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Next General Meeting

Wed., January 21 @ 7:00 - 8:30 PM
Montview Manor Penthouse
1663 Steele Street

Meeting Agenda:

- Intro of Guests, Announcements
- Police Dist. 2, Q & A
- Presentation-George Sparks, Denver Museum of Nature & Science
- Parking Committee Recommendations
- SCPNA Officer, Committee Reports
- Vote-Revision, Atomic Cowboy Agreement
- Bluebird Business District Plans
- New, Old Business Topics

SCPNA NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2009

Thanks in abundance to Propaganda Labs for converting our articles into a beautiful Newsletter, and a big thank you to Saint Paul Health Center for providing the printing services! Please come to the January Meeting!

Newsletter Readers,

This newsletter issue contains some articles that are continued at our website. Those unable to visit the web site may ask for and receive a printed copy.

The top portion of the insert page is a two-sided keepsake. On the back of the Member Appeal Letter is great picture and story about the East High Angel. Please clip off the bottom portion, fill in your member information, and mail it in with your payment. You might want to hang on to the Angel story and the 2008 list of accomplishments.

An article on Page 3 talks about the support of our local businesses, and Page 4 announces a free fun event happening next Wednesday evening.

Urban wildlife has been a recent topic of conversation. A 'tailless' fox was seen multiple times in the 1500 block of Steele. A block resident found fox information at this web location: <http://www.foxes.org/urbanfox/urbanfox.html> Also, I hope you enjoy Tom Rutter's reflective article on Page 2 about urban wildlife.

Finally, There will be a second annual "Holiday Recovery Party" the evening of Saturday January 24th. See the ad at the bottom of this page/

We meet Wednesday January 21, 7 PM at 1663 Steele Street. See the Agenda.

-Jim Slotta

Holiday Recovery Party
Saturday, January 24, 6pm-9pm

A Celebration Together of 2009
Complimentary Wine, Beverages and Snacks
Come Mingle during the Early Evening Hours!

GATHERING | ATOMIC COWBOY
PLACE | 3237 E. Colfax Ave

For more information, visit myColfax.org or call an SCPNA officer.

SCPNA COLLABORATES FOR MEMBER INCENTIVES

2009 brings a new excitement to members of the South City Park Neighborhood Association. SCPNA Officers, neighborhood residents, and local businesses are working together to continue to build and unite our community through many endeavors. Our first goal is to increase our membership! The benefits of membership include community events and projects, volunteer opportunities, neighborhood directory, and now a new *SCPNA/My Colfax Card*. After meeting with Don Novak and Doug Olson of Propaganda Labs, we are expanding the existing effort to use the My Colfax Card as a member benefit. The My Colfax Card provides discounts to most Colfax businesses between Colorado Blvd and Broadway Ave. SCP residents are our first priority and we want to exceed your expectations of choosing to live in this great location.

Providing the names of the members in your household, contact information, and \$10 household dues in the addressed envelope is your first step.

As membership continues to grow, we will better be able to serve you all the exciting happenings our neighborhood has to offer.

-Submitted by SCPNA Co-VP Nick Mancini

PARKING/TRAFFIC COMMITTEE SPEAKS OUT

Prior to Christmas, the SCPNA Parking/Traffic Committee met to offer analysis of the parking and traffic situation in the neighborhood and to develop some general recommendations for potential remedies. For parking issues, 8 blocks have been identified as "under stress" due to issues with local businesses, East H.S., City Park events, and inconsistent parking restrictions and ordinances. The parking ratio of spaces per residency varies in the neighborhood from less than 1.0 (0.3 for 1600 Cook, 1600 Steele) to almost 2.0 (1.9 for 1600 Madison, 1600 Jackson, 1500 Garfield). The first recommendation is continuing dialogue between the neighborhood, city, and local businesses to proactively develop a plan for this complex issue. Traffic issues continue to be an issue on 16th and 17th Ave. Stop signs at intersections are inconsistent, safe crossing 17th into City Park is limited-to-absent, and the speed limit on 17th is rarely enforced are a few issues that need to be addressed. Recommendations to help regulate traffic on 16th and 17th Ave require your voices and participation at our January 21st meeting so we can

present solid support for a safer change. *Read full Committee Report on Pages 8 and 9.*

