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Next General Meeting:

Sat., January 19th @ 10:00 AM
Montview Manor Penthouse
1663 Steele Street

Meeting Agenda:

- Denver Police CRO Report
- Brief Reports - Officers, Committees
- Discussion - Neighborhood Safety Improvement
- NEW BUSINESS (See description this page)
- Discussion - Fall Survey Results
- Discussion - 2008 Goals for SCPNA

SCPNA NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2008

Thanks in abundance to Propaganda Labs and their Bluebird Beat for their converting our articles into a beautiful Newsletter--and this month for providing the printing services as well!

Valentine's Wishes for our South City Park Neighborhood...

...We can't buy South City Park candy without eating it ourselves, but we can through our daily actions care for it through caring for one another. Let me count some ways:

- Join the SCPNA in 2008. A letter is included with a form to be filled out and submitted. At a December planning meeting, the group proposed a dues increase, which we have done. The letter explains many benefits that result from our resources. I hope you read and respond to the letter by joining up; we need everyone's membership, including yours. We especially anticipate energy and input from the new residents of all the Mercy sites.

- Come to the SCPNA Meeting Saturday, January 19. The agenda is listed on this page. One highlight of the agenda is the increased emphasis on "NEW BUSINESS." Mid-meeting we'll stop and discuss the topics submitted by the participants. Traffic; safety; parking; neighborliness; celebrations; what have you? Also springing from the December planning meeting, this is an exciting concept that we look forward to including.

- Visit our website (scpna.org) in order to help yourself stay abreast of local developments. We hope to soon have dialogues going on at the site.

Finally I wish to thank William Bowman, who has gone on to work for the VA group, for his past sponsorship of this newsletter over several years. Thanks also to Propaganda Labs, not only for their continued role in 'layout' of the newsletter articles, but also for their financial sponsorship of this January edition. Then, thanks in advance to the folks at National Jewish Medical and Research Center, who have agreed to provide future sponsorship for our newsletter.

-Jim Slotta

Holiday Recovery Party

Saturday, January 26, 6pm-9pm

A Celebration Together of 2008
Complimentary Wine, Beverages and Snacks
Come Mingle during the Early Evening Hours!

GATHERING PLACES	Babooshka Hair Co. - "Headquarters" 3225 E. Colfax Avenue
	ism Gallery - "Spillover Conversations" 3229 E. Colfax Avenue

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LIGHTING THE SCULPTURES

Neighbors and city officials gathered on a frosty evening December 6th to celebrate and dedicate the two new pieces of public art that now grace the site of the former Mercy Hospital, recently developed as Pinnacle, Retreat at the Park, Wonderland Homes, and Legacy residencies. Mimes, dressed as the actual sculptures, greeted and amused the guests upon arrival, and offered them commemorative gifts. Steve of Steve's Snappin' Dogs served up wholesome, hot food; complementary wine and drinks were also provided. It was a great gathering of new and longtime South City Park Neighborhood residents, political and business representatives, neighborhood leaders, and the local art community. Standing propane heaters encouraged longer conversations and collegiality as the activities progressed.

The sculptures were described by each of the artists prior to the formal lighting ceremony. Benevolent Foundation, by Michael Clapper, is a tower composed of increasingly larger layers of granite, each slightly rotated and set into a marble base. The symbolism of the piece respects the origins of the site by recognizing the Sisters of Mercy and Mercy Hospital; the marble base is sculpted to resemble the nursing cap worn by the dedicated nuns who cared for the sick and infirmed for so many years.

The meaning of SkeeZix, by Barbara Baer, was left to each observer to decide; some saw a dinosaur, some a goose, but many clever images were voiced. This magnificent creature sits near the 17th Avenue boundary of City Park, making the blue rippling design on the circular disk especially reminiscent of City Park's Ferril Lake, and the solid blue centerpiece symbolic of a typical Colorado sky. (See the SkeeZix artist's own description.)

So as you drive down 17th Avenue some cold January night, and pass by the golden arches of SkeeZix, may you not just be reminded of a big mac, but also be warmed by her grace and beauty.

—Submitted by OliveAnn Slotta
SCP Resident

SKEEZIX: DEDICATION NOTES

Eleven months ago when I first heard I would have the opportunity to develop a sculpture for City Park South, my first thought was "Yahoo! I have work!" My second thought was "Oh, no! What do I do now?"

Fortunately visits to the site confirmed the air was thick with ideas.

The Pinnacle's soaring towers suggested a vertical form to echo its ground-breaking presence. Three support legs would give stability, like a tripod. Since this development is creating new urban homes, I wanted the arching legs to form a feeling of shelter. I've been walking through this neighborhood for years -- I live just ten blocks south of here -- and two of my favorite institutions were big influences. The Denver Zoo and the Museum of Nature and Science suggested shapes inspired by zoology and astronomy.

The strips of blue flying around the acrylic ring reflected something I'd seen in the park. When a flock of birds takes off and wheels around the air, each is an individual but they move and turn as one intelligence.

