parks

- ♪ July 3rd CSO Patriotic Celebration, City Park Meadow (located to the west of the Den-

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- ver Museum of Nature and Science) at 7:30 p.m.
- ♫ July 24th Latino Rhythms and ArtsFest, Sloan's Lake Park (near Stuart St. and W. 23rd Ave.) at 7:00 p.m. featuring Grupo Folclorico Sabor Latino, Sangre Chicana, Latin Fantasies de Phil Marin, Mood Express, Manuel Molina y Su Combo Caliente and North High School's Black Masque Theatre Company
- ♫ July 25th CSO Sloan's Lake Park (near Stuart St. and W. 23rd Ave.) at 7:30 p.m.
- ♫ July 27th CSO Cheesman Park (E. 8th Ave. and Williams St.) at 7:30 p.m.
- ♫ August 3rd Midsummer Night's Dance City Park Meadow (located to the west of the Denver Museum of Nature & Science) at 7:30 p.m. featuring the Colorado Ballet, Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Ensemble and Kim Robards Dance.

Note: Concert dates and locations are subject to change. Parking may not be free at all locations.

For more information on the *City Free Concert Series*, please call 720-865-4320 or visit www.denvergov.org/cfcs.

Fireworks

The INC Executive Committee sent a letter to the following concerning fireworks in Denver:

Denver State Legislators
Mayor John Hickenlooper
Members of City Council
Fire Chief Larry Trujillo
Manager of Safety Al LaCabe
Neighborhood Liaison Tamara Banks
Bill Ritter, Bob Beauprez, Marc Holtzman

The text of the letter follows:

The delegation of Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation, a network of more than 70 registered neighborhood organizations in the City and County of Denver, voted unanimously on June 10, 2006 to urge you all to work toward a statewide legislative ban on the sale of fireworks.

Despite the hard work of Denver firefighters and police officers every year during the days surrounding the Fourth of July holiday and other holidays, there is a great deal of fire danger and intolerable (to many citizens and dogs) noise in Denver neighborhoods from fireworks. Although Denver prohibits sale or unauthorized use of fireworks, some surrounding counties and towns do not, making it very easy for people to purchase fireworks elsewhere and use them in Denver.

On behalf of Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation, the following INC officers and committee chairs urge you to work together to enact a statewide ban on the sale of fireworks in the 2007 legislative session. Thank you for your consideration.

The following message comes from the City:

For several years Denver Police Officers and Denver Firefighters have partnered to crack down on the use, possession, and sale of illegal fireworks in Denver. All fireworks - cherry bombs, sparklers, and even worms - are illegal in Denver and cannot be bought, sold, or ignited. Fireworks Enforcement Teams of police and firefighters, paired in patrol cars, will focus on detecting and enforcing fireworks violations in City neighborhoods. The enforcement will begin Thursday, June 29, and continue through Sunday, July 9. In addition to pro-actively patrolling neighborhoods throughout Denver, these teams will respond to fireworks-related calls.

There will be several Enforcement Teams available city wide each night. The enforcement teams and all available on-duty Denver Police Officers will issue citations for violations that can incur fines up to \$999.00 or six months in jail. Enforcement Teams will give priority to calls where a citizen wishes to sign a complaint. The remainder of their time will be dedicated to patrolling parks and high volume call areas. This enforcement effort is in addition to each patrol-district's fireworks enforcement in the parks. Increased coverage will be given to parks throughout the city on July 4th. Officers will conduct foot, motor, and bike patrols in the parks focusing on detecting and enforcing fireworks violations. Historically, the larger parks in the city have generated the majority of complaints and concern from the community. A zero tolerance stance will be taken in all of the parks with particular attention being given to Sloans Lake, Ruby Hill, City, Falcon, Bible, Hallock, and Jefferson parks.

Officers will issue citations or warnings depending on the seriousness of the offense. If a juvenile is issued a citation, the courts may require the juvenile offender to attend the Fire Department's "*Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Program*". All violators will be given informational flyers on the hazards of fireworks. These prevention/information flyers may be used in place of a citation.

Enforcement teams will also conduct firework awareness sessions for business owners and employees. Teams will identify businesses that may plan on selling fireworks. Business owners and employees will be educated on the city's fireworks ordinance, the dangers of fireworks, and the appropriate way to report the illegal use of fireworks.

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California/Lawrence one-way conversion.

