

Southeast Light Rail Opens



free-ride “preview days” on Friday, November 17th from 11 a.m. until midnight and on Saturday, November 18th from 6 a.m. until midnight. Regular fare service will begin on Sunday, November 19th along with new and revised bus services. Note that normal fares are required on all connecting RTD service on Friday. On Saturday, the Southwest Light Rail service will be free as well but connecting bus service will still require the normal fare.

Parking is limited at all of the new stations but the good news is that, in conjunction with the opening of the new light rail line, RTD is also adjusting current bus routes and adding new ones to accommodate commuters using transit to get to the light rail stations. If your neighborhood would like customized information on current, new, or expanded routes connecting your neighborhood to the new light rail stations, please contact Rebecca Cales at Transportation Solutions at rcales@transolutions.org or 303-377-7086.

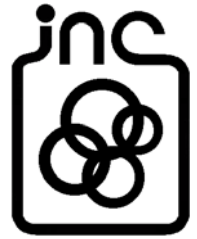
As one of the nation’s most bike-friendly cities, most of the new light rail stations in Denver will also feature bike lockers and bike racks. Bicycles may be taken on the trains with a special free permit that must be requested in advance. You may apply for the permit on the RTD website – www.rtd-denver.com. All of the stations feature great pedestrian access with sidewalks connecting walkers to the light rail stations.

Transportation Solutions, the nonprofit transportation advocacy group serving our area, is saluting the completion of T-REX and the launch of Southeast Light Rail by hosting Station Celebrations at two of the new stations in the area. Take one of the first free rides on the new light rail line as festivities kick off on Friday, November 17th from 12 noon to 3 p.m. at the Colorado Station just east of Colorado Boulevard between Evans Avenue and Colorado Center Drive. On Saturday, November 18th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., stop by the University of Denver (DU) light rail station near the intersection of High Street and Buchtel Boulevard with plenty of parking, take off from the DU location for more celebrations a free-ride away along the line. Both events are free to the public and will feature food from local vendors, music, and activities for all ages.

Are you interested in helping? Volunteers are needed during both events, as well as to help with outreach and preparation prior to the Station Celebrations. For more information or to sign-up to help, please call Rebecca Cales at 303-377-7086 or email volunteer@transolutions.org.

For information on bus service changes and the new light rail line, including fare information and schedules, please visit www.southeastlightrail.com. See page 10.

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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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Greater Park Hill Inc.
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 Hampden South Neighborhood Assn
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Minutes of October Executive Committee

By Karen Cuthbertson, Secretary

The meeting was called to order on October 9th at 6:38 p.m. by Chair Dave Webster. In attendance were Executive Committee (EC) members Karen Cuthbertson, Al Habercorn, Harriet Hogue, Bill Johnston, Monique Lovato, and Anthony Thomas. Also in attendance were Standing/Special Committee Chairs Ken Beaudrie, Michael Henry, and Steve Nissen. The September Minutes were approved. There was no Treasurer's report.

The EC discussed INC's fund raising efforts:

- People's Fair: \$532.82 were received. Al is to check with volunteers to see if they would like to receive their proceeds or donate proceeds to the Dollar Dictionary Drive.
- Dollar Dictionary Drive: Steve and Monique are writing an submission to obtain a *YourHub* grant.
- Red Hats Society: INC members can buy tickets en masse and receive back a percentage of the ticket proceeds. Dave is to find out more information.

Committee Reports:

- Audit: The audit has not been completed.
- Dollar Dictionary Drive: 107 Macy's Charity Day Shopping tickets were sold resulting in \$1,070 for the Dollar Dictionary Drive. Fundraising for the Dollar Dictionary Drive is \$8,000 short of the 2006 goal.
- Education: No report was submitted.
- Membership: There are 83 RNO member organizations 14 of which are patrons. There are 26 associate members 11 of which are patrons.
- Newsletter: No report was submitted.
- Public Relations: The Neighborhood Handbook article has appeared in print media. An Election Forum notice was sent to all media.
- Public Safety: Karen and Billie are meeting with Jeanne Faatz, Michael Hancock, and Rosemary Rodriguez to discuss a proposed new ordinance for Zone R1 occupancy.
- Transportation: No report was submitted.
- Zoning & Planning: The October 28th meeting will concentrate on Civic Center redevelopment concerns. There will be a Citywide Graffiti Forum meeting on October 18th. CPD held its first meeting on zoning-code-update early-initiatives. Consultants developed nine standard neighborhood topologies and applied them to statistical neighborhoods. Public comment revealed that standard topologies weren't well matched with statistical neighborhoods. The next meeting is scheduled for October 17th. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. ●

