



# INC: Our 30th Year of Service



## DPR Comment Period Extended

INC mailed a letter to the Mayor voicing the unanimous opinion of the Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation Executive Committee that the Public Hearing scheduled by the Manager of Parks and Recreation, Ms. Kim Bailey, for May 8th to hear testimony regarding proposed additional new regulations related to the consumption, serving, and selling of alcoholic beverages in Denver parks and facilities be postponed until relevant facts can be properly and timely communicated to INC member neighborhood organizations and to the general public. It was felt that there was not proper notification to RNOs as required by Section 12-96 of the Denver Municipal Code that state in part "Registered neighborhood organizations shall be notified of certain matters affecting areas within, or within two hundred (200) feet of their boundaries...by mail, ...fax, or e-mail. Such notification shall be made within ten (10) working days after receipt by the responsible city agency of the proposed action." For "Park Land Use: Proposals to Change/Amend," the responsible city agency is Parks and Recreation." The following letter was received from the Mayor's Office in response (NOTE: The letter has been reformatted to fit the layout of the newsletter and is printed in italic to distinguish it.):

*Dear Ms. Cuthbertson and the INC Executive Committee:*

*Thank you for your letter regarding Denver Parks and Recreation (DPR) Alcohol Policy Changes. Your concern for Denver's quality of life, parks and neighborhoods is very much appreciated. We appreciate the opportunity to clarify the proposed changes and ongoing public process, as both vary from what is depicted in your letter.*

### **PROPOSED POLICY CHANGES**

*As you are aware, the DPR Alcohol Policy was designed to establish guidelines, rules and regulations regarding consumption, service and sale of alcoholic beverages in DPR facilities and parks. It is the intention of DPR to provide the citizens of Denver the broadest range of opportunities to enjoy its facilities and parks in a responsible manner while protecting the City and its citizens from potentially adverse behavior.*

*The three specific changes to the policy that are currently up for consideration include the following:*

*1. Adding Central Park at Stapleton to the Special Occasion Permit Sites Festival Permit site and Race/Walk Permit sites.*

*This action was a direct request from the Stapleton neighborhood in preparation for Central Park's transition to City ownership in June 2008. Currently a privately owned park, Central Park already has these uses. This action would merely accept the Park's current conditions when it transfers to City ownership, fulfilling the needs and desires of park users and Stapleton residents. As noted below, both the Stapleton United Neighborhood Association and the Stapleton Development Corporation Board support the proposed changes.*

*2. Adding the City Park Pavilion to the Event Facility Permit Site.*

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## INC Member and Associate Organizations (Patrons in Bold)

### Member Organizations

17th & 18th Lafayette St Neighbors  
 Alamo Placita Neighbors Assn  
 Athmar Park Neighborhood Assn  
 Baker Historic Neighborhood Assn  
**Ball Park Neighborhood Assn**  
 Bellevue-Hale Neighborhood Assn  
 Berkeley Neighborhood Assn  
 Bonnie Brae Neighborhood Assn  
 Bow Mar Heights Improvement Assn  
**Broadway Partnership / MDLDC**  
**Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods Inc**  
 Cherry Creek East Assn  
 Cherry Creek North Neighborhood Assn

Cherry Creek Townhouse Corporation  
 Cherry Point Homeowners Assn  
 Civic Association of Clayton  
 Colfax on the Hill, Inc  
 College View Neighborhood Assn  
 Congress Park Neighbors  
 Cook Park Neighborhood Assn  
**Cory-Merrill Neighborhood Assn**  
**Country Club Historic Neighborhood (CCHN)**  
 Cranmer Park Hilltop Civic Assn  
**Crestmoor Park Homeowners Assn**  
**2nd filing**  
 Crestmoor Park Homeowners Inc filing One  
 Curtis Park Neighbors  
**Downtown Denver Residents Org**  
 East Montclair Neighborhood Assn  
 Far Northeast Neighbors, Inc  
 George Washington Homeowner's Assn. Inc.  
 Globeville Civic Assn #1  
 Godsman Neighborhood Org  
 Golden Triangle Assn. of Denver  
**Golden Triangle Museum District**  
 Greater Mar-Lee Community Org  
**Greater Park Hill Community, Inc.**  
 Hampden South Neighborhood Assn  
 Harkness Heights Neighborhood Assn  
 Harman Neighborhood Assn Inc.  
 Hilltop Heritage Assn LLC  
 Historic Montclair Community Association, Inc.  
 Hutchenson Hills/Willow Point HOA  
 Inspiration Point Neighborhood Assn  
 Ivy Street Neighbors Assn  
 Lower Downtown Neighborhood Assn (LoDoNA)  
**Lowry Community Master Assn**  
 Lowry United Neighborhoods  
**Mayfair Neighbors, Inc**  
 Mayfair Park Neighborhood Assn  
 North City Park Civic Assn  
 Old San Rafael Neighborhood Org  
 Overland Neighborhood Assn  
 Park Forest Homeowner's Assn  
 Ruby Hill Neighborhood Assn - RHINO  
**SWIC Southwest Improvement Council/Westwood**