Underpinning the design was a desire for visual interest over time. This sculpture incorporates natural forces -- light and wind -- to present different appearances at different times. Within the structure is a wind-driven rotating element that uses off-set shapes and color reversals. In sunlight, the painted strokes of brilliant, transparent blue glow like stained glass.

The final design also reflected the different ways the artwork will be seen. For drivers moving along Seventeenth, the large scale and vibrant color offer immediate visual impact. For pedestrians the vibrant color brings friendliness to the large scale.

From the beginning people who saw the model and worked on fabrication started giving the piece nicknames. Some seemed to think it had wandered out of Dinosaur Hall over at the Museum of Nature and Science. Others thought it had escaped the giraffe enclosure at the Zoo. Still others thought for certain it had

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(Skeezix-Cont.)

emerged from the pages of a Dr. Seuss book.

Whatever it is, I hope this artwork brings a strong and gentle presence, and you can imagine it strolling happily among the treetops of our neighborhood.

—Submitted by Barbara Baer
Skeezix Artist

CITY LAWS AGAINST UNATTENDED CARS, SIDEWALKS

Illegal to Keep Cars Running Unattended

As the temperatures outside drop this winter, we will unfortunately suffer the pain of getting into cold cars. Many drivers will be tempted to break the law and be “PUFFERS” (puffer n. an automobile left unattended and running in cold weather). Last year, hundreds of people had their vehicles stolen while they were left running unattended. The Denver Police Department is strongly encouraging the citizens of Denver not to become “Puffers”. It doesn’t matter if you lock the doors while the car warms up; you are still a “Puffer”.

Snow Removal isn’t just Neighborly; it’s the Law

Denver allows residential property owners and apartment complexes 24 hours in which to remove snow from adjacent sidewalks after each snowfall. Businesses are allowed 4 hours after the end of a snow event to have their sidewalks clean.

Dangerous sidewalks lead to seniors and other regular pedestrians being trapped due to fear of travel. Please be a courteous neighbor.

Denver’s Community Planning and Development Department reports that common ice melt products, cat litter or sand help to provide some traction on especially icy areas.

To report icy sidewalk hazards, please call Neighborhood Inspection Services at 720.865.3200. Please have addresses ready. (Editor note: See a city press release about snow removal at our website, scpna.org)

—Submitted by Doña Dodson
SCP Resident

DEANO, REICHMUTH HONORED FOR BOO AND BREW EVENT

South City Park residents Dawn DeAno and Mi-

chelle Reichmuth have been honored with a CHUN “Good Neighbor Award for Enhancing Neighborhood Connection.” They are being recognized for their innovative ideas that resulted in the very successful event in October, 2007 called “Boo and Brew on Colfax Avenue.” Congrats to these young women, and to all who worked with them to enhance connections of our neighborhoods and our businesses!

—Submitted by Jim Slotta

3 BLOCK REPS, SECRETARY NEEDED

Block Captains are currently needed for three blocks: 1600 Detroit, 1500 Milwaukee, and 1500 Steele Streets. We need someone from each of these blocks to step forward. If that can be you, please advise an officer. We also need a Secretary for the association; this role is being covered on a rotational basis until someone (like you?) steps forward.

—Submitted by Jim Slotta

SUMMARY OF NOVEMBER 17, 2007 GENERAL MEETING

Meeting held at Montview Manor Penthouse, 1663 Steele Street, from 10 AM to Noon.

Police District 2 Community Resource Officer Presentation

Amy Esten: Grew up in South Park Hill, attending neighborhood schools Phillips, Smiley and Manual. She is really happy to be here in this assignment. She is pleased we are involved in Neighborhood Watch. There have recently been many crimes of opportunity such as car break-ins which this program addresses. There will be new signs going up that remind everyone to lock their cars and to keep items out of sight. These signs may hang on the same post as the Neighborhood Watch signs. What happens is car windows get broken out. Advice: Keep keys out of the car; i.e., don’t start it & leave it to warm up.

Molly Parrish’s newsletter report of scams in the neighborhood was addressed during the police report. Scams are happening all over the city. The first big one was Operation Red Alert. They put flyers on doors advertising that for \$25 they will tell you where the registered sex offenders are. This information is available for free on the city web site. Don’t give anyone money including those with sob stories. They say they live in
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(Nov. Meeting Minutes-Cont.)

the neighborhood, and exactly where. But they come in the middle of the night. Don't ever let them in. They prey on the "emergency" image as well. This includes people who say they are from Comcast and other vendors who may have IDs and company garb. One of these was a violent crime. If you didn't call them, don't let them in. (Officer Reyes Trujillo arrived and joined in this report as well.) Several attendees shared stories of scams encountered. There was an informative question and answer session.

AEG Live/CRL Associates (Music and Arts Festival) Presentation

Next topic was the 2008 concert planned for City Park. Jim Slotta introduced Chuck Morris of AEG Live, and Brittany Morris of CRL Associates.