Minutes of October Delegates Meeting

By Karen Cuthbertson, Secretary

The Delegates met on October 14th, 2006. INC and the League of Women Voters co-sponsored an Election Forum at the Whittier Community Center, 2900 Downing Street. Xcel Energy provided an ample spread for the large crowd. The Forum began with a Denver Election Commission Briefing. Then representatives for the "pro" and "con" positions for the following topics presented their arguments and answered some very astute questions submitted by the audience.

- Referred Measure 1A: Preschool Funding. The pro position was represented by Bruce Hoyt, Vice President of the Denver Public School Board. The con position was represented by Taylor Pendergrass, staff attorney with the ACLU.
- Amendment 38: Citizen Initiatives. The pro position was represented by Dennis Polhill, Senior Fellow of the Independence Institute. The con position was represented by Mark Cavanaugh, Senior Policy Analyst of the Bighorn Center.
- Amendment 44: Marijuana Possession. The pro position was represented by Mason Tvert, Campaign Director for Safer Alternative for Enjoyable Recreation. The con position was represented by Linda Travesti of Substance Abuse Prevention.
- Amendment 41: Ethics in Government. The pro position was represented by Jennie Flanagan, Executive Director of Colorado Common Cause. The con position was represented by Nate Gorman of the No on 41 Campaign.
- Amendment 42: Colorado Minimum Wage. The pro position was represented by Rich Jones of Coloradans for a Fair Minimum Wage. The con position was represented by Jan Rigg of Respect Colorado's Constitution.

Paul Ryan of The Kenney Group moderated the meeting. Channel 8 videotaped the session and will broadcast the forum segments. The segments are also available for viewing from their website. Check the website for the broadcast schedule at www.denvergov.org/ElectionProgramming and click on "TV Schedule - All Election Related Programs". To view the segments online, visit www.denvergov.org/denver8TV, and click on "Denver 8 Online". (Note: These streaming videos are more suited for broadband internet connections. You will encounter difficulty if you have a dial-up connection.) ●

Zoning and Planning Committee Report

By Diana Helper, Member

INC Zoning and Planning (ZAP) Committee met October 28th. Councilwoman Marcia Johnson described the amendment she has added to the proposed “Doggie Day-care” amendment to the Zoning Code: that notification be made to Registered Neighborhood Organizations (RNOs) and appropriate Councilpersons providing time for comment before a permit in a residential area is granted (at present such facilities are not allowed in residential zones). Councilwoman Johnson said Council has received copies of a letter stating that INC approves of the proposed amendment to which her amendment is added. However, there has been no vote of INC on this topic, only discussion and general approval by ZAP after an earlier presentation by Councilwoman Carol Boigon. At today’s meeting, the issue was raised of noise from dogs in outside areas at Day Care in residential areas, and enforcement of noise regulations. There was discussion of this issue and others basic to the proposed amendment. Councilwoman Johnson stated that since the 311 call-in service began in July there have been over 2,000 calls about barking dogs and only one city staff person to respond. All things considered, ZAP tabled a motion to vote in favor of this amendment and it was suggested ZAP should write to Council to clarify that INC has not taken a position on this amendment.

Everett Shigeta and Christie Murata of the Landmark Preservation Commission, and Steve Turner of Historic Denver, spoke about landmarking as one tool for keeping stable neighborhoods stable. Mr. Shigeta said there is a need to strengthen design guidelines for landscape. There is a proposed ordinance to require that the Landmark staff look at every application for demolition before a demolition permit be granted. If an application is filed for historic designation, it will then be studied further for 21 days. If it is deemed of historic value, demolition can be stayed for 120 days. An appeal process is in place. Mediation is possible. More staff is needed to survey properties that merit historic designation.