-Submitted by SCPNA Co-VP Nick Mancini

URBAN WILDLIFE INSIGHTS

Growing up in a small town west of Chicago, farms and open fields and creeks were the places I spent most of my free time. Discovering raccoon paw prints on a muddy stream bank, tracking a fox in newly fallen snow and discovering the entrance to its underground den, catching tadpoles and frogs and once in awhile a baby snapping turtle, gave me an early sense of awe, wonder and love for the natural world. It's an experience that has shaped me and remains high on my list today of what 'truly matters.'

The fact that foxes and coyotes have learned to adapt to concrete and high rises, to cars and people, is a wonder in itself. Walking my friend's dog at night in West City Park, we often meet the same little red fox trotting down the sidewalk and it gives me the same kind of thrill I felt as a child. I think the dangers to our children or pets--so minimal compared to the daily risks of life in the city--are far outweighed by the possibility that encountering nature gives our children...to experience...and hopefully learn to love...the natural world. It's a growing recognition that unless our children learn early on to appreciate the value of nature, they will not care enough to make adult choices to protect it in the future. PS: Close to Home: Colorado's Urban Wildlife is a wonderful book of photos, many in Denver, by Denverites Wendy Shatil and Bob Rozinski.

-Submitted by Tom Rutter, 1550 Milwaukee Street



-Picture by Co-Secretary Leslev Millhouser

DIGITAL TRANSITION

If you have a cable or satellite television subscription, you don't have to do anything. But if you receive your TV signal with rabbit ears, you will need to make some quick and easy changes.

If you use rabbit ears on an older TV, you will need to order a converter box coupon from the government. Once your coupon arrives, you can use the \$40 value to purchase a converter box at any participating retailer.

Finally, your old antenna may continue working but you may also need to upgrade to a directional antenna. We recommend that you visit antennaweb.org to find out what your likely solution will be.

Unplug the existing coaxial antenna wire from your TV "Antenna In (RF)" port. Next, plug the existing coaxial wire into the "Antenna In (RF)" port on your Converter Box. Next, using the coaxial wire that comes with your Converter Box, plug one end into the "Out To TV (RF)" port on the Converter Box. Plug the other end into the "Antenna In (RF)" port on your TV. Finally Plug the power cords on your Converter Box and TV into a power outlet, and turn on your TV and Converter Box. Using the instructions that come with your Converter Box, turn your TV to channel 3 or 4. Using the remote that comes with your Converter Box, follow the on-screen set-up guide to scan for available DTV channels, and begin using Digital Television.

If your Converter Box includes an "analog pass-through" feature, this set up will also allow you to receive any stations that still broadcast in analog in your area. Follow the instructions that come with your Converter Box for how to tune analog channels. For instructions on connecting your converter box to other components such as a VCR, you may call 1-888-225-5322 or email dtvinfo@fcc.gov.

-Submitted by Doña Dodson, Educational Services Coordinator, Rocky Mtn. PBS & SCPNA Treasurer

NEIGHBORS STEP UP TO SUPPORT COLFAX MERCHANTS

Realizing the steep economic downturn can pose dire consequences for local businesses on East Colfax, neighborhood organizations Capital Hill United Neighborhoods (CHUN) and South City Park Neighborhood Association (SCPNA) have joined with Colfax on the Hill, Inc. to sponsor a series of promotions and events to support local businesses in the 40-block Colfax on the Hill district (Broadway to Colorado Blvd.) "Our local merchants and entrepreneurs have brought new vitality and diversity to East Colfax and offer many new services to the community, all of us who are their beneficiaries want them to know we're here to help out in any way we can during these difficult times," said Colfax on the Hill President Andy Baldyga. In short, "Think Globally, Shop Colfax."