Godsman Community N.A. – Thanks to District 4 Police, tickets are being handed out to those who are violating the stop signs on Louisiana at Clay and at Tejon. Drug traffic at Raritan and Mississippi is at a standstill. Neighborhood Inspection Service is working hard to stop parking on the lawn, weedy lawns, and portable carports. Thanks for all the help that is making our neighborhood more livable. Betty Stewart is celebrating 10 years as GCNA President in September.

Golden Triangle N.A. – There will be a Farmers Market in the Civic Center Park this summer.

Greater Mar Lee C.O. – Problems with fireworks have already started since Memorial Day. The police have been unresponsive.

Hampden South N.A. – The I-25 and Yale exit is complete. Several tree branches have been in the road near Rosemary Way at South Mercer. HSNA has asked the city to remove them.

Platt Park – On the positive side, the neighborhood is looking forward to the neighborhood picnic with the Denver Municipal Jazz Band on July 21st from 6 to 9 p.m (between Logan, Grant, Iowa, and Florida) where they gather with family and friends to pass a summer evening in grand fashion with firefighters from station #16 will be on hand with their equipment for the kids to enjoy and to assist with any out-of-control barbecues. Our major issues right now includes the Louisiana Light Rail Station plan, parking around the station, Old South Pearl customers parking along residential streets, the Broadway NEPA process, and the proliferation of scrape-offs. Regarding the LP Light Rail station, the City has long planned for the L-P station to be a “kiss and ride” station designed for pedestrians, cyclists or drop-offs without any parking structures or lots. In concept this has been agreeable, but well-placed concerns exist that if left to its own course the reality could be quite different. It’s not hard to imagine available parking for blocks in every direction being grabbed up by commuters each morning meaning even less spaces for residents. We believe that the Zoning Code redesign taskforce needs to immediately turn its attention to developing tools to preserve neighborhood characteristics in Areas of Stability. Another major issue is trying to correct the mistake made in the zoning application for Gates (east of Broadway). The RNOs were promised 55 foot height restriction on part of the site and this restriction was included in the initial application but was left off of subsequent versions. We are looking for ways to rectify this error.

Solid Waste Management – Denver Recycles cart delivery is underway and should be complete in September.

Denver Partners Against Graffiti stresses that everyone should report graffiti vandalism online at www.denvergov.org/graffiti or by calling 720-865-7867.

South City Park N.A. – We would like to see some mechanism for neighborhood associations, in addition to immediate neighbors, to be alerted when a building is facing demolition.

University Park C.C. – Many R-1 zoned lots are being split and there are still over 60 lots where houses could be scraped and replaced by two large houses. Homes of historic interest presently are on many of these sites and UPCC is discussing possible methods of preservation. Plans for UPCC’s portion of Buchtel Boulevard Coalition project are in progress working with the City departments, businesses, schools, and other RNOs.

West Washington Park – The indoor air testing in homes affected by TCE contamination leaking from the old Gates factory site has been completed with a conclusion that there is no risk to human health. Four down-zoning initiatives are beginning in an effort to preserve the single-family character of the neighborhood. We are starting conversations about traffic patterns and future neighborhood character in preparation for the overwhelming impact of the future Cherokee and Lionstone developments.

Whittier N.A. – Manual High School is open for summer school with tutoring and mentoring services. School redesign has begun with community input. If you’re interested in volunteering, email chc@blondedesign.com.

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The Denver Fire and Police Departments offer the following tips to help keep Denver neighborhoods safe from illegal fireworks:

- * Do not purchase fireworks for use within Denver. Instead, attend one of the many professional displays being conducted throughout the Denver metro area.
- * To report firework violations, call the Denver Police Dispatch non-emergency telephone number 720-913-2000.
- * Talk to your children about the dangers of fireworks and pledge to your neighbors that your block will be fireworks-free this summer.

Denver Neighborhood Connection
Article deadline

is the 20th of each month. Submit
articles, letters, etc. to the editor at
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amended to include vehicles of police impersonators. John to schedule a meeting in June and would like to focus on issues that the residents would like to address.

- Transportation: none. Harriet to put a blurb in the newsletter to stimulate involvement.
 - Zoning & Planning: Board signed a letter regarding the statewide ban of fireworks and a letter supporting the correction of the error in the Gates Zone Map Amendment.
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and etc. It was suggested that INC should give the system a “report card” after September. In a related matter, Dave Webster asked Tamara to stay for the entire INC meeting in the future (instead of only spending a few minutes) as it represented an excellent opportunity for her, as Neighborhood Liaison, to hear the leading problems from dozens of neighborhoods all at the same time.