Santa Fe Drive Redevelopment Corp  
 Sloan's Neighborhood Assn  
 South City Park Neighborhood Assn  
 South Hilltop Neighborhood Assn  
 South Jackson Street Denver Neighborhood  
 South Park Hill Neighborhood Org  
**Southmoor Park East Homeowners Assn**  
**Southmoor Park Homeowners Assn**  
 The Unsinkables  
**University Park Community Council**  
**Virginia Vale Community Assn**  
 Virginia Village/Ellis Community Assn  
 Washington Park East Neighborhood Assn  
 West Highland Neighborhood Assn  
 West University Community Assn (WUCA)  
**West Washington Park Neighborhood Assn**  
 Whittier Neighborhood Assn  
 Windsor Gardens Association  
 Wyman Historic District Neighborhood Assn

### Associates

Bonna Gayhart  
**Councilman Doug Linkhart**  
**Councilman Rick Garcia**  
**Councilwoman Carol Boigon**  
**Councilwoman Marcia Johnson**  
**Councilwoman Peggy Lehmann**  
**Dennis Gallagher, Auditor**  
 Denver Health Medical Center  
**Denver Mayor's Office**  
**Denver Parks and Recreation**  
**Downtown Denver Partnership, Inc.**  
 FRESC (Front Range Economic Strategy Center)  
 Gertie Grant  
 Harriet R. Hogue  
 Historic Denver Inc.  
 League of Women Voters of Denver  
 Leetsdale Cop Shop  
 Morrison Road Business Association of Denver  
 Palace Lofts Homeowners Assn  
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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.

## **Executive Committee Recap by Larry Ambrose**

The meeting was called to order on April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at 1201 Williams Street. There were eight Executive Committee (EC) members present: Larry Ambrose, Paul Bennington, Karen Cuthbertson, Katie Fisher, Steve Nissen, Anthony Thomas, Don Tressler, and Brad Zeig. Also present were Membership and Newsletter Chair Ken Beaudrie, Education Committee Chair Billie Bramhall, and ZAP Committee Chair Mike Henry.

The minutes of the March 9 Executive Committee meeting were approved by acclamation.

Treasurer Steve Nissen reported that INC had a total of \$21,848.07 in checking and savings at the end of March. \$4,584.44 was in savings. The Treasurer's report was adopted by acclamation.

Billie Bramhall reported that she is pulling the Education Committee together and at this point has four or five members. Karen had been asked by Jan Thomas of TradeWinds Communications if Jan could make a presentation to INC regarding pre-school tuition credits. It was agreed that she should meet with the Education Committee first. Karen reminded all Committee Chairs to begin work on setting goals. Mike Henry said that DPS is hiring the Urban Land Institute to recommend the future uses for schools that are being closed. Brad Zeig has met with the consultant and, based on their contract with DPS, it is likely that the highest and best use for school property will be recommended. The Education Committee will oversee this process.

Ken Beaudrie reported that 97 organizations are members. There are 74 RNOs, 17 of which are Patrons, and 22 Associates, 10 of which are Patrons. Regarding the Newsletter, Ken asked for input from the Public Safety Committee, which Karen agreed to spearhead.

Mike Henry said that the Zoning and Planning Committee is working on the issue of Neighborhood notification started with the help of Doug Farquhar. On May 8<sup>th</sup>, CPD will have a meeting on "Citizen Involvement in the Planning Process." Mike and Dave Webster met with the Urban Land Institute's Denver Chapter Chairperson at the invitation of Peter Park. Mike believes that the URL is made up mostly of "enlightened" developers who focus primarily on large in-fill projects. They are concerned that, quite often, communication with neighborhoods evolves into confrontation rather than dialogue. Mike's intention is to have ZAP facilitate calmer discussions about density and development. Larry Ambrose suggested that there should be national models to look to for these types of issues.

Karen reported that the Mayor's Graffiti Executive Oversight Committee is making headway. She asked that information regarding the importance of painting over graf-

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## **Delegates Meeting Recap by Larry Ambrose**

INC Chair, Karen Cuthbertson, called the meeting to order on April 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at the Soiled Dove Underground at 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and Quebec Street. Lowery United Neighborhoods (LUN) President Dan Siefkos and City Councilwoman Marcia Johnson welcomed the delegates to the relatively new Lowry neighborhood. Issues regarding the surrounding neighborhoods' involvement in the Buckley Annex Development have been on the top of LUN's plate most recently. LUN has received assurances from the Mayor and Peter Park that the City, not the federal government, will control any future development and that the neighborhoods will have opportunities for public input that go beyond the normal public hearing requirements.

City Auditor Dennis Gallagher spoke of the personal and spiritual audits he has conducted of himself during his long and illustrious life as a Catholic, scholar, and politician. Now he meets every two weeks with the Mayor. Accomplishments during his tenure so far as Auditor include doing away with the Human Relations Department within the Auditor's office and consolidating technology within City departments. The Auditor's accounting also prevailed in a wrongful termination case.

Some of the other more interesting facts presented by the Auditor included: the newly created Audit Committee consists of 2 individual appointed by the Mayor, two appointed by the Auditor's office, and 2 by City Council; there are no staff representatives of the Hickenlooper Administration on the Committee; the audits from the Denver's Auditor's office are backed up by the "Yellow Book" of the Comptroller General of the United States of America; and the Auditor now has authority to conduct performance audits. Gallagher believes that a Mayoral Administration will no longer be able to keep the Auditor from seeing "certain things." For example, one of the more interesting things that this Auditor has discovered is that during the Webb Administration, Mayor Wellington Webb made a verbal commitment to Lufthansa Airlines that their landing fees would be waived for three years. Dennis gave the group the Auditor Gallagher creed: "Tell truth to power." He also passed out a detailed chart of 2008 Construction Projects financed by bonds recently approved by voters (also available from his office).