The first in the series of "friends and neighbors of Colfax" public gatherings will take place Wednesday, January 14 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Tattered Cover Books in the Lowenstein Retail Center, Colfax and Columbine. Subsequent Colfax neighbors "meet 'n greets" will be held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at various Colfax venues in conjunction with the popular "Happy on the Hill" socials sponsored by Colfax on the Hill, Inc.

Additional Colfax promotions and events are being planned, including expansion of mycolfax.org and its My Colfax Card, which is an inter-active communications link between Colfax merchants and the 6,000+ My Colfax cardholders who receive on-going merchant discounts via the www.mycolfax.org website and timely e-blasts about store sales and events. CHUN and SCPNA will link their respective websites and e-newsletters to mycolfax.org to expand the network of nearby neighbors who can enjoy the convenience and offerings of Colfax merchants.

For more information contact Samantha Lippolis at mycolfax.org @ 303.296.4381 or sam@mycolfax.org.



Colfax Main Street Rally / Happy on the Hill

**A FREE EVENT WITH FREE FOOD AND BEVERAGES
AT TATTERED COVER**

2009 HAS GREAT PROMISE, but it will take all of us coming together to make our neighborhoods and Colfax a continued success. In honor of our spectacular entrepreneurs, we invite everyone to join Colfax on the Hill, BlueBird District and South City Park neighbors to kick off 2009 properly.

OUR HOSTS: Tattered Cover, Encore Restaurant and Twist & Shout

WHEN: Wednesday, January 14th at 5:30 pm

WHERE: Lowenstein Cultural Complex

2526 East Colfax Avenue at Elizabeth Street, directly across the street from the East High School and the City Park Esplanade. A Parking Garage off of Elizabeth or Columbine Streets provides free parking and streetside parking is also available.

**We will have beverages and snacks,
so just come on down!**

Tattered Cover
Book Store



Colorado



Central Business Union



January 2009

To All Residents of South City Park:

It's time to collect our South City Park Neighborhood Association (SCPNA) dues for 2009. Please consider rejoining or joining SCPNA even if time might prevent you from taking an active role in the organization.

Below is a list of some of the activities and efforts of SCPNA over the last year:

- Publication of a bi-monthly newsletter and hosted bi-monthly neighborhood-wide meetings.
- Being a dependable liaison between South City Park residents, local businesses, and city officials.
- "New Business" and "Police Report" segments at every meeting, with Q & A.
- Offered a political forum at meetings for District 8 State Representative Candidates.
- Tackling head on such issues as City Park maintenance, City Park Pavilion use, burlesque entertainment at 1515 Madison (deemed legal after thorough review), construction at the 1601 Colorado Boulevard site, and local parking concerns.
- Vigorously maintained a block captain system to facilitate neighborhood-wide communications and delivery of newsletters to each household (four new recruits this past year alone).
- Continued improvements of the scpna.org neighborhood website, including a discussion section.
- Co-sponsored and advertised assemblies to dialogue about development plans for the undeveloped Wonderland Homes lot, for 2801 East Colfax at Detroit, and for the Church in the City property at Colfax & Josephine.
- Co-sponsored and advertised assemblies to review liquor license applications for Steve's Snappin' Dogs and Mezcal Restaurants, to dialogue about Tent State University at City Park, about Denver's Strategic Parking Plan as it relates to our area, and about the Marketplace Initiative for our Bluebird District.
- Provided social opportunities for the residents of South City Park through Garden Tours, a January "Holiday Recovery Party" on Colfax, a celebration of the public art displays at the Mercy redevelopment site, and the second annual Halloween Party, "Boo and Brew on Colfax Avenue."
- Helped promote a volunteer day in City Park to improve the Mile High Loop trail system.
- Collected "charitable contributions beyond dues" for other local causes traditionally supported by SCPNA. (See opportunity presented again below as part of member sign-up form.)