Larry Trujillo, Denver Fire Chief, spoke about his department’s strategy for fireworks this year. He will have six teams out working to confiscate fireworks (\$150,000 worth impounded last year) from June 29th through July 19th with two teams working exclusively in parks. Chief Trujillo noted that callers who are willing to sign a complaint will get priority response and that the penalty is up to \$999 and one year in jail. The Chief is also working with State legislators to implement a state-wide ban. A motion was unanimously passed that INC support a state-wide ban and to ask that this Administration raise the priority of this safety issue (i.e., six teams to cover a city the size of Denver is not adequate). The Chief also noted that some of his department’s engines are more than 25-years-old and updated the attendees on the plan to acquire enough new engines so that all will be less than 20-years-old. This may require getting creative to find funding sources; e.g., starting a 501(c)(3) organization and writing applications for grants. Attendees highly commended the Chief on the level of service that his firefighters continue to provide even though they are being asked to do more despite losing stations and staff (the Chief would like to see four to five new stations and an additional 75 people). There was a suggestion to try to partner with large corporations who might fund construction of a new station near their corporate facility to receive a reduction in their fire insurance rates from their insurance carrier.

Alton Dillard, from the Denver Election Commission, presented a map showing the 47 new Vote Centers that will be replacing all 292 polling places. Alton told the attendees that the process for selecting the Vote Centers was rather arduous as many older schools, nursing homes, and other places that might seem to be good choices don’t

meet the required level of ADA compliance or other requirements. He reported that voters can vote at any Center regardless of where they live because the judges will have access to the computerized voter registration database to verify voters. A concern was raised that many of the current judges are not computer savvy. Another question came up about transportation to Vote Centers. Alton suggested that people contact their political party for transportation assistance. He also reminded everyone that the Excel Energy franchise ballot issue requires that the August election be open to all voters. For more information, visit www.denvergov.org/electioncommission. The matter of the missing voter registration records was raised that puts everyone who registered from 1989 to 1998 in jeopardy of identity theft. A large cabinet has been missing since February but it was “explained” that this has never been reported to the police “because we wanted to make sure the records really were missing.” Alton said there were three or four places they could be but everyone at INC meeting was aghast that this was never reported. It was strongly suggested by attendees that the Election Commission advise people to contact any of the credit report companies and ask for a Fraud Alert to be put on their account. (Editors note: some of the missing records have been found.)

Shelly Watters and Donna Krentz of Platt Park presented the saga of the RNOs’ agreement made with Gates to ensure that several blocks along South Broadway nearest Platt Park residences be zoned for a height limitation of 55 feet. Somewhere during the course of the many redrafts, the restrictive language was omitted. The developer, Lionstone, obtained a Zone Map Amendment allowing buildings of 110 feet height. The problem is that the 55 foot agreement was never “recorded” and the 110 feet specification is in the record. Neighbors have not been able to persuade Lionstone or Gates to rectify the error and so wrote Peter Park and the Mayor who advised residents that it isn’t the City’s responsibility and they are not going to address it. The RNOs feel they should not have to be the ones to ensure that the language remain consistent from draft to draft and believe that this application was being pushed too fast through Council to please developers. The delegation voted to write the Mayor, Gates, Lionstone, Peter Park, City Council, and others stating this is an error that needs to be corrected and that neighborhoods need to have confidence that RNO agreements will be honored by the City. The motion passed with a vote with 24 in favor, none opposed, 2 abstentions. It was noted that Tamara Banks had long since left the meeting.

Claire Harris, the President of College View, spoke of a situation in her neighborhood where RTD’s bus facility

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brings 120 diesel buses into a residential area each day. The facility is in Englewood in an industrial location but College View is directly across the street. From 4 to 6 a. m., the buses warm up in front of some 24 College View homes with the diesel pipes pointed directly at the houses. The noise wakes the residents and the fumes, which are known to be carcinogenic and to cause asthma, invade their houses. College View has been trying to get something done about this for a year. Their RTD representative has done nothing. It was suggested that Claire contact Bill Elfenbein (RTD Board Director), Denver Environmental Health, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, and Tri-County Health. Getting a reliable study of indoor air contaminants was suggested as a necessary tool.

Carter Ballinger asked whatever happened to his plea that INC really work at getting more members? He mentioned Windsor Gardens as a place to enlist.