RNOs are urged to list historic properties in their neighborhoods, to include such lists in Small Area Plans, to publicize the benefits of historic preservation, and to let Councilpersons know that their constituents support historic preservation. It is helpful to “spotlight” local historic structures and gather nearby RNOs to promote preservation as a group effort. ZAP members voted unanimously today to support the proposed ordinances and the added staff to implement the work. The committee also

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Alamo Placita - APNA has once again been challenged by another liquor license in the neighborhood. After several faux pas by the city, petition gathering commenced. A joint neighborhood meeting with CHUN was held and the majority of neighbors were in opposition. The APNA steering committee followed the wishes of the neighbors and voted to report in opposition to the license. At the hearing, 274 petition signatures were presented in favor and 302 in opposition. 18 people stood in opposition and 11 in favor at the hearing. In spite of the majority in opposition, the hearing officer recommended the application be approved. 20 neighbors wrote letters of objection to the Director of Excise and Licenses and consequently the application was denied.

City Park West – A successful fall was had by the City Park West area. The Festival of the Arts, held at the East High School Esplanade this year, was a blast. The Uptown sampler also was a fulfilled evening.

Congress Park – Three applications are pending for residential rezoning from R3 to R2. Congress Park Neighbors has concerns about the “Colfax Plan” draft.

Cory-Merrill – They officially submitted a proposal to Public Works regarding sidewalks and the elimination of the “Fee-in-Lieu-of”.

Godsman – After several years as President, Betty Stewart has stepped aside because her energy is going towards care for her husband. Scott Bolt, the Vice President, has accepted the challenges of leading the Godsman Community Neighborhood Association. Scott has many new ideas and Betty looks forward to working with him.

Golden Triangle – Good News!, it was a wonderful, successful Denver Art Museum opening. There was fun. The streets were alive. However, some bad news too: lost signature architect, Steven Hall, from the courthouse. We are working on where-do-we-go-from-here.

Hampden South – Construction at I-25 and Hampden is substantially complete. The City organized the legal procedure at 4011 S. Quebec St. The property is now occupied. There is immediate repair needed to abate the

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Message from WUCA

The following is an article from the October, 2006 FOCUS, published by INC member, West University Community Association, written by WUCA chair Katie Fisher, with ideas from WUCA Secretary, Barbara Steinmeyer:

Take a moment and look around the neighborhood. No matter your point of view, a dozen clichés must spring to mind. Surely, “these are the times that try men’s (and women’s) souls”. And, most definitely, “the times, they are a-changing.” Who would have thought we’d be nostalgic for 1984?

Our neighborhood organization represents a geographically large area, from University Blvd. to the east, the city limits to the south, Broadway to the west, and I-25 to the north. It’s full of diverse populations and interests, all vying for our attention and support.

On the east side, the University of Denver has expanded its land base as well as its student population. On the west side, the Gates Rubber Factory is under redevelopment as a high-density, mixed-use development. Our north side has dealt with T-REX for years and neighbors there now feel under siege from transit-oriented developers. To the south, and all points in between, there are scrape-offs and McMansions changing the face of our neighborhood. It definitely seems like we have traded “imagine a great city” for “Denver is (way too) open for business.”

So many challenges face our community. We don’t want high-density development to ruin the one-home, one-family ambience of our part of the city. But, we also don’t want suburban commuters driving through the ‘hood. We don’t want scrape-offs and McMansions next door, but they attract young families that we do want. We want to save the tree canopy, the front and back yards, the abundant greenery; but we also want to conserve water. We want to save the old homes, but we also want the energy efficiency that new building can provide.

Many of our friends and neighbors have already fled to smaller towns and suburbs. Many who remain seek every means possible to protect the lifestyle we have enjoyed for so long. Most of us are overwhelmed by the time and energy it takes to pay the bills, maintain our homes, raise our families, meet our personal commitments. There just isn’t enough time to spare, there’s barely enough energy to despair.

It seems so utterly hopeless – what can one person do?