SCPNA is very active year after year in representing the neighbors and working to improve the community life of all of its residents. All of our time given to the neighborhood is volunteer time. Some but not all of the costs of running the organization are donated. Ours is an environment of rising costs for everything from printing to postage to food for social events to the desire to be able to do more for City Park and other worthy charities. The suggested annual dues this year remain at ten dollars. Please also notice that there is the option of adding contributions to those charities historically supported by SCPNA. This addition makes it possible to add whatever amount might be comfortable; thus, allowing SCPNA to pool donations and make a bigger impact.

Thank you for your support,

Jim Slotta – President, SCPNA

Please complete this form with your household's dues payment. Envelope is provided. Thank you!

Names (List all in household):	Suggested Dues:\$10 Or Other Amount: \$_____
_____	Extra Contributions:
_____	Montview Manor (1663 Steele): \$_____
_____	City Park Alliance (Electric Fountain):\$_____
_____	City Park Alliance (Mile High Loop): \$_____
Street Address/Unit #:	City Park Jazz: \$_____
_____	CHUN: \$_____
Contact Phone # (One only):	East High School Project Angel Pride:\$_____
_____	Teller Elementary: \$_____
_____	INC Dollar Dictionary Drive: \$_____
Contact email addresses (1 or more):	Total Enclosed: \$_____

Please remit to SCPNA c/o Dona Dodson, 1558 Madison Street, Denver CO 80206 (mail or drop off)



THE EAST ANGEL

Architect Robert Roeschlaub incorporated the "Keystone Angel" into the entryway of the "old East" building at 19th and Stout in 1883 to symbolize the school's "dedication to youth". Its sculptor, Daniel Chester French, was most famous for the Lincoln Memorial statue. Instead of a classical Greek face from the artist's collection, six-year-old Ella Catherine Matty was the model selected from 5,000 Denver schoolgirls. Years later, she graduated from East. The sandstone face was considered so cherubic that the term "Angel" came to apply to all East pupils and, in turn, became their mascot. The keystone and the cornerstone, dated April 24, 1881, were moved to the rock garden on the south grounds after the old East was razed in the late 1920s. A marble version of the school's mascot was placed inside the building in the early 1950s when the original already was showing signs of severe deterioration. It can be seen in the second floor display case, across from the main office. Although all but gone, the weathered angel in the garden remains an important relic of the school's long history and rich tradition.

-Submitted by Susan Bardwell, Grounds for Learning, susanbardwell@msn.com, 303.399.1155

SPOTLIGHT ON A LOCAL BUSINESS: **QI KINESIS**

Was your New Years Resolution to lose weight, get fit, or reduce stress? Then consider visiting [Qi Kinesis](#) at 3121 East Colfax Avenue. This oasis in South City Park is not your ordinary gym. Featuring state-of-the-art exercise equipment, friendly staff, and a relaxing atmosphere, I can think of no better place to start working toward your 2009 goal. *Disclosure statement: I have been a happy member of Qi Kinesis for over a year.*

Corina and Chris Lindley, the owners of Qi Kinesis, are a dynamic husband and wife team. After researching various Denver neighborhoods, they settled on City Park because of its proximity to the park and the area's growth potential. Chris is a decorated Veteran of the Iraq war, with a Masters in Public Health. He has over a decade of experience working in gyms and in personal training. Corina also has a Masters in Public Health and was originally drawn to Colorado with a position working for the Center for Disease Control. She participated in "every sport under the sun" growing up, particularly excelling in soccer, and coached the girls varsity soccer team at George Washington High School in Denver for a few years. In addition to working full time jobs, and running two gyms, Chris and Corina have two young children ages two and four!