Several INC members spoke about the June 15th public meeting to discuss Civic Center Park. This will be the first time to see proposed drawings by Daniel Liebskind that are said to be quite different from the present classic design of this historic park. Public comment is urged. It is important that every neighborhood take a serious interest in this centerpiece of our city. Gene Tepper said that he is suggesting a festival park be located elsewhere than

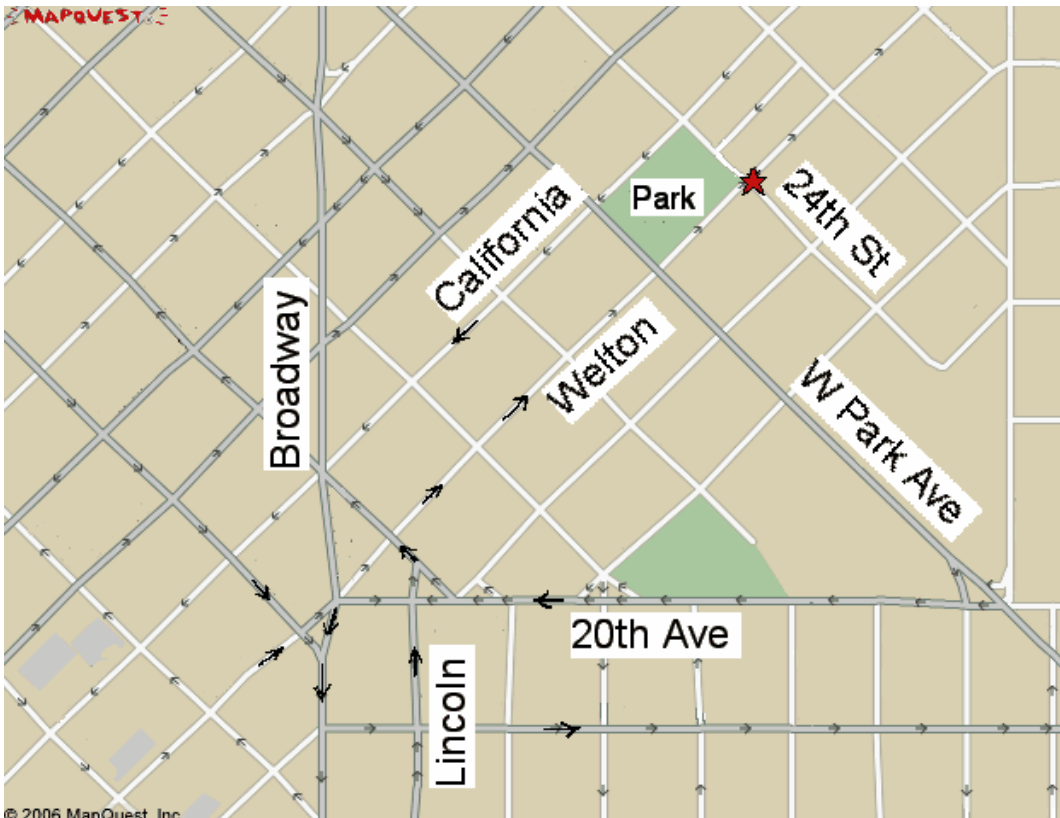
Civic Center and has written the Mayor that an area bounded by 21st and 24th streets, Stout and Welton would serve this purpose and keep Civic Center intact.

Advertising billboard/kiosks at RTD bus stops have been erected in Denver and more are to come. One was set in a residential area of University Park and this caused an alert for all neighborhoods. INC representatives agreed that these ads are not welcome additions to our streets. Councilwoman Kathleen MacKenzie stated that there would have to be a change in the ordinance and she would be glad to carry such a bill. Several INC representatives offered to work with her on this.

Committee Reports:

- Dollar Dictionary – Cathee Fisher reported that INC had accumulated \$6,000 in donations to meet Eugene Tepper's matching grant challenge and he arose and presented his check. Cathee then said there is still a need for at least \$7,000 more so keep on getting contributions.
- Zoning & Planning – Michael updated everyone on the Demolition Notification bill. Full copies of the INC-approved November 2005 Report (suggested residential construction improvements) have been sent to all Councilpersons.

Meeting adjourned 12:15.



The address is 2401 Welton St.
The facility is the Blair Caldwell African-American Research Library.
The meeting is upstairs.

Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation (INC)

2006 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.

Join as a voting neighborhood organization: Regular Member (\$35) ☐ Patron (\$75) ☐

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. Patron names are listed in bold in our newsletter.

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

**Saturday
July 8th**

Blair Caldwell African-American Research Library

2401 Welton St

See map on page 12

AGENDA

8:45

Coffee and Chat

9:00

Welcome and
Introductions

9:15

Police Chief Whitman on
"Broken Windows" results

10:30

Rachel Coels
on Asian Bird Flu

Noon

Adjourn

Refreshments

**Councilwoman
Wedgeworth**

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