I would suggest that one person can take a cue from the recent gathering of Nobel laureates at PeaceJam. At one place, at one time, stood a dozen people in testament to the fact that one person can give hope to the world. Hope is not something you look to others to provide, hope is what you find inside yourself to provide to others. Hope is a commitment by each and every one of us to do something, no matter how seemingly insignificant, to make even a small piece of our neighbor’s day a bit better, a bit brighter. To give hope that tomorrow will bring a better day, a better neighborhood, a better city, a better world.

Get to know your neighbor. Look out for each other. Do you have a neighbor who needs help shoveling the walk this winter? Give him hope. Do you have a neighbor who needs help running errands, a ride to the grocery store? Give her hope. Can you spare an hour a week at one of the neighborhood schools to mentor kids? Give them hope.

Give our community hope.

Free Concerts

The University of Denver’s Lamont School of Music offers free concerts at the Newman Center for the Performing Arts located at 2344 East Iliff Avenue. Free parking is available in the Center’s parking garage.

Every Friday from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in room 121—Flo’s Underground jazz combos.

November 6th from 7:30 to 9 p.m.—Jazz Night featuring three large jazz bands in the Gates Concert Hall.

November 12th from 4 to 5:30 p.m.—The Lamont Chorus.

November 13th from 7:30 to 9 p.m.—The Lamont String Chamber Ensemble.

November 14th from 7:30 to 9 p.m.—The Lamont Guitar Chamber Ensemble in the Hamilton Recital Hall.

November 15th from 7:30 to 9 p.m.—The Lamont Men and Women Chorus in the Gates Concert Hall.

November 16th from 4 to 5:30 p.m.—The Lamont Wind Chamber Ensemble in the Hamilton Recital Hall.

November 16th from 7:30 to 9 p.m.—The Lamont Symphony in the Gates Concert Hall. This too is a free performance but tickets must be obtained in advance from the box office in the Newman Center. ●

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

Recycler's Corner

Take the "AMERICA RECYCLES DAY" Pledge!

Make a difference this "America Recycles Day" by pledging to reduce waste, recycle more, and purchase recycled content products by **Taking the Recycling Pledge!** You do not have to pledge money or make a purchase to enter. In fact, there is no obligation whatsoever. All that is asked is that you make a commitment to yourself to step up your recycling efforts over the next year in some way – large or small. Call it a personal challenge.

America Recycles is celebrated on November 15th of each year in communities across the country. As part of the national America Recycles program, prizes will be awarded to pledged-individuals in a random drawing. The national Youth Grand Prizes (under 18 years of age) are five Trek Model 4300 24-speed bicycles made with recycled aluminum. The national Adult Grand Prize is one all-expenses-paid, seven-night Alaskan cruise for two people. You cannot win if you do not enter.

To make your pledge and enter, visit www.AmericaRecyclesDay.org and click on "Enter the Contest" and then "Make the Pledge." Additional information on recycling is available at this website along with complete contest rules. Online entries must be submitted by midnight, November 15th.

Become a Denver master composter!

Applications are currently being accepting for the 2007 Master Composter Training and Outreach Program. Classes begin the first week of March and volunteers will receive 40 hours of instruction in backyard composting, compost science, compost bin construction, vermi-composting (composting with worms), integrated solid waste management, recycling, and community outreach. It's serious stuff but we make it fun!

In exchange for the training, volunteers will be required to pay a \$35 classroom fee and return 40 hours of community service teaching composting and recycling to Denver residents. Volunteers will have a year to complete the community-service requirement.

Volunteers need not be an experienced composter or gardener to participate but must be able to commit the time necessary to attend the classes, tours, and demonstration site sessions and to complete the community service payback hours.

Classes will be held about once a week for ten weeks on a combination of Monday evenings, Saturday mornings, and one Thursday field trip. Volunteers are guaranteed to have tons of fun as well as meet others who are committed to the environment and to their communities!

Approximately 30 enthusiastic and committed participants will be selected for the 2007 program so don't delay if you are interested.

To sign up or for more information, please call Den-

ver Urban Gardens at 303-292-9900 or e-mail dirt@dug.org. The Master Composter Program is sponsored by Denver Urban Gardens and Denver Recycles (a program of Denver Public Works/Solid Waste Management).

Zoning Code Update

The Residential Work Session previously scheduled for October 17th has been rescheduled to Tuesday, November 28th from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Webb Municipal Building fourth floor Conference Room 4F6.