The Lindleys have sought to cultivate a business environment that embraces community spirit and diversity, while promoting healthy living practices. Qi Kinesis participates in the annual Halloween "Boo & Brew", is a participating merchant with the online community project [Bluebird Beat](#), and hosts a free weekly boot camp in City Park during the summer open to the public. Because of its unique holistic philosophy toward fitness, Qi proudly attracts a diverse clientele composed of all age groups, ethnicities, and athletic levels. The athletic equipment is also unique. Qi Kinesis features Kinesis™ circuit training, a novel alternative to traditional weight lifting. This system offers infinite training possibilities and is great for improving balance, flexibility and strength.

Haven't been to the gym in a while? Start with the Easy Line Circuit, classic strength training equipment that employs hydraulics to automatically adapt to your ability and physical condition. Get bored doing a cardio work inside? Try the [Expresso](#) stationary bikes and race other bikers on a simulated computer generated course complete with hills that force you to shift gears. You can also schedule a personal training session with a certified trainer to help define and guide your fitness goals

The atmosphere of the gym is peaceful and serene. There are no garish fluorescent lights, or distracting wall-of-mirrors. Instead, you'll be surrounded by a décor of natural elements, earth tone colors, and Asian-inspired furnishings. The staff is helpful and knowledgably—several who are certified trainers and always ready to answer questions or demonstrate how the equipment works. At a reasonable price, Qi offers [USANA](#) products, a high quality producer of vitamins, protein supplements, and cleansers.

Emboldened by their success with the City Park club, in August, Corina and Chris opened a second Qi club [downtown](#) at 2636 Walnut Street (your monthly membership allows access to both clubs). The second location is great for people who live in City Park and work downtown. Combining forces with [Seasons Fit](#), Qi is able to offer several kinesis, yoga, and spin classes daily (easy online registration!)

An individual membership is \$79/month, a couples membership is \$119/month, which entitles you access to both the City Park gym and the downtown location. For an addition \$40/month, you can take an unlimited number of group classes. Best of all, there is no initial enrollment fee, and you do not have to commit to a long-term contract!

Thanks to Chris and Corina, Qi Kinesis embodies every thing City Park is seeking in a great neighborhood business. Show your support of this invaluable community asset by stopping in and checking them out for yourself!

*-Submitted by SCPNA Co-Secretary Lesley
Millhouser*

PARKING/TRAFFIC COMMITTEE UPDATE

The committee met prior to Christmas with the realization that the final report will be ready for the regularly scheduled SCPNA meeting in mid-January. Present at the meeting were regulars Bonita Lahey and Roger Lawson of Cook Street, new-comers Dale Gates and Jim Slotta from Steele Street. The group spent time reviewing comments gathered from the neighborhood residents as well as analyzing collected data regarding the parking "stress points" in South City Park. Most comments came from the 1500 block of Steele where there was a strong consensus against slant-in parking, however few other suggestions were offered. The committee also has been busy analyzing traffic conditions affecting our neighborhood, and has recommendations for improvement.

It was stressed that the intent of the committee was to offer analysis of the parking and traffic situation in the neighborhood and to develop some general recommendations for potential remedies. The committee's mission is **NOT** to mandate new parking regulations for the residents without their knowledge and/or consent.

Therefore, the following is what the committee knows and what we (tentatively) recommend concerning the parking and traffic status in our neighborhood:

PARKING

WHAT WE KNOW...

- Not all blocks are experiencing on-street parking stress
- 8 blocks have been identified as "under stress" (one or less spaces per residence)
- 3 of those 8 are under "extreme stress" (1600 blocks of Cook, Steele, and Detroit have less than ½ space per residence)
- Colfax businesses, particularly after 6:00pm, negatively impact residential parking
- East High, during school hours, negatively impacts residential parking
- City Park special events disproportionately impacts our neighborhood
- Enforcement of existing parking ordinances is lax. Neighborhood Watch programs are impaired by non-resident parking.
- Existing parking restrictions are inconsistent and negatively impact surrounding blocks which are not protected by ordinances.
- Parking stress in the neighborhood is a dynamic problem and is estimated to increase as new multi-family buildings are occupied.