In a questions and answers session, the Auditor responded to an inquiry regarding a questionable Lowry land sale by saying he had 1) Asked if he had jurisdiction to investigate the sale and 2) Suggested that the City Ethics Commission look into it. In response to a question regarding the terms of appointees to the Audit Commission, Gallagher said that there are one-year and two-year terms

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## Zoning and Planning

By Diana Helper

The INC Zoning and Planning (ZAP) committee met April 26<sup>th</sup>. Tom Moore of the Community Corrections office of the Department of Safety spoke about increasing the number of beds allowed in certain Community Corrections facilities for persons upon release from prison. The present 60-bed limit is unrealistic for some locations that could safely handle more, and the need is great. The Department has met with all Registered Neighborhood Organizations (RNOs) near the facilities involved. A proposed ordinance will have a hearing in early June that would allow each Community Corrections facilities in the industrial districts to increase their capacity to 120 beds.

Adrian Brown of Baker Historic Neighborhood spoke about a recent zoning problem there that involved a site that is partly in the historic district and partly not. Ultimately, the Landmark Commission made a deal with the developer to allow the construction of a 30-story building that the neighborhood had opposed. The developer filed a suit against the neighborhood to recover what it cost him to fight to get the okay. The suit was dismissed but a number of neighbors are now "turned off" by this nastiness. Mr. Brown suggests there should be a permanent City or State fund and insurance to cover RNOs that are threatened with such lawsuits.

Scott Robson, Deputy Manager of the Parks and Recreation (P/R) Department, who will become Acting Manager with the imminent departure of Kim Bailey, spoke about plans at P/R. These include projects in the recent bond issue that has \$93 million for P/R. Work to improve playgrounds will make them more interactive, with "learning landscapes" and better safety. The Mountain Parks master plan will soon be finished. He stated that input from RNOs to P/R is critical in making decisions. Citizen input is needed in the establishment of any parks conservancy group. Former P/R co-Manager Carolyn Etter advised that P/R emphasizes the total distribution of resources for all city and mountain parks, for we *all* own *all* the parks. She urged dissolution of the Admission-Based Special Events Policy Task Force, as such events are contrary to historic P/R policy.

Barbara Frommell and Steve Gordon of the Community Planning and Development (CPD) Department spoke about the "State of the Neighborhood" program whereby reports of yearly data and indicators of trends for each neighborhood can be published. This will help CPD allocate resources. A pilot project of five neighborhoods is set for this year. With regard to the Landmark Commission (LC), interviews will be held in June to fill vacancies and more staff will be involved as the work of the LC is more

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## ZAP Priorities

The INC Zoning and Planning Committee has adopted the following committee priorities for 2008. The committee generally meets from 9:30 a.m. to noon on the fourth Saturday of each month. Contact Michael Henry, chair of the committee, for any information at 303-377-6609.

1. Continue to participate in, monitor, and share information with neighborhoods about Zoning Code Update.
2. Continue to work with the Community Planning and Development Department and City Council to implement the recommendations from the 2005 INC residential zoning and construction subcommittee.
3. Continue to advocate completion and implementation of the Denver Strategic Transportation Plan.
4. Continue to monitor upcoming vacancies on Denver boards and commissions and task forces affecting zoning and planning issues and recommend neighborhood-friendly members or prospective members.
5. Monitor implementation of the 2007 bond projects.
6. Advocate for a comprehensive citywide policy for the maintenance and installation of safe city sidewalks.
7. Advocate for an ordinance that will reduce noise impacts of construction in residential and mixed-use neighborhoods.
8. Advocate for implementation of INC recommendations dated February 10, 2007 for improving public participation in Denver city government.
9. Advocate for the improvement of the Neighborhood Registration and Notification Ordinance and its implementation.
10. Advocate for standardization and improvement of processes for citizen involvement in planning in all city departments.

## From the Chair

Members of the INC Executive Committee (EC) and Committee Chairs are having our annual meeting with the Mayor on May 12<sup>th</sup>. The primary purpose of this meeting is to discuss substantive citywide issues, particularly regarding Mr. Hickenlooper's promised changes and improvements. If you have a question or a citywide issue you would like the EC to raise, please email me right away.

On another topic, one of INC's primary purposes is to facilitate communications among INC member organizations. As such, the INC monthly newsletter is intended to reach as wide an audience as possible. It is distressing to speak to RNO members who do not receive the INC newsletter from their President. I would implore each President to forward the INC newsletter to your respective memberships when you receive it. Thank you in advance!

Lastly, did you know that you can get an email notification from Denver Environmental Health at least 24 hours

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## Be a Good Neighbor

The Executive Committee asks that you consider bringing an item of non-perishable food to the Saturday meeting of the Delegates. These items will be donated to Project Angel Heart within Denver. INC hopes to continue this initiative if the response is positive.



**Capitol Hill United Neighbors (CHUN)** – CHUN supported new homelessness and housing dialogue with four meetings in the neighborhood. The Easter Egg Hunt had over 70 children participating. The People's Fair will be the first weekend in June. A motion passed supporting 200+ units of Denver's Road Home.