Chuck Morris has a very prestigious record of presenting these kinds of events. The presentation began with a fifteen-minute video describing the planned event, called the Mile High Music and Arts Festival. It will be a two-day weekend event, beginning Saturday, July 19th. Friday, July 18 will be a special free event for neighborhood residents. Entertainment will end each evening at 10 PM. AEG Live is his organization—a collaboration with the Anschutz Company. It will involve 2/3 of the park, if approval goes through. Shuttle services will bring concert attendees to the neighborhood, and return them to their cars or to public transportation. Residents will have parking passes and illegally parked cars will be towed. Increased bus services will also be provided. Local concessionaires and businesses will serve food. Local artists will have space to show their work. AEG Live will donate a portion of the income to the city for the park's care. They will clean up the park and the surrounding blocks afterward.

Mr. Morris went on to speak about patterning the proposed event after similar events held in Austin, Chicago, and New Orleans. He described the financial plans, the plans for sound and crowd control, and for crowd transportation and assuring local resident parking. They will have an advisory board. They are asking us for input now. Brittany Morris (Chuck's daughter) introduced herself. She works for CRL Associates, the political and community outreach specialists for this project. She described the City Council process, and then asked for our questions and comments, which were transcribed and posted on the SCPNA website along with the complete version of these abbreviated minutes.

(Note: Despite all the detailed planning, the festival proposal for City Park was withdrawn in December, due to concerns voiced by the Denver Zoo.)

Other Association Business

Rob Hunsley (in absentia) gave a year-ending Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance, January 1, 2007	\$1576.82
Ending Balance, November 17, 2007	\$1395.62

Jim Slotta asked for a discussion and possible vote on each of 3 zoning issues:

1) Congress Park is doing down-zoning efforts like South City Park did. Jim has already written a letter saying we support this effort and describing what we in SCPNA have done. Motion: "We support Congress Park residents in their effort to down-zone selected properties." After discussion the motion was tabled--9 in favor, 3 opposed, 2 abstain--to allow for more neighborhood-wide discussion.

2) San Rafael Neighborhood (west of City Park) has asked for our support in their effort to do an overlay of their 20 blocks; fees have already been waived for this re-zoning. They want to limit the height. It is needed because Children's Hospital is moving and Saint Joseph's has bought that property and will be expanding to the west. They are doing this in close dialogue with the developers. Jim has been in dialogue with them about how we worked on agreements for the Mercy site. Motion: "We support the effort for the overlay by the San Rafael neighborhood." The vote was 11 in favor & 2 abstained.

3) A proposal for a new restaurant--the Encore--next to the Tattered Cover. It will be a high-class restaurant with good wines--a piano and patio; perhaps a soloist. It was moved and seconded that we support Congress Park in this issue--approved, 10 in favor, 1 opposed, 2 abstained.

Michelle reported that we have had a focused effort for 5 years to involve our new neighbors in the association. Jim described several multiple housing locations that have mandated membership of their residents in SCPNA.

Elections: Jim Slotta, President; Roger Lawson, Vice President; Doña Dodson, Treasurer. Secretary position remains vacant. As long as the position is vacant we will ask for volunteers to take notes bi-monthly.

—Submitted by Jim Slotta

January, 2008

Dear Residents of South City Park,

It's time to collect our South City Park Neighborhood Association (SCPNA) dues for 2008. When SCPNA presents to the city, it is customary to be asked how many paid members the organization has. The city is interested to see how representative the organization's position is. As such, 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.
- Maintained a block captain system to facilitate neighborhood-wide communications and delivery of newsletters to each household.
- Co-sponsored and advertised neighborhood assemblies with Congress Park Neighbors and CHUN to learn more about the Lowenstein Theater Redevelopment; liquor license applications for Senger's on The Fax, Encore, and Neighborhood Flix; as well as the proposed use of City Park for the AEG Rocky Mountain Music Festival.
- Provided several social opportunities for the residents of South City Park through Garden Tours, Progressive Tours of the restaurants of Colfax, and the first annual Halloween Party on Colfax.
- Made charitable contributions to such local organizations as City Park Jazz, City Park Alliance, Teller Elementary, CHUN/Tears McFarlane House, INC Dollar Dictionary Drive, and Project Angel Pride at East High.
- Sponsored a neighborhood clean up day.

As you can see, SCPNA is very active 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. In this 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, you will notice the suggested dues this year have been raised to ten dollars a year per household. You will also notice that there is the option of adding contributions to those charities which SCPNA historically supports. This addition makes it possible to add whatever amount might be comfortable; thus, allowing SCPNA to pool donations and make a bigger impact with our gifts.

Thank you for your support,

Jim Slotta
President, SCPNA

Please help the treasurer and complete and enclose this form with your household's dues payment. Thank you!

Name 1: _____	Suggested Dues: \$10 or Other Amount: _____
Name 2: _____	City Park Alliance (Electric Fountain): _____
Address: _____	City Park Alliance (Mile High Loop): _____
Email: _____	City Park Jazz: _____ CHUN: _____
Phone: _____	Project Angel Pride: _____ Teller Elem.: _____
	INC Dollar Dictionary Drive: _____
	Total Enclosed: _____

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