WHAT WE RECOMMEND...

- SCPNA should strongly influence Colfax businesses, East High, and City Park to solve their parking issues that negatively and regularly impact the neighborhood.
- Residents should have priority (not necessarily exclusive) to park in front of or near their residence.
- SCPNA will support blocks seeking relief through parking ordinance provided such relief does not negatively impact neighboring blocks.
- SCPNA should encourage the city to improve ordinance enforcement and police supervision in problem areas and times.
- SCPNA will facilitate a neighborhood plan should that become necessary in the future.
- Single-family residences are strongly urged to use garages and on-property parking options.
- Multi-family residents are strongly urged to use available off-street parking provided by their building management.
- SCPNA should facilitate dialogues with apartment/condo managers to encourage full use of available off-street parking available to residents.

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TRAFFIC

WHAT WE KNOW...

- 16th Avenue is not as safe as it could be.
- Through the neighborhood there are north-south stop signs at all 16th Ave intersections except Cook, Steele, and Detroit Streets.
- Stop signs are at times obstructed from view.
- There are only two four-way stop intersections along 16th Ave.
- Speeds on 17th Ave are too high (35 mph) and not regularly enforced.
- There are three traffic lights between York and Colorado Blvd.

WHAT WE RECOMMEND...

- Install stop signs on all intersections of 16th Ave for north-south traffic.
- Install 4-way stops every two blocks on 16th Ave.
- Install bike path on 16th Ave with no parking on one side of 16th.
- Install traffic light on 17th Ave at either Monroe or Garfield (preferably Garfield)
- Speed reduced to 30 mph on 17th Avenue and request enforcement.

Residents are strongly encouraged to attend the January SCPNA meeting to ask questions and make comments regarding the committee's final report. It is the opinion of the committee that the Association delay official action on the report until the March meeting so that residents are given time to consider the findings. We also encourage all residents to consider the report, not just for their own property, but for the good of the neighborhood as a whole.

Prior to the January meeting, residents may continue to offer comments by calling Roger @ 303-329-8845 or e-mail at katyandroger@comcast.net. You may also go to the SCPNA website and participate in the on-line discussion.

PARKING DATA FOR SOUTH CITY PARK

1500 BLOCK...RATIO*

HARRISON..	1.6
JACKSON..	1.7
GARFIELD..	1.9
MONROE..	1.3
MADISON..	1.6
COOK..	1.7
ADAMS..	1.7
STEELE ..	1.0
ST PAUL..	1.0
MILWAUKEE	.5
FILLMORE..	1.2
DETROIT...	.8

1600 BLOCK...RATIO*

HARRISON...	1.4
JACKSON..	1.9
GARFIELD..	1.4
MONROE..	1.3
MADISON...	1.9
COOK..	.3
ADAMS..	1.7
STEELE..	.3
ST PAUL..	.6
MILWAUKEE..	XX
FILLMORE..	XXX
DETROIT..	.4

****The ratio reflects the number of on-street parking spaces available per residence.***

XX: There is no 1600 Milwaukee street (Pinnacle Towers)

XXX: There are no residences on this block except for Pinnacle and Retreat

SCPNA Meeting Minutes-Wednesday, November 19, 2008

The meeting was held in the Penthouse of the Montview Manor at 1663 Steele Street at 7 pm. Approximately 28 people were in attendance.

Introduction: Jim Slotta opened the meeting with a welcome and introductions. He allowed newcomers an opportunity to introduce themselves. Theresa Jacobs briefly explained how she plans on handling the “new business” portion of the meeting. She encourages folks to put questions/topics of concern on a piece of paper during the meeting and hand them in. She will follow up near the end of the meeting or with discussion and answers. Nominations for elected officers for 2009 are still being accepted. Jim ran through the meeting agenda.