The Zoning Code Task Force is working to update Denver's Zoning Code. To advance their work in Areas of Stability, the Task Force has undertaken a two-part work session on residential characteristics, concerns, and possible solution tools. This is an opportunity to learn of the work that has been done and provide critical feedback. An r.s.v.p. is requested as space is very limited. Please contact Valentina Guereca at 720-865-3223 or by e-mail at valentina.guereca@ci.denver.co.us

Mayor's Design Awards

Please join us to honor the winners of the Mayor's 2006 Design Awards. The presentation is on Tuesday, November 14th from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Life to the Second Power Church, 1477 Columbine Street. A reception will follow from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Rock Bar at 3015 E. Colfax Avenue. Please r.s.v.p. by November 7th to Valentina Guereca, 720.865.3223 or valentina.guereca@ci.denver.co.us. Parking is available on the street, at L2 Church, the Rock Bar, City Park Esplanade, and the Tattered Cover Parking Facility.

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standing water that collects on the north side of the Denver Water Hillcrest Facility (Happy Canyon Road, north of Quincy). In the winter, this stretch becomes icy and very dangerous. Who is responsible for correcting this? Denver? Arapahoe County?

Sloan Neighborhood – Members of SNA will – again – do a complete clean-up of the shoreline of Sloan Lake the first weekend in November. Over four weekends in March and April, SNA members gathered more than 4 tons of refuse from the lake and shore. Denver Parks and Recreation management have told the Neighborhood group that park maintenance staff are not available to clean the lake shore on an ongoing basis due to "budget constraints."

University Park – Work continues on updating material for the University Park Neighborhood Plan. Surveys to assess priorities are being studied. Major construction is in progress in UP: apartments, condominiums, and large

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Dollar Dictionary Drive By Cathee Fisher

HOORAY – AGAIN! A dictionary and a thesaurus of their own for every third-grader in Denver Public Schools (DPS) – that’s the goal of INC’s Dollar Dictionary Drive. The third-graders of DPS in 2006 (the 11th class served to date) have all received their special books thanks to the community’s enthusiastic support. It takes time and energy by many but well worth it after hearing comments such as “Wow,” “Holy Cow,” “That’s Awesome,” and “Cool” from a classroom of third-grade students cheering you like a rock star as they just received a 524-page dictionary plus and a thesaurus of their own. How wonderfully rewarding it is to share an experience such as this!

The president of my neighborhood organization asked me “How many months of the year does this program last?” He concluded it is 14 months. He is probably correct. By Thanksgiving of 2007 there will be 91,000 (2007 projected) student and teacher recipients. This year’s second-graders will be making the transition from “learning to read to reading to learn.” Everything that happens next August and September is already in the planning stage. This program provides these valuable learning tools because of donations from neighborhood organizations, businesses, individuals, and grants. Your help to meet our program goals with your donations is a year-round endeavor.

A SPECIAL thank you goes to my compatriot and inspiration Mary French of South Carolina, founder of The Dictionary Project. Her story was in the Denver Post in 1995 and I borrowed the idea for INC. It was many years before we spoke but her support has been invaluable in providing the books the last few years at an excellent cost.

Steve Nissen, Dollar Dictionary Drive co-chair, does the heavy lifting of keeping the accounts and banging the fund-raising drum. Thank you for everything you do to keep us focused! Nancy Jackson reminds us the key is neighborhoods, especially our own. Thank you to INC Officers and Board Members for your yearly support. And to all of the INC meeting attendees - thank you for your attention and for passing the word.

2006 Donors – Thank You!

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107 Macy’s Charity Day Shoppers (Gold Star Donor)

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Tax deductible contributions may be sent to:

Dollar Dictionary Drive
PO Box 18347
Denver, CO 80218

DPS Usage Policy

The following was received from Amber Callender (720-865-9051 or amber.callender@ci.denver.co.us), Neighborhood Liaison for Mayor John Hickenlooper:

Revisions to the Community Use Policy (Policy KF-R)

The proposed revisions to the Community Use Policy, Policy KF-R, are posted on the Denver Public Schools (DPS) web site. This policy will be submitted to the Board of Education in November for approval. The proposed revision aligns directly with the *Denver Plan*, which calls on community members to support DPS students in their quest for academic and personal excellence.