**Cherry Point Homeowners** – Cherry Point will hold a neighborhood block party on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

**City Park**—Dear friends, artists, performers, and supporters of the City Park Festival of the Arts: The City Park Neighborhood proudly announces the 8th Annual City Park Festival of the Arts on Sunday, July 20th from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Ferril Lake in City Park with the City Park Jazz concert to follow at 7 p.m. This will be the best year ever! Join us. Paul Weiss, City Park Festival of the Arts, 2008@cityparkfestival.org, 720-548-8934

**Cook Park** – Cook Park will hold their annual "neighborhood sale" on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Curtis Park Neighbors (CPN)** – Curtis Park is beginning a large landmarking process involving volunteers who would like to pursue landmarking of their blocks. The process began with a successful potluck/information meeting attended by nearly 90 neighbors. Xcel Energy and CPN are engaged in a positive and productive discussion about the Xcel substation at 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue and California Street. We will be hosting an education meeting in May.

The meeting will be hosted by the new Gilpin Montessori program that has been warmly welcomed by the Curtis Park Community.

**Denver Parks and Recreation (DPR)** – Earth Day Fair, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Civic Center Park, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Willis Case club House Master Plan Meeting, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at Scheitler Recreation Center, 6 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. Spring Safety Fair in Washington Park, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Girls Golf Tournament, May 12<sup>th</sup> Fundraiser. Manager Kim Bailey has taken a new position with Outward Bound U.S.A. and will be leaving DPR on May 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Downtown Denver Residents Organization (DDRO)** - Recently, DDRO provided support for defeat of a renewal of a liquor store downtown based on lack of any evidence showing unmet needs or desires in the neighborhood. In addition, a strategy group has recently been formed to address the redesign of the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Mall. DDRO has a representative on the steering committee so that the needs of the residences, including the handicapped and homeless, are met.

**East Montclair** – East Montclair will hold their 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Yard Sale on May 10<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Feast on the FAX is on June 10<sup>th</sup> also. Contact Jake Flint at 303-321-3212 for more information.

**Historic Five Points** – The Five Points Community rolls out the Red Carpet to welcome Denver Jazz legends to the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Five Points Jazz Festival. Save the date: May 17<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. for an afternoon of fun filled music and food. The neighborhood newsletter has expanded with a journalism program for Manual High School. The kick-off is with News4/CBS High School Journalism Day 2008.

**Lowry United Neighbors (LUN)** – Plans for the Hangar (II) have been proposed that includes retail and storage. These will maintain the Hangar as a whole. An all-Lowry garage sale is planned for residents on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Signs will be everywhere. Donations will be accepted at 40 South Quebec Way from Wednesday to Saturday for anyone who has homes yet does not want a sale but wants to help the LUN.

**Mayfair Park N.A.** – No known break-ins this month, only a couple of homes for sale, but the closing of Whiteman School next year is still a concern.

**Old San Rafael N.O.** – Demolition of Children's Hospital has begun. Ogden Street will be closed between 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue for about a month as sewer work is completed to serve the redevelopment of the site. San Rafael's OD-9 overlay district received the unanimous

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### Data Corrections

Keep INC informed of changes in your organization's president and delegates. Notify the membership chair at 303-798-9306 or kbeaudrie@totalspeed.net

Organizations and persons not affiliated with INC should also communicate their desire to obtain this newsletter or submit address changes to the editor at 303-798-9306 or kbeaudrie@totalspeed.net

## Dollar Dictionary Drive



Very special thank-yous go to the Denver League of Woman Voters Education Fund and Kiwanis of Denver Foundation for their donations to the 2008 Dictionary Drive. Many of us are working to increase our fundraising. Every individual and group donation helps with our efforts. All donations are placed in an interest-bearing savings account and are restricted to the INC

Dollar Dictionary Drive. All donations are tax deductible. Our first goal is to pay for this years project. Our second goal is to be well on the way to paying for next years project.

In addition to individual and group donations, the best way to help with this fundraising effort is to spread the word through your newsletters and by distributing our brochure to your family, friends, coworkers, and neighbors. Call or email Steve Nissen for brochures.

Although there will be fewer DPS elementary schools for the 2008 school year, over 7,000 third-grade students will be ecstatic to receive their own dictionary and thesaurus. Seeing each student receive their books next fall is the vision. I hope each of you can participate at one school to see their engaging smiles. Our project-cost per student is \$3.00 for the books. Volunteer time is not included. Can we count on you to help reach our goals?

Thank you all for your contributions and support. By providing these life-long learning tools consisting of a dictionary and a thesaurus of their own to our DPS third-grade students, they can help themselves to literacy and learning.

### 2007 Donors

Many individual donations  
 Alamo Placita Neighbors Association  
 Bow-Mar Heights Improvement Association  
 Civic Association of Clayton  
 Harkness Heights Neighborhood Association  
 Hutchinson Hills/Willow Point HO  
 Inter-Neighborhood Kiwanis of Denver Foundation  
 League of Woman Voters Education Fund  
 Mayfair Neighbors  
 Optimist Club of Monaco  
 South Stapleton Master Community  
 Wyman Historic District Neighborhood Association

Donations can be sent to:

Dollar Dictionary Drive  
 PO Box 18347  
 Denver, CO 80218

[www.neighborhoodlink.com/denver/inc](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/denver/inc) Click on  
 "Dollar Dictionary Committee"

## Fundraising for RNOs

The INC Beer-booth at the People's Fair is a fundraising Opportunity for INC member RNOs. Each year, INC sponsors a beer booth at the People's Fair that is scheduled this year for June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The booth is staffed by INC member RNO volunteers. In return for helping INC, volunteers receive \$10 to donate to their RNO. One volunteer from your RNO returns \$10 for your RNO. Ten volunteers from your RNO returns \$100 for your RNO! This a great opportunity to have FUN(!) and make money serving beer. INC needs people for late morning, mid-afternoon, and late afternoon shifts—about 3.5 hours per shift. Collect up some folks from your RNO and contact Karen Cuthbertson or Diane Wolta ([dewol99@hotmail.com](mailto:dewol99@hotmail.com)).