District 2 Police

Officer Reyes Trujillo presented a crime statistic handout, which represents the last 2-months of crimes reported. Most serious crimes included three robberies and one assault (not uncommon along Colfax). Additionally, theft of motor vehicles and larceny are commonplace. He asks that we please, make it harder for the bad guys—especially during the holiday season. Try not to leave valuables in plain sight of the car—put them in your trunk. When you got to an ATM, be aware other folks are watching you too! Do not be a victim. Events: Daddy Bruce’s Thanksgiving basket giveaway next Saturday—give away 9,000 baskets. Also, there are 28 units Beau Matthews Transitional Housing targeting homeless families. Discussed recent crimes in Stapleton. There are strong leads for the homicide and attempted car-jackings (which were not connected), and also the recent Code Officer homicide in Aurora. Be vigilant. Consider establishing a neighborhood watch. Leave your porch or alley light on at night. A resident mentions that 1600 Cook Street has lots of problems at night. Another neighbor agrees that there is a problem—he complains that his business windows have been broken repeatedly. Both blame it on the Bluebird and Atomic Cowboy late-night crowd. Officer Trujillo encouraged residents to report each and every incident (which the residents claim they have every time). Another resident asked, “How many times do incidents have to be reported before definitive action is taken?” District 2 Commander Rhonda Jones, present along with Officer Trujillo, referred to such reports as “Nuisance abatement cases”—they are important for the long-term solution to crime. He is working on cultivating relationships with business owners to mediate problems.

Commander Jones discussed the H.A.L.O. (High Activity Location Observation) Project--(2 handouts). Surveillance cameras are being placed in public areas. The cameras are monitored “live” in a control room. There are only three cameras for the entire district. They will be moved to places where they will be most effective. Neighborhood support is imperative. Denver neighborhood associations are encouraged to submit a letter identifying “areas of concerns.” Commander Jones said, “Please report to law enforcement ANYTIME there is damage to your property.” A resident expressed concern that her reports for property damage/vandalism are not investigated (but the Commander assured her that the documentation is important for her analysis of allocation of resources). Reports can be done on the internet. She is hopeful that the program will grow. A resident expresses thanks to the officer for all they do in the neighborhood. Call (720) 913-2000 to report suspicious activity.

City Park Water Quality Presentation

Alicia Thorne is a trained biologist who works at the Health Science Center. She has investigated the issue of water quality at City Park. Turns out it is a complicated issue. The main complaints refer to the fact that the recycled water is not as safe as it should be. The second concern is that radiated water from the Lowry Landfill water is being pumped into City Park’s lakes. EPA has been studying Lowry Landfill since 1984, and insists that they have not found radiation levels higher than other places throughout the state. Radiation is high throughout Colorado (because of the naturally recurring uranium). Colorado residents do not have a higher level of cancer rates than anywhere else. In fact, low-level radium may help cells heal better. The water has

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higher levels of nitrogen, which causes algae. A program to reduce the algae has commenced, but it will take a year to see positive results. The dying duck issue was raised, and it appears that a strain of botulism bacteria in the lakes may be responsible for duck deaths (this problem will also be remediated by the algae reduction program). Water quality is in line with World Health Organizations, etc. A resident asked about botulism-infected water being spread on the grass where kids play (but Alicia assured us that her research proves this strain of botulism is not dangerous to human beings). The bird poop (composed mainly of ammonia) also causes the increase of bacteria in the lakes. City Park has an unusually large load of waterfowl. Washington Park's lakes also are fed from the exact plant in Lowry. Roger Lawson mentioned that Ferril Lake should be aerated (and Alicia countered that she believes there are currently pumps aerating the lake). Another resident mentions that Lepto is a common bacteria in Colorado lakes (not sure if it occurs in Ferril Lake), but dog owners should consider getting a Lepto vaccine for their dogs.

Election-SCPNA Officers for 2009

Paying members only.