DPS has a vested interest in allowing and encouraging certain community groups to use our facilities for activities that directly or indirectly benefit DPS students and their communities. The revised policy re-categorizes users in order to provide a more community friendly and open environment while at the same time a less costly one for users. First, we collapsed the five previous user categories into three, which are:

- Category A - DPS organizations and non-partisan, non-profit community service and youth service organizations. For this category there is no facility rental fee or application fee. Only labor, that is overtime, for District employees will be charged on an as needed basis.
- Category B - Other community non-profit organizations. For this category, there are fees for facility rental, applications, and overtime.
- Category C - Commercial, for profit, and private organizations. For this category, there are fees for facility rental, applications, and overtime. These fees are higher than for covered by Category B.

This restructuring,

- Eliminates the requirement of facility rental fees for any non-partisan community service or youth services organization.
- Eliminates the requirement of application fees and facility rental fees for all Category A users.
- Results in many current user groups paying less fees since they've been moved to another, less costly Category.

All school hours have been extended to anywhere between 9:00 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. on weekdays so as long as organizations use schools within these normal, open times there will be no overtime fees. This change alone will reduce much of the costs that have in the past been passed on to the community.

Second, in order to better protect our facilities and thus provide a better service to the community, we've added a slight fee for use of grass fields and parking lots in order to cover some maintenance and operational costs. These increases are very small since the bulk of

any damage repair would continue to be achieved through insurance claims. Artificial fields will also require the presence of a custodian to allow access to the building's restroom facilities and to ensure the appropriate use/cleaning of the area is maintained. This cost will be assessed to the users when the building is not open for normal operations. This is being implemented to make sure our fields are in optimal condition for use by District students the following day.

The Denver Public Schools Facility Management department is striving to provide optimally maintained facilities for our students while satisfying the requests of the community. We invite the Denver community to comment and respond to our proposed procedures and policies. If you have comments, please mail or deliver them to the Denver Board of Education, Denver Public Schools, 900 Grant Street, Room 105, Denver, CO, 80203. Comments may also be faxed to 720-423-3216 or emailed to board@dpsk12.org. Comments must be received by November 3rd. For questions about the policy please call the Office of Community Use at 720-423-4200.

Civic Center Discussions

There are still more opportunities to discuss the future of Civic Center. Please help spread the word about two more forums coming up that residents should be encouraged to attend:

The Park People will host a panel discussion on the future of historic Civic Center. The public event will be held at the Colorado History Museum on November 15th, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The museum is located at 1300 Broadway. Free and open to the public. John Temple, editor, publisher and president of the Rocky Mountain News, will serve as moderator of the discussion. Panelists include:

- Tina Bishop, landscape architect and partner with Mundus Bishop Design
- Kathleen Brooker, President of Historic Denver
- Richard Farley, Principal of CIVITAS urban design firm
- Kathy Hoeft, architect and historic preservationist
- Dennis Humphries, Principal of Humphries Poli Architects
- Dr. Thomas Noel, Professor of History and Director of Public History, Preservation and Colorado Studies at CU-Denver

The Civic Center Conservancy will host a presentation of the plans and follow up discussion on December 6th at the Colorado History Museum from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The Libeskind ideas have sparked a number of design ideas for the park by local architects and landscape archi-

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voted to support a proposed ordinance to expand the protection given to individually designed historic structures to be the same as structures within historic districts.

Amber Callender, the Mayor's Liaison to Neighborhoods, listened to ZAP members speak briefly about neighborhood issues including sidewalks, zoning, XCEL towers, realistic feedback opportunities for city projects, Excise and License policy, infill sites, nonconforming uses, lead abatement, infrastructure, transit-oriented development in neighborhoods (the League of Women Voters is studying this), and generally the need for "a city-wide initiative to help neighborhoods."

Amber stated that the Mayor is very aware of the need for improved communication with RNOs, and sees that the "open house" system of presenting a large amount of information from the city's viewpoint, then expecting comment from the general public without ample time for discussion and study, does not elicit the most thoughtful responses. He also is adding more "neighbors" to Task Force memberships. Amber urged RNOs to invite city staff members to neighborhood meetings.