More specific details will follow.

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which are staggered on an annual basis. In reference to Business Improvement Districts, he said he only has power to audit them if there is a suspicion of fraud. Asked whether the City really needs to commercialize Denver's Parks to make money, he responded that it is not the role of the Auditor's Office to make policy. "However," he added, "personally, I am opposed to it."

There followed a presentation regarding the Development of the Denver Drug Strategy Plan. The Executive Director of the Denver Drug Strategy Commission, Karla Marccini, introduced Data Analyst Bruce Mendelson, who made the presentation and introduced the plan. The purpose of the presentation was to 1) Continue the Planning Process, 2) Inform the Community and 3) Gather Feedback and Suggestions. Mr. Mendelson pointed out that one in ten members of our community have a substance abuse problem. This problem results in children of substance abusers being three times more likely to be abused and four times more likely to be neglected. Denver spends more than \$600 million every year on the cost of untreated substance abuse. Therefore a Strategic Plan is important because current treatment needs are going unmet, substance abuse is impacting youth and families, and it is expensive. The Strategic Plan will address treatment, prevention and intervention, service delivery, research, evaluation, and education.

The presentation was followed by a speech by a member of the Commission who is a recovering Methamphetamine addict. She very eloquently spoke about her recovery and how she is proof of the success of the treatment programs. Meetings of the Denver Drug Strategy Commission are open to the public. Mike Henry suggested that where and when the Commission meets needs to be made more widely available.



## INC Letter to DPR

April 12, 2008

Ms. Kim Bailey  
Denver Department of Parks and Recreation  
201 West Colfax Avenue, Department 601  
Denver, CO 80202

Dear Ms. Bailey:

On April 12, 2008, the delegation of Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation, a network of more than 80 registered neighborhood organizations in Denver, including the undersigned delegates, voted to express to you and others in the Department of Parks and Recreation that INC greatly appreciates the effective and tireless work of the Department's Community Liaison, Joan Wilson. Joan faithfully attends almost every INC meeting and presents complete information about the many Parks and Recreation activities of interest to neighborhoods. In addition, she sends regular and informative e-mails to neighborhood groups and is always helpful in trying to obtain information and solve problems.

## INC Letter to Several

April 12, 2008

Dear Mayor Hickenlooper, Mr. Park, Mr. Shigeta, Ms. Murata and Ms. Gilbertson:

On April 12, 2008, the delegation of Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation, including the undersigned delegates, voted to express to you that INC:

1) is very saddened and concerned about the loss of three very capable, expert, hardworking and community-oriented staff members of the Denver Landmark Preservation Commission, Everett Shigeta, Chris Murata and Alice Gilbertson. These employees have brought great credit to the City and County of Denver, the Landmark Preservation Commission and the cause of historic preservation in Denver and their loss will not be forgotten;

2) urges the Mayor and CPD to quickly recruit replacements and maintain and strengthen the mission and competency of the Landmark Preservation Commission staff, including an education component about the value of historic preservation in Denver and a citywide inventory of historic resources and a proactive systematic effort to protect them. INC would like to help and be part of any such efforts.

Copies to: Landmark Commission members, City Council, Molly Urbina, Mary Chandler, Joanne Ditmer, Historic Denver, Colorado Preservation, Inc.

## Good Neighbor Workshop

Awilda Marquez, Director of Excise and Licenses (E&L), and INC are hosting a workshop on crafting Good Neighbor Agreements (GNA). GNAs are negotiated between registered neighborhood organizations and liquor license applicants and can be attached to the license application. If you would like to get in-depth information on the process and timeline with applicants and E&L, GNA requirements, how to assemble the piece-parts for different license types, and more, please mark your calendars for May 29<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 6 p.m. and r.s.v.p. to Karen. (Location information will follow.)

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the Department's Community Liaison, Joan Wilson."

The motion was seconded and passed by acclamation.

- Motion: "INC should communicate to the City Council its support of the proposed amendments to the City's noise ordinance, particularly the reduction of the time on weekends during which construction noise is allowed. The current ordinance allows construction noise on Saturday and Sunday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. The proposed change would allow construction noise on Saturdays and Sundays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m." The motion was seconded. With little discussion, the motion passed with 28 delegates voting in favor, two opposed, and one abstention.

- Motion: "INC should communicate to the Mayor and the Manager of the Community Planning and Development Department that INC a) is saddened and concerned about the loss of three very capable, expert, hardworking, and community-oriented staff members of the Landmark Preservation Commission, Alice Gilbertson, Chris Murata, and Everett Shigeta and b) urges the Mayor and CPD to quickly recruit replacements and maintain and strengthen the mission and competency of the Commission staff including an education component about the value of historic preservation in Denver, a citywide inventory of historic resources, and a proactive systematic effort to protect them." The motion was seconded and passed by acclamation.

Cathy Fisher spoke regarding the Dollar Dictionary Drive and urged neighborhood organizations to be forthcoming with donations. The dictionaries and thesauruses actually cost \$3 each and the annual cost of distribution is more than \$25,000. So far about \$5,200 has been raised. Dave Webster announced a \$1,000 donation from the Kiwanis Club.