- President: Jim Slotta nominated for President, and nomination was seconded. Jim accepted the nomination. Unanimous vote for Jim Slotta.
- Vice President: Theresa Jacobs, Alicia Thorne, Nick Mancini were nominated for co-chairing the position of VP, nomination was seconded. Unanimous vote for Theresa, Alicia, and Nick.
- Secretary: Lesley Millhouser & Grant Grigorian were nominated for co-chairing the position of secretary, nomination was seconded. Unanimous vote for Lesley & Grant.

Treasury: Doña Dodson was nominated for Treasurer, and nomination was seconded. Unanimous vote for Doña.

Vote-Donation to Montview Manor

Jim Slotta made a motion to donate \$300 to Montview Manor as a charitable contribution. Rob Hunsley brought up the fact that several months ago the association agreed to approve a monetary amount and name of organizations to donate to, but that we wouldn't make the contribution until we reached our stated member goal of 250 families (thus \$2500). The neighborhood association has not reached its stated member goal. Therefore, to donate the money, we need to amend, repeal or make a contingency on the existing rule. Roger Lawson suggested we "pay" Montview Manor a bill for meeting space. However, that may present tax codes—a donation would be better. There are only 125 member households according to Treasurer Doña Dodson. Bonita Lahey made a substitute motion to do a one-time exception to the existing rule to give Montview Manor \$250. Somebody seconded the motion. Unanimous vote yes. There was also a motion to add Montview Manor on our list of future charitable contributions in 2009 (when we do our major member drive). Nomination was seconded. Unanimous vote yes.

Vote-Revision, Atomic Cowboy Agreement

There was confusion over the existence of the outdoor speakers at the Atomic Cowboy. Drew Shader, Atomic Cowboy's owner, came to realize the installation of speakers on Adams Street, but not on Colfax, violated his agreement with the neighborhood association. (The electronic version of the liquor license he received was incorrectly worded leading him to believe the Colfax speakers were okay.) Once he realized no outside speakers were allowed by the neighbor agreement, he immediately removed them. However, the speakers hadn't been an issue to neighbors, and their absence puts the Atomic Cowboy at a disadvantage compared to the other area bars. Therefore Jim Slotta is proposing coming up with a new patio agreement with the neighborhood association (and, as before, attaching the new agreement as to the liquor license). Current city ordinance says that at 10 pm the noise goes down and must stay on the business owners' property. However, it isn't always enforced. A resident moved that the SCPNA enter into discussions with the owner of the Atomic Cowboy concerning a revised neighborhood agreement to level the playing field as far as speaker noise is concerned and validating SCPNA's concerns until superceded by City Ordinance. Motion was seconded.

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Before the vote, Roger Lawson brought up the point that another solution to “level the playing field” would be to make other businesses REMOVE their speakers. Another resident thanked Roger for making this point. The vote: 18 voted yes, 1 opposed, 1 abstained.

Parking Meetings Report

Bonita Lahey provided a brainstorming handout on the SCPNA Parking/Traffic Committee Meeting (11/12/08). Members are needed. We need wider South City Park representation. Different blocks have different impacts. Section-8 housing on Colorado is going to add to the crunch. South City Park area is becoming twice as dense as Denver zoning originally intended (particularly because of the Pinnacle). Theresa committed to researching traffic patterns, problems and solutions. Radar guns are available to citizens. 4-way traffic stop signs on every block? The Committee encourages folks to share ideas.

Bluebird District Pilot Program Report

Grant Grigorian was not in attendance and was therefore unable to report on this matter.

New, Old Business Topics

New business items submitted were, for the most part, covered by discussions throughout the meeting. Do we have a neighborhood directory? Lesley (co-Secretary) mentioned that one of her goals in 2009 is to focus the block captains on obtaining more detailed information on residents (voluntary basis, of course). Include information on pets, medical credentials, emergency evacuation help, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

-Submitted by SCPNA Co-Secretary, Lesley Millhouser