ZAP members read the draft of a motion regarding Civic Center Park. The text reflected comments made by INC members on September 9th following presentation of the park redevelopment ideas of Daniel Libeskind. After discussion, the members today voted unanimously to present the motion to the general INC membership at its November 11th meeting.

ZAP will meet on November 18th. Topics will include the Mayor's plan to plant one million trees presented by Parks and Recreation Director Kim Bailey.

Councilwoman Johnson is forming a Parkway Task Force and asks for volunteers. There also will be an update on graffiti issues and a discussion of methods for RNOs to give thoughtful input to the Mayor regarding city projects and plans. ●

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texts. Participating presenters include:

- Yong Cho
- Steve Chucovich
- Dave Duclos
- Richard Farley
- Susan Saarinen
- Randle Swan
- David Tryba
- William Wenk

Thanks,

Helen Kuykendall

Denver Parks and Recreation

201 West Colfax, Dept 613, Denver, Colorado

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houses.

VIPDO – 500 additional condominium and townhouse units are under construction. The annual ice cream cone party is October 27th. There will be free cones for Elementary School students in all area schools.

Whittier – Whittier, in cooperation with the Denver Police, are moving into the implementation phase of a COP Shop within the Neighborhood Community center. The hours of operation have been structured to facilitate other groups that have come to rely on and enjoy the Whittier Community Center. ●



The public is welcome to attend the meeting.

Celebrate The Grand Opening continues!



Friday, November 17

Colorado Station Party

Festivities kick off on Friday, November 17 from noon to 3:00 p.m. at the Colorado Station Celebration. Join us for food, live local music and fun-filled activities FREE to the public.

Saturday, November 18

Light Rail Station Parties and Festivities

I-25 • Broadway

Large Street Fair featuring Inflatables and Street Vendors.

Louisiana • Pearl

Taste of Pearl Street Fair with Food Vendors and Merchants.

University of Denver

Featuring Food from Local Vendors, Music and Activities for all ages.

Yale

Food from Local Vendors, Music, Bake Sale, Balloon Artist, Canned Food Drive and more!

Southmoor

Kid's Activities, Children's Museum Exhibit, Local Food, Music from KOOL 105 and a Canned Food Drive.

Dayton

Beach Party with Live Music, Polynesian Dancers, Great Food and lots of Awesome Giveaways from some of Aurora's Best Businesses.

Nine Mile

Beach party with Live Music, Polynesian Dancers, Great Food and lots of Awesome Giveaways from some of Aurora's Best Businesses.

Orchard

Train Snacks, Family Fun, and Giveaways.

Arapahoe at Village Center

Mayor Nancy Sharpe will kick off the Party at 11:00 a.m. with Music, Sweets and much more!

Dry Creek

Souper Bowl – Huge Tail Gate Party and Empty Bowls Soup Project to benefit 9Cares Colorado Shares. Sport Team Appearances, Soup Cook off with Area Restaurants and Great Entertainment.

Lincoln

Fall Fair with Pony Rides, Popcorn, Cotton Candy, Face Painters, Live Entertainment, Vendors and much more.

Light Rail Station Parties and Festivities are hosted by Local Jurisdictions and Transportation Management Organizations.

Non-Perishable Food Donations

Will be accepted for 9Cares Colorado Shares at: Southmoor, Dayton, Nine Mile, Orchard, Arapahoe at Village Center, Dry Creek and Lincoln Light Rail Stations.



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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.

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

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

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Delegate Name _____
Address: _____
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) ☐

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

Bring this for to an INC meeting or mail to: Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation
PO Box 181009
Denver, CO 80218-1009

**Meeting Saturday
Novemberth**
The public
is welcome to attend.

**District 1 Precinct
Station
46th and Lipan**
See map on page 9

8:45

Coffee and Chat

9:00

Welcome by Rick Garcia
Around the City
Committee Motions
Committee Breakouts

10:15

Denver Police Presentation
on Nuisance Abatement

11:00

Mayor Hickenlooper Fields
Questions from the Dele-
gates

11:45

Meet the New City Librarian

Noon Adjournment

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