After an always-informative session of Around the City, the meeting was adjourned at precisely 12:00 p.m.

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The current concessionaire at the City Park Pavilion, KM Concessions, already has a license to serve spirituous alcohol at special private events within the walls of the Pavilion and its west balcony. This proposed action would merely enable the venue to continue to offer the same level of service when DPR takes over operations in June 2008.

3. Adding the consumption (but not sale) of spirituous liquor to these Event Facility Locations (The Molkery', Chief Hosa and City Park Pavilion).

This proposed policy change does not involve the sale of spirituous alcohol, but would allow it to be served at events (i.e., weddings) where people have taken out an Events Facilities permit. Although the Washington Park Boathouse is an Event Facility location, it will not allow spirituous alcohol, but will continue to allow beer, wine and champagne at appropriately permitted private events.

#### **PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT & OUTREACH**

While DPR has conducted significant outreach about the proposed changes and a public hearing, we respect your concerns and want to ensure that everyone who is interested in this issue has the opportunity to be heard. The May 8, 2008, public hearing date cannot be changed since it has already been widely publicized; however, DPR has agreed to extend the public comment period an additional 15 days. Denver residents who are unable to participate in the May public hearing can submit written comments to DPR by May 23, 2008. No final decisions will be made before the public comment period ends.

Given the concerns expressed in your letter, we feel it is important to describe to you the public outreach that DPR has conducted on these proposed community-driven policy changes.

All Council members who have a park affected by the proposed changes in their council district were contacted about the proposed changes. Based on City Council feedback and input, the proposed changes were reevaluated and modified to accommodate specific requests, namely the Washington Park Boathouse was deleted from the Event Facility Permit list and Cheesman Park was removed from the Special Occasion Permit site list.

DPR conducted a presentation on the proposed changes to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) on March 13, 2008, and another — including a public hearing is scheduled with the PRAB for May 8, 2008. In addition, DPR met with both the Stapleton United Neighborhood Association and the Stapleton Development Corporation Board in March. Both groups wholeheartedly supported the proposed changes.

Information on the proposed changes and May 8, 2008, public hearing was posted to the City of Denver's website on March 5, 2008, and several online community calendars. DPR also followed section 39-1 of the Denver Municipal Code by posting notice of the public meeting in the March 24, 2008, edition of the Denver Daily Journal,

the official publication of the City of Denver. While the DPR Alcohol Policy is independent of the Admission Based Special Events Policy, I am also told that these proposed changes were discussed at the April 7th Admission Based Special Events Policy Task Force meeting where INC Secretary Larry Ambrose was present.

The forthcoming April issue of the DPR monthly e-newsletter sent to all council members, registered neighborhood organizations and approximately 1,000 citizens will include information on the proposed changes, public hearing and public comment period. While DPR felt that the April 25th newsletter to RNOs more than fulfilled the Denver Municipal Code's 10-day advance notification requirement before the May 8, 2008, public hearing, particularly given the widespread community outreach that had already taken place we have reminded them that the Mayor's Office Neighborhood Liaison is a resource to get information out to INC and the RNOs whenever needed. Again, the public comment period has now been extended to May 23, 2008, providing everyone who wants to be heard on this issue the opportunity to do so.

Thank you for your input as we move forward in this process.

Sincerely, John W. Hickenlooper, Mayor

Whether your RNO agrees or disagrees with DPR's proposed plan, now is the time to formulate your response. Again, the deadline is May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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A motion was made nominating Paul Bennington of the Old San Rafael Neighborhood Association as Vice-chair of the Executive Committee of INC. After being seconded, the motion carried by acclamation.

Councilwoman Marcia Johnson addressed the long-standing concerns of INC regarding the fate of the Strategic Transportation Plan being developed by Denver Public Works. Johnson, who serves on Council's Public Works Committee, said the Plan should "see the light of day" by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Public Works will be now doing "6-year plans" so that what is planned this year will extend out to the year 2014.

Dave Webster, now heading up INC's Transportation Committee, reported a first meeting would be held in the next two weeks.

The Zoning and Planning Committee Chair, Mike Henry, reported that the Zoning Code Task Force is actually making serious progress and that sustainability and affordable housing issues will be included in recommendations for changing Denver's old zoning code. Mike is also heading up an effort to improve the RNO notification ordinance.

Mike presented the following motions:

- Motion: "INC should communicate to the management of the Denver Parks and Recreation Department its great appreciation for the effective and tireless work of



# Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation

## 2008 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. **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](http://Denvergov.org) for details. The names of Patron members and associates are listed in bold in our newsletter.**



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

See below to apply as an INC Associate

Organization name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Borders: North \_\_\_\_\_ East \_\_\_\_\_  
 South \_\_\_\_\_ West \_\_\_\_\_

President's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ President is a voting delegate: ☐  
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Bring this form to an INC meeting or mail to:

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fiti as quickly as possible be included in these minutes. Residents can sign release forms that allow the City to paint over graffiti on private property. These forms are now available online at [www.denvergov.org](http://www.denvergov.org). Paint is available from Denver Public Works. Anthony Thomas pointed out that paint is also available at Cop Shops.

Steve Nissen reported that the Dollar Dictionary has \$6,842.57 in its account. Brochures have been printed at half the cost from last year. There is no location yet for distribution of the dictionaries and thesauruses.

Anthony Thomas suggested that people should be encouraged to bring to each General Membership Meeting a canned good for donation to a food bank or to Project Angel Heart. It was agreed that this was a great idea and that it will be promoted monthly in the Newsletter.

Al Habercorn, Steve, and Karen will constitute the Audit Committee. Karen said the group would meet soon.

Don Tressler and Larry Ambrose will co-chair the Parks Committee. Scott Robson, Acting Director of Parks and Recreation, will at the ZAP meeting on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

Larry reported on a meeting regarding the INC web site and email policy that he, Karen, and Ken attended. Larry points out that INC is an organization the purpose of which is primarily to communicate. He is advocating that an INC web site be put in place that is more user friendly and interactive per current day standards and that it be marketed in a manner so that people know about it and use it regularly to communicate. INC does not currently have a policy on what information is sent to members via email. Ken believes information sent out should be based on the relevance of its contents and not upon who authored it. Larry pointed out that forwarding an email could be an implicit endorsement. He believes that in most cases the City should be using their own resources before asking INC to be their messenger. Larry thinks policy should somehow be designed to consider content, sender, relevance to INC, and whether sender is a INC member. The group agreed a policy is needed and to continue gathering information and ideas.

Karen will continue to work on 2008 Executive Committee goals. Ken suggested that she look at the notes from a retreat held in 2006.

Members of the Committee reported on contacting RNOs that had not rejoined INC in 2008.

Larry was asked to redistribute the revised Bylaws to the Executive Committee.

There was a discussion regarding the dearth of neighborhood appointments to City boards and commissions. It was agreed that a concerted effort would be made to recruit nominees from INC delegates and member RNOs to fill vacancies on boards and commissions and to follow up with the City to lobby for their appointment.

Larry reported on the Admission Based Special Event Policy Task Force subcommittee meetings. It is the intent

of the City, at the instigation AEG, to allow for-profit entities to sell alcohol in Festival Parks. This would be done without the involvement of non-profits, which to this point, have been the only entities allowed by law to obtain a liquor license for a special event.

A fellow member of the Task Force happened to see a notice of a public hearing on the Parks and Recreation web site and sent it to Larry. The hearing will be on May 8<sup>th</sup> at La Alma Recreation Center and, according to the official notice, in part pertains to making Cheeseman Park into a "Festival Park" where alcohol could be served. No mention of any additional sites had been made at the ABSEP meetings. (Editor's note: See the Mayor's letter on the title page.) A discussion followed wherein it was moved that INC Executive Committee write a letter to the Mayor and Council asking that the public hearing be postponed to allow our membership to be better informed about changes proposed to the Parks Alcohol Policy. The basis for this letter would be an objection to the process involved notification for these changes. Postponement would also allow time for delegates to decide if INC should take a position on any possible revisions. The motion passed by acclamation. A draft will be circulated for the Committees comments and edits before it is sent to City officials and to Parks and Recreation Advisory Board members.

#### Under Old Business:

Committee members were asked to think about and prepare questions and talking points to be discussed at the meeting with Mayor Hickenlooper, May 12<sup>th</sup> from 10 to 11 a.m. Billie asked the Committee to consider what its top three priorities would be in such a discussion.

A possible topic for the INC Delegate Workshops will be "Opposing Liquor Licenses/Supporting Good Neighbor Agreements"

The General Membership meeting in May will be at either Cameron Methodist Church or the Ford Building. (Editor's note: It is at the Cameron Church). June's meeting will be at Denver Water. Mike reported on a 30-minute film he saw on Channel 8 about a xeriscape garden created in a street median in the Baker Neighborhood. He suggested that it might be made part of a future program. The Mayor's Neighborhood Conference will be June 28<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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before outdoor application of pesticides in your neighborhood park? If you would like to have the opportunity to take precautions, such as closing windows and keeping children or pets away from sprayed areas, register for notification by calling 720-865-5417 or send an email request to [sharon.armijo@denvergov.org](mailto:sharon.armijo@denvergov.org). You can also get an email or text notification reminder to park your car off the street for street sweeping. Visit [www.mymotormaid.com](http://www.mymotormaid.com) to register for that e-message.

Happy Spring! Karen Cuthbertson

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broadly built in to CPD. Three urban design architects are stepping in to assist.

Keith Pryor of Curtis Park, Co-Chairman of the Community Improvement Districts working group, spoke of the need to rewrite the present ordinance that deals with maintenance more than improvement. The working-group is considering "more mixed use environments" and will draft a rewrite of the ordinance. Your feedback is welcome, to haydenpryor@msn.com.

Billie Bramhall announced that Denver Public Schools and the Urban Land Institute will hold a meeting May 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> regarding disposition of DPS surplus properties. RNOs near these properties will be notified and asked for input.

The ZAP subcommittee on citizen planning will meet at 7 p.m. on May 8<sup>th</sup>. The focus is on ways to obtain correct RNO information for city notification use and how to work on city matters with CPD, the Mayor, and city agencies in a cooperative, respectful, and meaningful way.

The next ZAP meeting will be Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, a week earlier than usual.

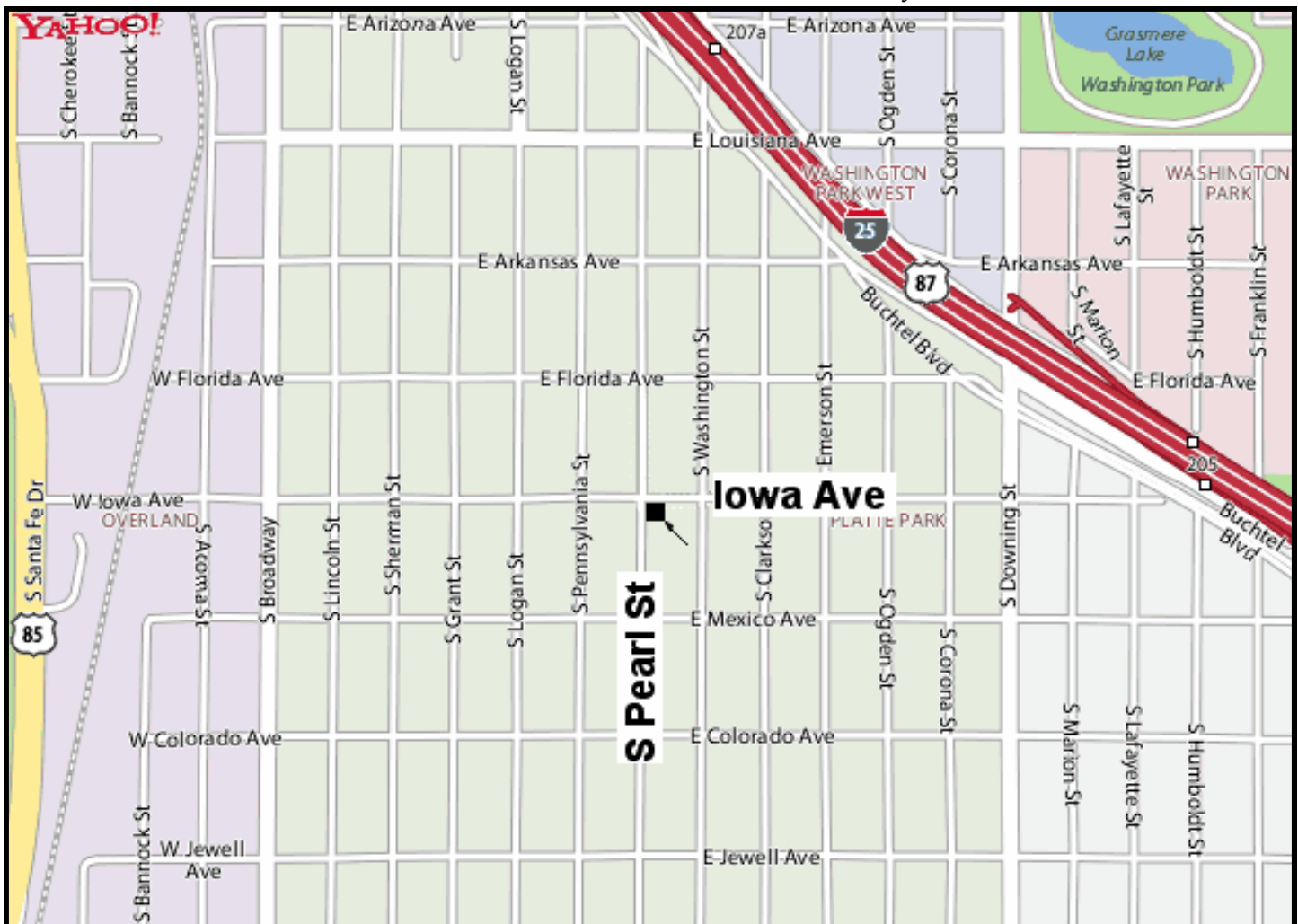
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proval of City Council. No citizens voiced opposition. The old Pierre's Supper Club near Downing Street and East 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue has been re-opened as a gay Irish pub named the "Wilde Bar" after Oscar Wilde. The new owner appears to be quite responsible but parking may be a problem for nearby homeowners.

**Overland N.A.** – Overland will hold their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual "yard sale" on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Overland is involved in a current transportation-oriented-development at the Evans Station.

**Park Forest Neighborhood** – Park Forest is holding a garage/yard sale on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. located off Dayton Street east of Windsor Gardens. A community picnic will be held on June 7<sup>th</sup> at Bezoff Park. Please r.s.v.p to Jerry at 303-204-7402 if you plan to attend the picnic.

**Windsor Gardens** – Construction has begun on our new maintenance facility at Dayton Street and Center Avenue. The building is about 40-percent complete. In due course, there are plans to have Windsor Gardens deed a portion of the maintenance property to the City in order to allow Virginia Avenue to be extended to Dayton Street connecting Havana Avenue to Dayton Street.



The public is welcome to attend the meeting.



**Meeting Saturday  
May 10<sup>th</sup>**  
The public  
is welcome to attend.

**Cameron Church  
1600 S Pearl Street**

**See map on page 11**

**8:30 a.m.**

Coffee and Chat

**9:00 a.m.**

Welcome from  
Councilman Nevitt

**9:05 a.m.**

Welcome and Platt Park History  
from Sharon Withers, President  
Platt Park People's Association  
and Jim Lindberg

**9:15 a.m.**

Regina Huerter  
Crime Control and Prevention  
Commission Update

**9:30 a.m.**

Penelope Zeller  
Stabilizing High-foreclosure  
Neighborhoods

**9:45 a.m.**

Susan Foley  
Denver Foreclosure Initiatives  
and Research Results

**10:30**

Break

**10:45 a.m.**

Committee Reports

**11:00 a.m.**

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